Fenton adopts medical marijuana ordinance

Cannabis Attorneys of Michigan to challenge decision, urge revisions

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Fenton — After weeks of debate covering where medical marijuana should be allowed to grow, and who should be able to grow it, the city of Fenton has finally ended its five-year long moratorium on medical marijuana, and adopted an ordinance outlining how it can be grown.

The ordinance allows for those with a medical marijuana license to grow 12 plants in their own home. The ordinance would also allow for growing facilities in the city’s industrial park.

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Nicotine-free e-cigs can also be dangerous

Negative health effects prompt governor, MDCH to ask for more regulations

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Recently, Gov. Rick Snyder vetoed House Bill 4997, and Senate Bills 667 and 668, which would have kept e-cigarettes and other alternative nicotine products from being regulated as tobacco products under Michigan law.

Gov. Snyder isn’t the only one that has been fighting for e-cigs to be treated more like tobacco products under the law. See E-CIGS on 5

Summary

Health departments and the governor call for e-cigarette regulation because of possible negative health effects.

Local adventure park a ‘new idea’ in Michigan

Grant approved for 312 acres in Groveland Township; ATVs, SCUBA part of plan

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The tri-county area is already home to state parks, beaches, nature trails and skiing. A year from today, four-wheeling and cable wake-boarding may also be a part of the recreational resume of the area.

This is because Oakland County Parks and Recreation (OCPR) has successfully applied through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) for a grant to develop 312 acres in Groveland, and Holly townships.

The application was for $2.9 million, to acquire 312 acres spread over four parcels. Three parcels are in Groveland Township, and one is in Holly Township. Some properties are also

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18 days until Obamacare deadline

Affordable Care Act open enrollment ends February 15

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There is only one deadline that matters in regards to The Affordable Care Act (ACA): Feb. 15, 2015. It’s when the marketplace closes until November, and you’ll pay a penalty on your 2015 taxes if you don’t sign up. This is when Certified Application Counselors (CAC) like Susan (Donnell) Masak are busy helping people with questions and concerns, as an insurance agent with her own business.

“It’s good to have somebody on your side that will help you,” said Masak, who has a passion for this sort of thing.

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Summary

One measles case has been confirmed in Oakland County. Health departments urge people to get vaccinated.

Measles case confirmed in Oakland County

Case may be linked to Disneyland outbreak

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According to the Oakland County Health Division, there is a confirmed case of measles in the Oakland County area. This information comes to them from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

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From Fenton to Haiti

Two physician assistants from Fenton Medical Center were part of a medical mission team.

By Sally Rummel

Two physician assistants from Fenton Medical Center spent a week last summer as part of a medical mission trip to Haiti, changing not only the lives of the patients they treated, but also their own.

Beth Gentner, PA-C of Holly Township and Heather Mannor, PA-C of Howell were two of a 13-member medical team that spent a week in an outreach mission to two villages through Mission of Hope Haiti, connecting Fenton with Haiti through Venture Church in Hartland.

Formerly called the River Community Church, Venture Church is another tie that binds these two women, who have also worked together for 20 years.

Mannor’s daughter, Emily, 18, accompanied the group as well, helping provide non-medical assistance, including a kids’ Bible school program and other projects in the villages.

While this was Mannor’s third mission trip and Gentner’s first, it was both women’s first trip to Haiti. Five years after a devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake left Haiti in shambles, killing more than 300,000 people and leaving 1.5 million homeless, some of the country has been re-built, yet extreme poverty and lack of medical care define the daily lives of most Haitians.

“She wasn’t prepared for the poverty,” said Gentner. “It was a humbling experience.”

She also was surprised by the joy of the people, who Gentner said don’t focus on what they don’t have, but what they do have.

“When people who have had little or nothing, but they invited us in and gave us the chance to help,” she said. “They’d invite us into their home, and make us feel at home. They’d invite us to eat with them.”

The medical team provided treatment for about 400 patients in four days, mostly for common ailments like Chikungunya, a long discussion on the issue. “Everyone had concerns and pros and cons. We really looked into it pretty hard,” she said.

For over five years, a moratorium had been placed and extended in lieu of passing an ordinance while the city waited on the results of court cases in the Michigan Supreme Court, which would decide the legality of medical marijuana. While the passing of this ordinance may seem like the end of a very long chapter for the city, it may not be entirely over yet.

The city received a letter from the Canna-bis Attorneys of Michigan, which read, “While we appreciate the city of Fenton’s efforts to provide a framework for cultivating medical marijuana here, the proposed ordinance severely restricts, and therefore directly conflicts with and violates, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act in numerous places.” The letter argues that the city’s violations come from the restrictions regarding how and where medical marijuana can be cultivated, the storage of medical marijuana, the indoor restriction, as well as the restrictions placed on caregivers. The letter continues, “We urge the City to carefully consider revising its proposed ordinance to conform with existing state law, and in the hope that it will avoid the vigorous legal challenges that will most certainly follow.”

The city council said they would be passing the letter on to the city’s attorneys.
While there really are no hypoallergenic dogs or cats out there, there are some things allergy sufferers can do in order to be a proud pet owner.

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First, there is no such thing as a hypoallergenic dog, contrary to popular belief. Nor are there any allergen-free cats. However, that doesn’t have to discourage allergy sufferers from ever owning a pet, or even a dog or cat.

There are some options out there for cats and dogs, and other pets, which can ease the ache of allergy attacks for those sufferers who really want the companionship of a pet.

Dr. Heidi Kern at Companion Animal Hospital in Linden said via email, “For allergy sufferers, the best dog breeds are poodles and poodle mixes, such as labradoodles and golden doodles.” The curly coat of these dogs tends to shed less and the shedding is what generally causes allergies in people, because of the dander. She also suggested Wheaton Terriers. Also, consider the size of the dog. Larger dogs will produce more fur to shed, more saliva and they’ll urinate more, which are all allergens.

“Many reference allergies against proteins in the cat’s saliva and anal sac secretions, so even a hairless cat has spit,” said Kern. Those who are willing to risk it should opt for short hair, or no hair cats, like Sphynx, Devonshire Rex, Ragdolls and Siberian. Longhaired cats will be leaving clumps of hair around the house, making your eyes itch.

The best way to keep down dander from dogs and cats is frequent bathing, according to Dr. Kern. A once-a-week bath with allergen-reducing shampoo can be the answer to preventing, or at least minimizing, allergic reactions. A healthy diet and regular brushing can also keep down shedding.

“Another recommendation may be to keep your pet out of the bedroom, making that a ‘safe room,’” said Kern. It also helps to vacuum regularly, using a HEPA filter.

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What you need to know about licensing your dog

Licenses required by law, costs and fines differ by county

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Many people think of dog licensing as a nuisance, but there are reasons why it is important to get your dog licensed. According to the Genesee County Treasurer’s website, not only is licensing your dog the law, it also helps prevent the spread of rabies and allows your dog to make it home more safely if they are lost.

You must have a dog license for every dog aged 4 months or older, and they need to be registered in the county you live in. People living in Genesee County need to register in Genesee County, those in Oakland register in Oakland. While the reasons for licensing are the same from county to county, fees may be different.

In Genesee County, as well as most, “License renewal occurs the month the rabies vaccination is due. Dog owners needing to renew their dog’s license will receive a pre-printed application by mail 30 days before the next rabies vaccine expiration month. Pre-printed applications are NOT required to purchase a license. Failure to receive renewal notice does not waive delinquency fee.” If you move a lot, you probably will never see a renewal in the mail.

There are one-year licenses and three-year licenses. Three-year licenses are

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Poverty snobs and ‘break bag’ politics

During her live, nationally televised Republican response to President Barack Obama’s State of the Union address, Sen. Joni Ernst inserted a cute story from her childhood that seemed to offer everything a homespun narrative should offer — except a point.

‘You see, growing up, I had only one good pair of shoes,’ the 44-year-old former Iowa state senator recalled. ‘So on rainy school days, my mom would slip plastic bread bags over them to keep them dry.’

Was that embarrassing? No, said Ernst, ‘because the school bus would be filled with rows and rows of young Iowans with bread bags slipped over their feet.’

A heartwarming story, I thought, but why was she telling it? If childhood poverty is a qualification for office, I should run for president.

Ernst’s bread bag story was intended to illustrate how her parents taught her to ‘live simply, not to waste.’ That’s a softer version of the message in her now-famous 2014 campaign ad in which she strolls through a hog barn to tell us that she grew up castrating hogs on a farm. ‘When I get to Washington,’ she says, ‘I’ll know how to cut pork.’

‘Bumpkinizing,’ a term attributed to David Wasmann of The Cook Political Report, is the process of deglamorizing a candidate to enhance his or her appeal to ordinary Americans.

There’s nothing new about pols dressing down, hiding their advanced degrees and inserting a few more aw-shucks bromides that their granddaddy told ‘em in their speeches.

Want a new wave of poverty snobbery to rise with the 2016 presidential race? Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee leads the pack. In the past, I have praised Huckabee’s peacemaker approach to today’s polarized politics. I am disappointed to see him go full virtue-bully in his new book by attacking Jay-Z and Beyonce as examples of a ‘culture of crime.’ Really?

Really? Obviously Huckabee’s trying to score points with his base by attacking stars who President Obama has praised in the past.

It’s tricky to play the bumpkin in politics. In today’s media age, there aren’t as many rubes anymore.
Do tech screens keep you awake?

By Yvonne Stegall

Are you finding it harder to sleep at night in this day and age of technologi-
cal wonders such as tablets, iPads and smartphones? If you are, there may be
an answer to your problems.

According to researchers from Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, people who read a book on a lighted device before bedtime take a longer time to fall asleep. Not only that, but they also felt less alert the next morning. This study compared people reading their books on bright screens to those reading a traditional printed book.

What they found was that reading on the lighted screen suppressed melatonin, which is a hormone that helps us get to sleep. It also shifted the body’s natural sleep-wake cycle.

We live much busier lives these days, partly of that due to the increased con-
nection time because of laptops, tablets and smartphones. Because of this, there have been many studies being done on the af-
fects of these tech devices on our sleep.

The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences is a work of published research on this subject, and suggests that devices with backlit screens that emit blue light, like tablets, have real effect on sleep.

If you find your sleep is being dis-
rupted, try putting your devices down an hour or two before you go to bed. In addition, read printed books or read them on a device that is not backlit. If your only option is to read on your backlit device, try turning the screen brightness down some and don’t read with it too close to your face.

Just try to put the problem in perspective, a research conducted by the National Sleep Founda-
tion showed that nearly 90 percent of adults and 75 percent of children reportedhaving at least one electronic device in their bedrooms, and many reporting having-
ning multiple devices, such as televisions, laptops and tablets.

According to mercola.com, adults aren’t the only ones being affected. Children who use electronic media at night go to bed later, get fewer hours of sleep per week, and report more daytime sleepiness. Adolescents with a television in their bedroom go to bed later, have more difficulty falling asleep, and have a shorter total sleep time.

Studies have shown that the bright backlit light of phones and tablets affects people’s sleep patterns.

Tips to a better night’s sleep

• Avoid watching TV or using your computer/smartphone/tablet in the evening, at least an hour or so before going to bed.
• Make sure you get BRIGHT sun exposure regularly. Your pineal gland produces melatonin roughly in approximation to the contrast of bright sun exposure in the day and complete darkness at night. If you are in darkness all night, it can’t appreciate the difference and will not optimize your melatonin production.
• Get some sun in the morning. Your circadian system needs bright light to reset itself. Ten to 15 min-
utes of morning sunlight will send a strong message to your internal clock that day has arrived, mak-
ing it less likely to be confused by weaker light signals during the night.
• Sleep in complete darkness, or as close to it as possible. Even the tiniest light that comes from your clock radio could be interfering with your sleep.
• Install a low-wattage yellow, orange, or red light bulb if you need a source of light for navigation at night. Light in these bandwidths does not shut down melatonin pro-
duction in the way that white and blue bandwidth light does.

Source: mercola.com

E-CIGS

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According to Jennifer Smith, public information officer at Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH), “MDCH is committed to protecting the health and wellness of our residents, and as such we would like to see e-cigarettes regulated as tobacco products and subject to any restrictions applied to tobacco products, including the minimum age law.”

In his press release, Gov. Snyder said, “We need to make sure that e-cigarettes and other nicotine-containing devices are regulated in the best interest of public health.” He also said, “It’s important that these devices be treated like tobacco products and help people become aware of the dangers e-cigarettes pose.”

Had this legislation passed, it would have gone against the position taken by 40 state attorneys general, including Michigan’s Bill Schuette.

According to Smith, it isn’t just the nicotine in the e-cigs that is dangerous. Studies have shown that e-cigarettes increase inflammation and airway constric-
tion in users. It has also been found that infections may be harder to kill, since the aerosol in e-cigarettes protects antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

The nicotine in these smokeless ciga-
rettes, which is derived from tobacco, is a stimulant and can be poisonous in the quantities found in e-liquid if the user is exposed to the liquid through skin contact or ingestion. Smith said, “The first U.S. death from e-liquid exposure occurred in December 2014, to a New York toddler.”

As well as nicotine, propylene glycol and glycerin, the most common ingredi-
ents in e-liquid, are known to be eye and respiratory irritants, and convert to carcinogens when heated. Smith added, “The heat and higher voltage in batteries in e-cigarettes can cause the metals in the device to break down and expose users to nickel, cadmium, formaldehyde, acetal-
dehyde and other carcinogens.”

This could be why there are rumors out there that e-cigarettes are even worse for your health than regular cigarettes.

Possible effects of e-cigs

The FDA regularly receives reports of adverse events involving e-
cigarettes from consumers, health professionals and concerned members of the public. The ad-
verse events described in these reports have included hospitaliza-
tion for illnesses such as:

• pneumonia,
• congestive heart failure,
• disorientation,
• seizure,
• hypotension,
• and other health problems.

Whether e-cigarettes caused these reported adverse events is unknown. Some of the adverse events could be related to a pre-existing medical condition or to other causes that were not reported to FDA.

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Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The person is an adult Oakland County resident. It is believed this case may be associated with the recent Disneyland outbreak in California, but an exact connection has not yet been determined.

According to Jennifer Smith, MDCH public information officer, “The best line of defense against measles is vaccination. Measles is highly contagious, so in order to ensure success in prevention, we must promote and sustain high vaccination rates and levels of immunity in our communities.”

Measles can be transmitted five days before and four days after the rash appears. Measles is a vaccine preventable, respiratory infection and is spread through the air by sneezing and coughing. The measles virus can live for up to two hours on a surface or in the air, where the infected person coughed or sneezed.

Anyone concerned should contact their own doctor for information on the vaccine and the disease.

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privatey owned, others are owned by the townships.

Through the grant, the land would be owned by the MDNR, and leased to the OPCR

In 2014, there were two test events to serve as evidence that an interest existed in the area for such a park. The Dixie Gully Run was held in August and November, through invitation and registration of off-road vehicles (ORVs) to attend.

Hundred of off-roaders tackled entry-level obstacles along with advanced technical gully courses, with no injury and a lot of accolades from attendees. OPCR spent $70,000 professionally developing 35 acres for the test events. But now, those obstacles and trails will become part of a full-fledged park.

Those events worked — the grant was approved by the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund board in December. They selected the Michigan DNR acquisition grant application on behalf of Oakland County Parks. This means they’ve recommended funding for the project, which could lead to more than 400 acres south of Mt. Holly being developed for recreational use.

What will take shape is an “Adventure Recreation Complex,” which could draw 200,000 registered ORV users in Michigan. The park could include off-road trucks like Jeeps, ATV’s and dirt bikes, mountain biking, hiking and even wake boarding and SCUBA diving.

OCPR Executive Officer Dan Stencil is looking toward approval this spring by the legislature, with appraisal and acquisition of properties six to 12 months after that. In the mean time they’ll work on the master plan with a possible spring 2016 opening.

Groveland Township Supervisor Robert DePalma said they’ve been supportive of the project, and have also been careful of things like noise levels for residents. They even invited a group of ATVs and dirt bikes on the property for a ride in one of the gravel bowls, and paid contractors the measure for the noise. Surprisingly, there wasn’t much inside the deep bowls of gravel.

Right now, that recommendation for grant funding is in the hands of the Michigan legislature. Stencil didn’t want to use the term “rubber stamp,” but normally these recommendations are approved, which can take six months. “The bigger hurdle is getting appraisals for the property, and negotiating a purchase price,” he said.

With these situations, Stencil said things happen slowly, and that will be a year before things are in operation. Right now, the staff at OPCR is coming up with a vision and master plan for the park.

Today the developed portion will be unused, but mining will continue, which can help with digging out sites for cable wake boarding and SCUBA diving, which itself will be a new location, and a new idea, in Michigan, right in the tri-county area.

The final test event in November drew 300 to the developed course, which ran smoothly with the help of volunteers.
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To be in-line with the ACA, the insurance must cover 10 essential benefits, which includes preventative checkups and prescriptions (see sidebar below).

Comprehensive coverage is good news. So is pre-existing conditions no longer being a factor. “(The ACA) kind of puts everybody on more of an even playing field,” she said. Now, the main considerations are dependents, income, and whether you smoke. Smoking can ding your deductible. “The bad news is it’s not inexpensive,” she said.

The ACA or, Obamacare is just the name of the law that was put into place with the regulations, stating that all plans have to cover the same 10 essential benefits. If you don’t have insurance that covers these benefits, you’ll have to pay 1 percent of your income, on your tax return this year, unless you successfully apply for an exemption. Masak said that the penalty could rise to 2.5 percent if you don’t have insurance in 2015.

The deadline to apply for healthcare for 2015 is Feb. 15. Insurance will take effect on March 1, unless you have a qualifying, life-changing event.

If you already have health insurance through the marketplace, Feb. 15 is just your deadline to make any changes for the year. If you’re offered insurance already at work, you may not need to go to the marketplace, but Healthcare.gov is the only way to get a subsidy.

After that, you’ll either be penalized 2.5 percent when you file your taxes in 2016, or you have to get an exemption. This only applies to people whose monthly bill would be higher than 8 percent of their income per month.

This is the rub for residents like Amber Naganashe of Fenton. She’s frustrated by the individual mandate, and the monthly rate for her insurance. “It’s not like a fairy tale,” she said. She doesn’t apply for the exemption because her monthly bill is just under the required amount. Naganashe is paid $33,000 before taxes, and supports a child as a single parent.

Masak said the cut-off is in place to compel people to get health care before they get sick. She said it helps cover the whole system. If you miss the Feb. 15 date, your next window is November 2015.

To get started, go to healthcare.gov. If you’d rather speak with a person off the bat, get a hold of a CAC, which can be found at insurance offices, or even several tax prep businesses. CACs will assist for free, but if you sign up through an insurance company and not directly, you may be paying a commission. Go to enrollema.com to find a CAC near you. Masak spends a lot time counseling clients on their options. “You have to really be willing to spend the time with people,” she said. “People are still a little afraid of it. They think it’s really new, and really complicated.”

She said compared to last year, the marketplace website is far better, without the bugs of the initial roll out. Masak added that there are imposter websites that will sell you insurance, but are not the real government website. It should say “official site,” on the web page.

An ACA navigator has more in-depth knowledge of the law, and health care options. Navigator Tim McCarron said enrolling people has been far more re-laxed this year, with less panic and issues with the website.

When looking for a quote, you’ll need a few things. You’ll need your zip code, Social Security Number, and an educated guess on your annual income, and the income of any dependents in the household. This information will give you a quote, and also let you know if you qualify for a subsidy. McCarron said that most people will qualify for some kind of subsidy, up to 400 percent of the poverty line, for $45,000 for an individual.

Small businesses and those over age 45 may feel the pinch of insurance costs, because rates increase with age.

At this point on the website, you’ll also have to OK the access to your IRS files to check on last year’s income. If you get a subsidy, it also has to be based on current, accurate income information. If your income rises through the year, and you don’t report it, you’ll owe subsidy money back at the end of the year.

Also, you’ll have to file income taxes, if you hadn’t already planned on it.

The marketplace itself gives access to six companies and several policies. They all cover the same things. The variable is the doctors in what network, and how much your deductible is. The highest deductible for an individual is $6,658, which would be a “Bronze” plan. The plans run from bronze, silver, gold and platinum.

In order to encourage preventative services, things like check-ups, mammograms and colonoscopies are part of the plan, and don’t include co-pays.

Masak said that insurance rates go up by 7-12 percent each year. Adults over 45 will see higher rates, and she admits that often small businesses are hurt by the ACA. So are families still keeping adult children in their 20s.

If you run into problems, and even your CAC can’t help, the next step up is a navigator, like McCarron, who has the most in-depth knowledge of the ACA. Even though he’s based out of Flint, he does help residents of southern Genesee County. He can help you with questions, and direct you to a local CAC, if you were looking for one. The helpline for Genesee County is (810) 787-5097. You can also email Masak, at susanmasak@comcast.net.

Despite navigators and counselors and a better website, it still doesn’t always make it affordable to residents between the high end, and low end of the income spectrum. Naganashe will just be taking the penalty, as the rate for her insurance is slightly too low for a subsidy, but too high for her income. “Would I love to have health insurance? Of course, who wouldn’t,” she said.
Sunday’s Super Bowl actually kicks-off in America’s kitchens

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It’s hard to say which part of Sunday’s Super Bowl event is the most exciting — the NFL’s most spectacular sporting event, the $4.5 million commercials (each), the glitzy half-time show, the party or the food.

For the millions of people who will be watching the game from the sidelines of their sofa, the snacks and “game grub” will certainly be a highlight, no matter who wins the game.

If you’re planning a Super Bowl party at your house, here are a few tailgate recipes you may want to try:

**Game Day ‘Guac’**

By Budgetbytes.com

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 3 medium ripe avocados
- 3 large roma tomatoes
- ¼ red onion
- 1 clove garlic
- Juice of 1 lime
- ¼ bunch cilantro
- 1 whole (or less) jalapeno
- ½ tsp salt
- about 10 cranks fresh ground black pepper

1 Tbsp olive oil

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Dice the tomatoes, jalapeno, onion, garlic and cilantro and place them in a bowl. Dice the avocado about the same size as the tomatoes. Save the avocado for last to minimize the time that it is exposed to oxygen and reducing the likelihood of it turning brown. Once the dressing is mixed in, the acid from the tomatoes and lime will keep the avocado from turning brown during storage.

2. In a small bowl combine the olive oil, juice and zest from the lime, salt and pepper. Pour the mixture over the diced vegetables and stir to combine.

**Game Day Chili (spicy)**

By Times Editor Sharon Stone

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 3 pounds lean ground beef, or ground turkey OR 3-pound combination of beef, turkey and hot Italian sausage
- 2 Vidalia or sweet onions - chopped
- 2 medium cans hot chili beans
- 2 large cans peeled, diced tomatoes
- 2 large cans tomato sauce
- ½ cup of A1 sauce
- ¼ cup of Worcestershire sauce
- 1 jar of Heinz chili sauce
- ½ can of chili powder, about 1¼ cup
- 5 stalks celery – chopped
- 2-3 green peppers – chopped
- 4-5 fresh jalapenos – chopped

**TOPPINGS:**
- Shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- Sour cream
- Tabasco sauce or Frank’s Hot Sauce
- Corn chips
- Chopped onions

**DIRECTIONS:**

Cook meat with onions in large pot, drain excess fat. Pour in remaining ingredients and bring to a low boil. Cook for several hours until veggies are softened. Serve, topped with any of your favorite toppings.

**Buckeye Brownie Cups**

Recipe courtesy of Oxmoor House

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, divided
- ½ cup butter
- 1 ½ t. vanilla extract
- ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- ½ cup all purpose flour
- 1 ½ t. vanilla extract
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- ¼ t. baking powder
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 32 miniature paper baking cups

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place baking cups in miniature muffin pans.

2. Microwave ½ cup chocolate chips and ½ cup butter in a microwave-safe bowl on HIGH 1-2 minutes or until butter melts, stirring after 1 minute. Stir until chocolate melts. Whisk in ½ t. vanilla and next 3 ingredients.

3. Meanwhile, combine powdered sugar, peanut butter, 2 T. softened butter and remaining 1 t. vanilla in a medium bowl; beat at medium speed with an electric mixer until smooth.

4. Roll peanut butter mixture by teaspoonfuls into 32 small balls. Press ½ ball into top of each brownie, flattening slightly.

5. Place remaining ½ cup chocolate chips in a medium bowl. Microwave cream in a 1-cup glass measuring cup on high for 1 minute. Pour cream over chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Let cool until slightly thickened. Spread 1-2 T. chocolate mixture over peanut butter and brownie, spreading almost to edges of baking cup. Let cool 1 hour or until set.

**Cuban Sandwich Sliders**

Recipe courtesy of Beantown Baker

**INGREDIENTS:**
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter
- 1½ T. poppy seeds
- 1½ T. salt
- 1½ T. brown sugar
- 1½ T. honey mustard
- 1½ T. Worcestershire sauce
- 1½ T. mustard
- 1½ T. chili sauce
- 1 lb. cooked ham slices
- 2 (12 oz.) packages Hawaiian rolls
- 2 cups dill pickles

**DIRECTIONS:**

1. Preheat oven to 325. Place another layer of meat and cheese on top of buns. Place tops of buns on baking sheet and refrigerate up to several hours until veggies are softened. Serve, topped with any of your favorite toppings.

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A virus passed on to humans by two species of mosquitoes, and for high blood pressure, skin rash, wounds and burns. “They’re always wearing shorts and riding motorcycles,” said Mannor.

Both women said that their Haitian experience changed their perspective on medicine in America. “It refocused me and gave me back the perspective of treating the patient — not insurance and all the other constraints we have in medical care in the U.S.,” said Gentner.

The trip to Haiti gave Mannor a thankfulness for everything here in the U.S., from groceries to schools. “We have so many privileges here that they don’t have in Haiti. I consider it a privilege to practice medicine here and be a part of peoples’ lives and families.”

“I wasn’t prepared for the poverty. It was a humbling experience.”

Beth Gentner

HAITI at a glance

Where is Haiti?

It is located between Cuba and Puerto Rico, and south of the Turks and Caicos. It shares the Island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic.

Population:

9,896,000

Religion:

The state religion is Roman Catholicism, about 80 to 85 percent. Fifteen to 20 percent are Protestant. About half of the population practices Vodou, mostly along with another religion.

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First-year gymnastics team off to good start

By David Troppens
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Fenton girls gymnastics team has been posting high team scoring and has had plenty of performances earning competitors a spot in regionals.

It’s been a pretty strong first half for the team.

On Monday, the squad faced some adversity when two members of the six-person team were out sick, but the co-op program still put together a strong team score of 131.925 in a loss to the Haslett/Williamston/Bath co-op. The home victors posted a score of 136.725.

Just four days earlier, the squad captured a victory at a tri-meet against Vassar and Cass City, posting a team score of 132.125.

“The gymnastics season has gotten off to a great start,” coach Nancy Holden said. “The first-year team made up of mostly freshmen has made a great debut. They have qualified to the state meet.”

See TEAM on 11

SUPER BOWL ODDS & ENDS

Everyone knows the Super Bowl is this weekend. And for those who care, they can find a ton of ways to break down the New England Patriots and the Seattle Seahawks. So instead of trying to scout the players, we decided to add some Super Bowl information of a bit of off-the-wall nature.

Betting on the coin toss

If one wants to, you can bet on who will win the coin toss and what side of the coin appears. If you believe in historical data about such things, you may want to bet on “heads” and the NFC over the AFC, as it has never been tossed each of the last five years. Meanwhile, the NFC has won the coin flip 15 of the last 17 years.

No favorite in the game?

There is a chance that this could be the first Super Bowl without a betting favorite. The Seahawks opened as 2 1/2-point favorites but the line quickly dropped to pick ’em status, which means there is no line. There has never been a Super Bowl without a favorite. Of course, that could, and probably will, change by the time the game starts.

If there is a favorite, should you pick them?

That depends. In the short term, underdogs have won the game four of the last five seasons. However, through the Super Bowl’s history, favorites have a 33-15 record straight up, and a 26-18-2 record against the spread. New England has been the favorite in their last four Super Bowls, going 2-2 in those contests. Seattle has never been favored when they’ve participated in the Super Bowl.

Tigers hold off Linden’s late surge to earn Metro victory

By David Troppens
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Linden — Rivalry games can become sloppy but yet energy-driven contests frequently.

Quite often those types of games can become downright entertaining down the stretch as well.

Both comments held true for the first edition of the Fenton-Linden boys basketball rivalry of the school year.

In a game that saw the two teams combine for 40 turnovers and combine for just 29-0f-84 shooting from the field (34 percent), the Tigers were able to hold off the host Eagles to capture a 45-40 victory on Friday night.

“It’s always a big game. It’s an important game,” Fenton senior Beau LePage said. “I thought Linden played well, but we found a way to pull it off in the end.

“They played very hard. They forced some turnovers at some key times when we should’ve taken care of the ball. Like I said, we found a way to pull it out at the end. We hit some key free throws and hit at a key layup at the end.

“It didn’t look like it would be a thriller down the stretch for a long time as Fenton held a double-digit lead for a good chunk of the contest. They earned the double-digit lead for the first time at 12-2 on a driving layup by Dillon Gardner with 1:52 left in the first quarter. That lead seemingly bounced in between 11 and 14 points most of the night, so the Eagles remained in the contest. Fenton led 37-23 after a steal and a breaking layup by Ben Hajcar, but a converted free throw by Linden’s Kyle Kormann cut the gap back to 37-24 entering the fourth quarter.

For the most part, the fourth quarter was owned by the Eagles as they clawed back into the contest. It was specifically owned by Logan Steiert. With Linden trailing 40-26, Steiert hit his first of three three-pointers in the final minutes to force a 45-40 tie with 2:21 left in the first quarter. However, Linden responded by scoring the quarter’s final six points. The first two came on a Smith inbound assist to Kenney for a hoop. The final two buckets were provided by Smith. One was a putback jumper with 21.3 seconds left in the period. The final one came on a steal she made resulting in a breaking layup right at the buzzer. Linden led 10-6 and never trailed again.

The Tigers (5-2, 5-5) may have never led again, but they were always in the ball game, closing the Linden

Eagles pull off upset vs. Lady Tigers, 39-37

By David Troppens
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Linden — Games can be a challenge when a basketball squad has just eight players.

That’s the challenge the Linden varsity girls basketball team has faced all year this season.

But when a good moment comes, the positive is, chances are, everyone had a say in why the team earns it. That was the case on Friday night.

All eight Linden players put out a strong effort, helping lead the Eagles to a 39-37 upset victory against their biggest rivals, the Fenton Tigers, at Linden High School.

“It is definitely hard (having just eight players) and it pays off with our hard work at practice and with all the drills we do,” senior Megan Kenney said. “It feels good to win a game like this. Everyone contributed to our win tonight.”

“I think it was pretty cool,” junior Taylor Smith said. “I don’t know if everybody scored, but everybody did something to help us win.”

The Eagles (3-4, 5-7) led most of the contest. Fenton’s final lead came at 6-4 on a nice dish from Emma Evo to Carly Granger for a lay-up with 2:21 left in the first quarter.

However, Linden responded scoring the quarter’s final six points. The first two came on a Smith inbound assist to Kenney for a hoop. The final two buckets were provided by Smith. One was a putback jumper with 21.3 seconds left in the period. The final one came on a steal she made resulting in a breaking layup right at the buzzer. Linden led 10-6 and never trailed again.

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See EAGLES on 12

Fenton’s Madison Maxheimer (right) tries to find some room against Fenton’s Carly Granger in the Eagles’ 39-37 victory.

Linden’s Logan Steiert (left) is grabbed by Fenton’s Alec Thomas during the Tigers’ 45-40 win on Friday.

See FENTON on 11
Short-handed Bronchos win anyway, 50-31

By David Troppens
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The Holly boys varsity basketball team assured themselves of an undefeated record the first go-around in the Metro League on Friday.

They had to finish the task without their two top scorers.

With Kyle Woodruff and Jake Daniels out of the lineup, the Bronchos found other scoring options to earn a 50-31 road victory at Brandon High.

That other scoring option was Carman-Ainsworth transfer Ian Hodges, who was playing his first varsity game for the Holly program. He scored 17 points, leading the Bronchos (7-0, 8-2) to the victory.

“It was a great game, one of the best team efforts I’ve seen in my 10 years,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “We were missing our two best players. But the guys came out with intensity we haven’t seen.”

Hodges scored seven of his 17 points during the first quarter, leading the Bronchos to a 19-3 lead after the end of the period. From there, Brandon played the Bronchos tough, but were unable to make a dent in the Holly lead.

“Hodges is a real basketball player through and through,” Baylis said. “He can shoot, is a great passer and has great vision. … One of the things I know about Ian is he’s a real gamer. When the lights come on, Ian shines. He’s a great kid and a great student. It was his first varsity game and he came through.”

Woodruff will be out indefinitely with a broken collarbone suffered during a recent practice going for a loose ball that also involved Daniels. Baylis said it was a coach’s decision to sit Daniels for the contest.

Holly’s defense was strong. Brandon scored 16 points in the second quarter, but the Blackhawks managed just 12 second-half points. Holly did help promote some of that in the second half, holding the ball for the last two minutes of the third quarter.

After Hodges’ 17 points, Adam Tooley added 14 points and three steals.

Goodrich 68, Lake Fenton 55

Leading 39-37 entering the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils were unable to hold on. Goodrich scored 31 fourth-quarter points, earning the Martians the road GAC Red Division victory.

Lake Fenton led 16-10 after one quarter, but never were able to increase the gap at any of the quarter breaks. Jalen Miller and Jake Zielinski led the Blue Devils with 14 points each, while Isabell Wilson netted 11 points. Andrew Foerster and Tyler Browning netted seven points each. Jaylin Fordham led Goodrich with 27 points.

Girls Basketball

Holly 45, Brandon 37

Holly outscored Brandon 15-4 in the third quarter, leading the Bronchos to the victory. Holly trailed 20-19 at the half, but led 34-24 entering the fourth quarter.

Paige Reid had a big game for Holly, scoring a game-high 21 points. Kaitlyn Smith netted 18 points, while Brooke Jackman had five.

Goodrich 61, Lake Fenton 9

Lake Fenton scored three second-half points in the loss. Autumn Beardsley led the Blue Devils with five points, while Sydney Sheyachich netted two points.

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the fourth quarter, cutting the Fenton lead to 40-29. About a minute later, he hit two more treys within 30 seconds of each other, narrowing the Fenton margin to just 40-36 with 5:14 left. Linden cut the gap as close as 40-38 after a converted free throw by Steiert with 4:12 remaining.

A nice assist from LePage to Evan Welch uprighted the Fenton lead to 42-38, and a converted free throw by LePage, umped it to 43-38 with 1:41 remaining. Running out of time, the Eagles turned the ball over on their next possession and LePage pretty much iced the game with two converted free throws. Korman was able to hit a layup with 41.4 seconds left, but it was a case of too little, too late.

It was another tough loss for Linden (0-6, 1-9) who has had several competitive games only to fall short. On Friday, 22 turnovers and netting just 6-of-17 free throws ended up being the Eagles’ ultimate downfall.

“Those guys are so close and they are sick and tired of being in this position every single game,” Linden varsity boys basketball coach Anthony Wright said. “They are playing hard and they are getting better. I hope we are able to win a few more down the stretch.”

For Fenton (5-2, 5-4), the lead was established within the first 30 seconds when Austin Bossenberger and Alec Thomas hit consecutive three-pointers. What allowed Linden to hang within range was Fenton’s 28 turnovers and 10-for-21 free-throw shooting.

“The last 45 seconds is what I’d like to focus on,” Fenton varsity coach Tim Ofszewski said. “We executed like we are supposed to be executing during the final 45 seconds, like we should’ve been executing starting with 3:30 remaining. We didn’t play our best. We panicked, but we gained our composure. The next time we are up by 10 (in the fourth quarter) hopefully we can learn from this and execute effectively. Time will tell if we got better tonight.”

The contest featured only one double-digit scorer. That was Steiert with his game-high 15 points. Only Tyler Hoeberling scored as many as six points after Steiert for Linden. Fenton was paced by LePage’s eight points. All of his points were scored at the charity stripe. Hiacqur, Bossenberger and Evan Welch finished with five points. Fenton played without senior captain Ross Ebert, who scored 23 points against Davison on Tuesday. He suffered an ankle injury on Wednesday and could miss a couple of weeks.

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**Fenton swimmers open Metro season with easy victory**

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity boys swim team opened the Metro League season in style.

The squad earned the top time or score in all but three events, cruising to a 95-73 victory against the Kearseley/Clio co-op team.

Kyle Banner and Austin Landis took part in three of the firsts. The pair teamed with Joey Ferrara and Brennan Henston to take the top spot in the 200 freestyle relay (1:40.76) and both captured two individual firsts. Landis won the 200 freestyle (1:56.48) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.20), while Banner took the top spot in the 200 individual medley (2:19.28) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.42).

Zac Miceli also had a big day, earning two individual firsts. He won the 50 freestyle (23.40) and the 500 freestyle (5:15.13). The Tigers' final individual first was posted by Michael Fabatz in the 100 freestyle (54.40). Finally, the 400 freestyle relay team of Dan Kramer, Austin Jacob, Andrew Gabler and Hunter Smith ended the day with the top time in their event with a 3:59.94.

Ian MacPhail-Faussey earned two seconds for the Tigers, taking them in the 200 freestyle (2:02.42) and the 500 freestyle (5:32.22). Other individual second-place finishers were Fabatz in the 200 individual medley (2:25.81), Justin Beemer in the 100 freestyle (58.56), Ferrera in the 50 freestyle (26.42), Hunter Smith in the 100 backstroke (1:12.48), Noah Size-more in the 100 breaststroke (1:13.41) and Adam Kildow in diving (179.10).

Fenton travels to Holly for another Metro League meet on Thursday.

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e with just one point three times in the second quarter. A Katie Conroy three-pointer with 26.1 seconds left in the half, cut the gap to 19-18, and once again Smith scored right before a buzzer, raising the gap to 21-18 entering halftime.

Linden had its foul issues in the second half, seeing Smith and Taylor DeGayner get whistled for their fourth fouls. Smith’s fourth foul appeared to be the more damaging because it came with 5:04 left in the third quarter. However, the Eagles were able to keep grasp of a slim lead.

It wasn’t until the fourth quarter that Linden actually created some distance. Fenton cut the gap to 32-28 on a Granger layup, but seconds later Smith entered the game for the first time since getting her fourth foul. When she did, she hit four consecutive free throws and dished an assist on a layup by Jordan Holscher, putting the Eagles up 38-28 with just under five minutes left.

The Tigers answered back with their own run, a nine-point run that ended with a putback hoop from Madeline Carr. The Tigers trailed just 38-37 with 56.9 seconds left. Fenton had two possessions to either tie it or take the lead, but one possession ended in a missed shot and the other ended with a turnover. Then with 2.6 seconds left, DeGayner hit a free throw, raising the gap to 39-37. Fenton had a desperation 2/3rds-court shot by Granger to end the contest, but it wasn’t converted.

“Being senior year, it feels great,” Kinney said about the win. “It’s the last time we’ll play them on our home court. And I think this is a game we finally played all four quarters instead of just a half.”

“I wanted this win so bad,” Smith said. “I think we all did and it was exciting. It means a lot to our program because they are big rivals for us.”

Smith led all scorers with 17 points. She also had five assists and three steals. DeGayner scored eight points, while Kinney had six points and 17 rebounds and two blocked shots.

Fenton was paced by Emma Evo’s 11 points, 10 rebounds and three assists. Granger finished with eight points and four rebounds and three steals.

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**SYNOPSIS OF ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING JANUARY 26, 2015**

Call to order @ 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Cole


Observed: Moment of silence in memory of David K. Allen, Virginia Stuart, Laura Leff and Joe Rodgerson.

Approved: Minutes as printed of December 22, 2014.

Approved: Payment of bills as presented.


Approved: Additional Police Officer scheduled to ensure safety of public for a large private event.

Approved: Funds from leased property to be dedicated to future park in next fiscal year.

Convened: Public Hearing for Park & Recreation Plan.

Closed: Public Hearing for Park & Recreation Plan.

Adopted: resolution 2015-1 5-year newly revised Parks and Recreation Plan with Linden Schools.

Approved: Treasurer to refund Lovejoy Rd. assessment received in error.

Authorized: Chief Allen to negotiate trade of old vehicle in lieu of payment for work on police vehicle.

Entered: Closed Board Session @ 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened: Regular Session @ 8:15 p.m.

Adjourned @ 8:16 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Graves

Argentine Township Clerk
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**REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS**

- **Pledge of Allegiance:**
- **Roll Call:**
- Supervisor Smith, Clerk Winchester, Treasurer Freeman, Trustee Cormwell and Trustee Ruth.
- Approved: Consent Agenda as Corrected.
- Postponed: Hazardous Waste Disposal.
- Approved: Planning Commission Appointment.
- No Action: 2015 Winter Webinars.
- Approved: Response to Oakland County Commission Miscellaneous Resolution #14285 – Proposed Resolution 2015-03.
- Karin S. Winchester
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Answer in this Sunday’s edition of the Tri-County Times

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Mixed signals could create problems. Make sure your views are presented clearly, and insist others do the same. Don’t let an unanswered question go by without a full explanation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Financial pressures ease, allowing for more budget flexibility. But as the money-wise Bovine will appreciate, thrift still beats out splurging. Expect news from someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Getting things done is what you do so well. But be careful not to overtax your energy reserves. Take time out to relax or do something different to help keep them at optimum levels.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
This is a good time to satisfy the Moon Child’s growing sense of wanderlust. Choose a really special place to go to, with a very special person to share it all with you.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)
You love being in the spotlight. But be careful it doesn’t blind you to the truth behind a seemingly wonderful opportunity. Look closer and you might be sadly surprised at what you find.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Isn’t it time to take a break from your hectic schedule? Sure it is. And the sooner you do, the sooner you can return fresh and more than ready to take on all those new projects.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A recent family incident can help bring everyone closer, and there’s no one who’s better at making that happen than you. Accept (indeed, insist on!) help from others to get things off and running.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Long-held habits are often difficult to break. But the change from how you always did things to how you can do them now can be liberating. So, be flexible and give it a try.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Someone you met in your professional world last year and thought you would never hear from again could make a sudden reappearance in your life, along with an interesting job offer.

CAPPED (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
Once again, you delight everyone by coming up with a solution for a problem that actually works. On another note, it’s not too early to get started on those travel plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Before you go ahead with finalizing your plans for your new project, check them over to see if you can make some improvements or if you can find ways to cut costs.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)
The Fabulous Fish might have been out of the social swim for too long, and it’s time you plunge back in. Reinforce your old friendships and be open to starting new ones.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE

Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CRANF
INSAB
HENUQ
DEBBAL

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoons.

ACROSS
1 Intelligent
6 Haunt
12 Kid’s injury
13 Quick look
14 Donkey, often
15 Vacationer’s car, possibly
16 Eliot-based musical
17 Haberdasher’s rackful
19 “...
Believer”
20 Pornography
22 Perched
24 Pair with an air
27 Lobs’ paths
29 “Galloping dominoes”
32 In people?
35 “Ice Loves ...
36 Eat
37 Bribe
38 Yoko of music
40 In the offing
42 Core of a PC
44 Autograph
46 In the thick of
50 Smack, so to speak
52 Basic drive

DOWN
1 Marsh bird
2 Castle protector
3 Chasm
4 Fish eggs
5 — soul (person with angst)
6 Shrek, e.g.
7 Consecrate
8 — Diego
9 Things
10 Con game
11 Actress Ward
12 Telly option
13 Pruritic
14 21 Buddy
22 Do sum work?
24 Medic
25 Faraway transport?
26 “Certainly”
28 Marc
29 Mezvinsky, to Bill and Hillary
30 — Magnon
31 Sixth sense
33 Charged bit
34 Journey
35 39 Wicker
36 41 Custom
37 42 Dale’s pal
38 43 Mexican money
39 44 Race place
40 45 Date of destiny
41 47 Atomizer output
42 48 49 Dress in
50 51 Chic no more
52 53 Playwright
53 54 Levin

DVD RELEASES

THE JUDGE
In “The Judge,” Robert Downey Jr. stars as big city lawyer Hank Palmer, who returns to his childhood home where his estranged father, the town’s judge (Robert Duvall), is suspected of murder. He sets out to discover the truth and along the way reconnects with the family he walked away from years before. R, 2 hr. 22 min

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THE JUDGE
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