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Mylan facing opioid lawsuits

Local pharma firm named in 298 cases among 1,396 so far

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Cities and counties across the country are seeking redress from the opioid industry for the public costs of the opioid epidemic.

Because of similarities, the suits were all gathered under one judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. The U.S. Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation noted on March 28 that 1,396 cases had been filed, starting in 2017, and more have been added since.

They're collectively called "National Prescription Opiate Litigation." Along with various damages, the plaintiffs seek a national abatement fund to combat the epidemic.

Locally, Mylan was named in about 298 cases — the most recent on Thursday.

A March case filed by Geneva, N.Y., names 81 defendants. They include manufacturers such as Purdue Pharma, Endo and Mylan; wholesale distributors such as Cardinal Health and AmerisourceBergen; and pharmacies such as CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreen's.

Among the defendants, Purdue is often the chief focus. Its OxyContin constitutes about 30 percent of the opioid market. Mylan is a relatively small player with little involvement in the opioid industry.

A suit filed April 9 in Livingston, Mich., prefaces the problem in dramatic language.

"Across the country, Americans are addicted to prescription drugs, synthetic opioids, and heroin at levels unprecedented in U.S. history. The opioid epidemic has led to carnage and devastation — including the loss of over 33,000 lives annually, the destruc-

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SHOOTING REPORTED AT BAR



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Monongalia County sheriff's deputies spent Saturday investigating an early morning shooting at a Dellslow bar.

Neighbor who heard gunfire: 'They were fighting all night long'

The Dominion Post/MetroNews

DELLSLOW — Multiple shots rang out early Saturday morning at an after-hours club outside of Morgantown.

It appears there were injuries, with apparent blood stains left in the parking lot of The Exotic Life club, but the Monongalia County Sheriff's Department had not released details as of late Saturday.

Officers were on the scene at mid-afternoon.

David Helmick, who lives next door to the club, told MetroNews he was awakened early Saturday by gunfire.

"I heard gunshots about 4:30 or 5 o'clock this morning," Helmick said. "They were fighting all night long. They were cussing and hollering and trying to get into fist fights."

Helmick estimated hearing up to 16 shots in rapid succession. He said he

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MORGANTOWN AIRPORT

Are bluer skies ahead?

Southern touts more passengers since last July

BY BEN CONLEY
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Predicting the availability of federal airline subsidies is tricky business, but a Southern Airways official said passenger increases over seven of the past nine months could boost Morgantown's odds.

A pending ruling from the U.S. Department of Transportation could eliminate commercial carrier service at the Morgantown



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A Southern Airways flight takes off in Morgantown.

Municipal Airport.

Mark Cestari, the chief commercial officer for Southern Airways Express, points to rising enplanement numbers as indication that a handful of service adjustments will lift his ait-

line and the City of Morgantown's airport above the turbulence of their first two years together.

"Going back to July of last year, we have set records

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Columbine honors 13 lives lost in 1999

Associated Press

LITTLETON, Colo. — Community members in suburban Denver marked the 20th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting Saturday with a

remembrance ceremony that celebrated the school's survival and by volunteering at shelters, doing neighborhood cleanup projects and laying flowers and cards at a memorial to the 13 people killed.

"We're changed," Dawn Anna, whose daughter Lauren Townsend was among the students killed in the school's library, said before a crowd of more than 2,000 gathered in a park near the high school. "We're weaker

in some places, but hopefully we're stronger in most of them. Our hearts have giant holes in them. But our hearts are bigger than they were 20 years ago."

The events ended a three-day slate of somber

gatherings honoring the victims and lending support to their families, survivors of the April 20, 1999, attack and the school's students and staff.

Speakers on Saturday portrayed healing and recovery as the result of daily work — not a destination to be arrived at in a

set amount of days, weeks or years.

At the ceremony's end, Frank DeAngelis, the school's principal at the time of the shooting, read the 13 names aloud in a wavering voice. A bell rang 13 times, and white doves soared into the cloudy sky for each individual.

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at Morgantown, with some of the months being up as much as 25 percent," Cestari said, noting the airline is completing 99 percent of its six flights daily to Pittsburgh, four, and Baltimore/Washington (BWI), two.

While Cestari focuses on the future, the feds are looking at the recent past, during which Morgantown consistently failed to hit the critical 10,000 enplanement threshold — falling from 7,851 in 2016, to 5,698 in 2017, to 5,488 in 2018.

An enplanement is a commercial passenger flying out of the airport.

The city was served documents from the Dept. of Transportation on March 29 explaining that, for the second year running, its municipal airport was slated to lose EAS eligibility.

EAS is a federal program enacted to ensure smaller communities maintain access to commercial air service. The city received nearly \$3 million in EAS funds in 2018, but due to low enplanement numbers, its per-passenger subsidy topped the \$200

AIRPORT INCREASES

Passenger counts at the Morgantown Municipal Airport since last summer (with +/- comparison to previous year):

July	949	+75
Aug.	1,109	+350
Sept.	990	+183
Oct.	1,161	+187
Nov.	1,091	+70
Dec.	1,058	+127
Jan.	713	-28
Feb.	644	-55
March	836	+95

threshold, triggering the USDOT's decision.

Like last year, the city is petitioning for a waiver that will allow it to remain in the program. Losing the EAS subsidy would mean the loss of commercial carrier service.

EAS funds don't pass through the city, but are given directly to Southern to offset the cost of its rural operations. According to Morgantown City Manager Paul Brake, those federal dollars are generated through ticket upgrade charges and taxes on international flights using U.S. airspace.

Not hitting the 10,000

enplanement mark impacts the amount of airport improvement funds allocated through the Federal Aviation Administration.

"That's the reason that number is such a holy grail when it comes to local airports," Cestari said. "At 10,000 enplanements they receive \$1 million from the federal government for infrastructure funding. It's as simple as that."

Cestari admits Southern likely won't hit the 10,000 enplanement mark in 2019 either, but he is confident the numbers will be high enough that, should USDOT approve the city's pending EAS waiver, this process won't be necessary again next year.

"I think we and the community have made the case that the trends are in the right direction in Morgantown and the community is supporting the service," Cestari said. "[USDOT] has indicated in the past that they are not in the business of denying service to communities provided there is a pathway to viability."

That pathway, according to Cestari, has been a number of changes implemented by Southern since taking over for Silver Airways as Mor-

gantown's EAS carrier — most notably a new interline agreement with American Airlines.

"Customers can now buy one ticket, check their bags through to their final destination and connect through the largest airline in the country to over 500 cities. That wasn't the case last year," Cestari said.

Additionally, in July 2017, the carrier switched its Washington, D.C., operations from Dulles to Baltimore/Washington, which, Cestari said, is an easier commute to downtown D.C., offers more flights and is less expensive than Dulles, a "fortress hub" of United Airlines.

In 2018, the airline altered its daily offerings from three flights daily to both Pittsburgh and BWI, to four flights daily to Pittsburgh and two to BWI.

"All of these factors together are contributing to what we believe is a fix," Cestari said.

While Brake said he believes Southern is a good fit for the city and he's confident USDOT will provide a waiver to keep EAS service, he recently told city council members the airport will survive regard-

less.

"Not to diminish what Southern offers — but quite honestly the largest portion of our model is the corporate, private, recreation aviation flier and a lot of military activity. We are the busiest airport in West Virginia, but we're not the busiest for the flying public," Brake said.

"Contrary to anything that may be on the internet, the airport is open. It's open for business and it will continue to be open."

Brake's assessment is that pending the current outcome, the city may be petitioning for another waiver next year — an outlook not shared by Cestari.

"We're about 450 passengers ahead of the same period last year, so I will respectfully disagree with the manager's assessment that we'll be in the same position next year," Cestari said. "Our tracking does not indicate that. Our tracking indicates that we will meet the goals for this 2019 measurement period."

Cestari commented on a recent report indicating the North Central West Virginia Airport, 36 miles away in Clarksburg, has already topped 10,000

enplanements for 2019.

The two airports have been at odds at times in recent years as the Benedum Airport Authority opposed Morgantown's plan to extend its runway from 5,199 to 6,200 feet.

The runway at North Central is 7,000 feet, allowing it to handle much larger aircraft than the nine-passenger propeller-driven craft used by Southern and most other EAS carriers.

Unlike Morgantown, Cestari said, Clarksburg's airport sees a much higher patronage of outbound, leisure fliers taking advantage of Allegiant Air's trips to Florida and South Carolina. North Central also offers flights to Washington Dulles and Chicago O'Hare.

"These airport services are complementary, but they're fundamentally different. It stands to reason, in Clarksburg, the planes are 15 times the size of ours, so it's easier to get to 10,000 enplanements than when you're bringing those people in nine at a time," Cestari said. "The market can support both airports and the airports actually serve complementary functions."

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immediately called 9-1-1.

Vic Soloman, whose family owns the building, said they recently leased the property to a group from out of town. He said a

Facebook post by one of the lessees touted a gathering at 3 a.m. memorial service at the club.

The shooting brought out multiple police agencies. The Monongalia County Sheriff's Department responded to a dis-

turbance call at 5:39 a.m. The call changed to a shooting at 5:42 a.m., according to MECCA 911.

Morgantown, Westover, Star City and Granville police departments also responded to assist, as did Brookhaven Volunteer

Fire Department, Mon Health EMS and Health Team EMS.

The call was cleared and the road reopened at 9:13 a.m., a MECCA 911 supervisor said.

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(afternoon)

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Pick 5: 1-1-5-0-8, Wild: 9

(evening)

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Indigo (left) is a sweet and loving girl who has been at the shelter for more than eight months. Even though she does not like cats and most dogs, she loves people. She would be best as the only animal in the household. Sassafras (right) is an 18-month-old cat who has been at the shelter for three months. She loves playing with her other cats. These animals are up for adoption at the Marion County Humane Society's no-kill shelter in Fairmont. All animals adopted will be heartworm-tested, with updated vaccines, spayed/neutered, and given flea preventative. Info: 304-366-5391, mchswvnokillshelter@gmail.com or www.mchswv.com. Open 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. except Wednesdays.

EASTER SERVICES

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 ■ Forks-of-Cheat Baptist Church will host Easter Sunrise Services at 6:30 a.m.; Sunday School at 10 a.m.; Worship Services at 11 a.m.
 ■ Suncrest UMC will host Sunrise Service at 7 a.m. with Pastor Mike Estep, breakfast in Cowan Hall at 7:30 a.m., Traditional Service at 9 a.m. with Estep, Contemporary Service with Pastor Matt Johnson at 10:20 a.m., Contemporary Service with Johnson at 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Suncrest UMC will also host Rise Up with Jesus for ages 4-12 at 9 a.m., 10:20 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 ■ Christian & Missionary Alliance Church will host a family Easter breakfast at 9 a.m. followed by an Easter Celebration Service at 10:30 a.m.
 ■ Chestnut Ridge Church at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Ridge Kids will offer kid's programming for infants through third grade for both services. Limited spaces are available per room, and sign-in for Ridge Kids opens 15 minutes prior to service times. Pick-up occurs immediately after each service.
 ■ Wesley UMC will host Community Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at the Marketplace Pavilion. Wesley UMC Easter Services will be at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 ■ Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church and Harvest Church of God will have a Resurrection Sunrise Service at Covenant Evangelical Methodist Church at 7 a.m., with breakfast and morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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tion of countless families and homes, and the incarceration of hundreds of thousands of addicts who have turned to crime in order to support their chemical addictions. The United States comprises less than 5 percent of the world's population, but consumes over 80 percent of the world's opioid products." The suits describe how before the mid-1990s, opioids were recognized as suitable for short-term treatment of acute pain, such as after surgeries, and for cancer patients. "Beginning in the mid-1990s, drug manufacturers aggressively over-pro-

moted highly addictive, dangerous opioid products — falsely telling both the federal government, and the medical community, the risk of opioid addiction and dependence was rare." They launched "misinformation campaigns" to promote opioids for long-term chronic pain, underplaying and even denying the drugs' addictive qualities. "The misinformation campaign worked." The misinformation began, the suits allege, by taking a five-sentence letter from the New England Journal of Medicine. In it, a doctor said he'd seen no evidence of addiction among patients who took opioids during hospital stays. The plaintiffs point out

the letter referred to short-term use for acute pain, not long-term for chronic pain, but it served as the foundation for the campaign. Pro-opioid key opinion leaders (KOLs) such as Russell Portenoy (who later admitted his misuse of the information) used it for pseudo-academic papers, citing each other's work as evidence. They pushed this false evidence on doctors at training seminars and through company drug reps trained to convey the company message. Purdue invited KOLs to training seminars at posh resorts. Doctors who attended seminars wrote twice as many opioid prescriptions as those who

didn't. "In return for their pro-opioid advocacy, Manufacturer Defendants' KOLs received money, prestige, recognition, research funding, and avenues to publish." Manufacturers and KOLs, the suits allege, also formed front groups — the American Pain Foundation (APF), the American Academy of Pain Management and the American Pain Society — to promote their agendas. They created the concept of "pseudoaddiction" to convince doctors to prescribe ever-higher doses. The APF publication funded by Purdue, "A Policymaker's Guide to Understanding Pain & Its Management," says, "Unfortunately, too many Americans are not getting the pain care they need and deserve. Some common reasons for difficulty in obtaining adequate care include ... misconceptions about opioid addiction." Because of pseudoaddiction, APF said, "the doctor should not assume the patient is addicted even if he persistently asks for a specific drug, seems desperate, hoards medicine, or overindulges in unapproved escalating doses. The doctor treats this patient by prescribing a high-dose, long acting opioid. ... Pseudoaddiction can be distinguished from true addiction in that this behavior ceases when pain is effectively treated." The defendants also engaged in what the plaintiffs call "diversion enterprises." By law, the suits say, manufacturers are supposed to "maintain effec-

tive controls against diversion of their drugs, to design and operate a system to identify suspicious orders of their drugs, to halt unlawful sales of suspicious orders, and to notify the DEA of suspicious orders." Instead, the defendants deliberately failed "to identify, investigate, halt, and report suspicious orders of opioids and diversion of their drugs into the illicit market, in order to unlawfully increase the quotas set by the DEA and allow them to collectively benefit from the unlawful formation of a greater pool of prescription opioids from which to profit."

Mylan
 Mylan produces about 1.1 percent of the world's opioid products and is the 17th-largest opioid maker in the country. Its products include a generic Suboxone sublingual film; an acetaminophen/codeine phosphate tablet; a fentanyl transdermal patch; a morphine sulfate extended-release tablet; a naloxone hydrochloride injection for reversal of opioid depression and for diagnosis of overdoses; and a tramadol hydrochloride extended release tablet. Some of the suits naming Mylan allege it marketed and promoted its drugs "through a highly deceptive marketing campaign that it carried out principally through its sales force and recruited physician speakers. Its campaign rested, upon information and belief, on a series of misrepresentations and omissions

regarding the risks, benefits, and superiority of opioids, and incorporated each of the types of deceptive messages described herein. "For example, Mylan, along with the other manufacturing defendants, focused their deceptive marketing, upon information and belief, on primary care doctors, who were more likely to treat chronic pain patients and prescribe them drugs, but were less likely to be educated about treating pain and the risks and benefits of opioids and therefore more likely to accept defendants' misrepresentations." Mylan did not comment on the suit but a review of its recently released Global Social Responsibility report provided information on the topic. It says, "Over the course of Mylan's history, we have worked to help address some of the world's most pressing public health problems. The ongoing opioid crisis is no exception. Mylan fully recognizes the scope of this issue and is committed to doing our part to help in the fight against opioid addiction, abuse and misuse. ... Mylan is not promoting or marketing any of its opioid products." Mylan's fentanyl patch incorporates the drug on the adhesive layer of the patch, meaning it has no drug reservoir containing fentanyl gel. "Lawful fentanyl products such as Mylan's fentanyl transdermal system have been broadly acknowledged by federal authorities as not being responsible for the current fentanyl crisis," it said. Regarding payments to third-party advocacy groups and professional societies, Mylan notes former Sen. Claire McCaskill issued a report in 2018 observing that its participation was minimal, and to only one of the 14 third parties cited in the report. "Moreover, Mylan continues to cooperate with separately disclosed government inquiries that it has received." Regarding diversion, Mylan said "We have internal practices designed to detect suspicious orders and prevent the sale of opioid-containing products where there may be a risk of diversion." It's working to develop a new delivery system for non-opioid pain reliever Meloxicam. "We remain dedicated to working with key stakeholders across the spectrum of opioid-related issues to continue to identify avenues to help bring an end to this public health challenge."

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DRUG USE

Fentanyl deaths on the rise while opioids decline

Leads the nation in highest per capita rate of overdoses

BY SUZANNE ELLIOTT
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Fentanyl-related deaths in West Virginia in 2015 and 2017 were 122 percent of what they were between 2005 and 2014, according to a recent study

by West Virginia University researchers.

The state leads the country in fentanyl-related deaths and also has the highest per capita rate of overdose deaths as well, the researchers said.

The study — funded by the National Institutes of Health — comes as deaths in West Virginia from prescription opioids have declined. Fentanyl is 50 times stronger than heroin, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

WVU researchers found that fentanyl deaths began increasing in 2015 because of a rise of illegal fentanyl imported from China.

“Up until then people who were shifting from legal prescription drugs to illegal drugs were shifting to heroin and opioids coming in from Mexico and other places,” study co-author Gordon Smith, an epidemiologist in WVU’s School of Public Health, said in a release.

People may end up taking the drug, or a fentanyl analog, under

the guise that it is prescription opioids, said Smith, who worked on the study with Marie Abate, the director of WVU’s School of Pharmacy’s West Virginia Center for Drug and Health Information, and Zheng Dai, a graduate student.

“It’s very easy to export,” Smith said “Instead of having to smuggle truckloads of heroin in, someone can send small packages through the mail.”

The good news is state medical examiners have been able to identify the cause of every drug death in the state. Those cases were logged in a statewide forensic drug database at WVU’s Health Sciences Center, established in 2005 in collaboration with the state Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The database tracks the cause of death, toxicology testing results, recent prescriptions for controlled substances

and the individual’s current medical condition.

That catalog is used by health-care providers and law enforcement to better understand drug trends.

“The extent of the decedent information found in this database is unique nationwide,” Abate said.

To combat the rise in fentanyl deaths, however, Smith said there needs to be more of a widespread distribution of naloxone — also known as narcan — to reverse the effects of an overdose.

“But with fentanyl, you could halve the number of addicts in West Virginia and the overdose rate would still go up because the strength of the drug coming in is so much stronger and can vary widely from one day to the next,” Smith said.

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PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT



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Eugene Breza, with Tanner Leather Works, puts belts into place as he sets up for the West Virginia Sierra Club’s Earth Day Celebration on Saturday morning at the Morgantown Farmers Market.

Sierra Club hosts annual Earth Day celebration at the farmers market

BY SARAH MARINO
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With Earth Day falling on Monday, the Sierra Club hosted its Earth Day celebration Saturday at the Morgantown Farmers Market.

Displays and activities promoting a healthy Earth and bringing awareness to environmental issues were provided by Mountain SOL, the Avian Conservation Center of Appalachia, WV Herb Association, Morgantown Art Party and more.

Laura Yokochi and Mark Tauger, of the Sierra Club, discussed their celebration of Earth Day and bringing light to the issue of climate change, which Yokochi said is something she thinks most people are aware of.

“Most people feel they’re pretty helpless to do anything about it. We can’t immediately change the government, change the way businesses do business but there’s lots of ways we can — and each of the groups here will have something that you can do to help mitigate the effects of climate change,” she said.

Tauger said children in Monongalia County also could enter a poster contest to



Beth Warnick, with the Friends of Deckers Creek, places information sheets into pockets on their display at the Morgantown Farmers Market as part of the West Virginia Sierra Club’s Earth Day Celebration on Saturday morning.

“WE CAN’T IMMEDIATELY CHANGE THE GOVERNMENT, CHANGE THE WAY BUSINESSES DO BUSINESS BUT THERE’S LOTS OF WAYS WE CAN.”

Laura Yokochi
Chapter Leader

illustrate ways to protect the Earth and had the potential to win prizes. The contest was open to students in grades 1-8.

John Bird, who organized the event, said the most important thing to bring awareness to is the Earth is heating up and if continues, it’s going to cause major problems.

“Business as usual we’re going to bake the planet and there’s going to be some absolutely major problems. At least according to the scientists, and I think they’re right. The laws of physics apply here,” he said.

Bird said encouraging people to do things that limit their carbon dioxide footprint, like driving less, eating less meat or insulating houses properly is part of the equation. Bird also said a large part of the power lies in politicians, so voter awareness is also a key part in combating climate change.

Bird said the Sierra Club’s saying is “explore, enjoy and protect.” Part of the mission of West Virginia’s club is to have outings, like rock climbing and spending time outdoors. The Sierra Club also takes interest in wetlands. The national Sierra Club is focused on polar bears and wolves. Bird said Sierra Club aims to protect the ecosystems from oil drilling.

“It’s time to protect the Earth from the powers that be,” he said.

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COMMUNITY

Pantry offers fresh produce

Volunteers, partners help distribute food to those in need

BY SARAH MARINO
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The third Saturday of each month, the Mountaineer Mobile Food Pantry makes its way somewhere in Monongalia County to distribute fresh food to those who might need it.

On Saturday, it pulled up in Mylan Park.

Roark Sizemore, the president of the Pantry Plus More Board, said volunteers distributed food to 180 individuals on Saturday, which will ultimately feed around 600 people.

“Something that we’re looking for now is other outdoor locations to do in different parts in the community,” Sizemore said.

Access is one of the things the program struggles with. He said for some people, getting to where the food is and getting it home can be difficult.

“We’re trying to brainstorm some different solutions for that, so if anyone in the community has anything for that, we’d love to hear from them,” he said.

He said what’s really cool about the mobile food pantry is it offers fresh food, which is not always available at pantries.

“Today we had chicken, we had potatoes, cabbage, eggplant, carrots, Oreos and pretzels,” he said.

The food comes from a partnership with The Mountaineer Food Bank out of Gassaway. The 18-wheel truck brings the food to the sight of the mobile food pantry, then volunteers distribute it. Sizemore said it was nice that Easter fell on the same weekend as the pantry distribution.

“That’s one of the nice things. It’s on a different schedule than a lot of the pantry programs,” he said.

He said a lot of programs allow people to get food every 45 days. The mobile food bank falls in the middle of the month when people might be running short of something.

In May, the Mountaineer Mobile Food Bank will be near the Farmer’s Market on Spruce Street.

Also Saturday a drawing was held for the First Annual Grocery Grab Raffle. The grand prize winner gets a 3-minute shopping spree for up to \$1,000. Ticket proceeds benefit Pantry Plus More. The event will take place at 9 a.m. April 27 at Price Cutter.

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U.S. arrests ex-marine linked to N. Korea embassy raid in Madrid

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A man suspected of involvement in a mysterious dissident group's February raid on North Korea's Embassy in Madrid was arrested in Los Angeles by U.S. authorities.

Christopher Ahn, a former U.S. Marine, was arrested and charged Friday, according to a person familiar with the matter. The specific charges against Ahn were not immediately clear.

The person could not discuss the matter publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Separately, on Thurs-

day, federal agents raided the apartment of Adrian Hong, a leader of the Free Joseon group, the person said. Hong was not arrested.

Free Joseon, also known as the Cheollima Civil Defense group, styles itself as a government-in-exile dedicated to toppling the ruling Kim family dynasty in North Korea.

The group said it consists of North Korean defectors living in countries around the world, but it has not worked with or contacted defectors "living under tight security" in South Korea.

Lee Wolosky, a lawyer for the group, said in a statement he was "dis-

mayed the U.S. Department of Justice decided to execute warrants against U.S. persons that derive from criminal complaints filed by the North Korean regime."

"The last U.S. citizen who fell into the custody of the Kim regime returned home maimed from torture and did not survive," Wolosky said, referring to college student Otto Warmbier's 2017 death.

"We have received no assurances from the U.S. government about the safety and security of the U.S. nationals it is now targeting," he added.

A Spanish police investigator in the case told The Associated Press in

Madrid on Saturday Ahn was identified by the Spanish police at a later stage of its investigation into the Feb. 22 raid and that an international arrest warrant was also issued against him.

That's in addition to warrants issued for the other suspects named last month in Spanish court documents.

The investigator, who spoke under condition of anonymity given the sensitivities of the case, said because of judicial secrecy, he couldn't confirm how many arrest warrants were issued by Spanish authorities beyond the two initially confirmed.



What is AI and what does it mean for humans?

AI STANDS FOR Artificial Intelligence, a term coined by computer scientist John McCarthy and used to describe when a machine performs tasks that when performed by a human would deem the human as "intelligent."

There are two types of AI: Narrow AI and general AI.

tionality, intelligence and adaptability.

The first characteristic of AI, they argue, is that it intends to do something with the information it collects. For example, a self-driving car has sensors to detect when there are objects nearby. This is how it collects data. When it detects an object nearby, it either stops or moves in a different direction.

The second characteristic of AI is intelligence. AI, when it collects information, should do something important or intelligent with it.

The example used by West was when schools use AI to decide which school students should attend. This needs to be done in an efficient way that also gives justice to the students. In other words, the programmer must program the machine to make its decision fairly (an example of not doing that is deciding which school students should go based on their family's income).

The third characteristic of AI is adaptability. It is inevitable for something sudden to occur. AI must adapt to sudden changes in circumstances. AI must take what happens and decide what to do to best help deal with that sudden change. For example, a vehicle that hits a pothole must immediately adapt to the effects of the hit and figure out a way to make sure that it does not hit a pothole again.

There has also been fear about whether AI will take humans' jobs. Some jobs do require repetitiveness, which machines are already good at, so they will probably take those jobs. With the research being done, it has been found that AI will do many activities better than human beings. This is predicted to happen in the next 10 years.

It is also predicted that AI will replace about 75 million jobs, but will make 133 million new jobs. This shows that the fear of AI replacing our jobs is nothing to worry about because, in the end, we are getting more jobs than the AI will be taking.

Yellow vest protesters anger burns in France, fueled by Notre Dame fire

Associated Press

PARIS — French yellow vest protesters set fires Saturday along a march through Paris to drive home their message to a government they believe is ignoring the poor: that rebuilding the fire-ravaged Notre Dame Cathedral isn't the only problem France needs to solve.

Like the high-visibility vests the protesters wear, the scattered small fires in Paris appeared to be a collective plea to French President Emmanuel Macron's government to "look at me — I need help too!"

Police fired water cannon and sprayed tear gas to try to control radical elements rampaging on the margins of the largely peaceful march, one of several actions around Paris and other French cities.

The protests marked the 23rd straight weekend

of yellow vest actions against Macron's centrist government, which they see as favoring the wealthy and big business. Protesters view themselves as standing up for beleaguered French workers, students and retirees who were battered by high unemployment, high taxes and shrinking purchasing power.

But violence and divisions have marred the movement.

Associated Press reporters saw a car, motorbikes and barricades set ablaze around the Place de la Republique plaza in eastern Paris. The smell of tear gas mixed with the smoke, choking the air.

Paris firefighters — who struggled earlier this week to prevent the 12th-century Notre Dame from collapsing — quickly responded to extinguish the flames at Saturday's protest.

Masked protesters hurled paving stones and flares. Helmeted riot police repeatedly charged as they tried to contain the crowd. AP reporters saw at least two journalists injured in the melee. Troublemakers also ransacked at least two stores and one black-clad protester jumped on a parked Mercedes, smashing its windshields.

Paris police said authorities detained more than 200 people by early afternoon and carried out spot checks on more than 20,000 trying to enter the capital for the protest.

The violence contrasted sharply with the peaceful atmosphere at another march through Paris, where demonstrators mourned the Notre Dame blaze while also keeping up the pressure on Macron. They tried to march to Notre Dame itself, but were stopped

by police a few hundred yards away.

Young women at that march skipped down a street along the Seine River, accompanied by drummers and singers. One protester carried a huge wooden cross resembling those carried in Good Friday processions.

Many protesters were deeply saddened by the fire at a national monument. But at the same time they are angry at the \$1 billion in donations for Notre Dame renovations that poured in from French tycoons while their own economic demands remain largely unmet and they struggle to make ends meet.

"I think what happened at Notre Dame is a great tragedy but humans should be more important than stones," said protester Jose Fraile.

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Barbara Hammack

Barbara J Hammack, 92, of Morgantown, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2019, at Mapleshire Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Born in Henry, Neb., on Oct. 9, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Joseph Karl and Violet Moorehouse Kinnamon.

She attended business college in Nebraska and met the love of her life, Harry W. Hammack, during World War II and they were married Feb. 1, 1944, in Reno, Nev. They crossed the U.S. seven times before settling in Morgantown in 1953.

An amazing wife, homemaker and mother, she devoted her life to her family, as well as fostered many newborn children until adoption. She was a mother to many and cared for those in her community for years. She served the Lord at the Christian & Missionary Alliance Church for many years as a Deaconess and Deaconess Emeritus. She attended Monongah Baptist Church in her later years.

She went to work later in life and was employed at Miller's Wallpaper, WVU Human Resources and In Touch and Concerned. She was Employee of the Year in 1988, and awarded the State of West Virginia Exemplary Older Worker, March 17, 1988, as presented by

Gov. Arch Moore. She is survived by five children, Judy Gould and husband, Marvin, of Bridgeport, Lora Zirkle and husband, Dale, of Fairmont, William Hammack, of Morgantown, Barbara Gunther and husband, Robert, of Park Forest, Ill., John Hammack and wife, Andrea, of Emporium, Pa. She had 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; along with several nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 63 years; and one brother.

Special thanks to Pastor Douglas Miller, of Christian & Missionary Alliance Church, Pastor David Huckins and friends, of Monongah Baptist Church, and staff and special friends at Mapleshire, who have supported Barbara and the family.

Family and friends will be received at Hastings Funeral Home, 153 Spruce St., Morgantown, from 4-8 p.m. on Monday, April 22, and from 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, until the time of funeral service at 11 a.m. with Pastor David Huckins and Pastor Douglas Miller officiating. Interment will follow at Beverly Hills Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Christian & Missionary Alliance Food Pantry, 308 Elmhurst St., Morgantown, WV 26505.

Condolences: hastings-funeralhome.com



Cheryl Musick

Cheryl Lee (Kovalic) Musick, 69, of Carmichaels, Pa., passed away Wednesday, April 17, 2019, in Uniontown Hospital, and is now among the stars, joining her beloved parents, John Kovalic and Helen (Brozik) Kovalic, who gave birth to her on May 4, 1949, in Waynesburg, Pa.

She is survived by her son, Craig Musick, of Carmichaels; former spouse, George M. Musick; three sisters, Helen Perry of Bobtown, Patti Pancoast, of Greensboro, Carol Przyhocki, of Michigan; one brother, Jack Kovalic, of Uniontown; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and

nephews; special great-nephew, John Perry; and a great-great-nephew.

Due to the nature of her long-term illness, Cheryl has requested that there will be no viewing and services at this time.

A Memorial Celebration of her life will be held at a date and time to be announced by the Louis E. Rudolph Funeral Home, 15 N. Main St., Point Marion, Pa.

Memorial gifts may be made to Cheryl's son, Craig Musick, 235 Glades Run Road, Carmichaels, PA 15320, to help with the expenses associated with her illness and funeral services.

Beulah Hayhurst

Beulah Mae Noland Hayhurst, 91, of Orlando, Fla., passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2019, at United Hospital Center, in Bridgeport. She was born in Piney, on Jan. 9, 1928, a daughter of the late Alma (White) Noland and Anderson "Dock" Noland.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Morris Lee Hayhurst; two sons, Robert Hayhurst and Robin Hayhurst; her brothers, Carl Noland, Bruce Noland, Rex Noland; and a sister, Emma Harbert.

She was a devoted mother, wife and homemaker. In addition, along with her husband Morris, she was owner and operator of a music and vending business and her family oil and gas company. She was a member of the Whitehall Church of Christ.

Mrs. Hayhurst is survived by her son, Ronald Hayhurst, of Orlando, Fla.; two grandchildren, Christine Davis and her husband Jim, and Brian Hayhurst, all of Morgantown; three great-grandchildren, Audrey Davis, Elizabeth Davis and Katherine Davis; and two sisters, Jaye West, of Fairmont, and Sharon Shultz, of Moundsville.

Friends and family will be received at the Carpenter & Ford Funeral Home, 209 Merchant St., Fairmont, from 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, until the 1 p.m. funeral service with Evangelist Kevin Lough officiating. Interment will follow at the Bridgeport Cemetery.

Condolences: carpentrandford.com

Betty Trader

Betty J. Trader, 92, of Granville, formally of Pursglove, passed away peacefully on April 18, 2019, surrounded by her family.

Betty was born on Jan. 9, 1927, the daughter of the late Eugene Layman and Eula V. Metz Layman.

Betty worked at Mylan and retired in 1992. She was an avid gardener, growing beautiful flowers and a bountiful harvest of vegetables.

Betty is survived by her two daughters, Brenda Ziehm and her husband, Jay, and Janet Dungey; three grandchildren, Traci Mays and her husband, Robert, Jay Ziehm II and his wife, Brenda, and Noah Dungey and his wife, Jamie; four great-grandchildren, Jakob Mays and his wife, Danielle, Emalee Mays, Cora Sanders, Briannah Ziehm; two great-great-grandchildren, Andrew and Viviana Mays; two brothers,

Donald Jamison

Donald Lee Jamison, age 71, of Southport, N.C., and formerly of Morgantown, passed away Friday evening, April 19, 2019, at SECU Hospice House of Brunswick — Lower Cape Fear Hospice, in Bolivia, N.C., following an extended illness.

Arthur I. Jacknowitz, beloved husband, brother, uncle, friend and mentor, died on April 18, 2019. Born 75 years ago in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Miriam and Samuel Jacknowitz, Art and wife Linda made West Virginia their home since 1974, when he joined the faculty of the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy.

Art cherished his life, filled with loving relationships, a successful career, and fun. One of his greatest gifts was his ability to help others problem solve and succeed. During recent months, he received hundreds of communications from grateful former students and colleagues and friends acknowledging his impact on their professional and personal lives.

Art was a professor and the Arthur I. Jacknowitz Distinguished Chair Emeritus in Clinical Pharmacy at West Virginia University. He was chair of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy for almost 16 years, from 1985-2001. Prior to this, he was director of the university's Drug Information Center. In 1988, his efforts to disseminate drug information to consumers and health professionals won him the university's Heebink Award for Outstanding State Service.

Author or coauthor of more than 100 scientific and technical articles and abstracts, and as many presentations, he was a monthly columnist for several years for the "US Pharmacist," a recipient of the Merck, Sharp and Dohme Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Profession of Pharmacy, and for more than a quarter of a century a member of the

Arthur Jacknowitz

editorial board of the "Drug Information Journal." He served two five-year terms as a member of the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) Convention's Gastroenterology Expert Committee. He is one of only 22 healthcare professionals nationwide to serve on the 2010-2015 Medicare Model Guidelines Expert Panel, where he and his panel colleagues received the 2011 USP's Award for Innovative Response to a Public Health Challenge.

At the time of his death, he was serving a seventh three-year term on The National Association of Boards of Pharmacy Licensure Test Review Committee. He is one of only 25 pharmacy practitioners and educators nationwide to achieve this recognition.

Art counted his decade of service as academic advisor to more than 260 pre-pharmacy and pharmacy honors students among his most important WVU activities. In recognition of these sustained efforts, the Honors College named him Faculty Advisor of 2012.

In 2001, to recognize his more than a quarter of a century of teaching, scholarship and service, a former student endowed a Distinguished Chair in his honor; Art was named its first occupant. Art was inducted into the West Virginia University Health Science Center Academy of Excellent in Teaching and Learning in 2012. In 2004, the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy Alumni Association conferred honorary alumnus status on him. That same year he was named WVU's Most Loyal Faculty Mountaineer.

Rebecca Pennington

Rebecca Lynn "Becky" Pennington, 54, of Pursglove, passed away Wednesday morning, April 17, 2019, at J.W. Ruby Memorial Hospital, following an extended illness.

She was born July 20, 1964, in Morgantown, a daughter of Grove Pennington, who survives her in Independence, and the late Brenda Davies Pennington.

Survivors include her husband, Kenneth Buzzo, of Morgantown; three children, Carmen Pennington and her companion Matthew Arcure, of Morgantown, Melissa "Missy" Pennington, with whom she shared her home, and Justin Buzzo and his wife Courtney, of Hazelton; five grandchildren, Donovan Dalton, Lucca Arcure, Jaymason Pennington-Corney, Cameron Pennington, Makenna Pennington and a grandchild who has yet to be born; four siblings, Tim Davies, of Missouri, Glen Pennington, of Ohio, Mark Pennington and his wife Michelle, of Fayetteville, N.C., and Jody Faul and her husband Mark, of Cincinnati; several nieces and nephews; and her best friend, Brenda Hardesty, of

Art retired after 38 years of service to WVU, but remained an engaged member of the university community. At the School of Pharmacy he continued to mentor students, coordinated its student ambassador program and was a member of the School of Pharmacy Visiting Committee. After serving on the WVU Retiree Association Steering Committee, he then served as the association's founding chair.

In retirement, Art became a member of the WVU Art Museum's founding class of volunteer docents. Recently the WVU Creative Arts Center Visiting Committee honored Linda and Art by awarding them the college's 2019 Alison Deem Distinguished Friends Award.

Visitation will be at the Dering-Henson Funeral Home, in Morgantown, from 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 23, until the 1 p.m. funeral service hour. Shiva minyans will meet at the Jacknowitz home at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 23, Wednesday, April 24, and Thursday evenings. A future memorial service is planned.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Morgantown Tree of Life Congregation Jacknowitz Fund; the Arthur I. and Linda M. Jacknowitz Scholarship (WVU School of Pharmacy); or the Abby Robin Jacknowitz Travel Fund (WVU Art Museum).

Caring services are provided by Dering-Henson Funeral Home.

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Rebecca Pennington



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GOVERNMENT

Officials: Schools need mental health services, education options

BY KATHY PLUM
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KINGWOOD — Mental health services and alternative education are two of the biggest needs of schools, Preston County Schools officials told state elected officials last week.

The Preston Board of Education, Superintendent Steve

Wotring and school staffers, met with Dels. Buck Jennings and Terri Sypolt, and Sens. Randy Smith and David Sypolt, to discuss legislation.

The school officials said there are many students, from Pre-K up, who cannot function in regular classrooms, yet there is little funding to serve those students.

Wotring said alternative learning centers are needed.

“That’s what I think is reform for education, is taking the system you have, working within the system to change what we’re doing to meet the needs of our kids,” Wotring said.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Martin said Preston schools

has more nurses and guidance counselors than the state funds. Preston has 4,400 students in 10 schools and a combined 11.6 nurses and counselor positions are funded. Preston has 13 positions.

Preston High and West Preston are the only schools with full-time counselors.

It’s not uncommon, Wotring said, for a child to pick up a computer and throw it. “You have to stop education at that point and get everybody safely out of the way, and then we have to restrain, possibly, this child. But it just impedes the whole process.”

“It’s an every other day basis,” said Terra Alta/East Preston Principal Justin Hough. He and teachers have had chairs and books thrown at them. A student tried to break a window with a chair to escape the classroom.

“It’s just become such the norm,” Hough said. A former high school teacher for behavior disorder students, Hough said

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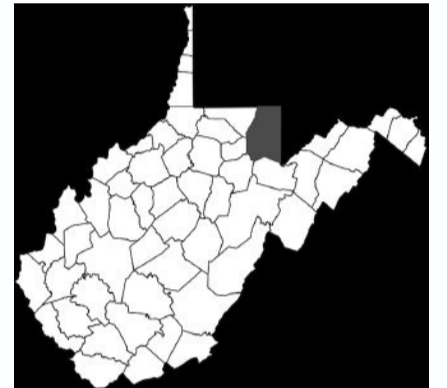
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Aldona Bird/For The Dominion Post

Area farmers gather at The Preston County Farmers Market for sales of livestock, large farm equipment, fence posts, hay, eggs, veggies and more. The market began selling livestock in the late 1920s. Around 1940, the market moved to its current location at the stockyards on Sanders Street in Terra Alta, where there is an auction every Friday. For generations, local families have been meeting weekly at the market to connect and socialize.

FOOTNOTES



Immunizations

There will be no walk-in immunization clinic Monday at the Preston County Health Department. Monday walk-in clinics will resume April 29 and are 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. Appointments are available on other days by calling 304-329-0096.

School shots are required for pre-K and kindergarten entry, and seventh and 12th graders must also get shots before they can enter that grade. The health department encourages parents to follow up with their child’s health care provider to get their well child check-up and the required immunizations throughout this school year. Children without medical insurance coverage for the immunizations can receive them free at the health department.

Crafty classes

Arthurdale Heritage is offering a line up of spring classes. A two-part class on rug hooking will be held at 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. May 4 and 18 at the E-2 Homestead. Cost is \$85 for both classes for AHI members and \$90 for nonmembers.

A class will held 1-4 p.m. May 5 at the Center Hall on bucket weaving. It will cost members \$25 and nonmembers \$28. Learn about making crocheted granny squares 5-7 p.m. May 6, at a cost of \$15 for members and \$18 for nonmembers.

Other classes include a fly fishing workshop from 1-5 p.m. May 19, \$50 for members, \$60 for nonmembers; salt-rising and sourdough bread-making, 5:30-7:30 p.m. May 21, members \$35, non-members \$40. Register at the office or at <https://arthurdaleheritage.org/>

ITEMS FOR Preston Footnotes can be emailed to Kingwood@DominionPost.com or faxed to 304-329-3001.

OUTDOORS

Commission invests in historic W.Va. Northern Rail Trail

\$20K to go toward 1/8-mile section of path near Kingwood

BY JENIFFER GRAHAM
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KINGWOOD — The 10-mile West Virginia Northern Rail Trail has a long history, according to Sara Saurino, volunteer commissioner for Preston County Parks and Recreation Commission.

The trail begins at the Craig Civic Center in Kingwood and goes to Tunnelton.

Saurino said in earlier days the Class III short line hauled large amounts of coal out of Preston County. “During its peak, it hauled 21,000 coal cars a year,” she said.

It later served as a tourist

train. The railroad was completely abandoned in 1999. In 2002, scrappers removed the remaining rails.

In 2002, Connie Ervin said, PCPaRC was formed. She said the organization’s vision was for three trails in the county. One was the West Virginia Northern Rail Trail. She said the Tunnelton end currently has a half a mile that is walkable but still needs gravelled.

Saurino said although the Kingwood end of the trail is rough, it can still be walked. “It’s approximately 10 miles long, and it is unique in several ways,” she said. “There are two switchbacks between Kingwood and Birds Creek. It’s unusual to find one switchback on a railroad, and this one had two.”

Saurino said another unique feature is the elevation change.

“From Kingwood, the trail gradually becomes steeper. At Birds Creek, moving south on the south side on the top of the rise, you come out on a ridge with an almost 360 degree view.” The trail lowers in elevation before it gets to Tunnelton.

She said there is a lot to be seen along the trail. Some areas run along streams.

“There are clearings with lots of views as you get closer to Tunnelton,” she said. “The Marion Pump House is along the trail and the Marion Curve, a sharp curve in the trail that caused problems for trains. Several jumped the track there.”

Saurino said the trail travels through a lot of forest, with the chance to see deer, turkeys, squirrels and other wildlife. She said there is also an abundance of wild flowers and plants to enjoy.



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A section of the West Virginia Northern Rail Trail next to the Civic Center in Kingwood. Preston County Commissioner Dave Price said he was pleased the commission was able to give PCPaRC \$20,000 to help complete one-eighth of a mile in Kingwood.

“When you reach Tunnelton, there is the Veterans Memorial and the train depot. It’s the original depot, and there’s a lot of original memorabilia to see,” Saurino said. “There is convenience stores close by if you need supplies.”

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“The money we gave them will bring over \$600,000 in,” he said. “This was a worthwhile investment.”

Price said very little local

SEE TRAIL, A-11

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Daniel Woods Trinity Christian School

If you've ever had a hankering to discuss, say running back trap plays and Renaissance architecture (at the same time, even) Daniel Woods is your guy.

Daniel, who has represented his school on the big stage in Atlanta during the finals of the National History Bee (the above-mentioned Renaissance architecture was his chief interest then) is a storyteller.

That's what he does, whether putting together a promotional video, school, or calling everyone's number as Trinity's football announcer.

He wants to use his writing and reporting talents to give people the real score — not just the one that blinks across the board on a football Friday night.

"I want to tell impactful stories that have an effect on people," he said.

Notice he said, "people."

In the videos he'll produce and the narratives he'll write, everybody will have a name.

Everybody will have a platform and a place to shine. That's because just about everybody has a story and everybody is worth a story, he said.

"It's about respecting them," Daniel said.



Daniel Woods

GPA: 4.1639
School activities: TCS Honor Society, AP scholar with honors, soccer, basketball, Voice of Trinity, student admissions ambassador, new student mentor, Young Life, soccer and football P.A. announcer
Leadership roles: Mountaineer Boys' State, year-book editor-in-chief

Rachel Rosen Trinity Christian School

When Toby locks on with those copper-penny eyes, all is right with the world.

And when tilts his head and smiles, the universe does too.

Toby is a Hungarian Vizsla (sounds like, "Veeshlah"), and part of a breed of strong, elegant hunting dogs that have been the canine pride of European sportsmen for generations.

He's affectionate, gentle and can run forever.

Toby, the 4-year-old, faithful pet of the Rosen family, is Rachel's big, goofy buddy. "Goofy," when he's not doing something ridiculously athletic and graceful, even.

He'll be an older guy when Rachel is done with her veterinary studies, but they'll be about to talk shop then.

Rachel will probably have some war stories, if she chooses to share them. She wants to be an emergency room veterinarian, so she can save those cherished pets hit by cars or a sudden-onset illness.

"As long as I can remember, I've wanted to do this," she said.

"Animals enrich our lives in so many ways. They have personalities. They become part of the family."



Rachel Rosen

GPA: 4.2258
School activities: Student council, varsity basketball, varsity volleyball, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Young Life
Leadership roles: Senior class treasurer, team captain

Campus Club hosts luncheon

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The WVU Campus Club will hold its annual Spring Luncheon Tuesday, at Atria's Restaurant. Erin Smaldone, education director at the West Virginia Botanic Garden, will be the guest speaker.

Socializing will begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon.

Attendees will have the opportunity to win a handmade quilt; the proceeds from this contest will go to the WVU Campus Club Scholarship Fund in memory of Lillian Waugh. The luncheon also serves as the group's annual business meeting.

For more information: WVU Campus Club Facebook page.

MEET MORE HONOR STUDENTS

Next week we'll introduce honor students from University High School.

Heck, The Tobe-ster can tell you that.

He'd also like you to know his friend can make social media sit up and beg.

A blog and Instagram she created to review books (she's a prolific page-turner) once wagged nearly 13,000 followers.

"I also wrote reviews for authors and publishing companies," she said.

Bag bingo fundraiser for ACC

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Arnettsville Community Center, at 4120 Fairmont Road, in the former Arnettsville Elementary School, will host Spring Bag Bingo May 4, to raise

funds for the operation of the center which is a 501(c)3. Doors open at noon, early bird bingo begins at 1 p.m. and regular bingo will begin at 2 p.m.
Info: 304-278-9973.

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WEST VIRGINIA RADIO CORPORATION



Xavier Evans South Harrison High School

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of things," he said. "I'm not afraid of hard work."

In music, he relentlessly practiced the flute, so he could earn second chair in the All-Harrison County Band, despite being a couple of years behind his classmates, in terms of instruction.

He also studied music theory on his own to master the piccolo, saxophone and piano.

Xavier makes music with math, too, be it multiplication tables or Calculus, inspiring the students he tutors to sing their number-songs too.

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"I like to challenge

Xavier Evans

GPA: 4.07

School activities: Show choir, student council, marching band, concert band, basketball pep band, theater, soccer, Science Bowl

Leadership roles: Show choir dance captain, student council president, marching band drum major, concert band, woodwind section leader, theater spring musical choreographer, soccer captain, Science Bowl team captain

myself," said the senior, whose list of prospective colleges includes MIT and Stanford.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

DAR honors Blinco, teacher of history

Stephen A. Blinco was honored April 6 in Martinsburg, by West Virginia State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution at its annual conference. He WAS the West Virginia Outstanding Teacher of American History. This award honors full time teachers of American his-

tory and/or related fields for grades 5-12.

Blinco was chosen from teachers across the state. He was nominated for this honor by the Woodburn Chapter, NSDAR. Teachers considered for this award demonstrate excellence by readily sharing an incisive knowledge of American history, being committed to their students, fostering a spirit of patri-

otism and loyal support of the country, relating history to modern life and events and requiring high academic standards at all times from their students.

Blinco goes above and beyond his work in the classroom. He coordinates Morgantown High School's public ceremonies both for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

To learn more about the work of today's DAR

or about this award, visit www.DAR.org or email woodburnchapter@gmail.com.

Bowles Rice lawyer named to super list

Bowles Rice announced one of its Morgantown attorneys, Michael C. Cardi, business litigation, was named to the 2019 West Virginia Super Lawyers List.

COMMUNITY



Submitted photo

MedExpress volunteers from Morgantown worked in the Toms Run Nature Preserve, which is a 320-acre natural area. The property is a "work in progress" and WVLT is planning to make it open and accessible to the public for hiking and nature study this fall. MedExpress employees were able to volunteer with the WVLT through the Med-Express Volunteer Program in which team members can take a certain amount of time off to volunteer in their community with an organization of their choice.

TRAIL

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money is given to PCPaRC. He said its money comes mainly from grants and donations. "None of the money comes from state road funds," he said.

Price said both the Cheat corridor and the northwestern trails are big attractions to bring people Preston County. He said Preston County has the outdoors attractions people enjoy.

"People go to Mon County for theater events and ball games. When they are looking to the outdoors, they come to Preston County. We have fishing, hunting, the river and beautiful scenery. Not everyone has that, and people come to see it."

To donate to PCPaRC or for information about the trails, call 304-602-3680, or go to Facebook or www.pcparc.org

TWITTER @DominionPostWV.

SCHOOLS

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then he blamed elementary teachers for his students' problems. Now he realizes it is a lack of resources.

"I truly believe that if you did the proper reform ... you could eliminate so much of this early on," Hough said.

Instead of spending \$35,000 on 100 kids for education savings accounts, use that money to put an aide with a student at a younger age.

"Part of these actions end up being [students'] frustrations," Hough said. "They're not getting any help from their parents at home. They're getting more and more behind. So now we've got this kid who is two years older, 50 pounds heavier, 4 inches taller, in a classroom with a bunch of little

kids and has all these problems on top of it."

He praised the representatives for talking with those who work in the schools, but said they should have done that before trying to reform education.

"I had a third grader tell me he was going to kill himself the other day," Hough said. "Had a plan laid out, exactly. Now why did he have this? ... And guess what I did not have in the building that day? I did not have a counselor."

So while he and teachers dealt with this, they had to, "pray and hope" the other 357 students were having a good day.

"It has to come down to an investment," Hough said. "You get us enough to get a few more counselors in this county, you're going to see a difference next year."

Jennings asked if counselors or social workers are needed. Wotring said the focus has to be on mental health. "That's huge."

Smith said the first meeting he attended with principals about education he left in tears at what children are going through. He introduced a bill to put a social worker in each Pre-K through sixth school, but it ended up as only a pilot program.

Senator Sybolt asked how does CHIP work to meet these needs? Martin said they can make counseling appointments for children but can't force parents to follow through.

And, Hough said, mental health facilities are over-

burdened. Wotring said sometimes students are rejected by the facilities, "and they say — the hospitals say — they can't do anything with them, they've got to go back to the public school."

Some children need a separate setting early to try and build them, Wotring said. "By the time we get to ninth grade at the high school, those habits are so ingrained, we can't change it then," he said.

"That's what we're talking about is having an alternative setting for our most struggling kids, [whether] it be for drug addiction or severe behavior," Wotring said.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR MORGANTOWN

DAY	High/Low	Summary
TODAY	58° / 44°	Mostly cloudy with a brief shower or two
MONDAY	71° / 53°	Mostly sunny, pleasant and warmer
TUESDAY	80° / 58°	Some sun, warm; showers around in the p.m.
WEDNESDAY	74° / 56°	Cloudy with a shower or thunderstorm
THURSDAY	71° / 56°	Cloudy with thunderstorms possible

REGIONAL WEATHER

Forecast for various West Virginia cities including Mansfield, Akron, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Columbus, Wheeling, Cumberland, Martinsburg, Parkersburg, Elkins, Charleston, Huntington, Beckley, Fairmont, Morgantown, Clarksburg, and Kingwood.

ALMANAC

Morgantown through 3 p.m. Saturday

Temperature: High/low 69°/56°, Normal high/low 66°/41°, Record high 90° in 1976, Record low 21° in 1926

Precipitation: 24 hrs ending 3 p.m. Saturday 0.21", Month to date 2.54", Year to date 13.60"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:34 a.m., Sunset tonight 8:03 p.m., Moonrise today 10:43 p.m., Moonset today 8:15 a.m.

LOCAL WEATHER

Morgantown 58/44, Fairmont 58/45, Kingwood 56/43, Clarksburg 61/44, Grafton 58/44.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

POLLEN

Grasses: Absent, Weeds: Low, Trees: High, Molds: Moderate

SOLAR TABLES

Day	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Sun.	1:35 a.m.	7:48 a.m.	2:01 p.m.	8:14 p.m.
Mon.	2:33 a.m.	8:46 a.m.	2:59 p.m.	9:12 p.m.
Tue.	3:31 a.m.	9:44 a.m.	3:58 p.m.	10:11 p.m.
Wed.	4:29 a.m.	10:42 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:08 p.m.
Thu.	5:24 a.m.	11:37 a.m.	5:49 p.m.	---

UV INDEX

Highest today: 2 (low)

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	Mon. Hi/Lo/W
Beckley, WV	56/41/c	69/50/s
Charleston, WV	61/44/c	76/52/s
Columbus, OH	61/43/c	75/55/s
Cumberland, MD	65/47/ah	74/52/s
Fairmont, WV	58/45/c	71/50/s
Grafton, WV	58/44/ah	71/50/s
Huntington, WV	61/45/pc	77/54/s
Kingwood, WV	56/43/ah	69/50/s
Pittsburgh, PA	58/45/c	71/52/pc
Wheeling, WV	60/46/c	72/54/s

ALMANAC

Today is Sunday, April 21, the 111th day of 2019. There are 254 days left in the year.

Highlight: In 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.

On this date: In 1509, England's King Henry VII died; he was succeeded by his 17-year-old son, Henry VIII.

In 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.

In 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens, better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn., at age 74.

In 2016, Prince, one of the most inventive and influential musicians of modern times, was found dead at his home in suburban Minneapolis; he was 57.

Today's Birthdays: Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 93. Actress-comedian-writer Elaine May is 87. Singer-musician Iggy Pop is 72. Actor Tony Danza is 68. Actor James Morrison is 65. Rock singer Robert Smith (The Cure) is 60. Rock musician Michael Timmins (Cowboy Junkies) is 60. Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 53. Rock singer-musician Glen Hansard (The Frames) is 49. Football player-turned-actor Brian White is 46. Rock musician David Brenner (Theory of a Deadman) is 41. Former NFL quarterback Tony Romo is 39. Actor Frank Dillane is 28. Rock singer Sydney Sierota (Echosmith) is 22.

Man's skill on dance floor attracts unwelcome attention

DEAR ABBY: My husband loves to dance, and so do I. In fact, we met dancing many years ago. He takes Zumba classes despite his knee problems. I loved Zumba but stopped because it hurt my knees.



JEANE PHILLIPS

a small family/closest friends barbecue reception the following weekend. We do not want any uninvited guests, but we also don't want to come across as rude. What's your suggestion for polite wording on invitations asking that there be no "extra" guests brought to our reception? Our budget is very tight. — **NOT A BRIDEZILLA**

DEAR NOT A BRIDEZILLA: Put nothing like that in writing. There is a rule of etiquette that only guests whose names are on the invitations should attend the event. If you feel your prospective guests are ignorant of the social graces, **CALL** them and explain: "We would love you to celebrate with us, but because our budget is limited, we are unable to entertain uninvited guests. We hope you understand."

JEANE PHILLIPS writes "Dear Abby" under the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Many times women have come up to him — oblivious of my presence — to tell him how good he is. This has happened on cruises and just now in a restaurant. I love that he's a good dancer. But I don't like random women telling him so. It feels like they are flirting. Yes, I am jealous because he is my husband. Are my feelings normal? — **JEALOUS IN THE EAST**

DEAR JEALOUS: As long as your husband acts appropriately in accepting the compliments, you may be overreacting. Instead of feeling jealousy, why are you not feeling a twinge of pride in his accomplishment?

Your feelings are normal — for someone who is insecure. If you accept that you can't stop people from complimenting your husband, and that giving him a verbal gold star isn't necessarily flirting, you will both be better off.

TV LISTINGS

Table with columns for time slots (6 PM, 6:30, 7 PM, 7:30, 8 PM, 8:30, 9 PM, 9:30, 10 PM, 10:30, 11 PM, 11:30) and rows for Broadcast Channels, Cable Channels, and Movie Channels. Lists programs like American Idol, Madam Secretary, and various news and entertainment shows.

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DOUBLE WALK-OFF



Dale Sparks/WVU athletics

The No. 20 West Virginia baseball team celebrates beating Kansas 1-0 in Game 1 Saturday after Marques Inman's walk-off home run. The Mountaineers took the second game 4-3 on a walk-off wild pitch in the 11th inning. The Mountaineers and Jayhawks conclude their Big 12 series today.

Manoah untouchable again: 15 Ks in another shutout

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GRANVILLE — West Virginia ace Alek Manoah advised his teammates one run would be enough against Kansas.

With 15 strikeouts highlighting his three-hit shutout, that prediction materialized Saturday. When Marques Inman provided the lone necessary run — a bottom-of-the-ninth laser that cleared the centerfield wall — the No. 20 Mountaineers prevailed 1-0 in the opener of a doubleheader.

More than seven hours later, West Virginia claimed the nightcap 4-3, again in walk-off fashion, when Brandon White raced home on a wild pitch in the 11th.

Winners of four straight Big 12 series, the Mountaineers (24-13, 8-6) are becoming contenders in the conference race as Manoah becomes seemingly untouchable.

His scoreless innings

streak extended to 31 2/3, though Manoah (6-2) warned: "If you start thinking results and stats, you can get in trouble."

Then again, just try to ignore the stats from his last three starts: 26 innings with 10 hits allowed, 41 strikeouts and zero walks.

"That's three games in a row that were super-dominant," West Virginia coach Randy Mazey said. "Some guys can do it once but can't repeat it. He's repeating it every time now, which is a super credit to him."

Manoah threw 115 pitches, including 88 for strikes.

His ERA shrank to 1.81 and his 95 strikeouts rank among the top five in the NCAA this season.

Some 16 scouts came to watch Manoah pitch last week against Texas Tech, and another gaggle saw him win this duel against the Jayhawks (19-18, 4-10).

Not even ninth-inning stickiness could get the

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WVU FOOTBALL

Mountaineers still face questions after spring

Solutions need to be found before fall camp

BY ALEX HICKEY
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Neal Brown is still in the honeymoon phase of his West Virginia coaching tenure after his first spring as a Mountaineer. An era of good feelings doesn't equate to a lack of potential concerns, though.

Brown enters the offseason with several questions that won't be resolved until training camp, and some that may even carry over into the season.

Here are five of the most compelling questions that face the Mountaineers when they return for training camp.

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and present — is shrouded in mystery. Simms was active in the first week of spring practice before needing to tend to a nagging hamstring injury. That absence morphed into what Brown termed a personal issue, and he wasn't seen at practice since.

The Mountaineers certainly went

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PREP TRACK

Sizick gets joy out of spreading the Gospel

MHS runner donates time

BY SEAN MANNING
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Elise Sizick has grown up around Young Life most of her life and she's seen the effect it's had on students.

The group, a Christian-based nonprofit organization that targets students, has meant a lot to Sizick since she joined the middle school program, Wyldlife, as a sixth-grader in Elkins.

The Morgantown High senior has enjoyed building relationships with other teenagers.

"It brings me a lot of joy that they're going to go to Heaven and be a part of a Christian life," Sizick said. "It gives me a purpose to live a positive life and gives me hope and peace to know what I have, and I have the ability to share that with them."

Sizick keeps busy with the Mohigans track team, running in the 100-meter dash, 4x100 relay, 4x200 relay and 102.5-meter hurdle relay. Even with a full schedule, she sets aside time for Young Life and the work she does with City Church, which meets at Trinity Christian School.

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HIGH SCHOOLS

Seeing Kenyan poverty up close, her life-changing experience

BY JOE SMITH
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Growing up in Appalachia, University High track and field junior Emma Williams always thought she understood what poverty looked like. It took a trip of over 7,000 miles, to the small town of Bungoma, Kenya, to help her realize she was mistaken.

For Williams, her journey starts with her mother Jenny, a pastor at Avery

United Methodist Church in Morgantown. Years before arriving in Morgantown, Jenny Williams learned of an institution known as Living Hope High School, in Kenya, which was providing an education for orphan and poverty-stricken children.

After Jenny was inspired to share the story of the school with her congregation, two members of the church — a

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West Virginia's Alek Manoah extended his scoreless streak to 31 2/3 innings by shutting out Kansas 1-0.



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For all the work teams put into scouting, how can they get top draft picks wrong?

LES BOWEN
The Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily News (TNS)

PHILADELPHIA — NFL teams spend months preparing for the draft, which this year begins on Thursday and runs through Saturday, in Nashville, Tenn. A team's first-round pick will be vetted by as many as half a dozen scouts. General managers and coaches will scrutinize his game film, the team's security personnel will delve into his conduct away from the field.

The teams will have access to intelligence tests, personality tests, medical tests, and scouting combine results that measure just about every possibly applicable athletic trait.

And yet, sometimes you end up taking Marcus Smith in the first round (26th overall, in 2014). Or Danny Watkins (23rd overall, in 2011).

Why? It's understandable when a first-round pick, especially one taken in the bottom half of the round, turns out to be kind of an ordinary player, and not a star. The difference there can be half a step, or an intuitive spark about what the opposition might be doing. Teams say there are only 15-to-20 "true" first round talents in every draft, so the guys taken in the 20s often aren't that different from the guys taken in the 40s and 50s.

But how, after all that work, do you just get a prospect completely wrong, how do you use one of those precious first 32 picks in a seven-round draft on a



Philadelphia general manager Howie Roseman on the field prior to the game against the Dallas at AT&T Stadium.

player who ends up never really contributing much?

It's complicated, say the people who have been there and done that.

"Very rarely does a player fail because of physical ability," Eagles player personnel vice president Joe Douglas said recently. "All these players are being discussed and drafted for a reason. There's all prerequisites in common. I do think intangibles come into play quite a bit, when you're talking about success and failures."

Eagles executive vice president for player personnel Howie Roseman added that "environment's a big factor — getting the right guy in the right scheme, with the right personality, to fit what you're trying to look for. It's all about fit. A lot of

times, when you look back at some of the mistakes, those are the reasons for it."

Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, a former Eagles assistant from the days when the team spent first-round picks on wide-out Freddie Mitchell (25th overall, 2001) and defensive Jerome McDougle (15th overall, 2003), said: "My gut says the common thread is priorities — the player isn't enough about football, and how hard it is to be successful in this league."

"It's hard to tell. Some guys that you don't think have their priorities right do, and some talented guys you think do, don't ... It's just an imperfect science. It's not a science."

Former Eagles coach Andy Reid, now in Kansas City, was coaching the

Eagles in 2011, when they selected Watkins. That draft was one of the worst in recent Eagles history, with the team picking five players in the first four rounds (Watkins, safety Jaiquawn Jarrett, corner Curtis Marsh, linebacker Casey Matthews and kicker Alex Henery), none of whom became a long-term Eagles starter. In fact, of the whopping 11 players the Eagles drafted in 2011, only fifth-round running back Dion Lewis and sixth-round center Jason Kelce became significant NFL contributors, and Lewis didn't really break through until he got to New England, having been released by the Eagles and Browns.

The fundamental problem in 2011 was simple: The NFL lockout. For the first

time in many years, the draft occurred before free agency. Normally, you plug holes in free agency, so that you don't have to pass up a great talent in the draft because you need a left tackle and the future Hall of Fame guy sitting there when your pick comes up is a cornerback. But the Eagles didn't know when or if free agency would happen. They drafted to plug holes, rather than taking the best player available.

"Sometimes you can be selfish, you're pushing a position," Reid said. "But if you take in the whole room, and listen collectively to people, I think that ends up working the best ... If you push for need, and you selfishly do that, that can be a problem. I think everybody's been there."

Reid said need isn't the only reason for mistakes. "Sometimes it just doesn't work. You've covered all the bases, or you think you have, and it's a flop."

Asked specifically about Watkins, a Baylor tackle drafted to play guard, Reid said: "That was a unique one. There were a lot of factors that went into that one."

Most Eagles fans know the Watkins story all too well: He was a Kelowna, B.C., firefighter enticed to play football for the first time in his life at a California junior college, where his strength and agility got him a major college scholarship. He presented himself as eager and earnest, but Eagles teammates came to feel Watkins' heart wasn't in football, that he was just there for the paycheck. Watkins pre-

ferred hanging around Philly firehouses to watching the film cutups provided by then-offensive line coach Howard Mudd. He was out of football and back to full-time firefighting by 2014.

The common thread between the draft mistakes made on Watkins and Smith might be an overemphasis on physical traits that overlooked a lack of expertise, which the player was not dedicated enough to overcome. Watkins played tackle on an island at Baylor, one-on-one against a pass rusher. Working inside with the Eagles, performing combo blocks and sorting out stunts and twists, was like learning a foreign language to him, and he wasn't a diligent student.

Smith was always an athlete in search of a position. He came to Louisville as a quarterback, played linebacker, then defensive end. As an NFL pass rusher, it was quickly apparent that Smith had no understanding of technique, lacked strength, and didn't play with great intensity. Seattle picked him up after the Eagles gave up in 2017, and at one point last off-season, Smith was being considered for a starting job. After the Seahawks cut him in August, he played two games for Washington.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll cited Smith's "personal issues" in cutting him. The NFL Network reported that Smith was considering retirement, something he must have reconsidered. This spring he has returned to the Redskins roster, after being cut by them in December.

Ramsey says Jags know why he's skipping voluntary workouts

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey responded to Tom Coughlin's public criticism Friday, saying the team knows why he's skipping voluntary workouts.

Ramsey did not elaborate on the reason for his absence in his Twitter post, but said he will be "ready when it's time."

His agent, David Mulugheta, also released a

statement Friday.

"To be clear, Jalen Ramsey is exactly where Jalen should be during his offseason," Mulugheta tweeted. "He's spending time with his young daughter & family while training in his hometown of Nashville. In addition the Jags are fully aware of why he is not taking part in the voluntary offseason program."

Coughlin took a not-so-subtle shot at Ramsey and linebacker Telvin Smith during the team's state of the franchise presentation Thursday.

Coughlin, the team's executive vice president of football operations, said "championship teams are dominated by selfless individuals who recognize that the welfare of the team must always be paramount to any other consideration."

Ramsey and Smith are the team's only players who didn't show up for the start of the team's offseason program. Coach Doug Marrone said he reached out to both players and didn't hear back from either one.

Ramsey also skipped voluntary workouts last year, choosing instead to spend



AP file photo

Jacksonville cornerback Jalen Ramsey (left) intercepts a pass. Ramsey responded to Tom Coughlin's public criticism Friday saying the team knows why he's skipping voluntary workouts. Ramsey did not elaborate on the reason for his absence in his Twitter post, but said he will be "ready when it's time."

the offseason working out at his father's training facility in Nashville, Tennessee. He's entering the fourth year of his rookie contract, a four-year deal worth \$23.35 million. He made the Pro Bowl each of the past two seasons, is widely considered one of the best cornerbacks in the NFL and is due to count \$7.43 million against the

salary cap in 2019.

Smith's absence was more surprising, especially since he's been in attendance each of his first five years in the league and got a contract extension in 2017.

"Success in the NFL demands struggle," Coughlin said. "Those who have everything given to them become lazy, selfish and insensitive to the real values of team. The hard work that many try to avoid is the major building block for the development of an outstanding football team."

"It's not about rights and privileges. It's about obligations and responsibility. And the question is, can we count on you? Doing the things the right way all the time; we are what we repeatedly do. Excellence therefore is not an act, but a habit."

NFLPA President Eric Winston reacted a short time later, saying the Collective Bargaining Agreement's definition of voluntary "is the same as the actual definition of voluntary and prohibits anyone from threatening players to participate in voluntary workouts."

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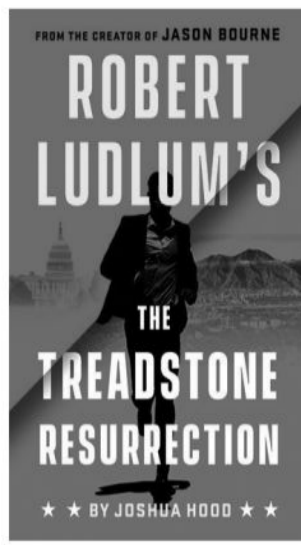
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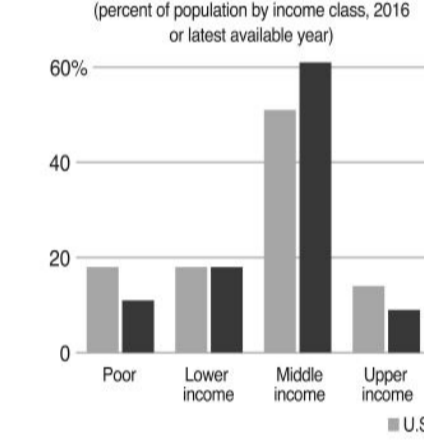
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Middle class gets squeezed

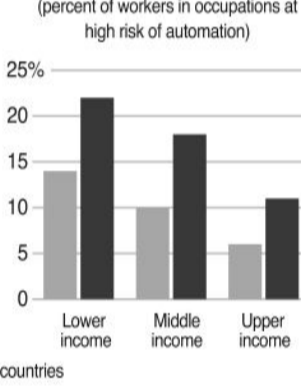
The middle class is being squeezed across the globe, and the trend hasn't spared Americans.

U.S. middle income class versus OECD countries



Source: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development

Median income jobs automation risk



Alex Veiga; Alex Nieves • AP

Company Spotlight Chugging along

Union Pacific's stock rose after the railroad was able to deliver a profit gain despite hauling fewer carsloads and dealing with massive flooding during its most recent quarter.



The Omaha, Nebraska-based company said that its profit increased 6%, exceeding market forecasts.

to streamline its operations by running trains on a tighter schedule so it can use fewer locomotives, cars and employees to move the same freight.

CEO Lance Fritz said those efforts helped the railroad rebound quickly from severe cold weather and flooding along the Missouri River and its tributaries.

Union Pacific still expects its volume to grow at a low-single-digit rate this year.

Summary box for Union Pacific (UNP) stock price, earnings ratio, and dividends.

Combined Stocks

Large table listing various stocks and their prices, including Union Pacific, Amazon, and others.

InsiderQ&A Having enough to retire comfortably



Kevin Hogan CEO, Life & Retirement division AIG

Kevin Hogan is chief executive of insurer AIG's Life & Retirement division, where he oversees the firm's individual retirement, life insurance business and more.

AIG recently conducted a survey of more than 1,000 people — all over 40 — and found that more than half of them wanted to live to be 100.

You know, it sort of did in a way but also, I was optimistic about that result. I think it's a reflection of the improvements in health care and lifestyle and awareness.

This idea of living longer can stir up financial anxiety for folks though, can you talk about what that looks like?

It's quite interesting as we think about 'What does the new definition of holistic wellness look like?'

Where do you see most people going wrong in retirement planning?

I would say there are certain basic practices that everybody can adopt in terms of being thoughtful about having a savings plan.

You've talked about how annuities help with distribution, but is that too complex?

We find that people that choose to work with a financial professional are actually much more comfortable and confident. It can supplement what people can do for themselves with a well-articulated plan.

Interviewed by Sarah Skidmore Sell. Edited for clarity and length.

AP

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EDITORIAL

Firefighters answer our prayers, too

There are things we found in the fire last week, too.

A blaze broke out Monday at the Cathedral of Notre Dame, built to be a house of God centuries ago.

Though we're not unmindful of what Easter Sunday celebrates, that fire in the heart of Paris also inspired hope that this universally revered building will be rebuilt.

When the first photos and videos appeared, our hearts were filled with dread and we feared the worst.

Yet, aside from this building's roof being destroyed, its fire-damaged interior displays an almost miraculous image of endurance.

Most trust the cathedral's survival is in part due to the grace of God, but we would all do well to remember firefighters in our prayers, too.

In the case of the Notre Dame, if not especially for 20 men and women, loaded with gear, who climbed hundreds of steps up a narrow, spiral staircase in one of the cathedral's two towers all might have been lost in the fire.

That's not to diminish what hundreds of other firefighters did inside and outside that building.

Yet, it's this kind of personal courage — fighting a fire inside it — that exemplifies these men and women who go above and beyond the call daily.

No, most runs don't turn into a battle for anyone's life, or in the case of Notre Dame — a battle for the ages.

Yet, volunteer and professional firefighters fight battles behind the scenes that most of us never know.

Volunteers comprise about 91 percent of firefighters in West Virginia. The communities they serve rely on them as the first line of defense for countless emergencies. There are 12 volunteer fire departments in both Monongalia and Preston counties. And, for each one, funding, equipment and filling their rosters is a chore.

Not to mention it's a dangerous job and in recent years their ranks have thinned by more than 25 percent. It's not that people don't want to volunteer, it's just that many must work two, three jobs to provide for their families.

Morgantown's firefighters and some in Granville are paid, yet that does nothing to mitigate the risks or ensure resources and benefits.

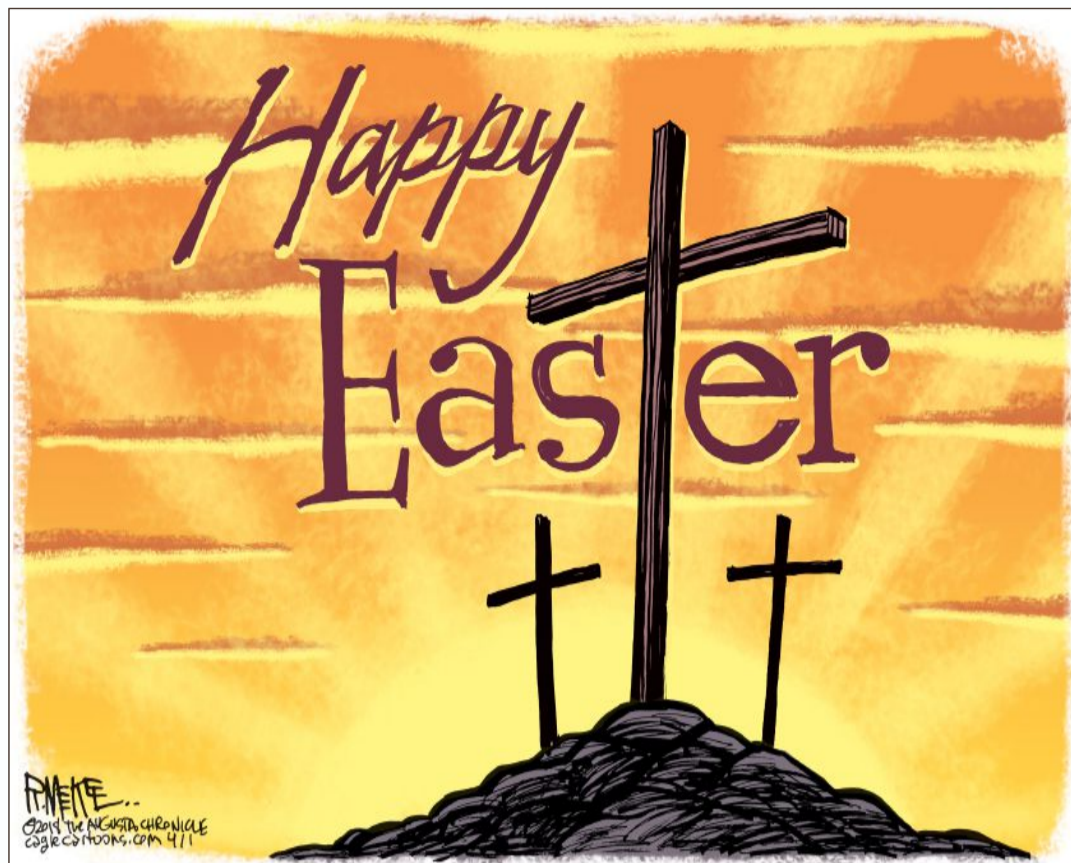
Some already are decrying a potential 1 percent sales tax hike in Morgantown to generate revenues for firefighters' seriously unfunded pension plans.

Not to mention another potential municipal fee to cover the costs of a dozen additional firefighters Morgantown hired in 2017.

It may seem inappropriate on a weekend when many voices are rising to the heavens to think of sirens screaming to a fire.

But like places of worship are special, from the small to the towering, so too are firefighters.

That's something that should not be lost on any of us, either.



Thief needs to return visitor's photo albums

After a long drive from St. Charles, Mo., I selected Morgantown as my final stop of the day because I had heard of its beauty, and I wanted to see the campus.

I chose a hotel right in the heart of downtown. After an enjoyable evening strolling the streets, eating and conversing with some extremely friendly locals, I returned to my car, parked on an outside lot, to retrieve some items. Unfortunately, I had left it unlocked.

Although a victim of a theft should not be blamed for it, I certainly was a facilitator. I only hope the expendable items taken fell into the hands of those who really needed them, including an expensive camera.

One group of items, how-

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ever, a set of three photo albums from the early 1900s, would be of no value to anyone but me and my family. I had been taking them to my 99-year-old uncle in Maryland so that he could see them again and help me identify the many people pictured I did not know.

A family treasure, whose safe-keeping was entrusted to me by my grandmother, is

somewhere on the streets or in the Dumpsters of Morgantown. Hoping it's the former, I am appealing to anyone who might, on a rare chance, come across any or all of these albums to please return them to the Clarion Hotel Morgantown. So much of our family history is contained in them, and their loss is particularly devastating to me.

In closing, this incident does not jade my view of your fine city. The response of the police department, the parking authority and, particularly, the staff at the hotel was encouraging. In situations such as this, it seems that good overrides bad, and it is with this faith in the citizens of your town, that I am hopeful of the return of these precious memories.

Bob Utt
St. Charles, Mo.

POLITICS

What would Jesus do? Buttigieg has no idea

PETE BUTTIGIEG, THE MAYOR OF SOUTH BEND, IND., is one of the many candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination. But that's not his only long-shot bid. He also wants to claim Christianity for contemporary progressive politics.

"Christian faith is going to point you in a progressive direction," he told USA Today.

Even in our largely secular press, the coverage of the Buttigieg campaign has been rapturous. A few conservatives have contested the mayor's version of religious politics by denying that he is truly Christian, citing his support for same-sex marriage (he is in one) and legal third-trimester abortion. Some of those critics have gone so far as to dismiss the Episcopal church, of which the mayor is a member, as no longer Christian.

Buttigieg's fans have, naturally, responded to that line of argument with outrage, having apparently missed that the mayor is fine with questioning other people's faith. "It is hard to look at this president's actions and believe that they're the actions of somebody who believes in God," he said in that USA Today interview.

Obviously people who describe themselves as "Christians" disagree with one another, generally sincerely, about what being a Christian entails. There are Protestants who don't think that Catholics



RAMESH PONNURU

make the cut.

This type of disagreement is not distinctive to religion. The boundaries of such groupings as "conservatives" and "liberals" are also contested. The debates among Christians will probably be more fruitful if they proceed as inquiries into what followers of Jesus should do than as attempts at expulsion and counter-expulsion.

For Buttigieg, the basic mistake of conservative Christians is "saying so much about what Christ said so little about, and so little about what he said so much about." His interviewer, journalist Kirsten Powers, calls it an "insightful formulation" and specifies that abortion is one of those topics

Jesus ignored. What He did talk about, Buttigieg says, includes

"defending the poor, and the immigrant, and the stranger, and the prisoner, and the outcast, and those who are left behind by the way society works." Hence his claim about how Christianity dovetails with progressivism.

It is a heartfelt argument. It is also partisan nonsense, a politicized distortion of the Bible's words and its silences.

To see what's wrong with it, consider that the argument could just as easily be, and was, deployed against William Wilberforce and other Christian abolitionists. Notoriously, the Bible nowhere explicitly condemns slavery.

It does, however, teach that God has made human beings in His image. Christian thinkers, using the power of reason they believed God gave them, reflected on that teaching over the centuries and concluded that the Christian conscience could have no truck with the institution.

Liberal Christians must necessarily engage in similar thinking to believe that higher immigration levels or looser eligibility criteria for food stamps are godly causes: Jesus doesn't say anything direct about the federal budget or naturalization policies either.

There is of course room for argument among people of good will, whether or not they are Christian, about the judgments that liberals have reached, as there is room for argument over conservative Christians' beliefs about abortion. But the idea that unborn children deserve legal protection seems a

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JAY AMBROSE

Capitalism also works for Bernie

WHEN PRESIDENT TRUMP used to talk about illegal immigrants as rapists and murderers, he would always add some were good people.

When cursing the rich as greedy, exploitative and worse, Sen. Bernie Sanders would likewise acknowledge that some were almost OK. Now we know who he was talking about. Himself.

Pressure made him do it — the release of his tax forms, and there, merry and bright, was more than \$2 million he had made over two years time. Right away, a liberal think tank took a shot at him and he said, Shut up, we progressives have to win in 2020. After all, he is now in front of the line of the Democratic presidential candidates circling the block.

Still, being in a wealthy class that he constantly castigates is obviously an embarrassment to him. It sounds like an excuse when this 1 percent kind of guy says, "I wrote a best-selling book. If you write a best-selling book, you can be a millionaire, too." Well, maybe, but did people buy any of his three books because critics proclaimed their depth and insight? Was it maybe because of name and fame?

One way to get there is to forget how the miracle of capitalism saved hundreds of millions from poverty while delivering modernity and suppose that shrinking liberties is fine because big government knows more than the stupid people know.

I am not saying Sanders is a con man. The scary thing is that he is sincere, a confused hippie who never grew out of it, someone once kicked out of a commune because he didn't work hard enough and a socialist who doesn't get it that socialism doesn't work at all. He points to Scandinavia, but while the Scandinavian countries are welfare states, they have markets as free or freer than ours, although its people do pay taxes about as high for the middle class as Sanders wants for the super-rich.

As a richer man, Sanders might become a better man. So many of those who get rich bring us amazing things, such as Henry Ford's affordable automobiles, the Wright brothers' airplanes, radios, television, new medicines, cellphones and Apple and Microsoft. Many of the rich are also incredible philanthropists. Sanders does give to charities and now can give more unless his materialism gets in the way. Have you seen the pictures of his three houses?

Sanders is right that wealthy corporations often contribute to campaigns to influence winners. Look at all the donations Hillary Clinton received.

Is it possible a richer Sanders may finally get it that capitalism is a great thing, that inequality is not what makes or keeps people poor and that free trade has improved health and longevity worldwide? Is it possible he might even study Trump and see that cutting taxes and deregulation can set job records and boost wages?

I doubt it, and in the absence of a conversion, I would suggest he write more books and leave politics.

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I LOVE STORIES.

Funny stories, shocking stories. Apocalyptic stories, survivalist stories. Short stories. Long, winding tales of family secrets, tragedy and murder.

Especially long, winding tales of family secrets, tragedy and murder.

Trouble is, I can't always be lying in bed with a book. As much as I would love it, stupid adulthood means that bed is, in fact, where I get to spend the least amount of my time.

Instead, I'm most often at work, and when I'm not, I'm either in my car or cleaning. Or cleaning my car.

None of which are particularly conducive to reading.

Thankfully, there exist such a thing as audiobooks, which allow you to read with your ears instead of your eyeballs. I've used them on long trips for years.

But for the stop-and-start stuff of life — running from room to room with a duster, or from Target to Kroger to the co-op for errands — my go-to these days is podcasts.

They're engaging enough to make the time pass, but edited into episodes, making it easier to tailor your listening to the task at hand.

And given that I've done little else than run from room to room with a duster or from Target to Kroger to the co-op on errands lately, I figured I'd share a few of the good ones I've found recently.

I mean, it's not like I have my own exciting stories to share.

Anyway, here are a handful worth checking out.

■ "Root of Evil: The True Story of the Hodel Family and the Black Dahlia," eight episodes, about 45 minutes each. You don't have to be a murder buff to be familiar with the 1947 Black Dahlia murder. It's one of America's most brutal and famous unsolved crimes. This podcast makes the case that the killer was a surgeon named George Hodel, who had famous friends, ties to the surrealist movement, and a mean streak a mile long. While the evidence against him is compelling — unearthed by none other than his own son, Steve Hodel, a retired LAPD homicide detective — the real draw is the story of the family, and how Hodel's darkness spread through generations.

■ "Blackout," eight episodes, about 30 minutes each. Certainly influenced by "War of the Worlds," one of the most famous broadcasts in history, "Blackout" stars Oscar-winning actor Rami Malek, in a new take on the end of days. Six episodes are available now, new episodes are released on Tuesdays.

■ "Crimtown Presents: The Ballad of Billy Balls," 26 episodes total, five available so far. New episodes released on Thursdays. Narrated by iO Tillett Wright — a sometimes fill-in host on MTV's "Catfish" (and you know I love my "Catfish") — "The Ballad of Billy Balls" is another unsolved-crime-on-the-surface, family-saga-underneath series aka my favorite kind. It begins with the 1982 murder of New York City punk musician Billy Balls, and progresses by delving into both the crime itself, and its lifelong effects on Billy's love, Rebecca — who happens to be Tillett Wright's mom. I've only had time to listen to one of these so far, but I'm hooked. So much so that I'm actually looking forward to my chores this weekend. A feat so impressive, they should probably make it their new tagline.

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EASTER FUN



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Easter this year is April 21. It is celebrated the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring.

Easter is thought to have developed from an Old English word *Eastrun* (sometimes *Eastre* or *Eostre*). It may be derived from the name of an Old English goddess.

In Latin and Greek, Easter is called *Pascha*.

Some Christian traditions have dropped the observation of Lent and the days of Holy Week as pagan or too close to the Catholic religion, or they interpret the scriptures differently.

Eggs are an ancient symbol of life and rebirth and, in Christian traditions, became closely associated with Jesus' death and resurrection.

In 1885, the tsar of Russia commissioned the jeweler Fabrege to design an elaborate enameled egg

every Easter.

According to CNN, U.S. consumers will spend \$18.2 billion on candy, clothing, decorations and more this Easter.

In Orthodox and Eastern Catholic churches, Easter eggs are dyed red to represent the blood of Christ. Cracking open the egg on Easter represents opening Jesus' empty tomb.

Cascarones are hollowed-out eggs stuffed with confetti or small toys and are common in areas with Latin American traditions.

In 1873, J.S. Fry & Sons introduced the first chocolate egg in Britain.

In Australia, Easter takes place in autumn and is associated with the harvest rather than with the coming of spring.

The Easter bunny originated among German Lutherans and, similar to Santa Claus, brings toys and candy to children. It was first mentioned in literature in 1682.

Go natural with egg dyes

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We're all familiar with the fizzy dyeing tablets, but there are ways to go natural with your egg dyes. This is a great way to experiment with colors and foods. As long as they aren't cracked, your eggs shouldn't pick up the taste of blueberries or onions.

Blue-gray: Mix a cup of frozen blueberries and one cup water. Bring to room temperature and remove the blueberries before dipping the eggs.

Blue: Cut a quarter of a head of red cabbage into chunks and add four cups boiling water. Stir in two tablespoons of vinegar. Let cool to room temperature and remove the cabbage with a slotted spoon.

Jade green: Peel the skin from six red onions and simmer in two

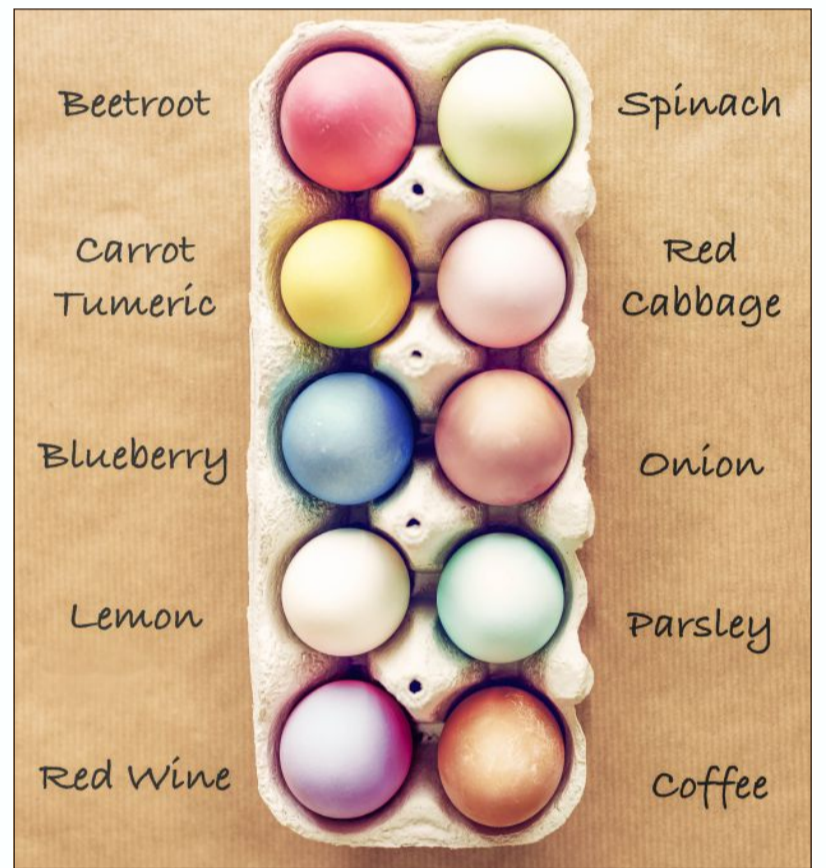
cups of water for 15 minutes. Strain and add three teaspoons of white vinegar.

Orange: Use the skin of six yellow onions and simmer in two cups of water for 15 minutes. Strain and add three teaspoons white vinegar. The longer you soak the eggs, the darker this color is.

Yellow: Simmer four ounces of chopped carrot tops in 1 1/2 cups water for 15 minutes. Strain and add two teaspoons white vinegar.

Pink: Cut a medium beet into chunks and add four cups boiling water. Stir in two tablespoons of vinegar and let cool to room temperature. Remove beets. The longer the eggs sit, the darker the color will be.

Lavender: Mix a cup of grape juice and a tablespoon of vinegar.



Plan a family activity

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For some, Easter marks the beginning of spring and a renewal of life. Traditions celebrated on Easter include egg hunts, visiting the Easter bunny and attending religious services.

Decorate an Easter tree

While Christmas trees are usually inside the house, Easter trees can be inside or out, and are usually potted, living trees meant to be replanted. Visit a local nursery to find an appropriate inside plant to decorate. Look for one with sturdy branches but also one that fits your space and will be happy indoors for a few weeks.

If you're decorating a tree outside, take a trip to the local hobby or crafts store and pick up some decorations that can stand up to

spring showers.

Look for eggs, bunnies, crosses, flowers and more.

Make Easter cards

While you're at the art store, pick up some construction paper, crayons or markers and stickers and let your kids make Easter cards for family and friends. If they're really industrious, you can contact local hospitals or nursing homes and ask if you can drop off cards for residents.

Hold an egg-spoon race

Get the whole family (and friends and neighbors) together and hold an egg-and-spoon race. See who can balance an egg — plastic to avoid a mess — on a wooden spoon and get across the finish line first.

Prizes can be piles of Easter candy.

BIRD'S NESTS

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Full of spring color and fun to make, these birds' nests are a hit at any Easter celebration. Made of melted marshmallows, chow mein noodles and candy eggs, they're also a cinch. Try this recipe from Allrecipes.com.

BIRD'S NESTS

3 cups mini marshmallows
1/4 cup peanut butter
3 tablespoons butter
4 cups crispy chow mein noodles

Cooking spray

40 chocolate candy eggs

1. In a large pot over medium heat, stir together marshmallows, peanut butter and butter until melted.

2. Pour the noodles into a large bowl, then pour over the marshmallow mixture. Stir together to coat.

3. Spray hands with cooking spray. Pick up a handful of noodles and form into a nest. Nestle three or four chocolate eggs into the middle. Place on a wax paper sheet to cool. Store in an airtight container.



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95TH BIRTHDAY

Bailey



Miss Lela B. Bailey will celebrate her 95th birthday on April 27, 2019. Lela's career in education touched so many in Morgantown and the surrounding areas. She served her community as an elementary teacher in Florida, Woodburn and as a traveling reading specialist in north-central West Virginia. Miss Lela was also a principal in Blacksville, First Ward and Smithtown Elementary. Miss Bailey holds a degree with Glenville State College, her master's with the University of Florida and an advanced graduate degree from WVU College of Education.

She is an active member of Suncrest United Methodist Church, The Monongalia Historical Society and Red Hats.

We are requesting a card shower to honor her as she turns 95 years old. Cards of congratulations will reach her at 271 Canyon Road, Morgantown WV 26508.

How to submit announcements

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The Dominion Post publishes brief announcements of weddings, engagements and anniversaries, with clear photos, and births and adoptions, without photos, at no charge.

For couples who want to include more details of their celebrations, packages are available at a variety of fees. Forms can be picked up at the The Dominion Post office. Questions: 304-291-9426.

Anniversary announcements are published for couples celebrating 10 or more years of marriage.

For couples married 50 years and every year after, announcements are free. They may send a wedding photo and a current photo.

Milestones can be submitted to lifestyles@dominionpost.com, or by dropping them off at the office.

DATING

How to avoid the holiday nosiness

BY ERIKA ETTIN

Tribune News Service (TNS)

Easter is here. So is Passover. This is a time for food and drinks... and nosy friends and relatives?

It's funny how things can change so quickly. We all have that friend who is perpetually single, and then one day he or she meets the new love of his or her life, and the next thing you know — boom — they become a "we" rather than an "I" plus "I." And so many times, these newly coupled friends forget what it's like to be on the other end — single and looking.

This spring holiday season, wherever you are in your relationship, it's important to remember that everyone is on his or her own journey, and some people spend more time in certain stages of their lives than others. In addition, there isn't one "right" path to choose. I'm here to remind the happy couples that there are certain things you can say or ask your single friends that will likely rub them the wrong way. I want to share the top five things that you should not ask your single friends, lest you be stuck cleaning the ham trimmings:

- 1. Why are you still single?**
Adding the word "still" makes this question sound like there is only one thing in life that people aspire to — not being single. Perhaps someone is making the conscious choice to be single. Or, maybe someone broke up with a significant other last month, or last year, and is taking the necessary time to heal. Does that mean this person is "still" single? Of course not. Let's remove the word "still" from single. Everyone has his or her own story.
- 2. How hasn't anyone**



TNS photo

Asking, "Why are you still single?" can be insulting to some, as adding the word "still" makes this question sound like there is only one thing in life that people aspire to—not being single.

snatched you up yet?

As my lovely friend Lisa walked into a bar recently (to meet a date, mind you), this older man who knew nothing about her said, "You're too beautiful to be single." While on the surface this may seem like a compliment (she said a polite "thanks"), the actual implication is, "What's wrong with you?" No one likes being put on the defensive. If you want to give a real compliment, instead say a simple, "You're beautiful."

3. Do you think you're too picky?

Everyone has different standards. Period.

4. Do you think you're afraid of commitment?

If the answer is "yes," then what do you say next? Do you have a solution? And if it's "no," then it just makes the person feel worse. Plus, the question may bring up painful issues from the past. In the end, that's for someone and a therapist to discuss — not a well-meaning friend.

5. Maybe love will come when you least expect it?

I have to refute this one. Dating takes work. When it comes to online dating, many people think they can just throw a mediocre profile and pictures up

there and just wait. Nope. Most things that matter in life — jobs, fitness, and the pursuit of love — take time, energy, and work. It's always worth it to give something a real try.

So, if you're in coupled bliss, enjoy it! But when it comes to your friends and loved ones, remember that everyone moves at a different pace, and everyone makes different decisions about how to spend their lives. There's no one "right" choice. You simply make the choice that's best for you. Respect that in others, and hopefully they'll do the same for you.

BOOKS

Trilogy author to give reading Thursday at library

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Author Patricia Hopper will read from standalone novels in her trilogy at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Morgantown Public Library.

Hopper, an Irish native living in West Virginia, announces the release of "Aunjel," her third novel in the historical trilogy about the Irish-American O'Donovan family. Her novels tackle the question she has often heard, "My ancestors were Irish and longed to return to Ireland but could never afford to go back."

The trilogy is set in northern

Maryland and in Lough Corrib, Ireland. Kilpara begins the trilogy in 1866 when Ann O'Donovan, an Irish emigrant, pleads with her son Ellis to take her back to Ireland to see Kilpara one last time. Corrib Red is a coming of age story about Deirdre and Grace O'Donovan in 1884, and Aunjel, recently released, and the last novel in the trilogy, takes place in 1895.

Aunjel's career at the Metropole Gentlemen's Club in Baltimore unravels when the singer injures a U.S. congressman with a near-fatal knife wound, after he drunkenly

accosts her onstage. Her life spirals further downward from news that her mother is critically ill. Aunjel rushes to her mother's home at Stonebridge House, an estate owned by the O'Donovans in Maryland. Before her death, her mother confesses that Ellis, one of three O'Donovan brothers, now living in Ireland, is Aunjel's biological father. Left with no family and unable to return to Baltimore, Aunjel accepts Ellis O'Donovan's offer to become a governess to his granddaughter at Kilpara. When an elusive enemy threatens the O'Donovan family,

Ellis's daughter, Grace O'Donovan, suspects the new governess. Is Grace correct in her assumption, or are other forces seeking vengeance against the O'Donovans, and even Aunjel herself?

Hopper's trilogy has received praise from Manhattan Book Review, Midwest Book Review, Historical Novel Society, and the Charleston Gazette.

Hopper received a B.A. and M.A. from West Virginia University. Her fiction and nonfiction have been published in newspapers, magazines, reviews, and anthologies.

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WELLNESS

Keeping your balance: learn to control your worry

BY BARTON GOLDSMITH

Tribune News Service (TNS)

I don't want to go all Zen on you, but the simple fact is that when our lives are in balance, we just feel better, get more done, and enjoy the journey a lot more. That being said, keeping things in balance can be challenging for even a Zen master, so you are in good company.

There are many things that throw us off balance. Worry is one of them, and it can be quite uncomfortable. But you do have some control here and perhaps more than you think. By walking yourself through

whatever issues you are dealing with, you will see that there is another side.

For example, imagine the outcome of the worry. Ask yourself, "Will this kill me? Will it change my lifestyle? Will someone get hurt? Or am I just upset because now I have to get off the elevator and take the stairs?" People usually find that their worry and the stress that comes with it amount to wasted time, but that's hard to see when you're in the middle of it. This is where balancing thoughts can enter.

By telling yourself that

you can see things balance out, and visualize what that looks like in your mind's eye, the worry will begin to dissipate. If the worry has gone into your body and you are shaking, then you need to get a little more intense about getting it out.

In this situation, you can focus on the part of your body that is feeling the worry (usually in your chest), rest your hands there, and just keep the focus there until you physically feel the worry go away. Your mind will wander, but just keep bringing

your attention back to the place where you physically feel the worry.

The little exercise can be very helpful, but if it doesn't work and the feelings become more intense, please call your doctor. Anxiety mimics a lot of things, including a heart attack, so don't take any chances if you can't get the feelings under control or you continue to have chest pain or a rapid heartbeat.

Learning how to calm yourself actually makes you a stronger person because you are no longer letting your worry control you, and you will enjoy your life more. Yes, there are medications available, and they can be a godsend, but if not really needed, they are best to avoid, as these medications can cause other problems (like a loss of libido and even depression), and people do become dependent and even addicted to some anti-anxiety medications.

Worrying about your health won't make you sick. If that were the case, I wouldn't be here. Many people with chronic worry issues live long and fruitful lives, but how much nicer would your days be if you didn't wake up in a panic or fret about all your possible outcomes? A little mindfulness training and exercise can do wonders. Just give it a try.

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THE GOD SQUAD

Meditations for spring

I SEND ALONG some Passover/Easter meditations and greetings to help you go a bit deeper than dinner in your spiritual journey through spring.

■ For Passover: The story of the Exodus from Egypt requires us, according to rabbinic interpretation, to view ourselves, in our place and time right now, to see ourselves as having personally left Egypt, “Because of what the Lord did for me when I left Egypt.” In Hebrew, Egypt is “Mizraim,” and it comes from a root word “meitzar,” which means “constriction, or a narrow place, or a slot canyon through high rocks.” Egypt is the symbol of restriction and fear, of limitation and powerlessness. So try on this question: “In my life right now, what is my Egypt?”

■ For Easter: Easter offers Christians the hope of salvation from sin through the death and resurrection of Jesus. We are not all guilty of all sins, so try this question: “In my life right now, what sin am I committing from which I most need Jesus’ atoning death?”

May this springtime bring you out of Egypt and into a place where nothing is pressing in against you if you are Jewish, and may this season wash away your sins in the blood of Christ if you are a Christian. And if you are neither, may this springtime bring you a deep sense of renewal after a bleak winter.

Q: Recently, you responded to a question asking whether, if you were raised in a Christian religion from birth, you would in later life convert to Judaism because you felt that Judaism had the correct answers for your religious beliefs. You never directly answered. From D on Long Island, N.Y.

A: As in all things I follow Albert Einstein whenever possible. Einstein was once asked if he was proud to be born Jewish. He answered, “No. Because being born Jewish did not give me the opportunity to choose to be Jewish.” I would like to believe that I would have chosen to be Jewish, however, there is a piece of me that believes that whatever faith I was born into and taught to love and respect by my family, I would have embraced. Fr. Tom Hartman and I were firm believers in the idea that there are many ways up the same mountain to God. My faith of Judaism teaches that belief explicitly, “The righteous of all nations shall inherit a share in the World To Come.” Christianity has that belief but it is also mixed in with, “The only way to the father is through me.” (John 14:6)

I know that there are many sincere climbers up the same mountain to God who change paths during their ascent. I know that conversion to another faith is possible and I bear no ill will against those who discover that they can come to God more easily through a faith that is different from their family’s. The problematic issue for me is evangelization, which is the effort to forcefully solicit converts. This can lead to the view that there is something spiritually deficient in the faith of one’s past. I choose to view conversion as a discovery; that what seemed at first to be a song sung by strangers was in fact a song intended to be sung by you.

SEND ALL QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS to The God Squad via email at godssquad@aoi.com.

EX-ETIQUETTE

Difficulties of co-parenting

Q: When my son was 3 months old, I broke up with his father. There were many reasons. Basically, he wouldn’t work, he slept all day, and didn’t help with the kids. I worked full time, was a fulltime student, and did everything. Fast forward a year, I decide to give ‘us’ another try. He improved in the beginning but then things got bad again. I had enough and finally ended it for good. Now fast forward almost another year — he is still messaging me and asking me back. In these last several months he has been charged with harassment and felony stalking. So, how do I co-parent with someone who is impossible to work with? I’m starting to be concerned if my son is even safe with him. What’s good ex-etiquette?

A: There are times that co-parenting is impossible. Circumstances are just out of your control. If your child’s other parent has been found guilty of felony stalking and harassment, there’s not much to do — he will probably go to jail, and then once he’s out, a protective order of some sort will be in place. He will most likely be on probation and everyone will be watching.

For the record, there are degrees of protective orders. Some do not allow any contact and a third party must assist in exchanging the children. Others are marked, “peaceful conduct regarding the children” and although there is a protected party and interaction is kept to a minimum, the two parents personally exchanging the children does not violate the protective order.

But, when there is the sort volatility that you describe, you

will not be able to co-parent as most who share their children’s time would co-parent. You can’t discuss everyday matters or problem solve together. You can call each other if a child is in the hospital and both be at the hospital during that emergency, but no casual phone calls to talk about the kids, no, “Please come back,” no, rehashing what went wrong or remember the good ol’ days. What’s done is done and restraining orders can be for a year, three years, even five years if the offense merits it. And, they can be renewed.

This will definitely put a damper on “co-parenting.”

Something you may want to consider at this point is communicating through an app. Co-parenting apps have private servers that can be monitored by a mediator or judge. All communication is in writing and if inappropriate things are said, that is documented and your child’s father (in this case) would be in violation of the restraining order.

As a reminder to everyone out there in Ex-etiquette Land — everything that is written or posted on social media is admissible in court. This means if you have posted pictures of yourself in provocative poses, getting high at a party, brandishing weapons, etc., don’t be surprised if your child’s other parent shows up in court with links to the posts looking for custody. The reasoning? If you are using bad judgment, the child may not be safe.

Everything in Family Court is based on “in the best interest of the child” — and, so is good ex-etiquette.

DR. JANN BLACKSTONE is the author of “Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation.”

ASK MR. DAD

Infertility: Not just for women

Q: A few years ago, you wrote a column about male infertility. I remember being surprised, since I’d always thought women were the only ones who had fertility problems. But now, after several years of being unable to conceive, I just found out that, just like the man who’d written to you back then, that the issue is mine. And, like him, I’m shattered. I’m thrashing around, looking for anything I can do to undo whatever the problems are and to feel like a man again. Is there anything I should do — or stop doing — that can help?

A: Yes, there is hope. But you need to start being a little nicer to yourself. As you discovered, fertility issues most definitely affect men and women equally: About 40 percent of fertility problems are the woman’s, 40 percent are the man’s, and the remaining 20 percent are simply unexplained. My guess is that part of the misconception (so to speak) that fertility is a women’s issue has to do with the fact that most fertility doctors are OB/GYNs.

Infertile women are often anxious, stressed, depressed, and feel like failures as women and partners. For men, there’s a lot of macho tied up in being able to get a woman pregnant. Many new dads I’ve interviewed say they experienced a sense of virility and pride when the pregnancy test came back positive. It was like a confirmation that everything was in working order — which comes as quite a relief to some. Men who can’t impregnate their partner have many of the same feelings that women — and you — do.

As far as vitamins and supplements, there are plenty of

scams out there, so stay away from the internet and be very careful. That said, some studies have linked Vitamin C, B Vitamins (especially B-12), and Zinc with increased sperm counts. But check with the fertility doctor before you start popping any pills.

As far as behavior to stop or start, here are a few suggestions:

■ Quit smoking, eliminate alcohol and caffeine, and eat as clean a diet as you can. Foods with a lot of chemicals (bacon, for example) or pesticides may reduce sperm counts, so eating organic may help.

■ Workout — but don’t go overboard. Exercise is as close to a panacea as we have in the world, improving just about every area of our life. But a recent study found that exercising to the point of exhaustion may actually reduce sperm count (plus, even if it had no effect, it might make you too tired to have sex, which would produce the same result).

■ Keep cool. Sperm perform better in colder temperatures, which is why the testicles are located outside the body. That may explain why a disproportionate number of babies are born in August and September — roughly nine months after the coldest time of the year. Switching from tights-whities to boxers may help. Briefs can lead to overheating, decreased circulation, and a drop in sperm count. Stay out of the sauna, too. You may also want to get cloth seat covers for your car and run the air conditioner on hot days. One fascinating study found that long-distance truckers (who spend a lot of time with their testicles up against a hot seat) have lower-than-average sperm counts and fertility rates.

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PETS

Some advice on dog-friendly gardening

American Kennel Club (TNS)

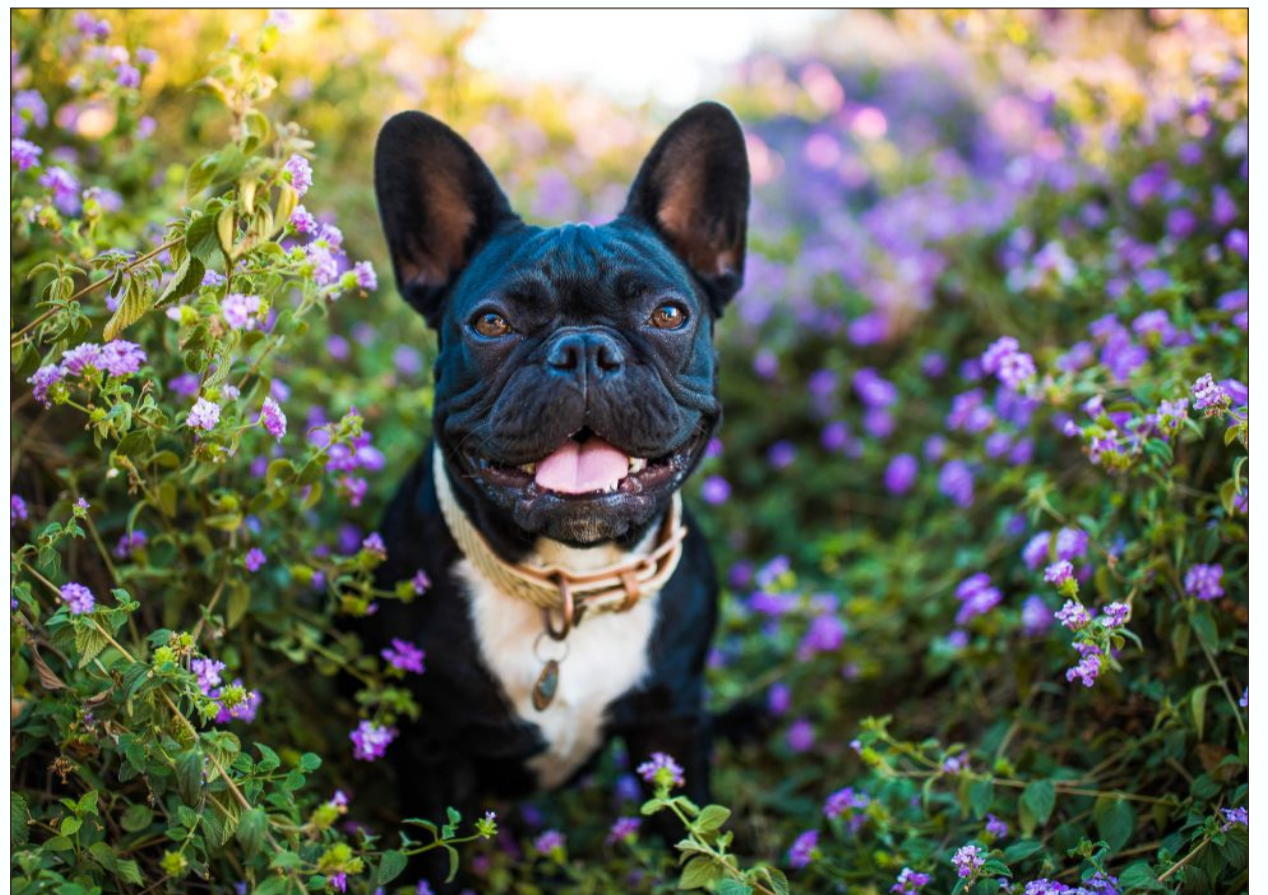
As the spring season begins, many people will soon start tending to their gardens. While we love our gardens, parts of them can actually be dangerous to our four-legged friends.

To help keep your garden dog-friendly this spring, the American Kennel Club offers the following advice:

■ Beware of spring allergies. Blooming plants, grasses and flowers can trigger seasonal allergies in dogs. Bulb plants such as tulips, daffodils and crocus can be extremely toxic if ingested. Other common plants such as sago palm and oleander are also poisonous to dogs. If you see any signs of allergies, you should take your dog to the veterinarian as soon as possible.

■ Beware of growing plants. Dogs can become extremely ill or even die from eating poisonous plants or flowers. To help prevent your dog from eating plants, don’t garden with him present. Otherwise, he may conclude that playing with plants and digging are acceptable activities. If any lawns you encounter have been treated with fertilizers, herbicides or insecticides, don’t let your dog walk on them until these toxic treatments have dried completely.

■ Be careful with pesticides.



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Pesticides can be hazardous to your pup. Do not use pesticides that include metaldehyde or methomyl, used for snail and fly bait. Follow the directions on the

product carefully and be sure to store items in a place that your dog cannot reach.

■ Designate a play area. Give your pup a designated play area

outdoors that is away from your garden. This will be a space where your dog can run around and burn some energy or even safely do some digging.

Chiropractors treat more than back pain

Q: I get neck pain and shoulder soreness monthly and am getting tired of it. It makes me dizzy, gives me headaches, and hurts. I have been told I need to stop eating the over the counter anti-inflammatories because it is hurting my liver. So what am I supposed to do, just suffer? What does a chiropractor do that is so different? Should I try it?

A: Once someone has seen the benefit of going to a Doctor of Chiropractor for back treatment, it is easy to understand the importance of going to this healthcare provider for treatment of other parts of the body such as the neck and shoulders.

Chiropractors use diagnostic indicators to differentiate types of neck conditions. Information obtained from these measurements and the results of cervical adjustments will help the doctor of chiropractic increase awareness of the care required to the



DR. KEVIN TREMBUSH

patient. For example, neck pain is often associated with postural stress that results in muscular tension and inflammation. The discomfort can be caused by sitting at a computer for long periods of time or performing repetitive tasks such as assembly line work. Similarly, chiropractic can determine what is causing ongoing or occasional shoulder pain.

The difference in this approach versus how you are used to doing is what the different type of doctor looks at and tries to help with the problem in your neck or elsewhere in your body.

Likely, you are used to relying on a drug (a chemical treatment) to relieve a mechanical problem of your neck and shoulder. This is ok if you are only looking to dull pain temporarily, do not have to worry about side effects, and do not care if you fix the problem right then. A chiropractor learns as much as he can about your problem through X-ray and examination and relies on the skills of his hands (a mechanical treatment) to correct a mechanical problem of your spine, or body in general, and create better function so that not only is pain lowered or removed altogether, but the problem may never come back.

Doctors of Chiropractic offer a unique and effective hands-on approach to a wide range of cervical problems. They manipulate or apply precise and gentle therapy to return motion to restricted spinal joints and improve the overall mechanics of the spine.

Seek out a chiropractor and try this approach. Maybe you will be part of the 80-plus percent of chiropractic patients who report a “very satisfied” rating for the treatment and profession. Note that all chiropractors are not the same and it is important to do some homework of asking for a referral from current patients and “interview” some of the DC’s before deciding.

My office and providers voluntarily offer community health talks free of charge to those in the Morgantown area. Each speaker is a representative of The Foundation for Wellness Professionals.

We can be reached at 304-225-9355 for questions regarding this community health service, if your organization is interested in wellness speakers.

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Amusement

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

Partnerships, money matters and healthy choices are all favored this year. It's up to you to make things happen, so set goals and deadlines, and turn this into a productive year.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Take an interest in what others are doing to discover something that will help you make a positive lifestyle change.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Draw on your intuitive insight when dealing with people, joint ventures and matters that require you to make a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Figure out what someone wants or is trying to say before you commit to anything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Engage in something you find fascinating or that gets your adrenaline flowing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A change of attitude will help you adjust to the alterations happening in your personal, financial or domestic life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Taking a day trip or engaging in an exercise that will challenge you will have an impact on the way you move forward.



EUGENIA LAST

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)

— Don't overdo it or take on impractical financial responsibilities just because someone else wants you to get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Carefully settle any personal or emotional matters that crop up. Anger won't solve anything.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — An opportunity will transform quite unexpectedly. Trust in yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Let others do as they please. Aim to maintain stability and to secure what you've worked so hard to achieve.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Mistakes will be made if misunderstandings prevail. Get the facts and focus on what's doable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Personal changes can be made that will enhance your mind, body and pursuits.

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Bago Dawei Magway Meiktila
- Minbu Mogok Monywa Myeik
- Naypyidaw Patheingyi Pyaw Oo Sittoung
- Taunggyi Thabeikkyin Yangon

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once.



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals H

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PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

HIT SINGLES

- ACROSS**
1 Insurance giant
6 Italian side dish
13 Govt. media watchdog
16 Once lived
19 Cheek makeup
20 Put out of memory
21 "Impressive!"
22 Skiing peak
23 "Glamorous" singer who's a member of the nobility?
25 Dodgy
27 Not disproven
28 "This Old House" airer
30 Hot and heavy
31 Size above med.
32 Kind of camera, for short
33 "Raise Your Glass" singer being scandalous?
36 Cheese variety
38 With
82-Across, Tour de France, e.g.
39 Resident doctor
40 "Kiss From a Rose" singer after lots of coaching?
44 Inits. on an ambulance
45 — Romeo
48 "Marat/Sade" playwright
49 With
35-Down, short, easy putts
50 Cup edge
51 Lowly
53 Hostelry
54 Tilted text: Abbr.
56 "Material Girl" singer of high birth?
58 "— chance!"
59 Neither's partner
60 Bit of dust
61 Galena, e.g.
62 Ending for peer
63 "Every Breath You Take" singer working as a spy?
68 — -TURN (traffic sign)
71 Suffix with mountain
72 Writer Haley
73 Clutch sitter
74 Moby Dick's pursuer
78 "Have You Ever?" singer doing commercials for Mac computers?
81 Brazilian soccer great
82 See
38-Across
83 Make an exit
84 Negatives
85 In the style of
86 Readily bent
87 — -deuce
88 Needle hole
89 "Yeah!" singer as a deacon?
92 Cheese variety
95 Co. leaders
96 Cry of pain
97 "Hot in Herre" singer on edge?
100 Vehicle navig. aid
101 Bar bill
104 UFO pilots
105 Outer: Prefix
106 Decided by ballot
109 Deviate
111 "You Were Meant for Me" singer whom everyone treasures?
114 "Sort of" suffix
115 Sharp bark
116 Most ethereal
117 Popular font
118 No longer active: Abbr.
119 Ocean
120 Frightful flies
121 Shabby
24 "Wake Up Little —"
26 Hitter of high notes
29 Revealing, as a bikini
33 Dial or Coast
34 Actor Linden
35 See
49-Across
36 Africa's Guinea —
37 ER workers
38 Not fake
40 Bed size
41 Nevada city
42 "— I a stinker?"
43 Ringo who was knighted
44 Downy duck
46 Air blowers
47 "Ah, me!"
50 Kind of paint
51 Nautical
52 Shangri-la
54 Seeing red?
55 "— is human ..."
56 — -dovey
57 Super 8, say
60 Sculpt
64 At no time, to bards
65 Lake craft
66 Crop off
67 Too gaudy
68 Not a thing
69 Big oil gp.
70 Northeast, on a map
75 Doth own
76 It's a pain
77 Lager, e.g.
79 Time between flights
80 "Do I have a volunteer?"
81 In addition
85 "Hey, sailor!"
86 Filmmaker Jean- — Godard
88 Nav. rank
89 Cartoon pic
90 Cowardly evasions
91 Shucks
93 Fiscal sums
94 Oz resident
95 Leachman of "Phyllis"
97 Lowest point
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107 Open a bit
108 Lynn or Miles
110 Hot tub site
112 Afore
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Some puzzle answers are found on Page 6-C in today's *The Dominion Post*.



- 1) How do you write the number 1,999 in Roman numerals?
- 2) 2,551?
- 3) What is the value of the Roman numeral MXXXIV?

SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

SUBJECT: AMERICANA

(e.g., Alphabetical name for a \$100 bill. Answer: C-note.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. Which city is "Home of the bean and the cod"? Answer
- 2. Which president's White House was called "Camelot"? Answer
- 3. In which state are Lexington and Concord? Answer

GRADUATE LEVEL

- 4. Who is considered to have the "bully pulpit" in the U.S.? Answer
- 5. This one-ton bell was cast in London in 1752. Answer
- 6. Who wrote the tribute to American doughboys "Over

There"? Answer

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7. What line follows "I wish I was in the land of cotton"?

Answer

8. The lyrics to "Over the Rainbow" were written by Harburg. Answer

9. Quotation: "Millions for defense but not one cent for ...". Answer

ANSWERS: 1. Boston. 2. John F. Kennedy. 3. Massachusetts. 4. The president. 5. Liberty Bell. 6. George M. Cohan. 7. "Old times there are not forgotten." 8. Yip. 9. Tribute.

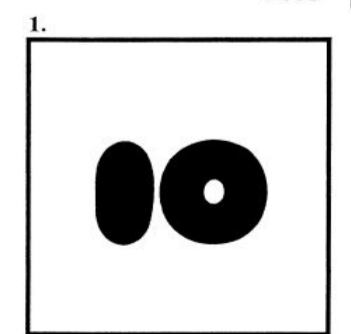
SCORING: 18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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2. [][][][][][][][][]

Today's Answers:

- 2. Travel adventure
- 1. Fatten

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Next Week:
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Spring's Flowering Trees



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Mini Fact: Washington, D.C., is famous for its cherry blossoms.

In spring, many flowers begin blooming on the ground and in the trees. Have the trees in your neighborhood burst into bloom yet?

The Mini Page celebrates Arbor Day, April 26, by taking a good look at the beautiful trees of spring.

Blooming time

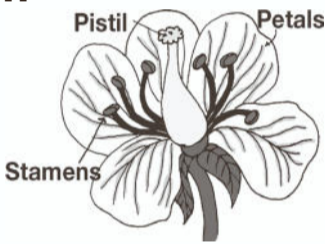
Most trees bloom in the spring. However, some trees, such as the hazelnut, bloom in late winter. Others, such as some magnolias, bloom during the spring and the summer.

Trees might also bloom when something goes wrong with their environment. For example, hurricanes can strip the leaves off many trees. Afterward, some of these trees may start to flower, even if it's the wrong season for blooming.

Sometimes during mild winters, trees flower early. But if snow and ice come after the flowers are out, these flowers die. When it warms up again, trees may start growing leaves, but they may not be able to produce fruit.

Reproduction

All trees have flowers. It is the flowers that make the seeds. **Pollen** is a fine golden dust from flowers. In order for a flower to make seeds, pollen from the male part (the **stamens**) must reach the female part (the **pistil**). This is called **pollination** (pah-luh-NAY-shun).



After the female part receives the pollen, it can make seeds. Some tree types have male and female flowers on the same tree. Others have only female flowers or male flowers.

Fruits

Trees need a way to spread their seeds. One way they do this is to grow a fruit that encloses their seeds. Animals carry away the fruit. Or animals eat the fruit and the seeds pass through their bodies.

The sugary food in juicy fruits, such as apples and oranges, helps new seeds get a good start.

Not all fruit is sweet and juicy. A nut is actually a dry fruit with a hard, dry fruit ball around the seed.

Helping the environment

Flowering trees help the environment and the economy in many ways. Trees:

- create beauty;
- attract tourists;
- provide shade and cooling;
- help keep waterways clean;
- make food for people and animals;
- provide shelter for animals;
- produce oxygen;
- provide fuel for cooking and heating.



Kids plant a tree as part of an Arbor Day event.

Neighbors plant trees during a Baltimore community project.



photo by Scott Kashnow

What is Arbor Day?

Arbor Day celebrates the importance of trees. (Arbor means tree.) National Arbor Day falls on the last Friday in April.

Each state also has its own Arbor Day. Many states in the southern United States celebrate it in February or March. Many northern states celebrate it in May.

Arbor Day history

Arbor Day was started in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton, a journalist and politician in Nebraska. At that time, the state had very few trees, and settlers missed them.

Morton urged Nebraskans to have a tree-planting holiday. On the first Arbor Day, the people in that state planted more than 1 million trees.

In 1885, Nebraska named it a legal holiday, to be celebrated on April 22, Morton's birthday. In 1970, President Richard Nixon first declared that Arbor Day would be celebrated nationally on the last Friday in April.



Arbor Day Foundation

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Resources



On the Web:

- arborday.org/kids

At the library:

- "Tree" by Richard Spilsbury
- "Healthy Trees, Healthy Planet" by Anne Flounders

Try 'n' Find

Words that remind us of flowering trees are hidden in this puzzle. Some words are hidden backward, and some letters are used twice. See if you can find:



ANIMAL, ARBOR, BLOOM, DAY, FLOWER, FRUIT, HELP, IMPORTANT, LEAVES, NEBRASKA, NUTS, PISTIL, PLANT, POLLEN, POLLINATION, SEEDS, SPRING, STAMENS, TREES, WASHINGTON.

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Cook's Corner

Lentil Mental Magic Soup

You'll need:

- 1 1/2 cups red lentils
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 4 cups water

- 2 vegetable bouillon cubes with herbs or sea salt



What to do:

1. Rinse lentils really well in a fine-mesh strainer, then place all ingredients in a large pot. Bring to a big bubbly boil for a minute or so.
2. Turn heat to medium-low, stir and simmer, covered, for about 15 minutes until lentils become soft and mashy.
3. Turn off heat, then stir and mash well with a wooden spoon. Make it thinner if you like by stirring in 1 cup water. Soup will thicken overnight. Serves 4 to 6.

Adapted from "The Help Yourself Cookbook for Kids" with permission from Andrews McMeel Publishing (andrewsmcmeel.com).

* You'll need an adult's help with this recipe.

Mini Jokes



Timmy: How do trees get on the internet?

Tina: They log in!

Eco Note



The rings on a tree stump can tell us how old the tree is and what the weather was like during each year of the tree's life. The light-colored rings represent wood that grew in the spring and early summer, while the dark rings represent wood that grew in the late summer and fall. One light ring plus one dark ring equals one year of the tree's life. Tree rings usually grow wider in warm, wet years and are thinner in years when it is cold and dry. If the tree has experienced stressful conditions, such as a drought, the tree might hardly grow at all in those years.

adapted from climatekids.nasa.gov

For later:

Look in your newspaper for Arbor Day events nearby.

Teachers: For standards-based activities to accompany this feature, visit: bit.ly/MPstandards. And follow The Mini Page on Facebook!



7 Little Words for Kids

Use the letters in the boxes to make a word with the same meaning as the clue. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in the solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.



1. hippo or mouse, for example (6) _____
2. learning about (8) _____
3. 12 months (4) _____
4. not valuable (7) _____
5. what a college graduate has (6) _____
6. necessary (9) _____
7. having life (5) _____

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Answers: animal, studying, year, useless, degree, important, alive.

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David Ford

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David has a BA degree in Special Education and has worked in the accounting department at Therapy Services LLC since August 2005. He enjoys traveling with his wife, Mandy, and their sons, as well as watching and coaching his two sons in whatever sport is in season.

Dan Bolyard

has been promoted to **Accounting Supervisor.** He has been with us since September 2010. Dan graduated from West Virginia University with a degree in accounting. He would rather be golfing or at the beach.



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Code of ethics and Realtors

THIS MONTH, I've been writing about the Fair Housing Act, starting with explaining the nuts and bolts. Then, last week, I went into the history of why it needed to be implemented. This week, I'll explain how my industry not only abides the law but takes it further.

First, let's clarify what I consider "my industry." I am not just a real estate agent, I am a Realtor. That term, and the big R symbol that's associated with it, is a trademark of the National Association of Realtors. NAR is the largest trade association, growing from 120 founding members in 1908 to more than 1.1 million members today.

Big deal. What's the difference? The key difference is we are bound to not just follow real estate laws mandated by our government, we are also required to follow a very stringent and specific code of ethics that sets us apart as the industry-leading professionals we are.

What does that have to do with the Fair Housing Act? In 1974, NAR incorporated abiding by the act in our code of ethics, making us accountable not just on a legal level, but on a professional one as well. What's more, we strive to rise above and beyond and have added four standards of practice to the article based on interpretations of cases brought against members.

This article and subsequent standards of practice have also been amended 13 times to further clarify and tighten the high bar to which we hold ourselves and our industry. These updates and changes include adding two protected classes, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Keeping up to date on the code of ethics and the act itself is a requirement of our continuing education in order to keep our status current within the association.

Further, we have been instrumental in political change via the Realtor Political Action Committee (RPAC). This is a member supported and organized, non-partisan committee that lobbies not just for fair housing but many important issues that pertain to homeownership rights.

For instance, in the latest changes to tax code, the Mortgage Interest Deduction was on the chopping block. Also, the Flood Insurance Act comes up for renewal or deletion every five years. Both these programs are still in play and are huge benefits for homeowners.

As applied to our topic of the month, RPAC and NAR continue to support H.R. 1447; S. 1328 which would add LGBTQ to the list of federally protected classes making it unnecessary for local states and municipalities to continue such ventures on their governmental levels.

Hopefully, I have illustrated the importance, effects and impact the Fair Housing Act has had on our society, as well as the passion we professionals have.

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The do's and dont's of the W.Va. Wild Yard Program



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Many people create wildlife habitats around their homes without realizing it

BY JENNIFER GRAHAM

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Whether you live on a farm, a quarter-acre suburban lot, or in a city apartment, you can provide habitat for wildlife.

You can start right away by filling a new bird feeder with sunflower seeds, hanging a nest box, or planting trumpet-creeper vines for hummingbirds or milkweed for butterflies.

For those looking for a different type of garden the US Department of Agriculture and the Department of Natural Resources is offering a program call the Wild Yards Program, according to WVU Extension Agent Bill Shockey.

"The Wild Yards program offers information about which native plants to use to attract different types of wildlife, birds,

bats or butterflies," he said. There is even one for natural wetlands.

You can choose a target species. For example cardinals, squirrels, salamanders, butterflies, woodpeckers, songbirds small mammals, amphibians and so forth.

Many people create wildlife habitat around their homes without realizing it. Bird feeders, fruiting plants and water sources attract wildlife, fulfilling their needs and provide us hours of enjoyment, according to the Wild yards program.

One of the guidelines for Wild Yards is the use of plants native to West Virginia. The participant must also make sure the area is safe and wildlife is not attracted to the dangers of cats or dogs or to interactions with humans that could be detrimental to them.

It is important to remember, especially in urban areas that you check on local ordinances when designing a Wild Yard.

With the decline of the monarch butterflies many wildlife groups like the National Wildlife Federation are asking people to plant milkweed.

Milkweed is the only thing monarch caterpillars eat, and where adults lay their eggs. Without milkweed Monarchs cannot complete their life cycle and the species is declining.

For those who don't have the space for a wildlife garden, Child's Feed in Kingwood or Tatham's in Reedsville both provide diverse types of flowers for the patio or a small flower bed..

Both shops can also help customers choose the best type of plants for the type of flower bed

they are planting

"I suspect Memorial Day weekend will be the earliest to plant. If you plant around the second week in June the warm soil will support rapid growth."

He said by the Forth of July the early plants and the June plants will be at the same stage of growth.

For information about the Wild Yards Program program can call 304 537-0245 for information and an application.

The WVU Preston County Extension Service is located at 115 Court St. Kingwood. Phone 304-329-1391.

For more information about monarchs and milkweed go to <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-For-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/Milkweed.aspx>

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Glazed pottery doubles as a loudspeaker

COLLECTIBLES WERE SOMETIMES made to fool people. A tiny teddy bear could hide a perfume bottle. Pincushions hide beneath the fabric skirts of half-dolls, ceramic figures stitched to the skirt.

Some collectible canes hid thin flasks that held forbidden whiskey to drink secretly while on a walk. And bronze statues sometimes could open to reveal a naughty scene.

In the early days of television, a ceramic black panther was really a lamp lighting the room and the TV set. But almost forgotten are the loudspeakers made for early radios that looked like statues of birds or kings, instead of the large horns usually used.

Most famous were the Andia loudspeakers, their radio parts inside a metal base with a glazed pottery top. One that was auctioned recently looked like a bright red, blue and yellow 14-inch-tall parrot. It was made by Royal Doulton & Co. of England for Artandia Ltd. in 1927.

Other designs include Miss Muffet, a Persian king, a Chinese scribe and other figures that would attract buyers. It sold at Auction Team Breker, a German auction of radios, music machines and other technical collectibles, for \$906.

Q. I have a tall, white pitcher with daisies painted on it and gold trim. It's marked "Bel-Terr China, U.S.A., 22 Kt. Gold." I'd like to sell it. What is it worth?

A. Bel-Terr China was founded in 1961 by Belden



TERRY KOVEL

and Terry Ham in East Palestine, Ohio.

The company is no longer in business. Bel-Terr pitchers, about 8 inches tall, sell for under \$20.

Q. I inherited two art prints from my grandfather, who was the manager of the Rialto movie theater in Louisville, Kentucky, in the 1950s and '60s. Both prints are by Reynold Brown. One is "The Dragon Fight" from the movie "The Wonderful World of Brothers Grimm" and the other is "The Stampede" from the movie "How the West Was Won." The prints hung in the theater lobby during the showing of the films in 1962. Both are signed. Can you tell me their approximate value?

A. William Reynold Brown (1917-1991) was an American artist whose work included posters for over 275 movies, covers for books and magazines, drawings for a comic strip, and oil paintings. Movie posters are collectible. Prices depend on subject, condition, size and rarity. The standard movie poster is a "one sheet," 27 by 41 inches. Brown's posters for horror movies sell for high prices. His poster for



Submitted photo

This rare bird, a ceramic parrot, conceals the working parts of a radio loudspeaker made in 1927. It substituted for the large horn used to amplify the sound of the radio and sold for about \$900.

"Attack of the 50 Foot Woman," 17 x 41 inches, sold for \$9,000 last year. His poster for "Creature from the Black Lagoon," 81 by 79 1/2 inches, sold for over \$19,000. Most movie posters sell for under \$100. Your posters won't bring high prices, but the signature, if

authentic and not part of the print, may add value. Contact an auction house that has sold movie posters to see what they might bring. It will help to have the provenance mentioning the movie theater.

Q. I was invited to a 1969 costume party, so I

searched my closet for something I wore 50 years ago. I found a lumber jacket that was decorated with tiny toy cars that looked a lot like Match Box or Hot Wheels cars but a little smaller. Are they salable today? About 30 are stitched onto an embroidered "road."

A. The jacket sounds like the perfect thing to wear to a costume party, but don't tell anyone your tiny cars are too new for the party. Micro Machines, the best-selling toy car, were introduced in 1987 by Galoob, and new ones were made every year until 2008. They made all sorts of model cars, trucks, planes, tanks, even helicopters and motorcycles. The line was sold to Hasbro, and the cars were discontinued until a revival in 2015-2016. The cars should say Micro Machines or Galoob on the bottom. They sell today for about \$5 each, although some sets, like "Aliens," are priced \$50, and "Star Trek" and "Star Wars" also sell for more.

Q. My uncle owns an accordion that has "Fratelli Luigi, Made in Germany" written on the case. He's had it since the 1930s. The maker's name appears to be Italian, but it says the instrument was made in Germany. Can you give us any information about the maker and possible value?

A. The first accordions were made in Germany in 1829. By the late 1800s, they were being made in several

other countries. Many fine accordions were made in Italy and some manufacturers from other countries used Italian names on the accordions they made. Fratelli Luigi is a name used on some accordions made by Gebruder Ludwig, a German company founded in 1844. It began making accordions in 1889. The names Gebruder Ludwig and Fratelli Luigi translate to "Louis Brothers" in English. The value of your uncle's accordion depends on the condition, size and other factors. You should take it to a music store that sells accordions to get an idea of value.

Current Prices

Child's chair, wood, painted, bellflowers, red ground, yellow & black trim, shaped crest & splat, Penn., c. 1885, 19 1/4 inches, \$70.

Blown glass flask, amethyst, swirled pattern, spiral ribs, Stiegel type, sheared mouth, 5 inches, \$190.

Folk art wood carving, eagle, wings tucked in, remnants of gilding, American, early 19th century, 14 by 8 inches, \$340.

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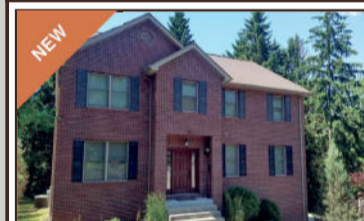
135 AUBURN LANE \$193,000
MORGANTOWN - 3BR, 2 Full & 2 Half BA. Impeccably maintained townhouse in Corwin Place subdivision waiting for its new owner! All the upgrades! Corner lot, center kitchen island, decorative trim, and large deck off kitchen. Master bedroom has master bath, double bowl vanity, large walk-in closet and separate tub/shower. Fully finished basement has half bath, barn doors separating a workout/den area & bonus room with walk-out access! Flexible date of possession. Located close to WVU & I-79.
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Becky Rees: 304.290.1807

112 CANYON RIDGE • \$610,000
5BR, 3BA



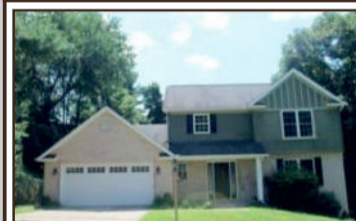
MORGANTOWN - Exquisite home within minutes of I-68. Lower level has large FR featuring bar w/sink, dishwasher, wine fridge, ice maker, and workout room. Main-floor master suite, spacious kitchen, and FP in living room. Large deck & 2-car garage.
MLS: 10123961
Andrea Heiskell: 304.826.0277

606 JEFFERSON STREET • \$535,000
4BR, 4.5BA



MORGANTOWN - Lovely South Park home built in 2010 borders Hopecrest area. Three level city lots, upscale kitchen, hardwood floors, man cave/media room, and she shed. Large deck, huge garage, dual zoned heating/cooling, 2 laundry area, storage shed, and parking for 7 cars.
MLS: 10125609
Kathy Martin: 304.685.6171

129 CRESTVIEW DRIVE • \$438,500
4BR, 3.5BA



MORGANTOWN - Beautifully maintained home minutes from the heart of Suncrest. Nearly 3,000 finished SF, 2 gas fireplaces, large eat-in kitchen w/attached FR with patio access. Lower level decks adjacent to den & lower-level 4th BR. New carpet, freshly painted, new appliances, and new wood flooring.
MLS: 10124795
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1272 BROADVIEW • \$329,900
4BR, 3.5BA



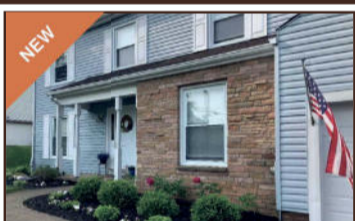
MORGANTOWN - Suncrest home with some updating - make this your dream home! Lower level has complete living quarters with 1-2 optional bedrooms, bath, full kitchen & outside entrance, making it perfect for in-law/guest suite.
MLS: 10125039
Robin Ruckle: 304.376.3844

702 COURTNEY DRIVE • \$315,000
3BR, 3BA



MORGANTOWN - Back to nature, but only minutes to downtown, this multi-level home is move-in ready! Two full city lots with abundant privacy! Entry has den & full bath. Main level has LR, DR & kitchen w/ granite countertop. Composite deck from DR. Upper level has BRs, BAs, and laundry; lower level has FR & office. Raised garden beds.
MLS: 10125779
Lisa Ware: 304.288.2241

362 TYRONE AVERY ROAD • \$309,900
4BR, 2.5BA



MORGANTOWN - Newly remodeled move-in-ready home with flat lot in Greentree Village boasts new laminate hardwood flooring in kitchen & DR, new carpeting in LR & FR, new paint in various rooms, and all-new remodeled BAs are just some of the updates! Master BR has walk-in shower; lower level has game room, laundry, and weight room. Covered back deck.
MLS: 10125801
Lisa Ware: 304.288.2241

1101 ANDREW DRIVE • \$299,900
3BR, 2.5BA



MORGANTOWN - Well-maintained single-family home. Recently repainted, updated appliances, gas stove, updated master BR & finished lower level. FR in lower level. Community playground & basketball court. Close to I-68 & minutes from downtown & WVU.
MLS: 10125421
Karen Gutta: 304.376.4234

3336 COLLINS FERRY ROAD • \$289,900
5BR, 2BA



MORGANTOWN - All-brick ranch home on corner lot in the heart of Suncrest has many updates & is move-in ready! Updates include new HVAC, new windows, new plumbing & 200 amp electric in 2011; metal roof installed in 2008! Three BRs on 1st floor & 2 BR on lower level. Kitchen remodeled in 2019.
MLS: 10125735
Lisa Ware: 304.288.2241

621 GRAND STREET • \$269,000
3BR, 2.5BA



MORGANTOWN - Charming historical architectural details in this South Park, all-brick Cape Cod. Flat, private, fenced-in yard w/landscape plants & waterfall. "Dutch door" off DR leads to covered portico porch, leading to expansive deck.
MLS: 10125681
Debbie Marano: 304.290.9180

32 EASTERN TRAIL • \$259,900
3BR, 3BA



MORGANTOWN - Open & spacious split-level home has LR w/ cathedral ceilings, LR, kitchen, DR, hallway & steps are all hardwood. Recessed lighting on first floor. Upgraded carpeting as well as stainless steel appliances. Finished lower level w/BA is perfect for 4th BR, theater room or exercising. Oversized garage w/plenty of storage.
MLS: 10124399
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56 PLANTATION DRIVE • \$220,000
3BR, 2BA



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360 DOGWOOD LANE • \$189,900
4BR, 3.5BA



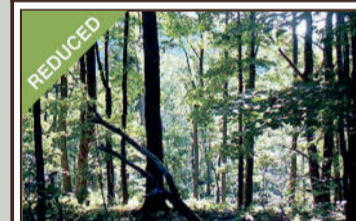
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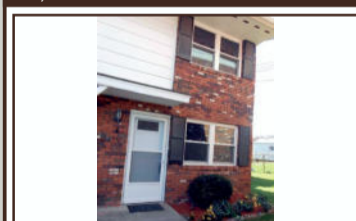
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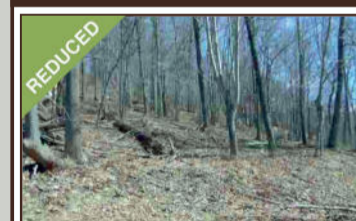
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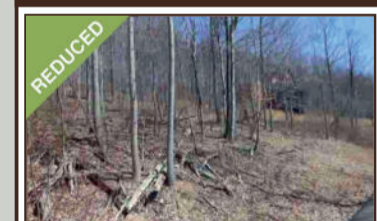
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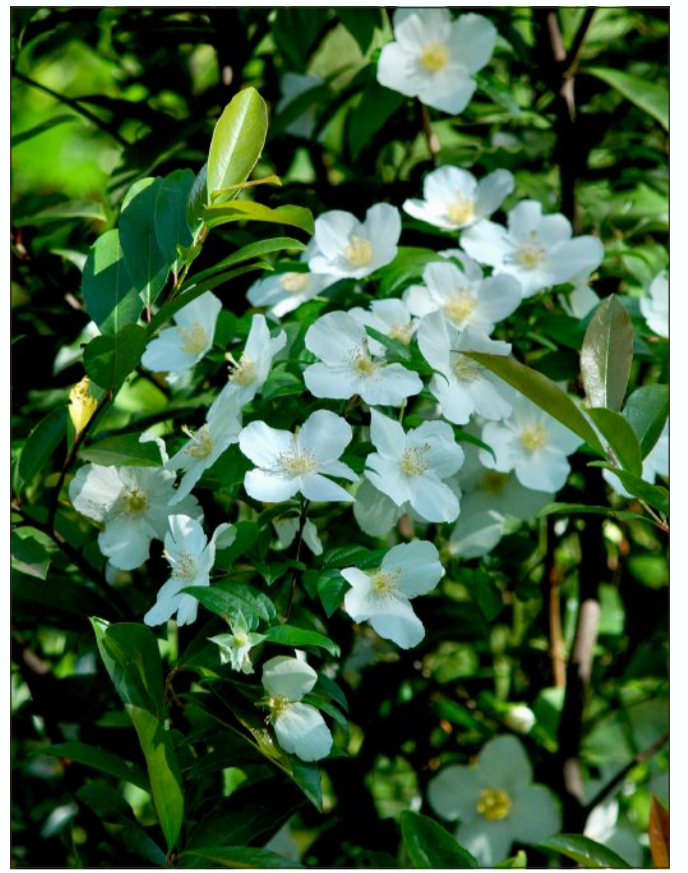
NORMAN WINTER
Tribune News Service

This time of the year as our native dogwoods and azaleas have completed their glorious spring display, something magical happens. At least it does in those old cottage gardens, seen in small towns and hamlets found on America's backroads. Today's young gardeners will see, and utter ... is that a dogwood, where is that fragrance coming from.

The answer is that's an English dogwood and that fragrance is the mock orange which is also the other name of the plant. You are probably wondering how can this be, a shrubby dogwood with a fragrance that is almost hypnotic. Surely if there was such a plant it would be at every garden center in the country.

Last year, about this time, I stopped at a small mom and pop garden center in LaGrange, Ga., I immediately knew it was something special as it looked like the headquarters for the rare and unusual. There were mountain laurels blooming and yes, a good selection of English dogwoods. The huge, fragrant blooms last for weeks and make it one of the showiest plants of mid to late spring. You bet your booty, The Garden Guy got one and it has already proven to be a treasure.

I am already guessing you are not familiar with this shrub, and asking please, what is it. Botanically speaking it is known as *Philadelphus coronarius* after an ancient Egyptian King in 283 BC.



TNS photos

The mock orange variety Natchez proves to make quite a hedge. This English dogwood or mock orange was seen in Brookhaven, Miss., and shows typical fountain habit.

It's from Southern Europe and not a dogwood, nor is it related to the orange. There are other species and hybrids of *Philadelphus* such as *Philadelphus x virginialis* and even a native *Philadelphus lewisii* all with the mock orange name and worthy for the garden.

The taxonomic placement of this shrub has been a little fun to watch over the years. Forever it was listed as a member of the Saxifragaceae family giving it relatives like *Astilbe*, *Bergenia*, and *Heuchera*. Many still place it there. But now the taxonomic hierarchy has placed it in the *Hydrangea* family and

this has been accepted by official government agencies.

Your real question is if this plant is so great and The Garden Guy loves it why is it not for sale everywhere? The answer is hard to figure. It is deciduous but so are hydrangeas and we love them. It can get gangly or a little unruly looking but a little pruning will keep that in check. Maintain plant structure by pruning oldest wood and excess basal shoots after the bloom. These basal shoots form a large clump that can be divided or separated in late winter. If the plant needs rejuvenation,

cut to the ground after blooming. Lastly, it can reach 8-feet tall but that is no hill to climb, right?

The flowers, however, are as showy as the dogwood. They are 4-petaled, 5-petaled, double and semi-double usually measuring about 2-inches across. You can find them in single, semi-double and double forms. The blooms are produced by the hundreds, along arching stems that form a fountain-like appearance. And like the name suggests many have a fragrance as enticing as orange blossom. The English dogwood or mock oranges almost never lose

their blooms to late spring freezes. It is cold hardy over a huge area from zones 4-9. It is a long-lived shrub suitable as specimen-type plantings in the shrub border and as screens or hedges. Another interesting feature of the plant is its exfoliating bark that reveals orange underneath.

Choose a site in your landscape, in full sun to partial shade, keep in mind the height will reach 5 to 8-feet. The soil needs to be moist but well drained. Generally speaking, they bloom after most azaleas but are ever so striking in landscapes with nearby

Japanese maples. *Satsuki* azaleas and late season *Encores* pair up nicely as do several different irises meaning you can create quite a dazzling show.

To make sure you have one of the highly fragrant selections, you need to purchase mock orange while in bloom. Wait until you see them at your garden center in late spring. There are several hybrids known for enticing fragrance. *Innocence*, *Avalanche*, and *Natchez* are three of the better known. This will be a hunt for the proverbial 4-leaf clover but to me, well worth it, start your search.

'Cabin Cooperative' idea mixes affordable housing with Minnesota culture

BY GAIL ROSENBLUM
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Luke Nichols' first year at the University of Minnesota was "glorious." While his courses were stimulating, that high praise was reserved for something else. For Nichols, col-

lege meant a warm bed, hot meals and a dorm room where he could safely store his stuff. Nichols, 29, earned a bachelor's degree in environmental sciences and graduated last May with a master's degree in landscape architecture from

the U's College of Design. His passion is housing instability, because "you just never know who" will be caught in its grip. Now a design associate with Minneapolis' Travis Van Liere Studio, he shares his hope of bringing his capstone project, the

Cabin Cooperative, to life.

Q: Homelessness is not theoretical to you.

A: I grew up in Prior Lake with a single mother, although my father lived in the same town. We always struggled, moved around a lot, slept in cars, churches, motels. Right before college, my father's house where I was living at the time was foreclosed upon. I was told, "You gotta leave." My friends opened up their homes to me and I'm very grateful for that.

Q: Your vision for the Cabin Cooperative began with an assignment to use design as a catalyst for change in Duluth. For you, this meant addressing the lack of affordable housing in that city. You drew on the small-house movement, but with a twist.

A: The tiny house movement isn't a new idea. But I explored building small

houses on vacant, tax-forefeited land throughout Duluth, land that is sitting idle. We would build six- and 12-unit tiny homes on those parcels. It would be a win-win. The city could get tax income for the land and provide affordable homes. I've consulted with developers and lenders. Duluth Mayor Emily Larson has expressed interest as has the housing authority.

Q: Did you actually build a sample?

A: I created a 3-D model and a film.

Q: When you say small, how small?

A: From 350 to 450 square feet. I don't think most people need a 2,500-square-foot house. Americans are just used to that. But the suburban lifestyle separates us from one another. All that driving and traffic and lack of social cohesion is impact-

ing our democracy. Encouraging smaller and more compelling dwellings is absolutely crucial.

Q: Along those lines, you talk a lot about the importance of lower-income people experiencing community, feeling part of something bigger than themselves.

A: When I was a teenager, I'd go to my father's house and he tried to instill in me the idea of stewardship in the place you live, no matter how small or simple. I started growing carrots with him, planting a lawn. That's likely where my interest in landscape design comes from. The challenge in Duluth is that it is largely a 26-mile city spread thinly along the shoreline; it's a very linear city and most lower-income housing is at the ends, where land and rent is the cheapest. But it's isolating.

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REAL ESTATE Q&A

Will my good deed for sister come back to haunt me?

BY GARY M. SINGER
Sun Sentinel

Q: A while back, I tried to deed my sister a life estate in my house so she would have a place to live if I die before her. Someone just told me that her kids would get the property after she dies. This is not what I intended. Can I fix this? — Diane

A: A little knowledge can be a dangerous thing. Over the years I have seen many well-meaning people cause themselves significant grief by thinking that a free form would resolve their legal needs. The truth is often entirely different, and while I have seen some people plan their estate or deed their

problem correctly, I have seen many more spend significantly more money than they thought they would save.

In reality, preventing a problem is always easier than solving one. For example, a balanced diet and regular exercise will cost you much less than a triple bypass during a month-long stay in the hospital. This is not to say that it is impossible to prepare effective legal documents yourself. Instead, I am advising that: "When you are in doubt, wait until you find out."

Your situation may not be as dire as you think. Your first step is to find out what effect the deed you prepared has. Ask someone who knows.

While deeds and other legal documents can appear relatively simple, almost every word can have a specific meaning and impact.

If it turns out that you did vest a life estate in your sister, you will need to ask her to cooperate with you in correcting the title to your home to what you intended. Since it sounds like you have a good relationship with her, this should not present a problem. However, if your sister refuses to cooperate, you may need to go to court to try to get it resolved.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home construction slipped 0.3% in March, as housing starts are running below last year's pace in a sign that inventory could be a challenge for would-be buyers.

The Commerce Department said Friday that ground breakings last month occurred at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.14 million. So far this year, starts have fallen 9.7%. Builders are pulling back from their construction of single-family houses and apartments, even though the solid job market has provided a base of demand from buyers seeking an upgrade. Nor does the supply squeeze seem likely to end soon as permits, an indicator of future activity, fell 1.7% to an annual rate of 1.27 million.

Homebuyers have benefited from average 30-year mortgage rates that have drifted down to 4.17% after peaking at nearly 5% in November. But years of price gains eclipsing income growth has left many buyers unable to afford a home, possibly suppressing construc-

tion activity.

"Higher home prices have eaten into some of the increased purchasing power driven by lower mortgage rates and higher incomes," said Danielle Hale, chief economist at realtor.com. "As a result, while some indicators show that buyers have more momentum than initially expected this year, affordability is still very top of mind and could help explain slower housing starts."

Housing starts fell last month in the Northeast, Midwest and South, but they surged in the West. The construction data can be volatile, so the regional levels of homebuilding can change sharply on a monthly basis.

Economists noted that severe weather in the Midwest might have stifled housing starts, but that the underlying challenge for expanding construction might be a lack of workers.

"Homebuilders still face challenges such as labor shortages and high labor costs," said Joel Kan of the Mortgage Bankers Association.

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Is the starter home a thing of the past? In LA, it depends on location

BY NEAL J. LEITEREG
Los Angeles Times (TNS)

The starter home has long served as the stepping-stone into homeownership.

But lately it's become difficult to tell first-timers from repeat home buyers, according to Zillow.

Both groups have similar preferences when it comes to square footage (2,000) and bedroom count (3), the real estate firm has found. So does the starter home still exist?

In Los Angeles County, what a buyer wants is largely shaped by location, according to local real estate experts. Schools and

renovation projects are other common variables that factor into the decision-making for Angelenos.

Not your father's entry level

Chris Jacobs, Keller Williams Beverly Hills: Los Angeles is such an anomaly when it comes to purchasing properties. The lifestyles vary so much in this city that one buyer's "first home" and essentially a starter house could be a 10,000-square-foot home in Beverly Hills that was purchased for them to live in while they attend UCLA — true client story.

Plenty of my clients have price points they can't go above because of their income and financial situations and now tend to look further east where homes are still somewhat affordable. I would say the normal entry-level price point for first-time buyers is around \$800,000 to \$1 million in the city unless they have a trust fund or a wealthy family.

A lot of my first-time buyers that purchased between 2009 and 2011 had the luxury of sitting back and watching the equity in their homes increase significantly. Now, they are

moving up into larger homes that have the pools and square footage that easily maintain their lifestyles. They benefited greatly by the housing market price spike which I believe we won't see again unless something catastrophic happens.

Today's first buyers are forced to pay the inflated prices that the previous first-time buyers made \$500,000-plus profits on in only a matter of five years or so. So depending on finances, I think it is easy for a first-time buyer and repeat homeowner to write an offer on the same prop-

erty, it just all depends on what their buying power is.

Moving on up in the valley

Jodie Francisco, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices California Properties: The typical starter home — a two-bedroom, one-bathroom or slightly bigger — is still here in Encino and Sherman Oaks, but I'm seeing more of my first-time buyers opting for a step above. Many first-time buyers are starting with "move-up" homes, which are in the \$1-million range.

A majority of first-time buyers gravitate toward move-in ready homes instead of something they'd have to put work into. Most understand that if they find something that needs some work, they'll get it for less money. But it's overwhelming for a first-time buyer to walk into a property and have to visualize redoing the kitchen, bathrooms, etc.

A repeat buyer is more open to finding a home that

they can put their personal stamp on. They aren't afraid of doing a little work.

Geography makes every bit of difference. I sold a condo a few years ago to a first-time buyer who wanted to stay on the Westside. We were able to get him into a condo in Brentwood for under \$1 million. For some, a townhome or condo is less expensive and gets them into a neighborhood.

An eastward migration

Debbie Weiss, Keller Williams Santa Monica: I work with a lot of first-time buyers, and in my world, the starter home still exists, but it has just been pushed east of Culver City or has turned into a condo.

I am a big fan of Mid City, where most of my buyers can more comfortably afford their first home, and surrounding neighborhoods such as Picfair Village, Faircrest Heights and West Adams. Culver City is typically desirable to repeat buyers.



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New X4 Sleek, Sporty

Coupe-Like Rear Styling Puts Unique Twist on Crossover

By Derek Price
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Every time I think the market for crossover vehicles is completely saturated, someone comes along with a new permutation that slices it even finer.

Thus is the case with BMW's X3, a vehicle that takes the classic SUV formula and puts a powerful, premium, car-based, sporty-handling twist on it. For people who need to haul car seats and groceries, but still imagine themselves picking the best line around a racetrack, it fills a niche.

It's interesting, then, that the X3 has a cousin, called the X4, that slices the market even thinner, making it the prosciutto of the automotive world.

By giving the X3 a sleeker, fastback-style rear end — and slightly bumping up the price — the X4 is both less practical and more expensive than its X3 relative, which sold nearly 10 times as many copies last year.

I suspected the X4 might meet the same fate as the Honda Crosstour and Toyota Venza, two short-lived cars that tried a similar



PHOTOS COURTESY OF BMW X4

The BMW X4 enters 2019 with an all-new design. It retains its distinctive rear styling while gaining a wider track, better aerodynamics, a new suspension and a lower center of gravity.

“fastback for families” approach. But no. The X4 is back for an all-new second generation, and I spent a week getting a taste for what it offers.

For starters, its handling is absolutely brilliant, just as one would expect from a BMW product.

While I've always thought the idea of putting a sport-turned, corner-carving suspension on a high-riding crossover is pure madness, the X4 is legitimately fun to drive. If you need the attributes of a crossover — ample cargo space, good road visibility and the go-anywhere traction of all-wheel drive — getting a taste of sports-sedan excitement is a nice bonus.

The engine in my tester is one of the smoothest four-cylinders I've ever driven. Called the xDrive30i — as opposed to the six-cylinder M40i — it uses a twin-scroll turbocharger to wring out 248 horsepower from just 2.0 liters of displacement. It makes the six-cylinder car's 355 horsepower seem like overkill, although to be fair, overkill is part of the appeal of driving a European luxury vehicle.

I also was pleasantly surprised at the fuel economy of my tester. It's rated for 29 miles per gallon in highway driving, which seems remarkable in a vehicle that feels

so solid, substantial and fast when you mash on the gas pedal.

Inside, the X4's cabin matches the body's vibe. Lots of aluminum trim, an electric shifter, a big digital screen with a touch controller and a contemporary, wraparound design that flows smoothly from the doors to the dash gives it a thoroughly modern look.

Seats are similarly sporty, with an unusually firm feel for a crossover.

Then there's the good-looking but impractical elephant in the room: the X4's signature rear-end styling.

While the fastback look makes it appear sportier than the more brick-like X3, it definitely makes the rear seat feel more cramped, the rear visibility less clear and the rear storage less voluminous.

Are those tradeoffs worth the X4's sleeker, more aggressive styling? It depends on how much you like the fastback shape, a purely subjective decision.

Pricing starts just over \$50,000 for the xDrive30i, or \$10,000 more for the M40i.

What was tested?

2019 BMW X4 xDrive30i (\$50,450). Options: Dark graphite metallic paint (\$550), red leather (\$1,700), convenience package (\$1,000), driving assistance package (\$500), driving assistance plus (\$1,700), parking assistance package (\$700), premium package (\$1,600), dynamic damper control (\$1,000), 20-inch run-flat tires (\$950), wireless charging (\$400). Price as tested (including \$995 destination charge): \$61,545

Wheelbase: 112.7 in.

Length: 187.5 in.

Width: 75.5 in.

Height: 63.8 in.

Engine: 2.0-liter twin-scroll turbocharged four-cylinder (248 hp, 258 lbs.-ft.)

Transmission: Eight-speed automatic

Fuel economy: 22 city, 29 highway

RATINGS

Style: 7

Performance: 8

Price: 6

Handling: 8

Ride: 7

Comfort: 7

Quality: 9

Overall: 7

Why buy it?

Its sloping, coupe-like rear roofline makes it stand out amid a sea of lookalike crossover vehicles. Outstanding handling, power and refinement make it feel every bit a BMW.



The X4's redesigned interior matches its fashion-forward body with a contemporary, sleek look.

Should cordless air compressor go along for the ride?

BOB WEBER

Chicago Tribune (TNS)

Q: With fewer gas stations offering free air, it has become a challenge to keep tires properly inflated. One solution is a hand-held, cordless, rechargeable air compressor, advertised as inflating tires easily. Have you had any experience or feedback on these products?

—C.P., Park Ridge, Ill.

A: Yes, I have. As a matter of fact, I keep one in each of my vehicles, except the Harley. Many newer cars come standard with an inflator that you plug into the power outlet (formerly known as the cigarette lighter socket). Along with the inflator is a can of

puncture sealer. This duo replaces the spare tire which took up space and added weight. You can find them in auto parts stores and I would suggest getting one to keep on hand.

Q: Over the weekend the low tire pressure light came on. I took it to a local tire shop to have air put in the tires and the tech asked if I've ever considered getting nitrous in my tires instead. He said it's better for the tires in the winter because it bleeds less and will improve the fuel economy. The cost is low (only \$20 for all 4 tires), but would I need to have another procedure done in the summer to have the air put back in my tires or could I drive

all year? Is this something you would recommend or is this just an up-sell?

—P.S., Calumet City, Ill.

A: Because the air we breathe is almost 80 percent nitrogen, spending \$20 for more seems unnecessary to me. But if you choose to replace the air with nitrogen (not nitrous), you can leave it in all year. But be cautioned that should your tires need some future inflation, you should probably seek out a shop that offers nitrogen because it is not available at your local 7-Eleven.

Q: I have a 2005 Ford Five Hundred with about 200,000 miles. Recently, the check engine light came on, so I took

it in. After running diagnostics, the mechanic told me that it's an old code indicating problems with the throttle, but there's nothing wrong with my throttle. The car runs great. The mechanic told me that he could replace the throttle, but it's not necessary. He turned the light off and I went on my merry way. The light has come back on; the car is still running the same. Any ideas?

—D.K., Minneapolis

A: Because the car is running well, I suspect that the engine control system is getting some bad information. The system relies on inputs from numerous sensors and the accelerator pedal

sensor is one. But I am not ruling out something else. If a sensor, its wiring or connections have a problem, the check engine light will be triggered, even if it only happens occasionally.

Q: Can you clear this up? I know someone who thinks Minnesota and other cold states have special-made cars for our weather and that warmer weather car aren't sold up here.

—J.H., Minneapolis

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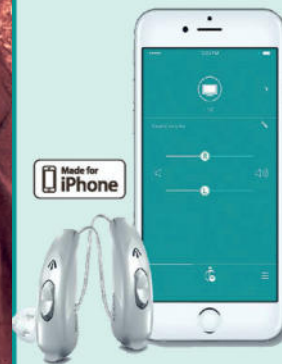


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Cover Story

Updating a classic: Stars shine bright in 'Les Misérables'

By Francis Babin
TV Media

We are currently living in the era of superheroes — whether on the big or small screen, they are unavoidable. It seems like every month a new series or film is released featuring a costumed protagonist using his or her superhuman powers to save the day. Even if there are many interesting stories being told (see last year's "Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse"), it's easy to see how someone can be afflicted by a bad case of superhero fatigue. How many times can we watch Bruce Wayne become Batman?

We may complain about the abundance of superhero sagas, but somehow we are still drawn to them. Some tales are just compelling, they speak to us. It's why Superman, Robin Hood, Tarzan, Sherlock Holmes, Jean Valjean and other famous literary characters will never truly go away. The characters and myths are fascinating, timeless and, in the hands of creative people, can be perpetually reinvented.

On Sunday, April 21, "Les Misérables" is back with a new episode on PBS. First published in 1862, Victor Hugo's magnum opus has since been adapted into multiple languages in numerous mediums, including dozens of films. PBS's new miniseries marks the novel's return to English television for the first time since 2000 (it has been adapted into Vietnamese and Spanish in the interim, with an upcoming Japanese version on the way).

Lily Collins as seen in "Les Misérables"

Dominic West ("The Affair") takes a break from playing slimy, unlikable characters to portray the ex-convict Jean Valjean. After serving a brutal prison sentence for stealing bread in order to feed his sister's children, Valjean struggles for redemption and tries to lead a normal life during a tumultuous time in French history.

Along with West, David Oyelowo ("Selma," 2014) stars as Javert, the scene-stealing police inspector who makes it his mission to see that Valjean is never truly free, and Lily Collins ("The Last Tycoon") plays Fantine Thibault, a factory worker and mother to Cosette (Ellie Bamber, "Nocturnal Animals," 2016) who must resort to menial work in order to survive in post-revolutionary France. They are joined by Adeel Akhtar ("Counterpart") and Oscar winner Olivia Colman ("The Crown") as Monsieur and Madame Thénardier, respectively, Derek Jacobi ("Murder on the Orient Express," 2017) as Bishop Myriel and a bevy of other ultra-talented actors.

Adapted by Andrew Davies ("House of Cards") and directed by Tom Shankland ("The Missing"), the latest "Les Misérables" miniseries does not include any of the world-famous songs from the legendary stage musical, but instead opts to focus on the original source material of Hugo's novel. It looks and feels like no other adaptation, and is especially different from the last major "Les Mis" production, Tom Hooper's 2012 blockbuster film.

At the Television Critics Association (TCA) Winter Press Tour, award-winning screenwriter

er Davies spoke to the stunned crowd about his disdain for what most consider one of the greatest stage musicals of all time: "I absolutely hated the musical," he said, adding that he wanted to rescue what he considered to be a great book. While the gifted scribe doesn't typically adapt stories like "Les Misérables," he saw something in the source material that called to him, specifically the cat-and-mouse relationship between the two leads. Moreover, he was not intimidated by the renowned novel like many others have been: "I thought I wanted to have a go at it. I'm an old man, I don't get scared. I've faced down many great books. This is just another great book."

The six-part miniseries features a modern take on the French classic. It showcases an ethnically diverse cast, various British accents, and focuses on rebellion, poverty and the day-to-day struggle of ordinary people, making it incredibly relevant to today's world. These decisions were made not only to differentiate it from its predecessors, but to make the story resonate with audiences.

Jean Valjean's extraordinary journey of redemption during a time of civil unrest has become amazingly important in today's world. As previously mentioned, PBS's "Les Misérables" deals with many current problems in our society but also digs deep into themes that dominate our political discourse, such as class, inequality, wealth, the judicial system and the prison industry.

"Les Misérables" is considered one of the greatest literary works of all time from one of the greatest authors, and it's easy to see why. Jean Valjean's inspirational arc of destitution, struggle and redemption is as captivating now as it was when the novel was published 157 years ago. If we take a close look around us, we will find real human beings that mirror the characters of Valjean, Javert, Fantine, Cosette and the Thénardiens in our everyday life — these characters are not just abstract concepts or caricatures, but depictions of real qualities and struggles found in the lives of men and women that we know personally. On Sunday, April 21, take a trip through time with a new episode of "Les Misérables," on PBS.





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Joan Collins in "The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas"

Sunday

(TOON) 6:30 a.m.

Mega Man: Fully Charged

When Chaotique threatens to make Silicon Central disappear by literally erasing the school at a subatomic level, Mega Man races to stop him in this new episode. At the same time, Mega Man learns important life lessons from a rambling old bot named Hal.

Monday

(Freeform) 11 a.m.

The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas

Everyone's favorite Stone Age characters go to Rock Vegas for a romantic weekend in this live-action adaptation of the iconic cartoon series. The prequel follows Fred (Mark Addy) as he tries to woo the beautiful Wilma Slaghoople (Kristen Johnston).

Tuesday

(FOOD) 8 p.m.

Chopped

Host Ted Allen welcomes some talented kid cooks to compete against their brothers and sisters in the Chopped kitchen in this special edition. The siblings find an unusual pizza and some bitter greens in their appetizer baskets.

Wednesday

(DISN) 10:30 a.m.

Vampirina

As Nanpire's birthday approaches, the Hauntleys head to Spookelton Castle to

celebrate her special day. Later, Vee begins to feel overwhelmed by everything she has to do, so Demi introduces her to a magic mirror so she can create duplicates of herself.

Thursday

(NICK) 11:30 a.m.

Top Wing

Brody's turbo-surfing friends get trapped in a cave in this rebroadcast, and it's up to Brody and Penny to rescue them before the tide moves in. Then, the cadets try running the Lemon Shack in the hopes of earning a badge.

Friday

(FX) 9 a.m.

The Fantastic Four

More comic book superheroes come to life on the big screen in this action flick. When four misfits find themselves in an alternate universe, they acquire new forms and new abilities. They work together to save the people of Earth from a nefarious villain.

(ANPL) 4 p.m.

Tanked!

YouTube sensation Roman Atwood hires ATM to build an aquarium in this episode. Atwood may be known for his outrageous pranks, but when a prank at the shop causes chaos, the ATM crew struggles to complete the tank.

Saturday

(TOON) 7 a.m.

Bakugan: Battle Planet

Philomena Dusk has a surprising job offer for the AO after they defeat Magnus in an episode of this animated series.

(HBO) 9:55 a.m.

Ramona and Beezus

Joey King and Selena Gomez star in this heartwarming film based on the enormously popular books by author Beverly Cleary. Third grader Ramona Quimby (King) drives her big sister Beatrice (Gomez), a.k.a. Beezus, crazy through a series of misadventures.

New Releases

Destroyer

When she receives a \$100 bill stained with dye in an unmarked envelope, Det. Erin Bell (Kidman) is convinced that it portends the return of Silas (Kebbell), a notorious gang leader who disappeared years ago when a bank heist went off the rails. One by one, she tracks down and interrogates Silas's former associates, following a trail of breadcrumbs that she hopes will eventually lead her to the man himself, but her own past as

an undercover detective refuses to stay buried, and her memories from that time haunt her.

Director: Karyn Kusama. Stars: Nicole Kidman, Toby Kebbell, Tatiana Maslany, Sebastian Stan, Scoot McNairy. 2018. 121 min. Action.

Escape Room

Six strangers from different walks of life all receive invitations to visit a new escape room with the promise of \$10,000 if they can make it out successfully. After meeting each other and settling into the waiting room, they discover that the game has already begun, and that the waiting room is itself an escape room — and horrifyingly, the room is also designed to kill them if they don't escape. It soon becomes clear that there are multiple rooms they must make their way through, and they must solve clues and puzzles in each one to unlock the door to the next room. Failing to make it out of any of the rooms in time has deadly consequences.

Director: Adam Robitel. Stars: Taylor Russell, Logan Miller, Jay Ellis, Tyler Labine, Deborah Ann Woll, Nik Dodani. 2019. 99 min. Action.



Sebastian Stan and Nicole Kidman in "Destroyer"

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Famous non-foodies

Chefs Burrell and Florence aim to help culinarily clueless celebrities



Tyler Florence and Anne Burrell host "Worst Cooks in America"

By Andrew Warren
TV Media

Keep those fire extinguishers close, chefs Anne Burrell and Tyler Florence are back with a fresh batch of culinary dunces who are eager to learn a thing or two about how to succeed in the kitchen. "Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition" returns to Food Network for a fifth season on Sunday, April 21.

Just like its non-celebrity parent, the premiere features a batch of recruits — in this case, all celebrities — who are the sort of folks who have

trouble boiling water. With a little help from chefs Burrell and Florence, they'll be whipped into shape over the next few weeks and transformed into cooks who are more than capable of preparing a restaurant-quality meal for a panel of judges.

Wait, did I say "with a little help?" I should probably rephrase that: these people need a lot of it. Luckily, the chefs both have the competition to drive them, and each instructs a team of celebrity kitchen disasters. Every week, both chefs drop the worst-performing member of their team, and when it's finally time for the finale,

the two remaining trainees go head to head in a cookoff, with the one who prepares the better meal earning \$25,000 for the charity of his or her choice.

This year's celebrity lineup is a diverse one. Controversial former Olympian Tonya Harding, actor Jim J. Bullock ("Spaceballs," 1987) and actress Morgan Fairchild ("Days of Our Lives") are just a few of the famous folks eager to learn some culinary basics from the two accomplished chefs.

In this week's premiere, the recruits enter boot camp and are immediately handed their first challenge: to recreate their favorite restaurant dishes. After the chefs have had a chance to watch how the recruits perform in the kitchen and taste their food, they stage a ceremony inspired by awards shows in which they reveal who they've chosen to be on their teams.

It's all in good fun, but the celebrities really do learn a lot about how to cook, and in the end, one lucky charity receives a hefty donation. The latest season of "Worst Cooks in America: Celebrity Edition" premieres Sunday, April 21, on Food Network.

Cooking this week

SUNDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
10:30 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
11 a.m. (FOOD) Girl Meets Farm
11:30 a.m. (FOOD) Barefoot Contessa
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Kitchen
1:30 p.m. (24) The Great British Baking Show
2 p.m. (FOOD) Spring Baking Championship
2:30 p.m. (24) Martha Bakes
3 p.m. (24) Martha Stewart's Cooking School
(FOOD) Buddy vs. Duff
4 p.m. (FOOD) Duff Takes the Cake
4:30 p.m. (FOOD) Ace of Cakes
5 p.m. (FOOD) Bake You Rich
6 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
7 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
7:30 p.m. (CSN) What's Brewing
8 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
9 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Cooks in America

MONDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) The Kitchen
11 a.m. (12) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) The Kitchen
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
2 p.m. (11) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
3 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
4 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
5 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
6 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
7 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Bakers in America
8 p.m. (FOOD) Spring Baking Championship: Extra Icing
9 p.m. (FOOD) Spring Baking Championship

TUESDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) Trisha's Southern Kitchen
10:30 a.m. (FOOD) Trisha's Southern Kitchen
11 a.m. (12) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Trisha's Southern Kitchen
11:30 a.m. (FOOD) Girl Meets Farm
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
2 p.m. (11) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Chopped Junior
3 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
4 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
5 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
6 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
7 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
8 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
9 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped

WEDNESDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) Valerie's Home Cooking
10:30 a.m. (FOOD) Valerie's Home Cooking
11 a.m. (12) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Valerie's Home Cooking
11:30 a.m. (FOOD) Valerie's Home Cooking
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
2 p.m. (11) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Family Food Showdown
3 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
4 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
5 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
6 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
7 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
8 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
9 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games

THURSDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) Cupcake Wars
11 a.m. (12) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Cake Wars
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
2 p.m. (11) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Chopped
3 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
4 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
5 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
6 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
7 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped
7:30 p.m. (13) A Chef's Life
8 p.m. (FOOD) Family Food Showdown
9 p.m. (FOOD) Chopped

FRIDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) Giada at Home
10:30 a.m. (FOOD) Giada at Home
11 a.m. (12) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Giada at Home
11:30 a.m. (FOOD) Giada Entertains
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
1:30 p.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
2 p.m. (11) The Rachael Ray Show
(FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
2:30 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
3 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
3:30 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
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8 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
8:30 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives
9 p.m. (FOOD) Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives

SATURDAY

10 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
(TRAV) Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations
10:30 a.m. (FOOD) The Pioneer Woman
11 a.m. (24) Christopher Kimball's Milk Street
(FOOD) The Kitchen
(TRAV) Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations
11:30 a.m. (TRAV) Bizarre Foods: Delicious Destinations
Noon (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
12:30 p.m. (FOOD) 30 Minute Meals
1 p.m. (FOOD) Family Food Showdown
2 p.m. (FOOD) Worst Cooks in America
3 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
3:30 p.m. (24) A Chef's Life
4 p.m. (24) America's Test Kitchen From Cook's Illustrated
(FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
4:30 p.m. (24) Martha Bakes
5 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
6 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
7 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games
8 p.m. (FOOD) Guy's Grocery Games

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Soap Opera Updates

By Andrew Sawyer
TV Media

For the week of April 15 - 19

The Bold and the Beautiful

Flo's entire world is shaken when she learns the identity of her father. Quinn questions Bill about his past involvement with Shauna in Las Vegas. Flo asks Shauna to play along when Hope brings up Flo's "daughter," Phoebe. Bill arrives at a conclusion about why Quinn is so hard on the women in Wyatt's life. Shauna loses it when she discovers Flo's involvement in the baby-switch drama. Hope and Liam talk about when Steffy should find out about Flo's father. Ridge is thrown for a loop by Thomas's revelation about his feelings for Hope. Liam fights for the love he shares with Hope

in an effort to overcome her sadness. Liam finds comfort with and gets some relationship advice from Sally and Wyatt. Thomas advises Hope to have Liam go visit Steffy and the girls in Paris.

Days of Our Lives

Jack points the finger at Adrienne for trying to sabotage his and Eve's wedding. Jennifer confesses to JJ that she may have lost Jack for good. Claire crashes Haley and Tripp's wedding. Ben invites Ciara to stay the night with him. Brady raises objections when he learns that Kate wants a job at Titan. Will has a frightening episode at the hospital. Gabi doubles down on trying to seduce Stefan. Eric makes a surprising offer when he learns that Rex and Sarah have set a wedding date. Chloe is enraged when she discovers Brady's deception. Ben learns that the cartel is

back in Salem. Eric tells Sarah about his regrets regarding Nicole. Marlena and Sonny anxiously await news about Will. Gabi and Ciara are held hostage by the cartel. Brady finds Chloe in a dangerous situation. Rafe tells Lani about his fight with Hope. Rex confronts Eric about his feelings for Sarah. Rafe is rushed to the hospital after getting shot. Hope joins forces with Ben to rescue Ciara.

General Hospital

Shiloh is manipulated by Sam. Michael puts the pieces together. Franco butts heads with Cam. Jason finds out about Brad's loyalty to Dawn of Day. Sonny disagrees with Margaux. Michael lends a sympathetic ear. Sonny shares words of caution with Jason. Alexis discovers that Kristina got some help from Julian. Carly is moved to a tearful state. Jordan and Franco meet up. Ava turns to Scott

for help. Laura focuses on the important things. Kevin receives a warm invitation. Shiloh and Jason have a confrontation.

The Young and the Restless

Phyllis shows incriminating photos of Kyle and Lola to Jack and threatens to reveal them to the press unless Jack gives up ownership of Fenmore's. Jack becomes angry and refuses to give in to her demands, while also warning Kyle about her plans. Victoria fills Nikki in on Victor's secret trip to Las Vegas. The mother and daughter then go rifling through Victor's files in his office. Cane apologizes to Billy for his actions and admits that he wants to take responsibility for his actions. With the hope of besting Ashley, Jack asks Abby if she would partner with Jabot for the opening of the restaurant. Abby is flattered but turns him down saying she won't



Michael Meador as seen in "The Young and the Restless"

take sides. Kyle finds himself caught between Summer and Lola and unable to choose between them. Jack advises Kyle to choose soon because the longer he waits, the more hurt he will inflict. Summer grows suspicious of Kyle and becomes more determined than ever to keep him. Devon tries to sign Jett, but he turns the offer down because he believes his singing days are behind him.

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APRIL 22, 2019 TO APRIL 26, 2019

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Stars on Screen

A (wo)man's world: Society's norms are challenged in new HBO drama

By Andrew Warren
TV Media

A (wo)man's world: There's never been a historical drama quite like this one. "Gentleman Jack" features a modern woman living in the early 1800s, a member of the gentler sex who is determined to become an industrialist and collect taxes from her family's land — activities that her contemporaries view as decidedly unladylike. Oh, and she also wants to marry another woman.

"Gentleman Jack" is HBO's latest fascinating historical miniseries and is based on Anne Lister's actual diaries, which were written largely in code and remained undeciphered until more than a century after her death. The series, a co-production with the BBC, premieres Monday, April 22.

Suranne Jones ("Coronation Street") stars as Lister, a landowner who returns to her ancestral home after several years of traveling and takes up a lifestyle that is most unbecoming for a lady living in the 1830s. But while her efforts to industrialize her family's estate and modernize her business interests raise more than a few eyebrows, it's her not-so-secret interest in other women that leads to her earning the nickname "Gentleman Jack."

A drama about a historical lesbian needs a love interest, of course, and English actress Sophie Rundle ("Peaky Blinders") fills the role here. She plays wealthy heiress Ann Walker, whose relationship with Lister scandalizes a community that's deeply rooted in its traditional Anglican faith.

Gemma Jones ("Bridget Jones's Diary," 2001), Timothy West ("East-Enders"), Gemma Whelan ("Game of Thrones") and Joe Armstrong ("Darkest Hour," 2017) also star as other members of Lister's family, her neighbors and the movers and shakers around her who struggle to deal with the scandals she leaves in her wake.

The real-life Lister kept meticulous records about her battles with societal norms in her coded diaries, and now HBO has given her unique story the miniseries treatment. "Gentleman Jack" premieres Monday, April 22.

Keeping up with the Conners: Audiences have stuck with the Conner family, and so has ABC. The story of "Roseanne's" revival more than 20 years after it went off the air, its cancellation after just one new season, and the subsequent creation of a new "Roseanne" series minus the show's titular matriarch doesn't need to be retold here, but through all of the scandal and the title changes, ratings have proven that the show's formula is still a winning one.

"The Conners" premiered last fall still stinking of scandal, and while the idea of a show that was basically "Roseanne" without Roseanne Barr sharply divided fans, the numbers don't lie. "The Conners" is a hit, and ABC has renewed the comedy for a second season.

That's not to say that "The Conners" is as big a phenomenon as the "Roseanne" revival was. Despite keeping all of

its other stars, including John Goodman ("10 Cloverfield Lane," 2016), Sara Gilbert ("The Talk") and Laurie Metcalf ("Lady Bird," 2017), "The Conners" experienced a significant decline in audience numbers when compared to the previous year's revival, but that isn't the full story. Even with fewer viewers, "The Conners" was still the highest-rated new show on ABC this season, and it was one of the top five new shows on any network.

Those are some impressive achievements, and they've proven that audiences want more of the Conner clan — and now that Season 2 is officially a go, they will. Expect the second season this fall on ABC.

Glitzy good boys: Hollywood stars are going to the dogs. In what's fast becoming a holiday tradition, NBC brings the third annual Beverly Hills Dog Show Presented by Purina to TV screens across the nation on Easter Sunday, April 21.

Tune in and watch as more than 1,200 furry friends representing 175 breeds mingle with Hollywood stars before moving on to compete for the coveted Best in Show title. Actor John O'Hurley ("Seinfeld") and American Kennel Club-licensed judge David Frei serve as hosts, while Maria Menounos ("E! News") and NBC Sports correspondent Mary Carillo provide minute-by-minute commentary on the goings-on in the show ring and among the celebrities in the audience and on the red carpet.

This year's lineup of canine-loving guests is an impressive one and includes professional snowboarder and Olympic gold medalist Shaun White, "Saved by the Bell" star Mario Lopez, "High School Musical" (2006) star Ashley Tisdale and "Manifest" actress Parveen Kaur. Two Triple Crown-winning jockeys, Victor Espinoza and Mike Smith, also plan to attend.

Last year's Best in Show winner, a seven-year-old wire fox terrier named King, went on to win the same title at this year's prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in New York City, which has helped to establish the Beverly Hills show as a proving ground for that most established show.

Dog lovers are everywhere, even in Hollywood. Stars and dogs come together for a day of glamour, glitz and tasty little biscuits in the third annual Beverly Hills Dog Show presented by Purina on Sunday, April 21, on NBC.

Suranne Jones stars in "Gentleman Jack"



Late Laughs

The Tonight Show With Jimmy Fallon

Over the weekend, J.K. Rowling revealed that Dumbledore had an "intense sexual relationship" with Grindelwald. You can read all about it in her next book, "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Too Much Information."

Later this year, the creators of "Game of Thrones" are going to start shooting some new Star Wars films. It's very exciting for fans who love the Star Wars movies but always thought they could use more incest.

I saw that for Easter, some Ikea stores are having an all-you-can-eat buffet. Yeah, 'cause spending the holidays with family wasn't stressful enough — let's throw a trip to Ikea into the mix.

I saw that health experts are saying that the snooze button is bad for your health, and they're telling Apple to take the feature off their phones. In response, Apple was like, "OK, we'll take it off, just gimme like nine more minutes."

We could have a 76-year-old, a 77-year-old and an 88-year-old running for president! I can't wait for the debates. Who wouldn't be pumped about the possibility of listening to a three-hour symphony of dry coughs?

March Madness is here! And I'm not even talking about the 35 crazy tweets Trump sent this weekend.

The Late Late Show With James Corden

A judge in Hawaii has handed down quite an unusual sentence. After a man said he stole a car to go and buy soda, the judge gave him probation as well as a four-year ban on drinking Pepsi. So let that be a lesson to us all: after you get caught stealing a car, tell the judge you were on your way to eat some kale.

After getting pulled over by the police, a man in South Carolina attempted to cover the smell of alcohol on his breath by spraying his mouth with — get this — Axe body spray. And you thought the worst thing you could do with Axe body spray was put it on your body.

Jimmy Kimmel Live

Breakdancing could very well soon become an Olympic sport. The president of the IOC said adding breakdancing could help us connect with "the younger generation." Yes — the fresh new trend of breakdancing is really heating up!

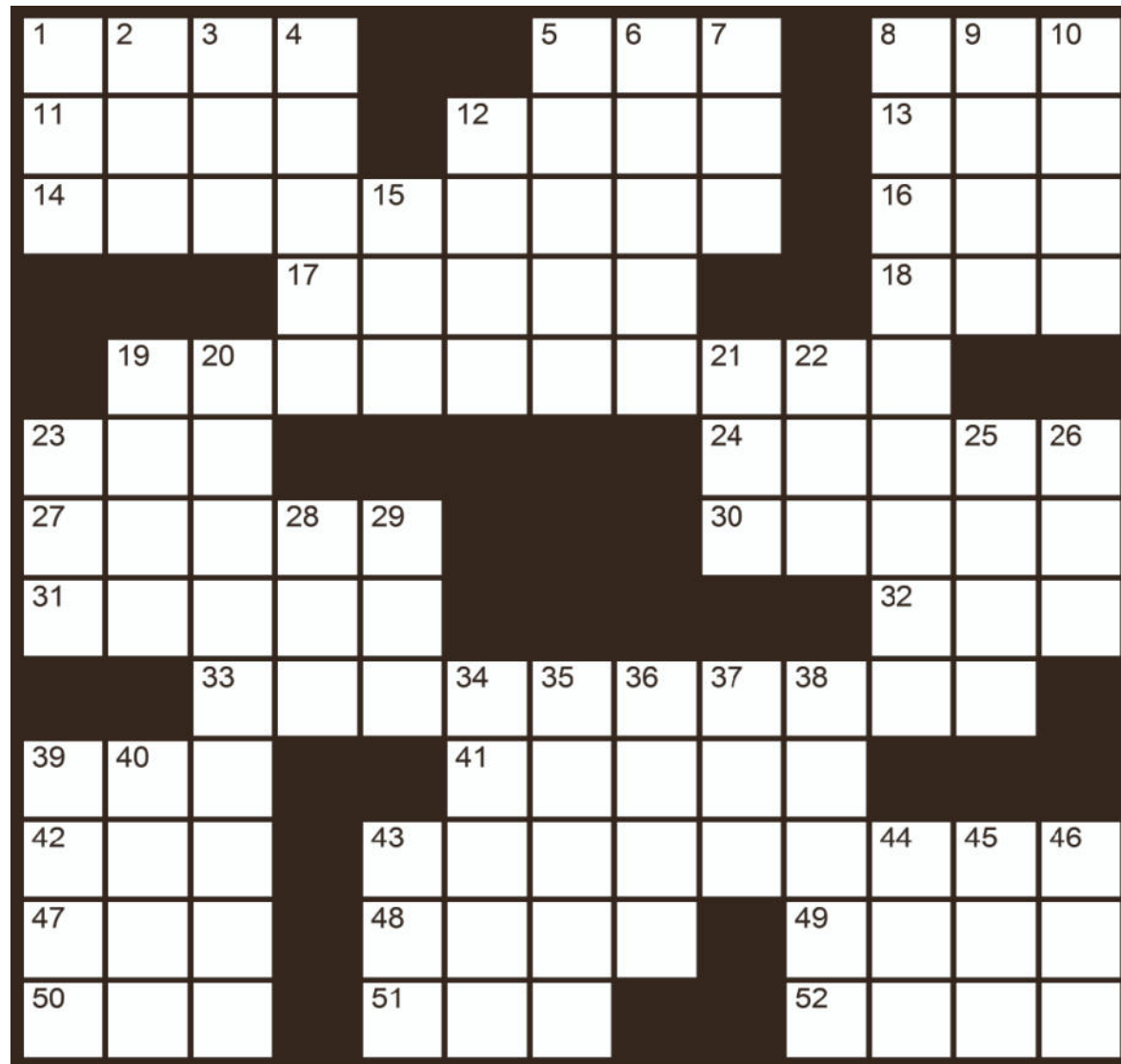
Weekend Update with Colin Jost and Michael Che

McDonald's has announced plans for new digital menus at their drive-thrus that will offer customers suggestions based on what they ordered. For instance, if you order a salad, it will suggest you stop kidding yourself.

A woman in Utah survived after her SUV got stuck in the snow and mud for a week. The woman says she couldn't have made it without her children. Her delicious, delicious children.

Police in Florida say that the owner of a pet zebra shot and killed the animal after it escaped from its enclosure. Finally answering the question, "What's black and white and red all over?"

Television Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 The Titanic's doom
- 5 Seventh-century date
- 8 Former CBS series set in Las Vegas
- 11 "Captain Marvel" (2019) star Larson
- 12 Wash. neighbor
- 13 Eng. dictionary
- 14 "Mr. Robot" star Bobby
- 16 Road map abbr.
- 17 New Orleans-set HBO drama
- 18 One of the Kardashians
- 19 New miniseries based on a classic French novel: "Les ____"
- 23 Warmed the bench
- 24 Grouchy Muppet
- 27 Desert refuge
- 30 Wild time
- 31 Overhead tennis shot
- 32 Ages and ages
- 33 Former sitcom that starred Courtney Cox
- 39 It comes before 23 Across
- 41 Island greeting
- 42 PC hookup

- 43 Tight
- 47 Disney division
- 48 "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" (1971) star Wilder
- 49 Month after Nisan
- 50 Food Network's "Girl Meets Farm" host Molly
- 51 Dutch banking giant
- 52 Slippery

DOWN

- 1 "The Office's" original network
- 2 Victorian, for one
- 3 ____ Tin Tin
- 4 Classy guys
- 5 "This Is Us," for one
- 6 V.I.P.
- 7 Big: Abbr.
- 8 Bottle opener
- 9 Grp. searching for alien intelligence
- 10 Footnote word
- 12 Walkie-talkie word
- 15 Genealogy TV series "Who Do You Think You ____?"

- 19 Word of respect to a lady
- 20 "Easy-peasy!"
- 21 The "L" of L.A.
- 22 Psychic's claim
- 23 Letters of distress
- 25 32 Across, across the Atlantic
- 26 Heroic dancer McCormack in "Footloose" (1984 and 2011)
- 28 Prefix with thermal
- 29 Moo ____ pork
- 34 Famed ancient Greek physician
- 35 "____ came a spider ..."
- 36 Desired gift in "The Bachelor"
- 37 Not just any
- 38 Jack of "The Great Dictator" (1940)
- 39 Food Network celebrity chef Bobby
- 40 Broccoli ____ (leafy vegetable)
- 43 "Ralph Breaks the Internet" (2018) animation style
- 44 Bill ____, TV's Science Guy
- 45 Suffix with president
- 46 Take a stab at

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Movie Zone

SUNDAY

8 a.m. (TCM) **One Foot in Heaven** ★★★★★ (Dra, '41) Fredric March, Martha Scott. A Reverend's children resent the fact that they have to move from parish to parish. (2h)

8:15 a.m. (AMC) **The Sandlot** ★★★ (Child, '93) Tom Guiry, Mike Vitar. A baseball team tries to retrieve an autographed baseball after a ferocious dog steals it. (2h30)

10 a.m. (TCM) **Woman on the Run** ★★★ (Cri, '50) Ann Sheridan, Dennis O'Keefe. A woman sets out to find her missing husband, who may be hiding from a killer. (2h)

(TMC) **Pride and Prejudice** ★★★ (Dra, '05) Keira Knightley, Matthew Macfadyen. A British upper class family seeks suitable mates for their five daughters. (2h10)

10:10 a.m. (HBO) **The Bourne Identity** ★★★ (Act, '02) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. An amnesiac tries to piece together his mysterious past while eluding unknown assassins. (2h)

10:30 a.m. (SHD) **Molly's Game** ★★★★★ (Bio, '17) Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba. A former athlete runs an illegal gambling operation for Hollywood's rich and famous. (2h30)

(USA) **Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix** ★★★ (Adv, '07) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint. After using magic outside of school, Harry faces trial and may be expelled from Hogwarts. (3h02)

10:45 a.m. (AMC) **Major League** ★★★ (Com, '89) Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger. A group of misfits are picked to form a baseball team that manages to surprise everyone. (2h30)

(TNT) **The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug** ★★★ (Adv, '13) Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Bilbo and the dwarves must brave the next stage of their journey without Gandalf. (3h30)

11:30 a.m. (Freeform) **Finding Nemo** ★★★ (Ani, '03) Voices of Albert Brooks, Ellen DeGeneres. A fish gathers his courage and

sets out to find his son, who is trapped in an aquarium. (2h30)

(FX) **Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol** ★★★★★ (Act, '11) Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner. Ethan Hunt must work to clear the IMF's name after it is implicated in a bombing. (3h)

11:45 a.m. (FLIX) **The Kite Runner** ★★★ (Dra, '07) Khalid Abdalla, Atossa Leoni. An Afghan-American returns to Afghanistan to rescue the son of his childhood best friend. (2h15)

11:50 a.m. (MAX) **Atomic Blonde** ★★★ (Act, '17) Charlize Theron, James McAvoy. A deadly spy faces assassins while on a mission to recover an important dossier in Berlin. (1h55)

Noon (CMT) **Rudy** ★★★ (Dra, '93) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. A young man is determined to fulfill his dreams of playing football for Notre Dame. (2h45)

(HBO2) **Wonder Woman** ★★★★★ (Act, '17) Gal Gadot, Chris Pine. A warrior princess leaves her home with a crashed pilot to help end the First World War. (2h30)

12:10 p.m. (HBO) **The Bourne Supremacy** ★★★ (Act, '04) Matt Damon, Franka Potente. A former assassin from a top secret project is framed for a botched CIA operation. (1h50)

1 p.m. (SHD) **The Help** ★★★ (Dra, '11) Emma Stone, Viola Davis. Tension and surprises abound as three women struggle against prejudice in a small town. (2h30)

1:30 p.m. (USA) **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** ★★★ (Adv, '09) Daniel Radcliffe, Michael Gambon. Harry Potter and Dumbledore embark on a dangerous set of tasks to defeat an evil enemy. (3h26)

2 p.m. (A&E) **The Rock** ★★★ (Act, '96) Sean Connery, Nicolas Cage. A former spy and an FBI agent must break into Alcatraz prison to foil a deadly plot. (3h)

(COM) **Super Troopers** ★★★ (Com, '02) Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme. State troopers must stick together when budget cuts threaten to shut down their unit. (2h05)

(FLIX) **Beyond the Sea** ★★★ (Bio, '04) Kevin Spacey, Kate Bosworth. The life story of singer Bobby Darin, including his marriage to actress Sandra Dee. (2h)

(TMC) **The Death of Stalin** ★★★★★ (Com, '18) Steve Buscemi, Simon Russell Beale. In the days following Stalin's collapse, his core team of ministers tussle for control. (2h)

2:15 p.m. (TNT) **Django Unchained** ★★★ (West, '12) Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz. A slave teams up with a bounty hunter to rescue his wife from her plantation owner. (3h45)

2:30 p.m. (TBS) **Edge of Tomorrow** ★★★ (Sci-Fi, '14) Tom Cruise, Emily Blunt. A soldier in a war against an alien race becomes caught in a time loop after he is killed. (2h30)

(TCM) **Barabbas** ★★★ (Rel, '61) Anthony Quinn, Jack Palance. A murderer undergoes a spiritual change which leaves him embracing Christianity. (2h30)

2:45 p.m. (CMT) **Forrest Gump** ★★★ (Com/Dra, '94) Tom Hanks, Sally Field. A simple man finds himself in extraordinary situations throughout the course of his life. (3h30)

2:50 p.m. (MAX) **Cyrus** ★★★ (Com, '10) John C. Reilly, Jonah Hill. A man meets the woman of his dreams, only to discover a confusing mother-son relationship. (1h35)

3:15 p.m. (AMC) **The Breakfast Club** ★★★ (Dra, '85) Judd Nelson, Emilio Estevez. Five students with nothing in common are forced to spend a Saturday in detention together. (2h15)

4 p.m. (FLIX) **What's Eating Gilbert Grape?** ★★★★★ (Dra, '93) Johnny Depp, Juliette Lewis. A young man is forced to care for his autistic brother and obese mother in a small town. (2h)

4:05 p.m. (VH1) **Creed** ★★★★★ (Spt, '15) Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. Former Heavyweight Champion Rocky Balboa trains the son of his late friend to be a boxer. (3h55)

4:20 p.m. (HBO2) **Crazy Rich Asians** ★★★ (Com, '18) Constance Wu, Henry Golding. During a trip to Asia, a woman learns that her boyfriend's family is incredibly rich. (2h05)

5 p.m. (USA) **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** ★★★★★ (Adv, '10) Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson. Harry discovers the Deathly Hallows, the most powerful objects in the wizarding world. (3h12)

(53) **Just Like Heaven** ★★★ (Rom, '05) Reese Witherspoon, Mark Ruffalo. A forlorn man falls for the spirit of a woman who is inhabiting his apartment. (2h)

(A&E) **Hacksaw Ridge** ★★★ (Bio, '16) Andrew Garfield, Sam Worthington. Army medic Desmond Doss enlists in WWII, but refuses to carry a weapon into battle. (3h)

(FX) **Jack Reacher** ★★★ (Act, '12) Tom Cruise, Rosamund Pike. An investigator unravels disturbing details pertaining to a homicide relating to a sniper. (3h)

(TBS) **Transformers** ★★★ (Act, '07) Shia LaBeouf, Megan Fox. Two alien robot tribes battling for supremacy come to Earth seeking an energy source. (3h)

5:20 p.m. (SHD2) **There Will Be Blood** ★★★★★ (Dra, '07) Daniel Day-Lewis, Barry Del Sherman. Greed and power causes an oil baron to grow increasingly ruthless and cruel. (2h40)

5:30 p.m. (AMC) **Pretty Woman** ★★★ (Rom, '90) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. A wealthy businessman hires a free-spirited call girl to be his companion for a week. (2h30)

5:45 p.m. (TMC) **Midnight Run** ★★★ (Com, '88) Robert De Niro, Charles Grodin. A bounty hunter is determined to bring a bail-jumper to New York, but so is the mob. (2h15)

6 p.m. (FLIX) **What's Love Got to Do With It?** ★★★★★ (Bio, '93) Angela Bassett, Laurence Fishburne. The turbulent relationship between rock legend Tina Turner and her husband, Ike. (2h)

6:10 p.m. (Freeform) **Moana** ★★★★★ (Ani, '16) Voices of Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson. A young navigator and the demigod Maui work together to save her home and people. (2h30)

6:15 p.m. (CMT) **Forrest Gump** ★★★ (Com/Dra, '94) Tom Hanks, Sally Field. See 2:45 PM (3h30)

(COM) **Super Troopers** ★★★ (Com, '02) Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme. See 2:00 PM (2h15)

7 p.m. (DISN) **Zootopia** ★★★ (Ani, '16) Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman. A wily con artist and a rookie cop work together to unravel a mysterious conspiracy. (1h50)

8 p.m. (FLIX) **21 Grams** ★★★★★ (Dra, '03) Sean Penn, Naomi Watts. An accident brings

together an ailing mathematician, a mother and a born-again ex-con. (2h05)

(FX) **Split** ★★★★★ (Hor, '16) James McAvoy, Anya Taylor-Joy. Three teenagers are kidnapped by a man with 24 personalities warping inside his mind. (2h30)

(NICKE) **Mr. Popper's Penguins** ★★★ (Fam, '11) Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino. A man's life changes when he receives penguins and turns his house into a winter paradise. (2h)

(TCM) **Easter Parade** ★★★★★ (Mus, '48) Judy Garland, Fred Astaire. A man finds love as he tries to turn a chorus girl into a star to upstage his ex-partner. (2h)

(TMC) **IngLOURIOUS Basterds** ★★★ (War, '09) Brad Pitt, Christoph Waltz. An elite group of soldiers crosses paths with a woman whose family was killed by Nazis. (2h35)

8:10 p.m. (USA) **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** ★★★★★ (Adv, '11) Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson. Harry, Ron and Hermione return to Hogwarts to find the last of the horcruxes. (2h50)

8:30 p.m. (SYFY) **San Andreas** ★★★ (Act, '15) Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino. A helicopter pilot and his ex-wife attempt to rescue their daughter after an earthquake. (2h30)

8:40 p.m. (Freeform) **Beauty and the Beast** ★★★★★ (Ani, '91) Voices of Paige O'Hara, Richard White. A young woman saves her father by agreeing to stay with a beast for the rest of her life. (2h05)

9:30 p.m. (HBO2) **Never Been Kissed** ★★★ (Rom, '99) Drew Barrymore, Michael Vartan. A journalist poses as a high school student in order to investigate teen culture. (1h50)

9:35 p.m. (MAX) **Black Swan** ★★★ (Dra, '10) Natalie Portman, Mila Kunis. After winning the lead role in 'Swan Lake,' a ballet dancer begins to lose her mind. (1h50)

9:45 p.m. (CMT) **Rudy** ★★★ (Dra, '93) Sean Astin, Ned Beatty. See 12:00 PM (2h45)

10 p.m. (TCM) **King of Kings** ★★★ (Epic, '62) Jeffrey Hunter, Siobhan McKenna. The epic retelling of Christ's life and the effects of his teachings on those around him. (3h)

MONDAY

8:30 a.m. (FLIX) **Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home** ★★★★★ (Sci-Fi, '86) William Shatner, Leonard Nimoy. A ship's crew travel back in time to 1980 to save Earth from an alien probe. (2h)

(TMC) **Gone** ★★★ (Dra, '12) Amanda Seyfried, Daniel Sunjata. A woman is convinced her kidnapper has returned when her sister goes missing. (1h35)

9:55 a.m. (MAX) **Black Widow** ★★★ (Susp, '87) Debra Winger, Theresa Russell. A beautiful young woman seduces, marries and kills wealthy men for no apparent reason. (1h45)

11 a.m. (SHD) **Good Morning, Vietnam** ★★★★★ (War, '87) Robin Williams, Forest Whitaker. A disk jockey brings reality and humor to the armed forces during the Vietnam War. (2h)

11:30 a.m. (HBO2) **Knock Knock** ★★★ (Hor, '15) Keanu Reeves, Lorenza Izzo. A devoted husband is thrown into a deadly fight for his life. (1h40)

11:40 a.m. (MAX) **Goodfellas** ★★★ (Cri, '90) Ray Liotta, Joe Pesci. A tough New York mobster becomes a target of the government and the mafia. (2h25)

11:45 a.m. (SHD2) **Vertical Limit** ★★★ (Act, '00) Chris O'Donnell, Robin Tunney. A climber must rescue his sister from the top of K2, one of the world's biggest mountains. (2h15)

11:55 a.m. (HBO) **The Pelican Brief** ★★★ (Susp, '93) Julia Roberts, Denzel Washington. A law student stumbles onto a conspiracy to assassinate two Supreme Court Justices. (2h25)

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Morgantown's 'unfinished business'

BY BEN CONLEY

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Morgantown City Manager Paul Brake said the city will likely take up the implementation of a 1 percent sales tax in May to address what he refers to as the city's "unfinished business."

"There's a lot of unfinished business, and we identified it in the strategic plan. We have unmet needs in recreation and in pension financing," Brake said.

The sales tax, conservatively estimated to generate between \$5 million and \$6 million annually, would come with mandated reductions in business and occupation taxes pertaining to retail and manufacturing.

"The collection of that [sales tax] would not begin until July of 2020, but you have to do that far in advance with the state so they can get with merchants and gear up for those collections," Brake said.

But the new tax is just one of the likely topics of conversation coming to the city in the next year or so.

The city is also finalizing a comprehensive annexation plan provided through a \$37,607 contract with Grossman, Yanak & Ford, LLP.

"We have the data gathered. We pretty much have a good understanding of what would be appropriate, and I think we've made a very good case for what we're suggesting in terms of how to approach it," Mayor Bill Kawecki said.

"We know what we're after. I've said many times, this isn't simply a land grab. It's a very logical approach that will consolidate our efforts. I think it will give the



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Hangar construction at the Morgantown Municipal Airport.

city a more realistic border and a better community."

Brake said the annexation discussion could get under way as early as May.

The city is also hopeful that another long-term project — the construction of three new hangar buildings at the Morgantown Municipal Airport — could be completed by the end of April.

Additionally, work continues on the \$4 million riverfront overhaul project, which, Brake said, is on pace to finish up by the end of the year.

He went on to say that the city will hire an activities director for the Hazel Ruby McQuain River-

front Park — a stipulation of the grant that made the work possible — sometime in the fall.

While Kawecki said he's often frustrated with the pace in which municipal gears turn, he feels they're turning in the right direction.

"I'm just very excited about the progress we've been making, period," he said, adding, "There are many more positive things on the horizon poised to move this community forward than there are any kind of negatives that I can think of, and I find that very encouraging. I really do."

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Work continues on the Hazel Ruby McQuain Park renovations.

2020 Census can have a big impact on Mon, Preston communities

BY TRAVIS WILLIAMSON

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The 2020 United States Census is just around the corner.

For many, completing the forms is at the bottom of their to-do list, but partic-

ipation in the U.S. Census can have a major impact on the economy.

Data dissemination specialist for the U.S. Census Bureau Tim Sarko said the Census, which takes place every 10 years, is an often

overlooked but essential component to the nation's well-being.

"The Census is about 10 questions, and (includes) questions on population numbers, age and race," Sarko said.

While these may seem like basic questions, Sarko said they can have a big impact.

"It is used for apportioning representation, drawing congressional and legislative districts, and enforcing voters' rights," Sarko said. "It also helps distribute over \$670 billion federal dollars."

Sarko said the Census does not only help the nation as a whole, but plays a big role locally.

"It helps you have a say in your community; you are helping your community get better," Sarko said.

"It informs where to build roads, hospitals, schools, and senior services."

Monongalia County Commissioner Tom Bloom said the commission has not taken full advantage of the 2010 Census, and he plans on framing the future of Mon County through the 2020 Census.

"The Census has not been an important issue in this area, and it hasn't been used to its fullest potential," Bloom said. "We are unable to attract future businesses or families if we don't have the right numbers. We need to know those numbers so we

can compete with other areas of our size. It is key to show that we are growing and can support new companies."

Bloom said a hurdle for the county in the 2020 Census will be ensuring WVU students file their Census form while on-campus.

"Wherever you are on April 1 is where you file your Census," Bloom said. "Students are here eight months out of the year; if we don't register them, we will get much less funding."

Executive director of the Greater Morgantown Convention and Visitors Bureau, Susan Riddle, agreed accurate Census data will be crucial to the area's success.

"There are a lot of things metropolitan areas qualify for based on this data," Riddle said. "Money and infrastructure that directly impact tourism is based on a city's size."

Census data extends beyond funding and plays a role in the area's identity, as well.

"Census data is used on a regular basis when determining national ratings," Riddle said. "This is how we have gotten recognition for being one of the best... small towns."

Bloom said the 2020 Census will provide substantial employment opportunities for West Virginia residents.

"There are many jobs available through the Census. Only 20 percent of the West Virginia Census jobs are filled," Bloom said. "The more people we would have in the local area helping out, the more they will be able to get the word out."

In addition to working for the U.S. Census Bureau during the 2020 Census, Bloom said there are many ways residents can help secure a brighter future for the area.

"When it comes time, please complete the form and tell your family to do the same," Bloom said. "It is important for all of our programs related to the federal government. Higher numbers mean more ... funds. It's that simple."

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Mon County not immune to teacher shortages

BY JIM BISSETT

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The educational crisis of not having enough teachers in West Virginia schools didn't just happen.

It comes down what has always been the core in the Mountain State: Coal.

When West Virginia's once-marquee coal industry started digging its one-way downturn, there was only one way out for a lot of people.

Idled miners had to move their families elsewhere.

That meant their kids weren't going to the town school that fall or to the new consolidated one out in the county.

That meant their younger brothers and sisters wouldn't be filling the rows after them when they turned their tassels on Graduation Day.

Teachers weren't asked back in the fall and whole schools were shuttered, even.

The failing grade for a state that was, in effect, a company town,

had a paradoxical effect, however. Now, there's a teacher shortage, as more and more college students opt not to go into education.

There's a content shortage, too, as the ones in that major are staying away from math and special education.

That's nationally and that's locally, too.

Last year, at the height of the teacher work stoppage here, there were more than 700 educator vacancies in public classrooms across the state.

Math teachers are in critical demand, these days.

The market in who majors in what in college teaching programs has always moved to its own cyclical drummer, as well. One year, everyone majors in English education, or a teaching discipline in the arts. Four years later, it's sociology or science.

Today, there aren't as many education majors as there once were, as college students in general are staying away from the field as a career choice.



Submitted photo

Erin McHenry-Sorber

Monongalia County's school district isn't immune.

"I'll tell you, for us right now, it's special education teachers," School Superintendent Eddie Campbell Jr. said.

"One thing we've learned is how much pride people have in this state and how much people love this state and want to remain here."

— Erin McHenry-Sorber

Currently two special ed positions in the county are being filled by certified substitutes, he said. "Certified," as in professionally trained — just not in the subject.

Which means, say, a certified teacher who majored in English education standing in front of a math class.

Gov. Jim Justice is fronting the idea of hiring bonuses for math teachers here.

WVU and Marshall, the state's two largest institutions of higher

learning, are also looking at "grow your own" initiatives to nurture teachers in all content areas.

Erin McHenry-Sorber, a math professor at WVU who also holds a Ph.D. in educational leadership, sees part of the solution as simple salesmanship.

West Virginia natives who attend school either in Morgantown or Huntington, she said, usually have geographic affection for their home state and might actually want to work and live here after their degree.

Hence, grow your own.

"One thing we've learned is how much pride people have in this state and how much people love this state and want to remain here," she said.

Emotion, the professor said, begets marketing and multiplication.

"We just need to capitalize that in a way that's meaningful for education."

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As population rises, Mon addresses need for more classrooms

BY JIM BISSETT

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A crystal ball might work, Mike Kelly says.

"Well, the thing is, you never where somebody's going to build," said Kelly, who is vice president of the Monongalia County Board of Education.

"Then, you never know how many families are going to move in."

Which, the BOE official said, makes for an annual back-to-school challenge for his district.

Residential construction is up in Mon compared to the rest of the state.

So is population, as people actually move here — as opposed to the general exodus from Almost Heaven happening elsewhere.

Which results in a "sort of" conventional wisdom adage that sounds like it might be right at home on a refrigerator magnet:

"...For every new subdivision that appears in Monongalia County" (said adage could go) so too does the pre-kindergarten wait list at the closest school."

Not that Eddie Campbell Jr. is complaining.

Campbell is the Mon Schools Superintendent hired here last summer from Tucker County, where he headed the third-smallest district in the state.

It's a district with one high school and no voter-supported levy.

He likes the vibrancy of Mon's environs and its bustling school district, but the constant influx and outgrowth does pose infrastructure challenges, he said.

While not every school here is approaching critical occupancy, all are generally full. Some more than others.

"Out of all our buildings, Ridgedale is the one we really need to look at right now," he said.

The K-5 school on Goshen Road is easily operating at 92 percent capacity or better, the superintendent said.

Or, not so easily, as he puts it.

"You've got one classroom basically moving up and down a hallway," Campbell said, during a recent board meeting.

That's why the BOE signed off on a move to construct eight additional classrooms for the school, which would be divided evenly between pre-K and kindergarten.

The school also needs "significant" upgrades to its kitchen, Campbell said.

Campbell said the addition would also free up space to provide permanent classrooms for art, music and foreign language instruction.

A Charleston architect was awarded the project, part of which, he said, could also go the state School Building Authority for additional funding. "And this would be it for Ridgedale, folks."

The addition, the superintendent said, would buy more time for the building, which has also put the stress test to its parking lot.

"We believe this would put us in a good position for the next 15-16 years," he said.

In the meantime, the BOE is already to update its Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan, which is kind of an infrastructure road map for the district.

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Ridgedale Elementary

Mon Sheriff finding it hard to fill spots

BY WILLIAM DEAN
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The Monongalia County Sheriff's Department is hiring, but there aren't too many applicants these days.

"Nobody wants to be a police officer right now," Sheriff Perry Palmer said.

The profession has lost respect and over the last five to six years, he said, positions have been getting harder to fill. When he took the Civil Service exam — the first step to becoming a deputy — there were so many applicants there were two sessions. At the most recent exam in January, only 17 people showed up out of 49 who registered.

There are a number of reasons for the decline, including the job being more dangerous and what Palmer called a "couple of bad eggs" bringing the entire profession down through social media scrutiny.

He said most people just don't want to have to go through that; it takes a special kind of person to want to be a police officer.

"I know, it's the old cliché, 'well you want to be a police officer



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Lt. W.A. Tennant, Detective Division, poses in front of the department's crime scene van.

because you want to help other people,' " Palmer said. "And I think pretty much, for the most part, that's what these guys are here for."

Ed Olesh, one of the most recent hires, said he felt the call after graduating from WVU with two master's degrees.

"I feel like having a purpose and a sense of pride in your job is important," he said.

Olesh, a six-year Army vet-

eran, said policing isn't exactly like the military but it shares aspects and he wanted to be in a service-oriented job.

Palmer said the department is accepting applications until May 8. Applications can be downloaded at monsheriff.com or picked up at the department or at the county clerk's office.

On Aug. 1, applicants will take the Civil Service examination and physical agility tests.



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minute for each exercise.

The county clerk compiles candidates who pass both exams into a list sorted by total score. When Palmer needs to fill a position he's given the top three names on the list.

An applicant then needs to pass an extensive background check, interview, medical exam and psychological exam.

People who pass those tests then must attend 16 weeks of training at the West Virginia State Police Academy — another hindrance to filling slots, Palmer said. The first class this year was full, meaning his most recent hires can't go until July, Palmer said.

After graduating from the academy, the newly minted police officers spend two months with field training officers and gain experience on all three shifts before they are allowed to go out on their own.

Starting pay for a Monongalia County deputy is \$40,848 a year, health insurance is paid for and Palmer said there are lots of opportunities for overtime. Uniforms and equipment are provided.

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Star City works on beautifying areas of town

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STAR CITY — After a pause on work relating to the TIF (tax increment financing) project in Star City, Mayor Herman Reid and council members are working to decide what's next to improve the town.

The TIF began in 2007, and Mayor Reid took over four years ago July 1. Reid said the phase one projects for the money were mostly used on Boyers Avenue.

"Before my administration, the last administration went ahead and decided to buy up all the properties on Boyers Avenue and, of course, tear them down for the widening of Boyers Avenue," he said. "One individual decided not to sell, so that kind of put a chink in their plans, and I've seen some paperwork saying it was going to be four lanes.

"I find it hard to believe that you could squeeze out four lanes, but the TIF, to my understanding, has always been for growth, beautification. It's a thing where moneys come in to pay for the infrastructure to put in water lines, sewer lines, sidewalks, which would make it more appealing to people to bring their businesses here."

Reid said the more businesses Star City could attract with improvements done through TIF, the more business and occupation taxes the city and state would gain.

Reid referred to the street lights, placed along Boyers Avenue during phase one of the project, as well as the sidewalk on Boyers that was redone as examples of small projects that enhanced the desirability of the area.

He said plans for phase two include more beautification of the town and features enhancing safety for pedestrians.

"Moving on, I would like to see a new sidewalk coming up University Avenue, basically from Boyers Avenue all the way to the St. Mary's church," he said. "The black post lights we have on Boyers could continue on up University Avenue. I think it would just look nice, and it would be safer for people to walk through our town and make it more appealing, like the beautiful little town we have."

Reid said another project under discussion is a reinforcement wall at the corner of Boyers Avenue to help widen the road and make room for the new lane.

"I've seen this in the conception drawings around 3 and 1/2 years ago when I became mayor, and it looked really nice," he said. "They were going to cut back into that bank, and it looked like maybe a 4-foot

high wall, some drawings in brick, some in stone.

"It would widen that road more. The telephone pole down at the corner of University Avenue and Boyers could be moved or set underground. It would make the turn wider to come up the hill because big trucks — and my 35-foot motor home — have a hard time making that turn sometimes."

Last fall, council began discussing what to do with the property on Boyers Avenue bought with TIF funds. The project has been discussed at multiple council meetings, with Council Members Dominick Claudio and Emma Luzader meeting with county authorities about the potential sale of the property.

At the council meeting March 26, Claudio updated council on the potential sale.

"We talked about what we could do about selling the property," he said. "We can use the development authority to help us. We talked about the DOH (Division of Highways) right-of-way on Boyers Avenue. We need to figure that out before we do anything."

"That was pretty important. They said we definitely don't want to pass that to the property owner before we figure out a real right-of-way for them, so we need to start the process."

Claudio said the road had already been widened 15 feet and cut into the existing property, so the DOH needed a right-of-way to those lots.

While there is still some confusion as to why the right-of-way was not decided to the DOH during the initial phase of the project, city attorney Paul Cranston said he would recommend that a real estate agent help get the right-of-way taken care of properly and officially.

Claudio said according to county authorities, "there are no stipulations for the type of tenant, the type of buyer that comes in there to use that land, unless we want to put that one, which we can."

Claudio said in a later interview the city would prefer a commercial business to purchase the property, so the economic impact to the area could be maximized.

"No net proceeds over the bond payment amount can be kept by the town," he said. "Everything has to go back to the TIF fund itself. That's something to think about as well because we would just be reimbursed and the property would go away."

"Part of me thinks we are losing an opportunity with that, but I also understand if we are going to hold it and not do anything with it then there's value in sell-

ing it to someone who will."

Claudio said counsel for the county commission would help prepare a modification plan as to how the property can be used.

Luzader said, "I think they said the appraisal would be paid for by the purchaser, and really the

only thing the town would incur expenses for would be what we pay our attorney to prepare the deed and if we do private marketing where we don't use the development authority."

Council would have to approve the sale and give the county commission authority to prepare a

modification. Then it would come back to council for approval, before going to the development authority.

Claudio said he would begin working on getting the question of the right-of-way solved, so the city can decide what to do next with the properties.

Reid said he believes the TIF funds have been and will be a great help to develop the town.

"It's definitely a good thing, in my opinion," he said. "Look at West Ridge and all the improvements that have been going on and Granville and the Town Center.

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A vintage photo of Boyers Avenue, in Star City.

The building will be ready for final demolition in July through October.

Despite some speed bumps, Stansbury nearing its end

BY MELANIE SMITH
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Two years after the initial announcement of demolition, WVU's historic Stansbury Hall is still standing.

Why is a question many in the Morgantown community have raised. Change is still coming, though, despite the lengthy timeline for this project.

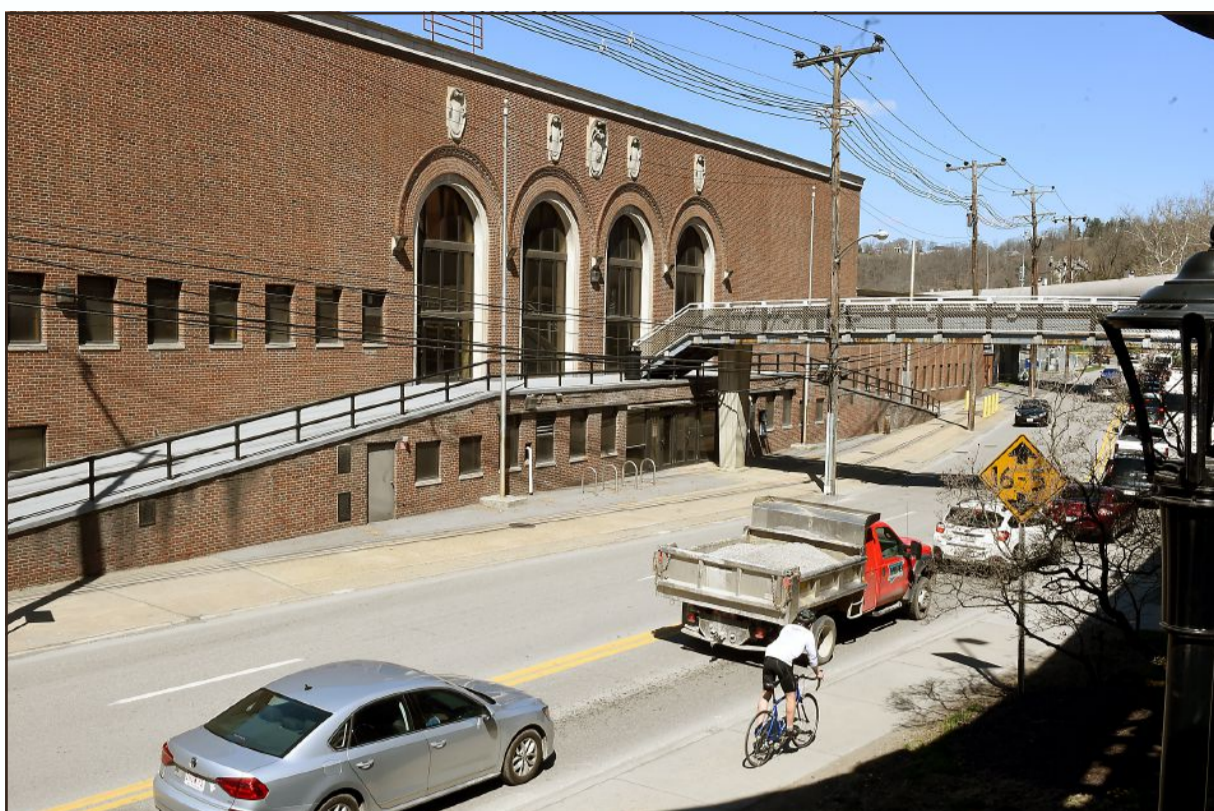
The timeline starts in February 2017, when \$10 million was donated to WVU by Clarksburg native Bob Reynolds and his wife, Laura. This donation will breathe life into a building designated for the College of Business and Economics, being built where Stansbury Hall currently stands along the waterfront.

In January 2018, the West Virginia University Board of Governors approved \$1.5 million from the WVU Foundation to complete the initial designs of the new addition. Rob Alsop, WVU's vice president of strategic initiatives, presented to the board an overview of the project with warning that completion is still a long way off.

"There are a number of steps — envisioning, financial, fundraising — which need to take place," he said. "This really begins in earnest with the first step of procuring the services of an architect and engineer."

Strada Architecture LLC and Gensler & Associates were selected to take the reins for the project's early phases.

A former residence hall, Arnold Hall, is temporarily revived as office space for those displaced from Stansbury Hall. Departments like philosophy and statistics relocated over the last several months, while Army and Air Force ROTC were the last to leave during spring break in March. On March 9, the flag in front



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Once Stansbury Hall is empty this month, the next steps involve engaging a contractor to remove all asbestos material within the building throughout the summer.

of Stansbury Hall was lowered for the final time as the Army and Air Force ROTC programs prepared to move onto the Evansdale Campus after a 46-year stay.

"Now that Stansbury has been vacated of all people, we've set about emptying the building of all contents left behind," said Scott Owen, the university's project manager for the removal of Stansbury Hall. "Many of the contents were auctioned off, while others were donated to nonprofit organizations, and what little remains will either be recycled or trashed."

Owens said once the building is empty in April, the next steps

involve engaging a contractor to remove all asbestos material within the building throughout the summer. The building will be ready for final demolition in July through October.

Plans for what will be built in place of Stansbury focus mostly on a new Business and Economics building, that being the intention of the donation by the Reynolds. Dean Javier Reyes of the WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics looks forward to a transformative chapter for the college.

The new building will be named Reynolds Hall, after Bob

and Laura. Reyes envisions when people enter the building, they will see business at work.

"This will be a collaborative, creative space that will catalyze innovation for our students and transform their learning through experiential opportunities," Reyes said. "The tremendous resources and programming that will be available in the new space will give them tools that they need to foster academic success and solve the problems of the future."

Basketball legend Jerry West, who left his mark at WVU by playing with the Mountaineers in Stansbury Hall in the late 1950s,

gives this plan his support. He released the following statement:

"Building a new business school complex will help the university provide students with the academics and educational experiences they need to be the business leaders of tomorrow," West said. "It gives me a great feeling that the location of this new complex will be in the location where I already have a lot of great memories."

A portion of the old gym floor in Stansbury Hall will be saved for placement in the WVU Basketball offices to commemorate West and his success.

In addition to the new business building, other concepts for what to do with the remaining space are up in the air. Within the initial phases of planning, ideas of including a residence hall or student housing, retail stores and a recreation center were thrown into the picture.

Randy Hudak, the senior associate vice president for WVU Facilities and Services, says the university is looking to make this building a showcase.

"The rec would be focused on access to the rail trail and to the river," Hudak said. "A place to have some kayaks or canoes or bikes. Connecting the river and the rail trail, I think is a very positive thing we can do."

Once the move officially occurs, what happens to the former Business and Economics building is undecided. Rob Alsop, WVU vice president for strategic initiatives, said the building will be renovated with potential for academic programs like the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences to use parts of the space.

The timeline to complete the project is several years, but no final completion date has been announced.

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Levy passage to help Preston schools in myriad ways

BY KATHY PLUM
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KINGWOOD — The passage of a school levy was a game changer for Preston County Schools.

In February, Preston voters approved a five-year, \$4.5 million annual school levy. While the levy by law must be used for the purposes noted on the ballot, it also frees up other funds in the budget.

Facilities

“With our levy, that changed the game a lot,” Preston School Superintendent Steve Wotring said. “The projects we need to do facility wise and maintenance wise — even though we have a lot of new buildings — there’s still much work that needs to be done, because we have older sections of buildings.”

Solving HVAC issues will be among the top maintenance projects, he said, because of students being in the classroom in the heat of August.

Another maintenance project will be fixing the football bleachers at Preston High, which are original to the school. “They’re just not going to withstand much more,” Wotring noted.

The roof on the county bus garage is “like a waterfall when it rains,” he said.

Upgrades are needed in most school restroom facilities, with the exception of those that are entirely new construction.

Safety

Safety and security are also top of the list in priorities, Wotring said.

For example, once visitors are admitted to the concourse at Preston High School (PHS), they have access to the entire school. So changes are projected for there and Kingwood Elementary, which has a similar setup.

“Our other schools have a



The Dominion Post file photo
Preston School Superintendent Steve Wotring and others wait for the vote count on the Feb. 2 special levy election.

place you’re ‘stuck’ in, and Kingwood and the high school just don’t have that,” Wotring said.

Adding cameras to school is also a part of the security measures.

The plan is to put together a major improvement grant project application for the State School Building Authority (SBA) to address some of the school entrances and HVAC work.

“What we haven’t been able to do in the past with SBA was bring anything to the table. So now we can say ‘we’ll fund this much of it if you fund this much,’” Wotring said.

Technology

Preston plans to double the bandwidth at every school. “And as we continue our 1 to 1 Initiative, that becomes crucial, so that the speed of our internet isn’t too slow to allow children to work,” the superintendent said. That is made possible by the

school levy.

The 1 to 1 Initiative provides laptops to every fifth and nine grade student each year. They keep their device four years.

More and more curriculum is going online. This year the county will adopt a social studies series, and the state has mandated a digital component.

“It’s just a sign of the times,” Wotring said.

Curriculum

“I said all through our levy talks that I really wanted to start restoring programs to our high school,” Wotring said.

For example, there’s an engineering program offered in Mon County Schools, Project Lead the Way, that Preston students will transfer to enroll in. Wotring would like to start something similar in Preston. He’d also like to expand the

elective classes offered at PHS.

“Because we have the core, the reading, math, science, English, etc., social studies ... what we need is to expand our elective base, so I would like to expand the arts at our high school. And I would like to expand our CTE program and bring new state-of-the-art programs in.”

With CTE, he is looking at graphic arts, HVAC and cosmetology. “Because those are real life jobs that people can walk into.”

The current CTE program is good, he said, but it can always be better.

“In the past we’ve always talked about what programs are we going to cut? But now we’re saying okay, what can we build?” Wotring said.

He sees the mini-house built by the PHS construction class becoming the school’s store front, where students from meat processing could sell fresh meats and

Prostart students can offer a daily luncheon special.

And it could all be marketed by the graphic arts students, and business students could help.

PHS already offers four medical programs, but more are possible. Wotring sees the proximity of Preston Memorial as a perfect partnership opportunity.

It can’t all be accomplished in a year, Wotring said. The state has to approve adding CTE programs, and the county has to pay for the program the first year. The second year the teacher’s salary will be picked up by the state.

Enrollment

Preston County has consistently lost enrollment for the past decade. Loss of enrollment means loss of state funding for personnel and programs.

PHS gained a handful of students this year but overall county enrollment fell by more than 100 students.

In the last two years Kingwood Elementary is down 40 students. Terra Alta/East Preston is down about 50 students in the last couple years. Bruceeton and West Preston are the growth areas in the county.

Staff

Preston County is fortunate to have certified math teachers in every position. Another tough to fill area in the state is special education. Four teachers are in the alternative certification plan in special ed, a program through Fairmont State University to help them get their special ed certification.

“We’re in better shape staff wise, and really the amount of people we’re having to cut this year, once we take the retirements into effect, we’re not really losing anybody at all. We’re going to be able to keep the people we have for the most part, I believe,” Wotring said.

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Preston working on cleaning up, clearing out buildings

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KINGWOOD — Preston towns are trying to overcome obstacles to get dilapidated and abandoned structures cleaned up.

Officials said towns don't always have the resources to address the structures. Taking down a building can be an expensive drain on municipal funds. Having a building condemned can be a lengthy project.

Sometimes property owners work with a town to resolve the issue. That was the case in Kingwood for a building at 146 S. Price St.

"The building was donated to the town, Kingwood Councilman Mike Lipscomb said. "It cost \$28,000 to take it down. We used a \$5,000 litter control grant from the DEP and the rest came out of our general revenue."

But Newburg Mayor Edgar Fortney said getting permission to do something about dilapidated buildings is often a problem.

"The only thing you can hope for is that they go for taxes and someone buys them and cleans them up," he said.

Fortney said that has happened in a couple of cases. He said a council member bought the property below the railroad and



Kingwood Council worked more than a year to have this Price Street building's condition addressed.

cleaned it up. There were a couple dilapidated trailers on the land. He said the person who bought the former Newburg school is working to clean it up. He said about a third of it has been removed.

"I heard one of the other buildings was sold (at a tax auction). So I called the county tax office to find out who bought it," Fortney

said. "They said it wasn't sold, it went to the state. I called the State Auditor's Office and they said they didn't know anything about it and referred me back to Kingwood. I guess they haven't received the records yet."

County Litter Control Officer Jay Sowers said the Preston County Cleanup Committee has eliminated 15 dilapidated buildings.



Kingwood is trying to have the Sweet Annie's building on Price Street addressed. The first floor has collapsed into the basement.

"We can't help a town if it has a dilapidated building ordinance," he said. "The 15 buildings we eliminated was over a three-year period."

Lipscomb said Sowers was able to help Kingwood with a problem at a trailer court. "Half of the trailer court was outside the city limits," he explained.

"If someone doesn't take care of

their building we have to go to court and have it condemned," Lipscomb said. "That takes time and we have to have an attorney to do a title search and hunt the owner down. But in Kingwood we pretty much know who owns what."

Lipscomb said Kingwood has an ordinance and an enforcement committee made up of the fire chief, a member of the health department, the mayor, the chief of police and a member at large.

"They determine if the property is a health hazard or poses a public safety hazard." He said if there is a problem a notice is sent to the owner, giving them 20 days to respond.

"I don't understand how people let it go this far," Lipscomb said. "They have a valuable asset they could sell. I guess some are hoarders and some don't care."

Fortney said Newburg is making progress. He said the town started with 14 dilapidated buildings and now has six.

"The law needs to be changed. If you don't keep your property up, you should lose your rights and it goes to the city. Then the city could clean it up, sell it and recoup their money," Fortney said.

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Major General James Hoyer speaks during an MCA graduation.

Camp Dawson helps generate jobs, boosts economy in Preston

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KINGWOOD — Few people thing about Camp Dawson as an economic driver and education center, but it is both.

"Most recent number, Camp Dawson accounts for about a \$32.3 million economic impact on Preston County and the regional economy," West Virginia National Guard Adjutant General Major General James Hoyer said. "If you pull all the positions together I think it's as high as 390 jobs. So pretty significant impact."

Those figures are according to a study done in 2017 by the WVU College of Business and Economics Bureau of Business & Economic research. The study found Dawson, through its expenditures and those of its employees and trainees, also generated 93 jobs in the local economy in addition to those at the base itself.

Also, Hoyer said, "it's important to us because a state that does not have a full-time military base but has one of the highest percentages per capita of veteran service, it is a key component of our organizational vision, which is to create national security and homeland security opportunities for West Virginians to live in this state but do a national mission," Hoyer said.

Dawson helps diversify the economy as well, the general said.

Last training year the camp saw 161,000 training days, and the projection for this year is 174,000.

People come into the community to eat, shop, perhaps attend a WVU game or take advantage of other local recreational activities. Then there's the products, such as food, that Dawson buys to provide services on the base.

"That's a significant impact on the local economy," Hoyer noted.

ChalleNGe Academy

There's also the National Guard's Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy, a residential 22-week training program for youngsters 16-18 years old. Since 2013 when the legislature gave ChalleNGe cadets the option of earning a high school diploma, an average of 150 youngsters per class earn the diploma. There are two

classes each year.

That's the equivalent of the 10th largest high school in the state, Hoyer said.

"And the added multiplier in this case is that these are young people who were considered at risk or highly at risk, many of whom had dropped out of school or were in the process of failing out of school. So imagine every year we're taking a little over 300 kids who were probably going to be burdens on our welfare system, potentially, or unemployment system, and turning them into high school graduates who clearly have a much greater opportunity for success going forward," Hoyer said.

There are 39 ChalleNGe Academies in the U.S., but only West Virginia awards a high school diploma from the high school the cadet left. That also helps those high schools keep their graduation rates up, he said.

"One of the things that we've done with ChalleNGe Academy is we particularly try to buy as much locally as we can," Hoyer said.

He has told the staff, starting with ChalleNGe Academy and then branching out, to buy as much from local farmers and growers as possible.

ChalleNGe cadets also volunteer hundreds of hours in the community as part of their service component. That helps them understand the value of giving of themselves. "So it's a great opportunity both ways."

Recently Mountaineer ChalleNGe Academy was selected for Jobs Challenge, which is an additional 22-week work site training program for cadets who stay after completing ChalleNGe Academy.

Manufacturing technology, EKG technology and phlebotomy are being looked at as the initial job training offerings.

"That program itself will create an additional 27 full-time jobs," Hoyer said. Hiring has already started, and the program will begin in July.

It will also require creating additional barrack and classroom space.

"We can grow ChalleNGe, and we as a state probably need to grow ChalleNGe," Hoyer said. "And at some point I think we need to look at a second location."

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Org aims to attract talent to W.Va.

BY RACHEL ELLIS
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MORGANTOWN — Generation West Virginia and the Morgantown chapter work to help young people stay and thrive in the Mountain State.

Natalie Roper, executive director for Generation West Virginia, said the organization began in 2007 with various groups of volunteers from around the state, including from Morgantown.

She said the organization is dedicated to attracting, retaining and advancing young talent in the Mountain State.

“We lose too many people to opportunities in other states,” she said.

By keeping them here, “we are expanding our tax base, expanding community capacity, showing we can attract more employers to the state. So, we really see what we are doing as being the most foundational economic development strategy for West Virginia. We have to have more people to be able to succeed as a state,” she said.

Roper was hired in 2014 as the first full-time executive director with support from the Benedum Foundation. The organization now has four full-time staff and six part-time regional chapter coordinators.

Since that time, Roper said, the organization has grown quickly, especially through the two programs it has launched to combat lack of access to quality jobs.

“In order to attract young talent and for young people to stay in West Virginia, they have to access to quality jobs,” she said. “They have to be able to know there is economic opportunity for them. That there’s opportunity to have a career here, not just the first job, but stay here and advance in their work and in their communities.”

Roper said while the organization was hearing from young people, she also heard from employers about the lack of talent to fill open positions. The Impact Fellowship program was created in 2017 to bridge the gap between potential employers and prospective qualified candidates.

“We partner with employers in the state who bring on Impact Fellows for a one-year opportunity,” she said. “It’s fully paid with salary and benefits, and they work four days a week at that host employer, and then they volunteer in the community every Friday.”

Roper said candidates for the Fellowship positions are from West Virginia, have left West Virginia and want to come back or have never lived in West Virginia and want to move here.

“That program started in 2017,



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Generation Morgantown provides networking for young professionals through social, as well as business, events.

and we had five employers and seven fellowship positions, and now, last Friday we had our interview day for the third year of the program where we had 16 employers as a part of it, hiring for 26 different fellowship positions,” she said.

After the success of the Impact Fellowship, Roper said the organization decided to help fill one of the most needed skill sets for the cohort and potential employers — software development.

“So, we took what we learned from the Impact Fellowship, and we launched NewForce,” she said. “It’s connecting great talent with great jobs. We developed it in bringing a successful model from the National Software school and in partnership with the West Virginia community and technical college system. It’s a six-month software development training curriculum.”

“It’s full-time, Monday through Friday, just like a job. We teach students in a really intensive software development curriculum, and just like the impact fellowship, we partner directly with employers.”

Roper said the program, currently with nine participating employers, connects students to real jobs that are currently open here in the state. She said the organization is trying to grow to keep up with demand.

“We’ve received 1,000 applications since launching the Impact Fellowship and NewForce, so that’s 1,000 people who want to live and work in West Virginia when they

have access to the kinds of jobs and career pathways that those two programs provide,” she said.

“We heard things like, ‘I feel hopeful. I feel empowered to be a part of creating the change I want to see here. I don’t feel alone. There are other people like me who care about this place and know that together we can really build a better future here.’ ”

Roper said she hopes the Impact Fellowship can grow to 35 fellows every year.

“With New Force, we are piloting it this year with 18 students, and we are hoping to be able to grow that program.”

Along with these two programs, the organization’s local chapters provide the needed social and community-driven aspect to retaining young talent in the state.

“We know that access to a great job is a really important part of someone’s decision of where they live and work, but we know that people stay in places where they feel a part of, where they feel connected and invested in,” she said.

“Our chapters are really an important retention strategy in our organization.”

Roper said around 1,500 people are currently engaged in local chapters around the state.

Generation Morgantown

Generation Morgantown chapter Director Kristen Calabria said she became involved in Genera-

tion Morgantown after she moved to the area about six years ago. Her husband brought her to the events to get to know other people in town who wanted to give back.

Calabria said when she began with the local chapter, the only recurring event was First Fridays.

“Monthly we do a First Friday, a happy hour at a local business,” she said. “We will have drinks and have the social, business networking.”

Then, “We kind of sat back and thought, well our whole mission is to keep people here, and people can get professional development anywhere, so we really tried to get a little bit more inclusive and have different events.”

The group has expanded to multiple events per month.

“We do a Joggers and Lagers throughout the summer, where a group gets together once every other week and meets at a local bar or restaurant, runs three miles, and comes back and has dinner together,” she said. “We’ve had events at places like Morgantown Power Yoga or Soar Fitness or the Wow Factory.”

Calabria said the group still has First Fridays and a monthly brunch with speakers from the area, including news host Hoppy Kercheval, WVU Health Sciences Vice President and executive dean Clay Marsh, and Operation Welcome Home CEO Jamie Summerlin. The group also works to promote other local networking

opportunities.

“Typically, I think our audience, our participants we have, the average age is 25-35,” she said. “We’ve had some older people come; we’ve had some younger people come. We really just want to be there for anybody that wants to stay in the state and is looking for ways to get involved or things to do.

“I think it’s easy to move on profession-wise or location wise if you don’t have roots somewhere, so I really think that not just the professional tie, but also the social aspect of if you have friends and you have a niche and you’ve found things to do, places to go, you are more likely to stay in a location.”

Calabria said the group is currently focused on growing the voluntary advisory board and continuing the relationship with Generation West Virginia. It has a Facebook page with an events calendar for those interested in getting involved.

Roper said for her, everything Generation West Virginia and Generation Morgantown do is to solve both sides of the problems the state faces.

“Young people have to have jobs to be able to stay here, and we have to connect them with jobs,” she said. “And of course, we need employers that are here and succeeding and growing and hiring more and more people to create more and more jobs.

The Metropolitan Theatre sees resurgence as cultural asset

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Previously described as West Virginia’s most beautiful playhouse, The Metropolitan Theatre is in its prime.

The neoclassical building is snug within High Street, lining the streets with double doors to enter and promotions for the next show.

Dating back to July 24, 1924, opening night featured, “Seven Acts of Vaudeville.”

For seven decades, the Met hosted an immense number of artists and actors on its stage, such as Vaudeville and the traveling road shows of Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Helen Hayes. WVU drama productions, dance recitals, graduation ceremonies and other community activities graced this space as well.

The Met was listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in 1984. As a part of the Downtown Morgantown Historic District, the structure is managed by the City of Morgantown and day-to-day operation is overseen by the city manager’s office.

Volunteers with the Metropolitan Theatre Commission advise the office on operations, maintenance, theatre upgrades and programming. Over the last 15 years, 40,000 patrons have enjoyed presentations, pageants, concerts, plays and musicals at the Met.

City Manager Paul Brake said, “The Metropolitan Theatre is a vital cultural asset to the community and is truly one of the crown jewels of historic downtown

Morgantown. Over the past year, the Met has seen increased programming and promotion and, as a result, has seen a higher turnout for its events. We hope to build on that success going

forward and continue to add programming and showcase this important venue.”

Currently, the theatre hosts 100 performances per year and is one of the busiest theaters in the region.

One of the newest additions to the Met is daily movie showings. Beginning in December 2018, Joe Kaehler, the head of operations, thought it would be a great way to fill open dates by

presenting themed weekends from Thursday to Saturday.

The biggest hit so far is the Saturday afternoon family day movies at 1 p.m. With admission prices at \$6 including popcorn and a

drink, families come to see movies like Pinocchio.

“We are still searching for the niche that people want,” Kaehler said. “I am looking into more concert videos and classic movies to see what the response is.”

A Harry Potter movie weekend is being planned after a number of requests.

The end of the academic year is a busy time for the Met with end-of-year programs coming up. Scheduled events coming up include:

- April 26: Arts Walk
- April 30: Monongalia County All-County Choir
- May 2: Ridgedale Elementary Talent Show

“The schedule is heavy until the end of June,” Kaehler said.

The Metropolitan Theatre appeals not only to those who already live in the community but also people looking to move to a new town. In March, Morgantown was named one of the 2019 Top 100 Best Places to Live by Livability.com. One of the highlighted features that draws people to move here is the art scene, including the Metropolitan Theatre.

“The role that the Met Theatre plays in livability in Morgantown is that it creates a desired community,” Kaehler said. “People will select their jobs, often by where they live and the desire to have a full life recreation, culture, entertainment and education.”

For more information on the Metropolitan Theatre and scheduled shows, go to <https://morgantownmet.com>.



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The Don Knotts statue sits outside the entrance to the Metropolitan Theatre on High Street.

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A Preston County farm.

“Farms are disappearing rapidly. I want my land to be a farm forever, and now it will.” — Maurice Hoffman

Preserving Preston’s farms

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KINGWOOD — The goal of the Preston County Farmland Protection Agency (PCFPA) is to preserve Preston County’s farmland.

Established in 2004 by the Preston County Commission, funding for the program comes from excise taxes on the transfer of property.

“We bring in about \$120,000. We can’t afford to buy too many easements,” Director LaDeana Teets said. “But as funds come in, we buy farms.”

Teets said the purpose of the program is to address the loss of agricultural land. “I believe the best thing about the program is that it insures farms will be available for generations to come,” she said.

There are currently five farms in the program and one is in the process of joining. “To be considered a farm by the IRS, a farm must produce \$1,000 in income per year,” she said.

Teets said becoming part of the program involves an easement on your property.

“Once the easement is complete it is filed with the property deed. You still own your farm,” she said. “You can sell it, give it to your children or do whatever you want, but it has to remain farmland.”

No commercial or industrial structures can be located on the parcel. However, a farmer can opt



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Farmland protection guarantees that some land will always be available for farming.

to put only part of the farm into the program.

Maurice Hoffman, 87, said he entered the program to protect his farm. Hoffman said his uncle formerly owned the farm.

“From the age of 4 to 11 I spent my summers on this farm with my uncle. Back then we made hay the old way with a wagon and a horse,” Hoffman said.

His uncle sold the farm to his dad back in the early 1950s. When his dad passed the farm was left to him and his sister.

“My sister wasn’t interested in farming, so I bought her out in 1986. Now I lease my farm to my neighbor,” Hoffman said. “He raises corn, hay and sometimes oats. He runs 70 head of cattle. I like to watch.”

Hoffman said by joining the program he protected his farm. “Farms are disappearing rapidly,” he said. “I want my land to be a farm forever, and now it will.”

Teets said the program encourages landowners to make long-

term agriculture commitments by offering them financial incentives. When the board receives an application it looks at both the commercial value of the acreage and the agricultural value.

“If the commercial value is \$5,000 an acre and the agriculture value is \$3,000 we would give you \$2,000 an acre,” Teets said.

She said the landowner decides how the money will be spent. “You can buy a new tractor, go on vacation or save it,” Teets said.

She said the average farm in Preston County is 140 acres. “We like to work with farms that are 100 acres or larger,” she said. “The smallest one we have is 80 acres.”

Teets said the type of farming varies. “One of the farms is an aquatic farm outside of Kingwood. The farmer grows catfish, trout and Koi. It’s a very interesting place,” she said.

The PCFPA Board is made up of one Preston County commissioner, the executive director of the Preston County Economic Development Authority, one farmer who is a member of the Preston County Farm Bureau, one farmer who is a member of the Monongahela Conservation District, one farmer who need not be a member of any farm organization, one county resident who is not a member of the foregoing organizations and an extension agent who is an advisor.

The board meets five times a year.

Farmland preservation plays an important part in keeping West Virginia green and prosperous, Teets said.

“We all want clean water, clean air and food,” Teets said.

The Preston County Farmland Protection Agency is located at 330 E. Main St., Kingwood. Its phone number is 304-329-2299. The office open 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Over a dozen fishing tournaments hosted on the Mon every year

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With diverse bodies of water in the state, anglers anticipate the arrival of spring.

One of the cornerstones of fishing season is the Monongahela River, which hosts several tournaments throughout the year.

West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Fish Management Specialist Dave Wellman said fishing tournaments on the Mon are an important piece of outdoor life in the state, spanning back several years.

“Our records go back to 1976, which looks at the catch rates and success rates of fishing tournaments,” Wellman said.

Hosting over a dozen tournaments every year, Wellman said many anglers choose the Mon for its biodiversity and fishing conditions.

“Mon River is unique; fishing tournaments in large rivers can fluctuate

from year to year. What’s interesting about the Mon River is that it tends to be more stable,” Wellman said. “Due to the dams and gradient of the lake, it is more like a reservoir. Compared to the Kanawha and Ohio River, the Mon stays fairly stable.”

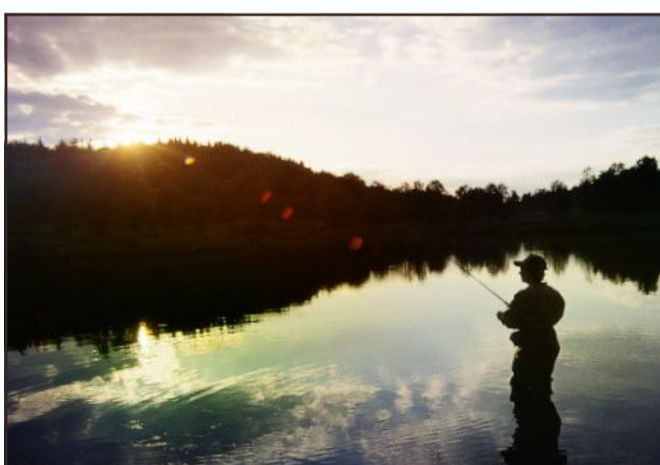
Wellman said these steady fishing conditions make a more hospitable place for fish, resulting in a healthy and steady fishing season for the river.

“The data from 2016-2018 shows that everything has held fairly steady,” Wellman said.

Mon County angler Chad Westover is one of the anglers who visit the Mon during tournament season.

“I was the president of the Roadhouse Bass Masters years ago ... and right now I [fish] with the Cheat Lake Anglers Bass Club,” Westover said.

Fishing for as long as he can remember, Westover



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More and more anglers are coming to the Mon River.

said tournaments on the Mon are a way to express his competitive side.

“I’m a competitive guy, and as you get older, you try to find things that don’t beat your body up.”

And while Westover still competes, he is taking time to pass the tradition to his family.

“I’ve had my sons on the

boat since they were 5 years old; it’s something to keep us together,” Westover said. “With other sports, sometimes they are out on [the field] and I am watching. [Fishing] is a good way to have seven or eight hours together.”

Westover said these fishing tournaments aren’t only beneficial to avid anglers but

the community as a whole.

“My boat holds 52 gallons of gas, and I can burn between two and three tanks of gas over the weekend. That, with hotels for two or three nights for 50 to 60 people brings in a lot of revenue,” Westover said.

Wellman said the added benefit of tournaments on the Mon extends beyond the local economy, benefiting conservation efforts of the state, as well.

“Anglers do a whole lot of work, [such as] installing habitat structures,” Wellman said. “They are voluntary, and even though they like to fish, they put in a lot of time and effort in helping us out.”

Former president of the Cheat Lake Anglers Bass Club Brent Bowsher said the tournaments on the Mon River have provided some of his best memories of fishing in north central West Virginia.

“During the King of the

Mon Tournaments, you would see 14- or 15-pound fish being caught,” Bowsher said.

Bowsher also said these tournaments allow those who aren’t anglers an opportunity to make memories with their family during tournament day.

“Some tournaments even provide cookouts and weigh-ins for the public,” Bowsher said.

Mon River tournaments are an important piece of north central West Virginia’s fishing scene, one which Wellman plans to improve.

“What we have with the Mon River is a treasure,” Wellman said. “We’ve initiated a study with West Virginia University to evaluate the fisheries of the Mon, Kanawha and Ohio rivers to improve those fisheries.”

For more information on Mon River fishing tournaments, visit the State DNR website at WVDNR.gov.

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M.T. Pockets Theatre marks 20 years

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This is the 20th year M.T. Pockets Theatre has brought theater to the Morgantown community.

"It is a small budget, but we have managed to keep it going for 20 years, which is amazing," said Toni Morris, founder of M.T. Pockets. "It is a wonderful experience to see that the community is continuing to support it, and I would love to see it continue to grow."

Morris founded the theater after completing her master's degree in acting. She wanted to create a place where the community could act, direct and produce their shows.

Since the theater opened, its mission has expanded to create a platform to perform plays on sensitive topics and to provide an opportunity for all to explore the arts.

From plays with political humor to murder mysteries, M.T. Pockets Theatre has something for everyone, and prides itself in putting original, uncensored plays into production. For example, "White Rabbit, Red Rabbit," a play recently produced at the theater, featured a one-man show with an interesting twist.

"The actors did not see the script until they walked on the stage, and no one knew what was going to happen when they walked in the theater that night," said Vickie Trickett, president and artistic director of the theater. "It was very experimental."

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly," a play about Tezein during World War II, will be featured May 15 through the 19. Also coming May 23 through the 26, the children's theater will be performing "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf."

"We are different than most

community theaters," said Sean Bonnette, an actor and director at the theater. "I have gotten to do plays that I would never get to do outside of M.T. Pockets."

Tickets can be purchased at the box office or online. Discount prices are available to military personnel and educators through the theater's free membership programs.

Community members are encouraged to join the actors and production crew.

"We have a lot of community actors," said Trickett. "Some are graduates of the WVU theater program. We have attorneys, teachers, engineers, basically any profession you can think of at some point someone from that profession has been involved."

Although getting up on the stage might be intimidating, the crew has found ways to support one another. Justin Grow, an actor at the theater, said this is his favorite aspect of being part of the M.T. Pockets community.

"It's the family aspect of it, and the fact that we accept anyone," said Grow. "It is a very inclusive and it's a loving environment."

The theater also works to create an authentic environment for its audience.

Last September, Trickett directed a "A Piece of My Heart," a play about six women in the Vietnam War. In order to properly represent those who fought in the war, Joy Carr, a member of the Artistic Advisory Board at M.T. Pockets Theatre, said the crew went to the VFW office in Westover. They met with veterans and discussed the accuracy of roles in the play.

"At the actual play, we had Vietnam vets come to see it in full uniform, which I was incredibly impressed by," said Carr. "One vet



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Jerry McVickers (from left), Colin Crawford, Denise Myers, Kristie McVickers and Angela Kauffman, members of the M.T. Pockets Theatre crew, practice for an upcoming play.

donated a poem he had written about the law created in Washington to honor Vietnam vets which he hadn't shared with anyone since he wrote it 20 years ago."

Along with the theater's goal of being as authentic as possible, they also aim to make it as accessible as possible. This has led to the addition of a children's theater and a traveling puppet show.

In partnership with WVU's Office of Accessibility Services, the puppet show features puppets with disabilities to help educate young children.

"Our plan is to eventually tour those puppets across the state and get them into schools, but right now we are focusing locally," Trickett said. "It is really exciting to see that taking off and it's helping educate our young students on how to interact with classmates that may have disabilities."

Beyond the one-of-a-kind authentic atmosphere the theater strives to create, Trickett said one of the most remarkable aspects of the theater is the dedication of its volunteers.

"We are a 100 percent volunteer company," Trickett said.

"That includes actors, set design and anything else that needs done, from beginning to end."

The volunteers play a big role behind the curtain and on stage, but it takes the community to keep the theater alive and thriving.

"It takes the support of the community in the form of attending shows, buying tickets, and coming back again and again," Trickett said. "The rewarding part about it is knowing the theater means so much to so many people."

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Nontraditional businesses spring up around town

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Offering entertainment ranging from throwing axes to live action games, non-traditional businesses are popping up to engage the Morgantown community.

"It's not your everyday thing, but it's starting to be," said Chris Atkins, president of Mountain Man Axe Throwing, describing the activity he offers. He opened his business in September, and it has been growing every week.

Located in Westover, Atkins has 200-250 customers per week. He said throwing on a Friday or Saturday evening requires booking in advance and a group of four or more.

Mountain Man Axe Throwing has six lanes, five with two targets and one with a single, and up to eight people can take turns utilizing a lane in the same time slot.

An hour of throwing axes costs \$20 per person, or \$35 for two hours. Atkins recommends signing up for two hours, especially for beginners. By the time people get into the swing of it, the first hour is up.

"It's getting busier every week," Atkins said.

Mountain Man Axe Throwing allows customers to bring food and drinks to enjoy while throwing. Atkins said couples throw for a date night option beyond bowling or dinner and a movie. His business also hosts bachelor and bachelorette parties.

"We are going to be doing a lot of events as well this year," Atkins said, adding that he'd be setting up a mobile ax throwing unit at MountainFest, Good Neighbor Festival and other local events and fairs.

"It sounds scary because it's throwing axes, but it's not," Atkins said. "It's totally safe and a lot of fun."

Starting soon, youth down to age 12 will be able to partake in this fun.

Rob Heinze, who went ax throwing at Mountain Man Axe Throwing with his wife and friends, "got hooked from there," he said. Heinze joined the local ax throwing league, part of the World Axe Throwing League, achieving high enough scores to place in the World Axe Throwing Championship.

Arcade and Pub

Family members of all ages can enjoy a more tra-



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Chris Atkins throws an ax at his business, Mountain Man Axe Throwing, in Westover.

ditional form of entertainment, in a new type of venue, at Starport Arcade and Pub in downtown Morgantown, which recently celebrated its second anniversary.

Unlike mall arcades, this pub and arcade is a stand-alone business. It serves 800-1000 customers per week. "We get new games at least every three weeks," Chris Meyers, owner of Starport LLC, said.

"You can bring your kids in before 9," Meyers said. "We like to really let the kids have a good time."

Meyers said parents have told him their children start asking during the week about going to Starport Arcade and Pub.

Amy Volk, of Preston County, said she has taken her family to Starport a handful of times. "Twice to celebrate my daughter's birthday party," Volk said. Volk likes the retro atmosphere at Starport Arcade and Pub, sharing with her daughter a form of entertainment Volk enjoyed as a child.

Volk said she enjoys the mix of classic games like pinball and air hockey, and her family also looks forward to playing newer games. She said they have the military first person shooter game Halo at home, but it is nothing like the arcade version and experi-



Neal Sheme, ax-throwing coach and blacksmith, sharpens blades.

ence available at Starport. Her family's favorite game is four-player PacMan. "That's a lot of fun," she said. Four person Mario is currently their most popular, according to Meyers, with Halo also high in demand.

An activity popular with the staff doesn't involve gaming: Charity work. It started when Meyers first opened and told his management team that charity work is required.

"I just said I'll pay you to

do this charitable work," he said. "They want to now." This month, Meyers said, Starport is donating to Homeward Bound WV. He said he rotates local charities every 60 days.

"We connect with the community; we care about the community," Meyers said.

In addition to gaming for a cause, unlike playing available versions of some games on a home console, the high tech games and overall atmosphere at Starport Arcade and Pub surround players with gaming ambiance.

"It's a whole experience that you can't have at home," Meyers said. "It immerses the player in the game."

Escape rooms

Another immersive game option in the area may include some high tech effects, but mostly relies on player interaction to win: Escape games.

"We were the second escape game to open in the tri-state area," Bob Albright said of Morgantown Escape Room, his family-owned and operated business in Westover.

They opened in September 2015 with two games. Albright said most escape rooms keep their games indefinitely, because they either buy a franchised game or have to

plan, build and install the set. But Albright and his family decided to switch games after about two years.

Their first two games didn't disappear – one is in use at Wisp Resort. "I foresee these games running for longer than we let our first two run," Albright said.

"We develop our own," Albright said. "Our games are all original, unique. They're current, state-of-the-art games, with some electronic features." One game, "Excalibur: Saving Camelot," is set up like a castle, and players have to work together to escape a dungeon, recover Excalibur and reunite the knights of the round table.

In Morgantown Escape Room's other option, "Time Chasers, Heroes of the Ages," players can opt to solve clues and try to find their way home via time-travel.

Albright said they try to design their games to have between a 40 and 60 percent escape rate. "So it's doable, but not too easy," Albright said.

Both games cost \$25 per player, and have minimum and maximum number of players required, but individuals, couples or smaller groups can book to combine with other players.

"We are busier now than we ever have been," Albright said. This February was their busiest month yet, with 692 customers.

"Most of our gamers are groups of friends," Albright said, adding that he also sees couples on dates, families and office parties at the escape room. He even saw an employer use it as a screening process for potential employees.

"Escape rates are much higher for a group of strangers than a group of friends," Albright said, because strangers in escape games tend to collaborate rather than following established group dynamics that might not work efficiently for solving clues.

Businesses such as Starport Arcade, Mountain Man Axe Throwing and Morgantown Escape Room are growing in popularity around the US. Many such businesses are corporate, franchised efforts, while these in Morgantown are locally owned and operated.

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