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Feels like the first time

Wyandot County EMT David Mowery was the first area resident to utilize the new cardboard recycling bin, which was placed in the EMS parking lot in Upper Sandusky Thursday morning. The bin is for cardboard recycling only and all cardboard must be broken down.

Cardboard recycling bin placed in Upper

By **BRIAN HEMMINGER**
Staff writer

Upper Sandusky residents now have an easier local option for cardboard recycling.

A portable cardboard recycling bin was placed in the front corner of the parking lot of the EMS building at 401 N. Warpole St., Upper Sandusky on Thursday morning.

The bin was purchased by the Wyandot County Recycling Center in December. It was built in Minnesota, painted in Bucyrus and is finally tagged and licensed.

“We’re always looking for ways to make recycling easier and to

find ways to collect more recyclable goods,” WCRC District Coordinator Kyle McColly said. “One of the frustrations of cardboard recycling is that it takes up too much space. Now, people can drop off their cardboard whenever they want to at a closer location.”

Cardboard recycling is collected the second Saturday of every month at Union School in Upper Sandusky, but the new cardboard recycling bin will be available around the clock. Residents also could take cardboard to the recycling center at 11385 CR 4 in Carey.

“I’ve had a number of people

come up to me and talk to me about how big of a need there was for residential recycling options for cardboard,” McColly said.

If all goes well, other local communities could be getting their own recycling containers.

“We’ll be tracking this closely to see if this is something we can duplicate in other communities in Wyandot County,” McColly said. “We’re open to all fresh ideas.”

The new recycling bin is for cardboard products only and residents are asked to break down any cardboard boxes or large cardboard products before putting them in the bin.



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Recycle, reduce, reuse

The Wyandot County Recycling Center unveiled a new cardboard recycling bin Thursday at the EMS parking lot in Upper Sandusky. Pictured are Solid Waste Management District Coordinator Kyle McColly (left) and Recycling Center Supervisor Harold Lambert.

Congress approves \$1.3 trillion budget to avoid shutdown

By **LISA MASCARO** and **ALAN FRAM**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress gave final approval Friday to a giant \$1.3 trillion spending bill that ends the budget battles for now, but only after late scuffles and conservatives objected to big outlays on Democratic priorities at a time when Republicans control the House, Senate and White House.

Senate passage shortly after midnight averted a third federal shutdown this year, an outcome both parties wanted to avoid. But in crafting a sweeping deal that busts budget caps, they’ve stirred conservative opposition and set the contours for the next funding fight ahead of the midterm elections.

The House easily approved the measure Thursday, 256-167, a bipartisan tally that underscored the popularity of the compromise, which funds the government through September. It beefs up military and domestic programs, delivering federal funds to every corner of the country.

But action stalled in the Senate, as conservatives ran the clock in protest. Then, an unusual



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Taco time

Wyandot County Sheriff Mike Hetzel enjoys the taco bar Thursday at the Wyandot County Council on Aging. The WCCOA put together a special walking taco lunch event Thursday with over 100 RSVPs which included the county commissioners, 87th District Rep. Riordan McClain and more. The Council on Aging serves lunch every day for seniors who RSVP and is located at 127 S. Sandusky Ave., Upper Sandusky.

Bolton replacing McMaster as Trump national security adviser

By **CATHERINE LUCEY, ZEKE MILLER** and **KEN THOMAS**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charging ahead with the dramatic remaking of his White House, President Donald Trump said he would replace national security adviser H.R. McMaster with the former U.N. Ambassador John Bolton, a foreign policy hawk entering an administration facing key decisions on Iran and North Korea.

After weeks of speculation about McMaster’s future, Trump and the respected three-star general put a positive face on the Thursday departure, making no reference to the growing public friction between them. Trump tweeted that McMaster had done “an outstanding job & will always remain my friend.” He said Bolton will take over April 9 as his third national security adviser in just over a year.

The national security shakeup comes as the president is increasingly shedding advisers who once eased the Republican establishment’s concerns about the foreign policy and political novice in the White House. McMaster is the sixth close adviser or aide to announce a departure in a turbulent six weeks, joining ally Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who was unceremoniously fired last week.

The White House has said the president is seeking to put new foreign policy leaders in place ahead of a not-yet-scheduled meeting with North Korean leader Kim Jung Un. Bolton is likely to add a hard-line influence on those talks, as well as deliberations over whether to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal.

The White House said McMaster’s exit had been under discussion for some time and stressed it was not due to any one incident, including this week’s stunning leak about Trump’s recent phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

McMaster had briefed Trump before the Putin call — and his team drafted all-caps instructions telling Trump not to congratulate the Russian leader on his re-election victory. Trump did it anyway.

An internal investigation into the leak is underway, said a White House official who — like others interviewed about the announcement and the White House shakeup — demanded anonymity to discuss internal matters.

In a statement released by the White House, McMaster said he would be requesting retirement from the U.S. Army effective this summer, adding that afterward he “will leave public service.”

McMaster had told confidants he would leave the post if at any point he lost credibility on the international stage, according to three White House officials. The feverish speculation about an impending exit sped up the decision for him to depart, the officials said, in part because McMaster believed foreign partners were beginning to doubt his influence.

Chief of staff John Kelly and Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had been pushing Trump

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Judges, prison system at odds over bed plan

By **ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS**
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COLUMBUS (AP) — Judges and the state prison system are at odds over a new law meant to lower Ohio's inmate population by limiting the amount of time behind bars for low-level offenders who commit minor probation violations.

At issue is a mandate capping the amount of time judges can send offenders to prison for violations like missing counseling appointments or committing misdemeanors. The law enacted last year is part of a broader effort to save money and reduce crime by lowering Ohio's inmate population. It affects inmates convicted of non-violent crimes such as drug possession, theft and fraud.

Under the law, judges can send inmates to prison for only 90 days for the least serious felony and 180 days for the next most serious.

But some judges say the law is unclear and are sending offenders to prison for longer sentences, often a year

or more, according to the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. Judges also contend that the short sentencing caps lessen the incentive for repeat offenders to follow probation rules at all.

The state had counted on the law to decrease Ohio's inmate population by about 400 this year and as much as 1,100 next year, the prison system said.

Cynthia Mausser, the prison system's managing director of courts and community, noted that the longer such low-level offenders are "sitting in prison not becoming better people," the more time they spend "away from those pro-social programs and relationships and connections" that could help them.

The dispute comes at a time when Ohio has lowered its prison population below 50,000 after hitting a record high of 51,273 in November 2008, but is now having difficulty pushing it below 49,000.

Prison populations soared across the country beginning with the crack epidemic of the 1990s.

But in recent years 35 states, led by California, have seen their prison population decrease, according to an analysis by the Pew Charitable Trusts, as officials recognize the costs of incarceration and the diminishing return on crime rates.

Many states including Ohio now try to keep first-time offenders convicted of low-level offenses in the community in substance abuse programs instead of in state prisons, which have fewer resources for rehabilitation.

North Carolina put similar caps on certain probation violations in 2011 as part of changes to its sentencing laws. Colorado, Nevada and Tennessee have created stand-alone facilities for probation violators as alternatives to prison sentences, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Ohio's prison system sent about 300 letters to judges in recent months alerting them that they went over the caps. Prison officials don't have the authority to overrule judges,

however, and so the longer sentences stayed in place.

In southern Ohio, Robert Chambers violated his probation for a 2017 drug possession conviction in multiple ways, including admitted drug use and refusal to enter drug treatment, according to court records. Chambers' attorney didn't return messages seeking comment.

Adams County Judge Brett Spencer finally sentenced Chambers to a year in prison, and was then singled out by the prison system for surpassing the three-month cap.

"For not trying to become productive citizens, we give them a 75 percent bonus," Spencer said of the sentencing caps.

Mahoning County Judge John "Jack" Durkin said judges know it's better to focus on offenders' substance abuse problems, help them find jobs and complete their education. But at some point, especially after several violations, prison must be an option "to protect the public and punish the defendant," Durkin said.

McMaster replaced despite claims his job was safe

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to get rid of McMaster and had been escalating their campaign in recent weeks. It had appeared McMaster's departure was imminent last week — but White House officials insisted the speculation was false.

"Just spoke to (at)POTUS and Gen. H.R. McMaster — contrary to reports they have a good working relationship and there are no changes at the NSC," White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted late last Thursday night.

McMaster never developed a personal rapport with Trump, who chafed at his long-winded briefing style, according to a White House official and a person close to the president. His influence in high-level decision-making had waned in recent months, as Trump has increasingly relied on the direct counsel of Kelly and Mattis.

Yet officials said the president still has genuine respect for McMaster. He had been under consideration for a fourth star, and White House officials hoped it would provide a graceful exit from the West Wing for the longtime soldier. No suitable postings had been identified, leaving McMaster — long an iconoclast among the top brass — with no choice but retirement.

Bolton, probably the most divisive foreign policy expert ever to serve as U.N.

ambassador, has been a force in Republican foreign policy circles for decades. He served in the Republican administrations of Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush, and as a Bush lawyer during the 2000 Florida recount.

A strong supporter of the Iraq war and an advocate for aggressive use of American power, Bolton was unable to win Senate confirmation after his nomination to the U.N. post alienated many Democrats and even some Republicans. He resigned after serving 17 months as a Bush "recess appointment," which allowed him to hold the job on a temporary basis without Senate confirmation.

The role of national security adviser does not require Senate confirmation.

Bolton met with Trump and Kelly in early March to discuss North Korea and Iran. He was spotted entering the West Wing earlier Thursday.

Tension between Trump and McMaster had grown increasingly public. Last month, Trump took issue with McMaster's characterization of Russian meddling in the 2016 election after the national security adviser told the Munich Security Summit that interference was beyond dispute.

"General McMaster forgot to say that the results of the 2016 election were not

impacted or changed by the Russians and that the only Collusion was between Russia and Crooked H, the DNC and the Dems," Trump tweeted Feb. 17, alluding to frequent GOP allegations of impropriety by Democrats and Hillary Clinton.

Tillerson's exit also forecast trouble for McMaster, who had aligned himself with the embattled secretary of state in seeking to soften some of Trump's most dramatic foreign policy impulses.

McMaster told The New York Times last year that Trump's unorthodox approach "has moved a lot of us out of our comfort zone, me included."

The military strategist, who joined the administration in February 2017, has struggled to navigate a tumultuous White House. Last summer, he was the target of a far-right attack campaign, as conservative groups and a website tied to former Trump adviser Steve Bannon targeted him as insufficiently supportive of Israel and not tough enough on Iran.

McMaster was brought in after Trump's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, was dismissed after less than a month in office. White House officials said he was ousted because he did not tell top advisers, including Vice President Mike Pence, about the full extent of his contacts with Russian officials.

Congress passes spending bill full day before deadline

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glitch arose when Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho, wanted to remove a provision to rename a forest in his home state after the late Cecil Andrus, a four-term Democratic governor.

At one point, Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., stepped forward to declare the entire late-night scene "ridiculous. It's juvenile."

In the end, Risch lost. But the fight contributed to late-night delays before passage of the massive spending package.

Once the opponents relented, the Senate began voting, clearing the package by a 65-32 vote a full day before Friday's midnight deadline to fund the government.

"Shame, shame. A pox on both Houses - and parties," tweeted Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., who spent the afternoon tweeting details found in the 2,200-page bill that was released the night before. "No one has read it. Congress is broken."

Paul said later he knew he could only delay, but not stop, the outcome and had made his point.

The omnibus spending bill was supposed to be an antidote to the stopgap measures Congress has been forced to pass — five in this fiscal year alone — to keep government temporarily running amid partisan fiscal disputes.

Leaders delivered on President Donald Trump's top priorities of boosting

Pentagon coffers and starting work on his promised border wall, while compromising with Democrats on funds for road building, child care development, fighting the opioid crisis and more.

But the result has been unimaginable to many Republicans after campaigning on spending restraints and balanced budgets. Along with the recent GOP tax cuts law, the bill that stood a foot tall at some lawmakers' desks ushers in the return of \$1 trillion deficits.

Trump only reluctantly backed the bill he would have to sign, according to Republican lawmakers and aides, who acknowledged the deal involved necessary trade-offs for the Democratic votes that were needed for passage despite their majority lock on Congress.

"Obviously he doesn't like this process — it's dangerous to put it up to the 11th hour like this," said Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., who opposed the bill and speaks regularly to Trump. "The president, and our leadership, and the leadership in the House got together and said, Look, we don't like what the Democrats are doing, we got to fund the government."

White House legislative director Marc Short framed it as a compromise. "I can't sit here and tell you and your viewers that we love everything in the bill," he said on Fox. "But we think that we got many of our priorities

funded."

Trying to smooth over differences, Republican leaders focused on military increases that were once core to the party's brand as guardians of national security.

"Vote yes for our military. Vote yes for the safety and the security of this country," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., ahead of voting.

But even that remained a hard sell. In all, 90 House Republicans, including many from the conservative House Freedom Caucus, voted against the bill, as did two dozen Republicans in the Senate.

It was a sign of the entrenched GOP divisions that have made the leadership's job controlling the majority difficult. They will likely repeat in the next budget battle in the fall.

Democrats faced their own divisions, particularly after failing to resolve the stalemate over shielding young Dreamer immigrants from deportation as Trump's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program has left it for the courts to decide.

Instead, Trump won \$1.6 billion to begin building and replacing segments of the wall along the border with Mexico. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus opposed the bill.

Also missing from the package was a renewal of federal insurance subsidies to curb premium costs on the Affordable Care Act exchanges. Trump ended some of those payments as part of his effort to scuttle President Barack Obama's health care law, but Republicans have joined Democrats in trying to revive them.

Bipartisan efforts to restore the subsidies, and provide additional help for insurance carriers, foundered over disagreements on how tight abortion restrictions should be on using the money for private insurance plans. Senate Republicans made a last-ditch effort to tuck the insurance provisions into the bill, but Democrats refused to yield on abortion restrictions.


Still, Democrats were beyond pleased with the outcome. Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., chronicled the party's many gains, and noted they could just have easily withheld votes Republicans needed to avert another shutdown.

"We chose to use our leverage to help this bill pass," Pelosi said.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said as the minority party in Congress, "We feel good." He added, "We produced a darn good bill."

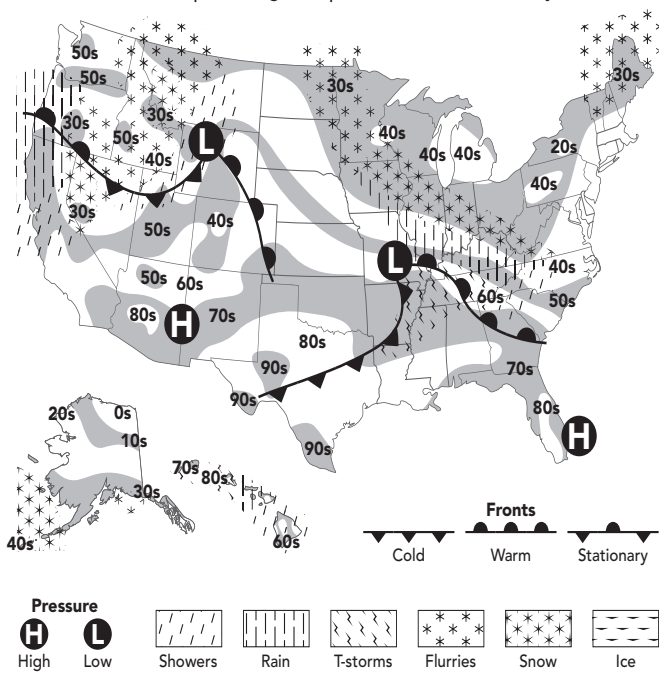
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NATIONAL SUMMARY: Spotty rain and snow showers may dot New England tomorrow as chilly air hangs on in the Northeast. A narrow swath of heavy snow will spread from Iowa to the Virginias. To the south, rain and storms will drench areas from the mid-Mississippi Valley to the Carolinas. Rain and northern snow will dampen the Pacific Coast and northern Rockies.

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TODAY...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest winds 5 to 10 mph.

TONIGHT...Mostly clear in the evening, then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds around 5 mph.

SATURDAY...Partly sunny. Highs in the upper 30s. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

SATURDAY NIGHT...Mostly cloudy in the evening, then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Northeast winds around 15 mph.

SUNDAY...Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph with gusts up to 25 mph.

SUNDAY NIGHT...Mostly clear in the evening, then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

MONDAY...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

MONDAY NIGHT...Mostly cloudy. A chance of showers after midnight. Not as cool with lows in the upper 30s. Chance of rain 30 percent.

TUESDAY...Showers likely. Breezy with highs in the lower 50s. Chance of rain 70 percent.

TUESDAY NIGHT...Showers likely. Lows in the mid 40s. Chance of rain 70 percent.

WEDNESDAY...Showers likely. Highs in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 70 percent.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT...Mostly cloudy. Showers likely, mainly in the evening. Lows in the lower 40s. Chance of rain 60 percent.

Algae leads to designation of ‘impaired’ for western Lake Erie

By **JOHN SEEWER**
Associated Press


TOLEDO (AP) — Ohio for the first time is designating the entire western end of Lake Erie as an impaired waterway because of the toxic algae that has fouled drinking water and closed beaches in recent years, officials said Thursday.

The shallowest of the Great Lakes has seen its largest algae blooms on record during the past decade, fueled mainly by farm fertilizers washing into the lake.

Until now, Ohio has resisted calls by environmental groups and some political leaders to issue an impairment declaration, saying federal regulators didn't have standards to trigger such a decision for the lake's open waters.

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Fiction

“The Rising Sea (The NUMA Files)” by Clive Cussler. An alarming rise in the world's sea levels — much larger than could be accounted for by glacier melt — sends Kurt Austin, Joe Zavala and the rest of the NUMA scientific team rocketing around the globe in search of answers. What they find at the bottom of the East China Sea, however, is even worse than they imagined: a diabolical plan to upset the Pacific balance of power — and in the process displace as many as a billion people. A rare alloy unlike anything else on earth, a pair of 500-year-old Japanese talismans, an assassin so violent even the Yakuza has disowned him, an audacious technological breakthrough that will become a very personal nightmare for Kurt Austin — from the shark-filled waters of Asia to the high-tech streets of Tokyo to a forbidden secret island, the NUMA team must risk everything to head off the coming catastrophe.

“Rose Colored Glasses” by Brianna Wolfson. Just as opposites attract, they can also cause friction, and no one feels that friction more than Rex and Rosie's daughter, Willow. Rex is serious and unsentimental and tapes checklists of chores on Willow's bedroom door. Rosie is sparkling and enchanting and meets Willow in their treehouse in the middle of the night to feast on candy. After Rex and Rosie's divorce, Willow finds herself navigating their two different worlds. She is clearly under the spell of her exciting, fun-loving mother. But as Rosie's behavior becomes more turbulent, the darker underpinnings of her manic love are revealed. Rex had removed his Rosie col-

ored glasses long ago, but will Willow do the same?

“The Third Victim” by Phillip Margolin. A woman stumbles onto a dark road in rural Oregon — tortured, battered and bound. She tells a horrific story about being kidnapped, then tortured, until she finally managed to escape. She was the lucky one — two other women, with similar burns and bruises, were found dead. The surviving victim identifies the house where she was held captive and the owner, Alex Mason — a prominent local attorney — is arrested. Although he loudly insists upon his innocence, his wife's statements about his sexual sadism and the physical evidence found at the scene, his summer home, is damning. Regina Barrister is a legendary criminal defense attorney, known as “The Sorceress” for her courtroom victories. But she's got a secret, one that threatens her skill, her reputation and, most of all, her clients. And she's agreed to take on the seemingly impossible task of defending Mason. The Alex Mason trial is her first big one, a likely death penalty case, and she's second chair to Regina. Increasingly, she's worried her boss's behavior and the details in the case against their client don't quite add up.

Nonfiction

“Dinner's in the Oven: Simple One Pan Meals” by Rukmini Iyer. Fresh, simple, delicious ... and simple. This vibrant cookbook is a comprehensive guide to creating tasty and quick one pan meals for any time or day of the week. With 75 satisfying one pan meals, there is something for all friends and family to enjoy, including chipotle chicken wings with sweet potato

wedges; crispy baked gnocchi with tomatoes, basil, mozzarella and pine nuts; and steam-roasted salmon and broccoli with lime, ginger, garlic and chile. These clever dishes are the ideal solution for busy home cooks looking to eat nutritious food made from scratch. Each recipe is enough to feed four or two with leftovers. Bright, fresh photography pairs perfectly with these easy recipes that offer a modern, elevated twist for dinner.

“Love Your Age: The Small Step Solution to a Better, Longer, Happier Life” by Barbara Grufferman. Warm, engaging and user-friendly, this powerful, practical guide to aging gracefully will be an indispensable resource for anyone looking to live their best life. Featuring more than a hundred easy-to-adopt “small steps” — the foundation for ingrained habits that will yield longer, happier and healthier years — this book will help enrich your life, from health and fitness to style, work and relationships. From checking in with your doctors to changing your fitness routine, cooling hot flashes, tackling social media and updating your wardrobe, transformation really does begin with one step — and Grufferman provides an easy formula for making and breaking the right habits. Packed with expert tips, myth busters, checklists, real-life anecdotes and sage wisdom, the book offers a new approach to life after 40 that will inspire, rejuvenate and energize.

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LEGO table donation

LEGO night at USCL has a new attraction for families who enjoy building with the famous building blocks. Elyjah Clements, 7, and his parents, Mychell and Kyle Clements, have donated two LEGO tables to be used by children at the library. Elyjah donated a wooden building block table and he and his parents built a folding, portable desk version that can be adjusted to different sizes. The portable table has a baseplate attached and comes with 200 building blocks. More information about the folding table is on the Facebook page “Atreyu Lego Tables.” “The new tables were an added treat for all who came to LEGO night,” librarian Miss Jill Stansbery said. “I really appreciate Mychell and Elyjah's donation.” Elyjah also is working on a binder version of his LEGO table that is portable and can be used in the car, waiting rooms, etc. Elyjah enjoys building these tables “because it makes me feel happy when people enjoy them.” USCL LEGO night is 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays.

Bucyrus UMC having special event

BUCYRUS — The drama team at Bucyrus United Methodist Church invites guests to experience eight glorious, memorable, sun-filled days cruising on the ocean, relaxing on the beach and more in Jerusalem. Only there can eight days be so memorable and life changing.

Climb onboard for “Eight Days in Jerusalem” at 7 p.m. Palm Sunday at the Worship Center, 227 S. Walnut St., Bucyrus. Everyone is welcome.

“Eight Days in Jerusalem” is a one-of-a-kind look at the week between Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and his resurrection eight days later. The drama draws on pop culture to share the spiritual impact of the week.

Readers discuss the important events from this pivotal time in history. Their spirited dialog draws on influences as

diverse as the “Happy Birthday” song, TV commercials, cartoon characters, Elvis, memorized childhood prayers as well as the everyday life, from lost car keys to bickering children. These assorted influences are seamlessly synthesized with biblical commentary.

The Worship Center is handicapped accessible. A staffed nursery is provided.

Bucyrus United Methodist Church offers a relaxed, family-friendly and judgment-free worship environment. The Sunday services, at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m., offer traditional and contemporary worship experiences. The congregation is led by pastors Mike Corwin, Becky Smithey and Casey Roelle.

For more information, go to bucyrusumc.com or call the church office at 419-562-5061.



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Fiction

“Covert Game” by Christine Feehan. Rescuing an industrial spy from the hands of a criminal mastermind is a suicide mission for the GhostWalkers. And there's no one more up to the task than Gino Mazza. He's the perfect killing machine. A treasonous senator dangled top secret GhostWalker data in front of a Chinese crime lord, and he bit. Zara Hightower, one of the world's leading experts on artificial intelligence, was sent in to psychically wipe the crime lord's computer network. She succeeded, but now she's the captive of a man who has descended into paranoid madness. But GhostWalkers never leave one of their own in enemy territory. And it's up to Gino to save Zara or kill her if it turns out she's led them into a trap. Either way, heaven or hell won't stop him.

“The Recipe Box” by Viola Shipman. Growing up in northern Michigan, Samantha “Sam” Mullins felt trapped on her family's orchard and pie shop, so she left with dreams of making her own mark in the world. After losing her job, she returns — unemployed, single, and defeated. She spends a summer working on her family's orchard cooking and baking alongside the women in her life. Sam begins to learn about and understand the women in her life, her family's history, and her passion for food through their treasured recipe box. As Sam discovers what matters most she opens her heart to a man she left behind, but who now might be the key to her happiness.

“Duel to the Death” by J.A. Jance. After taking down the man responsible for his

best friend's death, Stuart Ramey thinks the case is finally closed. That is, until Stu finds himself left with a multimillion dollar fortune in Bitcoin in a desperate bid by Frigg, a rogue A.I. program created by the killer, to keep itself from being fully deactivated. Stu enlists the help of Ali Reynolds and the rest of his cyber security colleagues at High Noon Enterprises. Graciella Miramar, the right-hand woman to the leader of a dangerous drug cartel will do anything to get her hands on that program including attempting to take over her father's criminal underworld and become wealthy beyond her wildest dreams. But Stu—and the cartel may not be so easily defeated.

“The Bishop's Pawn” by Steve Berry. History notes that the ugly feud between J. Edgar Hoover and Martin Luther King, Jr., marked by years of illegal surveillance and the accumulation of secret files, ended on April 4, 1968 when King was assassinated by James Earl Ray. But that may not have been the case. Now, fifty years later, former Justice Department agent, Cotton Malone, must reckon with the truth of what really happened that fateful day in Memphis. Malone is enlisted to help with an investigation by a high-level Justice Department lawyer, Stephanie Nelle. He soon discovers that two opposing forces — the Justice Department and the FBI — are at war over a rare coin and a cadre of secret files that could ruin innocent lives and threaten the legacy of the civil rights movement's greatest martyr.

“Alternate Side” by Anna Quindlen.

Some days Nora Nolan thinks that she and her husband, Charlie, lead a charmed life. And why not? New York City was once Nora's dream destination, and her clanish dead-end block has become a safe harbor, a tranquil village amid the urban craziness. Then one morning, Nora returns from her run to discover that a terrible incident has shaken the neighborhood, and the enviable dead-end block turns into a potent symbol of a divided city. The fault lines begin to open: on the block, at Nora's job, especially in her marriage. With an acute eye that captures the snap crackle of modern life, Anna Quindlen explores what it means to be a mother, a wife, and a woman at a moment of reckoning.

“Accidental Heroes” by Danielle Steele. A decorated former Air Force pilot. A pregnant flight attendant. A dedicated TSA agent. The fates of these three, and many others, converge in Danielle Steel's gripping new novel — a heart-stopping thriller that engages ordinary men and women in the fight of their lives during a flight from New York to San Francisco.

“Fast Burn” by Lori Foster. The moment Brand Berry meets beautiful, driven Sahara Silver, the connection between them is electric. It's also something he can't pursue. Sahara wants him, sure — to join Body Armor, where his MMA skills, size and cocky attitude make him perfect for her elite crew of bodyguards. For Sahara, the agency always comes first, and Brand needs more. Yet when she's kidnapped by men searching for her missing brother, he doesn't hesitate.

battery took his name.

The group will dress in confederate uniforms. There will be a sharpshooter, lady canoneer, bugler playing, etc. Those wishing to meet the group are welcome to dine after the meeting with all JICWRT members.

Johnson's Island Civil War Round Table meeting scheduled for Saturday

TIFFIN — The Johnson's Island Civil War Round Table meeting will feature Taylor's Battery Company C at 3 p.m. Saturday at Carmie's of Tiffin.

Taylor's Battery fought for the South in the Civil War. It was organized as Co. C 12

Battalion Virginia Light Artillery in August of 1862. Then its name changed to Eubank's Battery. Its first Captain, John L. Eubanks, resigned due to physical disability in the spring of 1863. Captain Osmond B. Taylor was appointed and the

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Conservative justice gave Dems path back to power

HARRISBURG, Pa. — If Democrats do manage to retake the House this fall, they might have to send a thank-you card to the chambers of U.S. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito.

On Monday, Alito, a Republican, who was appointed to the court by President George W. Bush, shot down a request by GOP legislative leaders in the Pennsylvania General Assembly to stay a new congressional map set to take effect for the spring primary and this November's general election.

Alito's terse, one-sentence order denying the request — a 'Bye, Felicia,' of jurisprudence — was expected by most of the Keystone State's political-watchers. But the legal battle leading to his decision was hard-fought, nonetheless.

Despite Pennsylvania's demonstrated Democratic leanings (Democratic voters command a significant registration advantage), a congressional map in place since 2011, drawn by Republicans, gave the GOP a clear lead.

Until recently, Republicans held 13 of the state's 18 congressional seats, while Democrats held just five.

In January, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court tossed the map, ruling that it violated the Pennsylvania constitution's guarantee of "free and equal" elections because it marginalized Democratic vote counts through extreme gerrymandering. The court imposed its own map, after Republicans and Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf failed to reach an accord on a compromise version.

The court-ordered map will give Democrats opportunities for pick-ups in three seats ringing Philadelphia, one around Allentown being vacated by moderate GOP U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent, and the suburban Pittsburgh seat narrowly won by former federal prosecutor Conor Lamb (assuming that victory holds after an expected court challenge by Republicans).

Political analyst Charlie Cook recently moved another strongly Republican seat, the new 17th District (the former 12th District seat now held by conservative U.S. Rep Keith Rothfus) to "toss-up" status. That's the seat where Lamb is expected to run when the current 18th District blinks out of existence.

In all, Democrats need to flip about 24 seats to retake control of the U.S. House of Representatives this fall. The Pennsylvania map gives them a path to at least five.

Energized by wins last year in Virginia and Alabama, Democrats are expecting big things in 2018. Writing for Roll Call, veteran analyst Stuart Rothenberg projected a 30- to 45-seat pickup for Democrats in November, well above the floor needed to retake the House.

"Seven and a half months



John L. Micek

syndicated columnist

before the midterm elections, the combination of attitudinal and behavioral evidence leads to a single conclusion: The Democrats are very likely to win control of the House in November," Rothenberg wrote, adding that "Republican and Democratic campaign strategists also agree that an electoral wave has already formed."

One important caveat? As grim as things look for Trump and as dismal as his polling numbers are, seven months remain before Election Day and plenty can — and likely will — change between now and then. Keep in mind, pundits (this one included) were similarly confident about Clinton's chances, only to end up with egg on their faces on election night.

Still, the bottom line is that Democrats have two, really good reasons to be encouraged as they head into primary season.

First, Lamb's victory deep in the heart of Trumplandia was driven by an appeal to traditionally Democratic working-class voters who crossed to Trump in 2016; an embrace of tariffs, and moderate-for-Democrats stances on guns and abortion.

It gives the party a playbook it can click and drag into other competitive seats across the country (and there are plenty of them).

Second, the Pennsylvania case gives voter reform groups a potential roadmap to challenge gerrymandering in their own states. Yes, there are some variables (like a majority-Democrat Supreme Court, with one member who was openly hostile to gerrymandering during his campaign for the appellate bench).

And finally, Pennsylvania will redraw both its legislative and congressional maps in 2021, using 2020 Census data. The state is projected to lose one congressional seat in that remapping.

So that means, as CNN's Chris Cillizza and others pointed out, the Supreme Court ruling has implications, in Pennsylvania, and in other states, that extend well past Monday's events.

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March Madness in the White House

And once again the crowd goes wild with a bad case of March Madness. The phrase is usually associated with the wacky zany antics surrounding the NCAA college basketball tournament. But this year it doubles as a description of the equally nutty loony goings-on in and around the White House. Following immediately on the heels of January Madness and February Madness.

The month of March proverbially comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb, but this big cat of chaos is marking its territory and might require a length of extra large litter boxes longer than a Pentagon hallway. In the first three weeks of the month, the White House has demonstrated all the dignity and competence of a drunken mountain lion with irritable bowel syndrome working Sudoku.

Here's a sampling of daft incidents gone down thus far in March.

— White House Communications Director Hope Hicks resigns after admitting telling little white lies for the President. "No, really. Your hands are huu-uge." "I love your hair that way." "Yes, the whole country is behind you."

— First Son-in-Law Jared Kushner is stripped of Top Secret clearance. Doesn't matter: Ivanka's the heavy thinker of the family.

— Economic Advisor Gary Cohn leaves to protest new tariffs on steel and aluminum. Because what successful billionaire needs economic advisors?



Will Durst

Raging Moderate

— President's lawyers obtain a restraining order to keep a porn star from talking about the \$130,000 she received to keep an affair with the president quiet. Thereby making it louder.

— Trump's personal aide, John McEntee, is escorted from White House grounds after security clearance is pulled due to possible financial crimes. But don't worry, he'll be back. Fits right in.

— President Trump stuns staff by announcing summit with Kim Jong Un. But if he doesn't read, how do they prep him for these meetings? Will they use hand puppets?

— President Trump calls MSNBC anchor Chuck Todd "a sleepy son of a bitch," and African-American Congresswoman Maxine Waters a "low IQ individual" giving him a near insurmountable lead to repeat in this year's "Vulgar Lout of the Year" award.

— The president fires FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe two days before he retires with full pension benefits. Because it's not enough to be vindictive if you can't throw in a little petty.

— Trump mocks Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau by bragging he made stuff up in a meet-

ing. Leading many to believe next meeting will be less cordial. President Trump may be forced to assemble his own poutine.

— Trump says the reason Conor Lamb won the special election in Pennsylvania was because the Democrat "was like me." Funny, the new congressman doesn't look like a racist, misogynist, xenophobic, incompetent blowhard.

— President Trump lifts ban on importing elephant tusks into the country. So no matter what happens down the line, Don Jr. and Eric won't go home empty-handed.

— The day after Secretary of State Rex Tillerson criticizes Russia, Trump fires him in a tweet. The moral being — you can call the president a "moron," but don't badmouth Vlad the Impaler.

Nobody's panicking because we did survive the past 14 months and the smart money is on April Madness leading to May Madness, June Madness etc. etc., all the way up to your normal election-year November Madness. Which this time around promises to be exceptionally hysterical.

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Attitude on gratitude seems to be shifting

Dear Annie: I'm in my late 30s. I've read the many letters you've printed about how thank-you notes have gone the way of the dodo. I have a different angle on this complaint.

Let me preface this by saying that I am not perfect in this realm. It took my wife and me forever to get around to sending thank-you notes after our wedding, and I think that most of the readers who have weighed in are expecting too much.

That said, I am noticing a trend of giving no thanks at all. When I get a gift or someone does a favor for me, I send thanks via email or text (though I realize that a handwritten note or a phone call would be better). That's all I expect myself, but some of my peers don't even text a thank-you when I give them something. I find that very annoying.

I used to chalk up this thank-you note issue to laziness, but I'm beginning to agree with your readers who say that gratitude is trending down. It's disturbing. It takes next to no time to shoot off a quick "Thanks for that!" on your smartphone. — You're Welcome

Dear You're Welcome: Laziness is the enemy of gratitude, and reading your letter I have to agree that it seems to have the upper hand in a big way. Thanks to technology, it's easier than ever to be self-absorbed and unappreciative of others; to do whatever's convenient.



Dear Annie

Annie Lane

But the good news is that gratitude is also the enemy of laziness. Fight the good fight by looking for ways to be more thankful in your own life every day. Perhaps you will be a positive influence on your friends. In the meantime, I'd stop sending them presents. Redirect your generous energy toward charitable causes or loved ones who will really appreciate it.

Dear Annie: Your advice to Granddad's Girl about speaking to him about his driving abilities fell far short. This man very likely has early dementia, as evidenced by his geographic disorientation. His continued driving is a huge risk to himself and others. His family needs to insist he see his doctor, accompanied by a family member, to discuss this. I am a retired internist, and I often had to deal with this difficult problem. This was often scheduled as a "check up" to avoid alarming the elderly patient.

Discussion of driving abilities and tests of memory,

spatial orientation, reflexes and executive functioning can be done in the office. Almost all states have laws requiring or allowing physicians to report impaired or potentially impaired drivers.

Going beyond having the DMV test his driving abilities, which might lead to his license being revoked, I would encourage the family to disable or remove his car. Simply taking his keys away is not enough. One of my wily elderly patients simply had the car towed and the ignition system replaced.

This is a very contentious problem in my experience, because it means a loss of independence, and often, a move to an assisted living facility or the home of a family member. These were some of most difficult discussions I had with patients and family, but they were necessary for the safety of the patient and the public because of the high risk of accidents. — Retired Oregon Internist

Dear Retired Oregon Internist: You're right. In my response, I should have been more emphatic about the importance of getting her grandfather a medical evaluation. Thank you for sharing your expertise.

Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2018. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

On this date:

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (known as the "Surprise" symphony because of an unexpected crashing chord in the second movement) had its first public performance in London.

In 1806, explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

In 1914, the first installment of "The Perils of Pauline," the silent film serial starring Pearl White, premiered in the greater New York City area.

In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

In 1942, the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

In 1956, Pakistan became an Islamic republic.

In 1965, America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

In 1973, before sentencing a group of Watergate break-in defendants, Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica read aloud a letter he'd received from James W. McCord Jr. which said there was "political pressure" to "plead guilty and remain silent."

In 1983, President Ronald Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept incoming enemy missiles — an idea that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative. Dr. Barney Clark, recipient of a Jarvik permanent artificial heart, died at the University of Utah Medical Center after 112 days with the device.

In 1998, "Titanic" tied an Academy Awards record by winning 11 Oscars, including best picture, director (James Cameron) and song ("My Heart Will Go On").

In 2003, during the Iraq War, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Nasiriyah; 11 soldiers were killed, including Pfc. Lori Ann Piestewa; six were captured, including Pfc. Jessica Lynch, who was rescued on April 1, 2003.

Ten years ago: A roadside bomb killed four U.S. soldiers in Baghdad, pushing the overall American death toll in the five-year war to at least 4,000. Vice President Dick Cheney visited the West Bank, where Palestinian leaders asked him to pressure Israel to halt settlement construction and voiced other complaints.

Five years ago: President Barack Obama concluded a four-day visit to the Middle East as he marveled at the beauty of one of the region's most stunning sites, the fabled ancient city of Petra in Jordan.

One year ago: Abandoning negotiations, President Donald Trump demanded a make-or-break vote on health care legislation in the House, threatening to leave "Obamacare" in place and move on to other issues if the next day's vote failed. (Trump and GOP leaders ended up pulling their bill when it became clear it would fail badly.)

Thought for Today: "A man who fears suffering is already suffering from what he fears." — Michel de Montaigne, French essayist (1533-1592).



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ArtsEntertainment

Ritz to have auditions for future show

TIFFIN — The Ritz Players will hold open auditions for “[title of show]” at 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday at The National Theatre at The Ritz, 30 S. Washington St.

The show will be performed May 11-20 at The National Theatre. There are roles for two men (age 20s-30s) and two women (age 20s-30s). Anyone auditioning for a role should bring a prepared song to sing. This production contains adult situations and language.

In “[title of show],” Jeff and Hunter, two self-confessed nobodies in New York, make a pact. They will write an original musical and submit it to a festival. The only catch? The deadline is in three weeks.

They gather their two actress friends, Susan and Heidi, and their accompanist and music director, Larry, on the keys. With the full team assembled, Jeff and Hunter hit another road-block. What should they write about? Jeff and Hunter decide to follow the old adage, “write what you know,” and set off on a unique musical adventure: writing a musical about writing a musical. As the deadline looms, insecurities creep in and jealousies flare. Will the team succeed with their musical? Could it even win a Tony?

For additional information contact the director Charles Groth at cpgroth@gmail.com.



Daily Chief-Union/Dan Robinson

‘Oklahoma’ at Riverdale

Will Parker (played by Ethan Rader), tells the farmhands and Aunt Eller (Megan Hayes) about his recent trip to Kansas City in song during the Riverdale production of “Oklahoma.” The curtain on the musical is slated to go up tonight at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium and will be repeated at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the door.

Marion Palace to have Open Mic Nite

MARION — Marion Palace Theatre management has announced it will host Open Mic Nite at 7:30 p.m. April 13 at the theater's May Pavilion.

The event is open to performers of all ages and a variety of talents from musicians, dancers and singers to magicians, comedians and poets.

Performers wishing to share their talent are asked to sign up in advance at the Palace Theatre box office, 276 W. Center St., or by phone at 740-383-2101.

Audience members in

attendance will experience an entertaining evening with previously undiscovered performers and those who've already made a name for themselves. Between each act, audience members will be given the chance to win prizes in United Bank's "Money Machine."

Spectator admission is \$5. Tickets may be purchased in advance or at the door one hour before the performance. Individuals also may purchase an advance meal ticket for \$6. A cash bar will be available during the event.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call the Marion Palace Theatre box office at 740-383-2101 or visit www.marionpalace.org.

Palace Theatre to present murder mystery dinner ‘You Have the Right to Remain Dead’

MARION — Margaret Bowman directs a Palace Production of the comedy murder-mystery “You Have the Right to Remain Dead” on April 6 and 7 in the Palace Theatre May Pavilion.

Seating is limited for this dinner theater and expected to sell out. Patrons are encouraged to order tickets early.

Following a catered dinner, “You Have the Right to Remain Dead” narrator Harnell Chesterton (played by Bob Sullivan-Neer) will take the audience to visit a small community theater group staging a play set in the deep South – and the scene of the crime.

Here the audience meets Fat Daddy (Bruce Cudd), a rich but vindictive southern gentleman with an equally conniving and scheming family: Sweet Mama (Joni Carlson), Daddy's pandering wife; Hyacinth (Sarah Perkins), the daughter who's always cleaning the family firearms; Earl the worm (Tim Lutz) and his overly amorous wife, Savannah (Becky Pfeiffer); and Clete (Jay Reid), the sullen handyman who, for some reason, is in the will.

Rounding out the cast of characters are

Sami-Kay Mergy as Trudy Marsh, Dee Ehrman as Blanche LaToure and Mike Cochran as Officer Bainbridge. But, did a member of the cast commit the murder — or did someone in the audience?

Twists, turns and a fast-paced dialogue will keep the audience guessing “whodunit” until the last clue is dropped.

All Occasions Catering will prepare the family style dinner which includes penne pasta and shrimp in tomato basil sauce, braised beef short ribs, roast fingerling potatoes, steamed broccoli, assorted desserts and a deluxe coffee bar.

Doors open at 6 p.m. A cash bar will be available. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. The performance will follow dinner.

Tickets for “You Have the Right to Remain Dead” are \$40, which includes dinner and the show, and may be purchased in advance at the Palace Theatre Box Office, 276 W. Center St. in downtown Marion, or by phone at 740-383-2101 during box office hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Tickets also are available online www.marionpalace.org.

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VS
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CASE NO. 17CV0028

In pursuance of an Order of Sale in the above entitled Action, I will offer for sale at public auction, at the front door of the Courthouse, in Upper Sandusky, Ohio in the above named County, on Monday, April 2, 2018 at 9:00 o'clock A.M., the following described real estate. If the property does not receive a sufficient bid, said property will be offered for sale again on Monday, April 16, 2018.
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Wyandot County, Ohio

Attorney Eric Flegiewicz
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March 9, 16, 23, 30

1 - Legals

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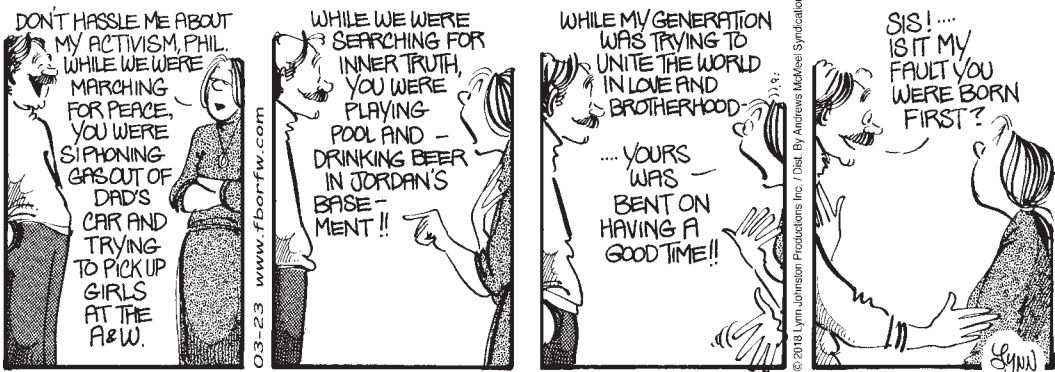


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Previous Solution: "I feel like everyone's different in their own way, so people shouldn't try to make them feel bad because of that." — Elle Fanning
TODAY'S CLUE: J equals E

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8 Hunk's pride

11 Mme. Gluck

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13 Caviar

14 Signify

15 Thriller or chiller

17 Lets go

19 Clearing in a forest

20 AAA recommendation

21 Fix the table

22 Christie or London

25 Array

28 So!

29 In no time

31 Drive the getaway car

33 Oh, gross!

35 Tearful request

37 Come to a conclusion

38 Assisted

40 Border state

42 40-cup brewer

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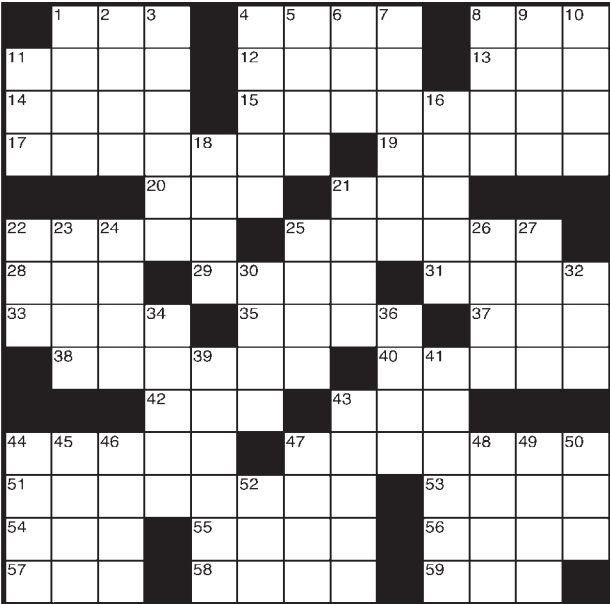
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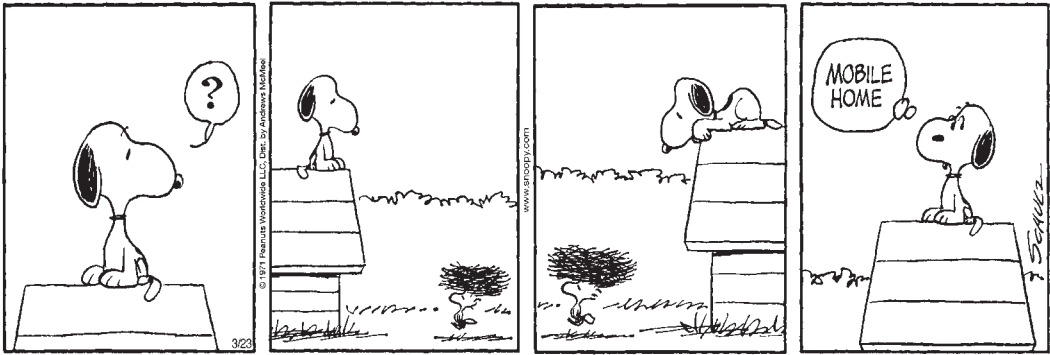
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~ Stella Wilder's daily horoscope ~

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You are loyal to friends and family members; even when there are tensions between you and those closest to you, there is nothing that would make you forsake them if they are being threatened in some way. You will always rush to the

defense of your friends.

Also born on this date are: Kyrie Irving, basketball player; Chaka Khan, singer; Keri Russell, actress; Joan Crawford, actress; Akira Kurosawa, filmmaker; Catherine Keener, actress; Amanda Plummer, actress; Richard Grieco, actor; Roger Bannister, runner.

To see what is in store for you tomorrow, find your birthday and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- You are feeling the influences of others in unexpected ways. You knew the pressure would mount at this time, but not like this!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take a closer look at what lies before you and you'll realize that you are in precisely the position you had hoped you'd be in right now.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- You have every reason to think that success is

imminent -- but it's not guaranteed. You are still at risk for making a last-minute error.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You may think someone is just heaping bad news upon you, but he or she is really keeping you in touch with certain realities.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- You can be everywhere you need to be today, provided you make a plan and stick to it -- while remaining flexible and ready for the unannounced.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You may be feeling a certain loss much more deeply today than you have before. It may be time to address this issue directly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Don't blame someone else for that which you could have prevented. The lesson should be learned: You mustn't vacate your position prematurely.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You may be bouncing between two extremes

throughout much of the day, but you can't let your emotions dictate what you do or when.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- You're likely to see someone else's true colors on display for the first time today, and this may change your relationships permanently.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You must guard against that which threatens your emotional stability today. Steer clear of those who would offer a gratuitous challenge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- How you say something is far more important than the mere fact that you say it; the time, the place and the words you choose are key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- You may be able to move about far more freely today than expected, and still be where you are supposed to be at the appointed times.

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Loyola has fans ‘sitting on the edge of their chairs’

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The graying reminders of Loyola-Chicago’s basketball history are hanging on the Ramblers’ captivating run through the NCAA Tournament.

Sitting in front-row seats, four members of that 1963 Loyola championship team were glued to every play Thursday night, trying to will their alma mater to victory.

“We need a stop,” Jerry Harkness, the captain of that ‘63 team, said in the waning minutes. “We just need a stop.”

They got it.
And then Marques Townes sank a decisive 3-pointer with only 6.3 seconds remaining to help clinch the Ramblers’ 69-68 win over Nevada in the NCAA South Regional semifinal on Thursday night.

“The whole nation must be sort of sitting on the edge of their chairs tonight,” said Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, Loyola’s 98-year-old team chaplain.

Sister Jean has become a celebrity during the tournament. This whole team has.

And the Ramblers came through again Thursday night on the shoulders of their latest hero. Townes launched his 3-pointer from in front of the Loyola bench with the shot clock about to expire.

“He was a warrior,” said Loyola coach Porter Moser. Townes, who had 18 points, charged down the court, pumping his fist, following the shot.
“I’ll probably remember it for the rest of my life,” Townes said. “I mean, it doesn’t really get any better than that.”

Loyola, the No. 11 seed, will face Kansas State, the No. 9 seed, in Saturday’s regional final. It will be the first-ever 9 vs 11 matchup in the Elite Eight, a fitting end to region that became the first to have the top four seeds eliminated on the opening weekend.

Loyola (31-5) has won three tournament games by a combined four points.

Not bad for a program that hadn’t been in the Sweet 16 in 33 years.

Harkness cheered with teammates Les Hunter, John Egan and Rich Rochelle as Loyola moved closer to the Final Four.

Gritty Kansas State delivers upset, 61-58 over Kentucky

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Barry Brown Jr. darted into the lane, blowing by everybody in blue, and delivered a rare burst of offense just in the nick of time.

He wasn’t done, either.

As Kansas State celebrated yet another upset in the bracket-busting South, knocking out Kentucky’s latest group of fabulous freshmen, Brown leaped over the press table like Superman and waded into the arms of the purple-clad fans.

Xavier Sneed scored 22 points and Brown came through with the shot of the game, banking one in with his left hand before he sprawled out on the court to give gritty K-State a 61-58 victory over Kentucky in the South Regional semifinals Thursday night.

“We knew they were going to try to block the shot with their length,” Brown said. “They were blocking shots all night. Once I got away from my guy, I just wanted to go to the basket.”

Demeaned by many pundits as the worst team still alive in the NCAA Tournament, ninth-seeded K-State got the last laugh against a program that holds eight national titles.

Next up: the regional final against No. 11 seed Loyola,

which continued its stunning run in the tournament with a 69-68 victory over Nevada.

Yep, it’s 9 vs. 11 in the Elite Eight for the first time in tournament history, with a trip to the Final Four on the line.

Just the way it should be in a regional that became the first in NCAA history to have the top four seeds knocked out the very first weekend, including No. 1-ranked Virginia.

Sneed wasn’t around at the end — he was among three players from Kansas State (25-11) to foul out — but Brown seized the moment with 18 seconds remaining.

“He’s the guy you’ve got to go through. He can make plays,” K-State coach Bruce Weber said. “He missed a couple of them there down the stretch, but he made a big one at the end.”

Brown’s basket made it 60-58, but Kentucky still had a shot.

Two of them, in fact.

Quade Green put up an air-ball from beyond the arc and Kansas State rebounded, drawing a foul that sent Amaad Wainright to the line for two free throws. He made only one, giving Kentucky (26-11) one more chance to force overtime.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander got a decent look at the basket. His shot rimmed out as the horn sounded.

Dunn, Dible take top honors

Matching the Northern 10 Athletic Conference’s vote, the All-Daily Chief-Union team named Mohawk’s Paul Dunn and Upper Sandusky’s Jevon Dible as coach and player of the year, respectively.

Dunn also earned Division IV District 6 honors as coach of the year. He led the Warriors to the most wins in school history with 19 — four more than the previous record of 15. Mohawk, which had never won a district game before, not only won in the semifinals but also in the championship game to advance to regionals for the first time before losing to state-bound Pandora-Gilboa. Mohawk was 19-7 overall and 12-4 in the N10 for a third-place finish. The Warriors improved from 10-15 last year.

Similarly, Dible also was top honoree in District 6 in Division III. The senior guard earned special mention All-Ohio and earned first-team honors in the Northwest District. He led the N10 champion Rams in scoring (15.3 points per game), rebounding (6.4), assists (3.9) and steals (2.5). He shot 45.9 percent overall, including 34.6 percent on 3-pointers, and made 69.9 percent of his free throws.

The All-DC-U team is selected by a vote of coaches from Carey, Mohawk, Riverdale, Upper Sandusky and Wynford, as well as DC-U sports writers.

Joining Dible on the All-DC-U first team are Mohawk’s Zach Hayman, Wynford’s Josh Crall, Upper Sandusky’s Mason Vent and Carey’s Hayden Stone.

Hayman, a junior guard, averaged 17.6 points, 2.9 rebounds, 2.2 assists and an area-best 3.2 steals per game. He shot 50.3 percent on 2-pointers, 28.0 percent on 3-pointers and 60.3 percent on free throws.

Crall, a sophomore guard, was an All-Ohio special mention pick who led the area in scoring at 19.6 points per game and also had averages of 6.1 rebounds, 2.6 steals and 1.0 assists per game while shooting 53.0 percent on 2-pointers, 35.2 percent on 3-pointers and 75.9 percent on free throws.

Vent, a sophomore forward, averaged 14.4 points, 5.7 rebounds, 3.7 assists and 2.1 steals per game shot 44.5 percent on 2-pointers, 37.6 percent on 3-pointers and 71.4 percent on free throws.



Mason Vent



Zach Hayman



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First team

Jevon Dible, sr., Upper Sandusky

Josh Crall, soph., Wynford

Zach Hayman, jr., Mohawk

Mason Vent, soph., Upper Sandusky

Hayden Stone, soph., Carey

Player of the year



Jevon Dible



Evan Young

Coach of the year



Paul Dunn



Keith Jenkins

Honorable mention

Kaiden Hammer, jr., Mohawk

Caleb Rausch, jr., Wynford

Second team

Cody Luzader, sr., Carey

Trey Bame, sr., Carey

Evan Young, soph., Upper Sandusky

Alec Loveridge, jr., Riverdale

Keith Jenkins, jr., Mohawk

Stone, a sophomore forward, was the area’s leading rebounder (10.3 per game) and shot blocker (2.3 per game) and averaged 13.9 points, 1.1 assists and 1.1 steals. He shot 55.6 percent on 2-pointers.

Voted to the All-DC-U second team were Carey’s Cody Luzader and Trey Bame, Upper Sandusky’s Evan Young, Riverdale’s Alec Loveridge and Mohawk’s Keith Jenkins.

Luzader, a senior guard, averaged 13.0 points, 3.1 assists, 3.0 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game and shot 41.4 percent on 2-pointers, 36.4 percent on 3-pointers and 79.7 percent on free throws.

Bame, a senior guard, had averages of 10.3 points, 3.6 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.4 steals per game while shooting 58.0 percent on 2-pointers, 36.5 percent on 3-pointers and 75.6 percent at the foul line.

Young, a sophomore guard, was the top free-throw shooter in the area at 82.6 percent. He averaged 13.1 points, 2.7 rebounds, 2.7

assists and 1.1 steals per game and shot 68.1 percent on 2-pointers and 27.1 percent on 3-pointers.

Loveridge, a junior guard, finished the year with averages of 12.8 points, 5.2 rebounds, 1.7 steals and 1.2 assists per game. He shot 47.1 percent on 2-pointers, 38.1 percent on 3-pointers and 66.7 percent on free throws.

Jenkins, a junior guard, averaged 8.5 points, 3.2 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 1.7 steals per game and shot 43.3 percent on 2-pointers, 31.0 percent on 3-pointers and 69.2 percent on free throws.

Earning All-DC-U honorable mention for receiving two or more votes were Mohawk junior guard Kaiden Hammer (7.2 ppg, 3.4 rpg, 3.0 apg, 1.6 spg) and Wynford junior forward Caleb Rausch (10.8 ppg, 5.3 rpg, 64.4 percent shooting).

Last season’s All-DC-U team featured six seniors, while this year’s team had only three, with more sophomores — four of them — than any other grade level.

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