Motorists on U.S. 23 ‘cry over spilled milk’

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Fenton police and fire departments responded to northbound U.S. 23, just north of the Torrey Road entrance ramp at 5:12 a.m. Tuesday.

Lt. Jason Slater of the Fenton Police Department said a northbound semi truck hauling a load of packaged milk collided with a car entering the highway from the Torrey Road entrance ramp.

The driver of the Country Fresh truck, a 61-year-old Clio man, was traveling north in the slow lane. A car, driven by a 20-year-old Fenton Township woman, was entering the highway from the Torrey Road entrance ramp. As the car reached the slow lane of the highway, the driver lost control of the car and struck the front right corner of the truck’s cab.

Police officers from Gaines and Flint Township embrace near the entrance of Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton Tuesday afternoon. They, along with approximately 100 other officers gathered with more than 200 family members for the funeral of Flint Township Police Officer Steven Parker of Fenton, who died in a crash Friday morning. See story on page 2.

Downtown Holly murder 20 years later

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It was 20 years ago this week that a deadly shooting took place in a downtown Holly parking lot on Jan. 22, 1996.

Today, one person is dead and another has spent 20 years of a life sentence behind bars.

Christian D. McNeil, 38, formerly of Holly, was only 18 when he shot and killed 16-year-old Nathan “Nate” M. Harris.

That night, two families who knew each other, attended church together and considered themselves friends, were destroyed.

According to former Holly Det. Scott Fischer, a boy-girl dispute triggered the events of Jan. 22, 1996.

McNeil’s younger brother had gotten into an argument with a girl on Jan. 12, 1996. On Jan. 18, the younger brother was jumped in the downtown area by a group of guys, including the girl’s boyfriend.

The events of the next few days led to the fatal crime on Jan. 22.

Judge reluctantly declares mistrial in Bigford case

By Vera Hogan
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After several days of interviews last week, a jury of 12 and two alternates were selected from a pool of 96 candidates in the case of Mary Lou Bigford, the woman accused in the shooting death of a Fenton man.

Closing arguments began in Isabella County Circuit Court Friday morning, Jan. 15, but the

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Treasurer’s quick action protects over $1 million

Funds were held in credit union from which LaJoice allegedly embezzled

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It was a case of being in the right place at the right time. Ax said. “As soon as I opened my email, I saw the best view. Simply spectacular.”

The adults who were yelling and swearing at each other at the wrestling meet this past weekend at Lake Fenton should be ashamed of themselves. If you don’t want your child to hear the ‘F’ word don’t let them come to the wrestling matches.”

Really King? Comparing the predatory lottery to St. John’s bingo? A faith-filled, fun evening with friends is nothing like the addiction of the lottery. You, sir, are disgusting for that comparison.

If you knew him, you had a friend

Chris Butts, best friend of Steven Parker

‘It’s a lot of hours when the snow falls’

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Community mourns death of Fenton man, father of five

Fenton man killed in auto crash last Friday was Flint Township police officer

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The funeral for the Flint Township police officer and 1986 Fenton High School graduate, who died in an early-morning crash on I-75 Friday, Jan. 15, was held Tuesday at Sharp Funeral Homes in Fenton.

Steven Garrett Parker, 48, is survived by his wife, Collin, and their five children.

A GoFundMe page was created to help support the family in their time of need. According to the page, Parker was a “wonderful friend to many” and now only his wife is left to care for their children.

Chris Butts of Holly was best friends with Parker since elementary school, when he moved to Fenton. Parker went into the service and Butts moved, but they stayed in contact. “He was very extroverted. He was the life of the party,” Butts said.

Parker recently started an ’80s band. Butts said his dream was to be in a band but when he was younger, he took the safer route to be there for his family and friends.

“He always wanted to make a new friend, challenge your beliefs a little bit. He wanted to make sure you were true to them,” Butts said. “He was a caring person.”

While they were roommates in college, Parker mentored other students. Parker received his bachelor’s degree from Saginaw Valley State University. He served as a police officer with the Flint Township Police Department, a liaison officer at Carman Ainsworth, a veteran of the U.S. Army and had worked as a bodyguard in Belgium.

Butts said the family’s five children, three girls and two boys ages 15, 13, 11, 8, 7, are doing “surprisingly well.”

“I’m really proud of them. Collin has been really strong and all the kids, it’s so surprising how strong they are. I saw them at the funeral home, hugging people and thanking the officers for coming,” he said.

“He did a great job at taking care of his family. They were always charitable, too,” he said. The family hosted Christmas parties, Memorial Day parties, and Labor Day parties.

One friend of Parker’s is flying in from Dubai to attend the funeral, which just shows the friendship he built with people, Butts said.

“If you knew him, you had a friend,” he said.

The GoFundMe page has raised more than $15,000 in three days from more than 218 donations. The goal is $20,000.

The page reads, “Steven touched so many of us with his infectious smile and positive attitude. Many of us have memories of canoe trips, karaoke, and annual Christmas parties. Let’s show this family the same love that they have showed us.”

David Kaiser of the Michigan State Police-Flint Post said the crash occurred at approximately 2:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 15 on southbound I-75, just north of Maple Road, according to a previous Times article. A semi-tractor trailer was traveling southbound on I-75 when it was struck from the rear by Parker’s Jeep.

The driver of the semi-tractor trailer was uninjured. The crash remains under investigation.

To donate, go to gofundme.com/bjjtmcqs.com or search for Steven Parker.
‘It’s a lot of hours when the snow falls’

By Tim Jagielo

Fenton — It’s a little past 4 a.m., Jan. 11, and Scott “Bull” Gordon and the rest of the six Department of Public Works (DPW) employees are plowing Fenton’s streets. Combined, they’ll travel 100 miles in one sweep.

Gordon’s wife is a teacher, and he has two school-aged daughters. He said while they enjoy a snow day, it’s his job to make sure that doesn’t happen in Fenton.

The snow is falling and the truck’s flashing lights are creating the effect of driving through a snow globe. For the most part, the roads are devoid of other drivers, which is ideal working conditions. ‘Get out, get it done, get it safe as soon as possible,’ said Gordon.

He said they prefer to start in the middle of the night, and have everything clear by the morning commute. This morning, the crew is able to drive at a fast 25 miles per hour, as the snow is only about 3 or 4 inches deep.

They drive in a formation that covers both halves of the eastbound part of Silver Lake Road at once. All the while, they communicate by radio, spotting for each other and bantering like in any other work place.

The formation allows for both sides of the road to be salted, as each truck directs its salt onto a different half of the road. Gordon said a minimal amount of salt is plowed away by the truck traveling behind the first. “It’s actually an efficient way to do it,” he said.

Gordon, as one of the most experienced on the crew, clears the inside curbs, dodging around parked cars. “You have to pay attention to everything,” he said. As he drives, his right hand continually works the blade below the truck via several levers.

They plow main city streets first, as well as parking lots and side streets connected to the police and fire departments, then railroad crossings and streets leading to senior care facilities.

Ideally, the snow stops, and the crew is able to mop it up and stop plowing, otherwise they’ll have to head right back out again, this time dealing with commutters on the road.

On this day, it didn’t stop snowing, so after a few hours of plowing the main roads, they drove back to the DPW garage for more salt, to grab a coffee and head back out to do side streets.

Their day starts with a 3 a.m. phone call by their crew leader, who was dispatched by police. The entire crew is activated to plow. If they were just salting, only two would go out. Once they finish plowing, they’ll come in for a regular DPW shift, go home at 4:30, and possibly go back out again at 4 a.m. “It’s a lot of hours when the snow falls,” he said.

“‘When you take the job, you know what you’re signing up for.’ He said it can be tedious, but also rewarding.

Help the DPW help you

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• Do not get between plow trucks as drivers can’t see the vehicle behind them
• Do not drive alongside a plow truck
Before it snows
• Park cars in the driveway if possible
• If parking in a lot, try to keep vehicles clustered together. The next night, move cars to a plowed area.

By Hannah Ball

The world changes enough in 50 years that there’s often a lot of disconnect between the older generations and the younger ones.

We live in a world where the six living generations have completely different upbringings, which can lead to completely different traits.

Nowadays, kids as young as 10 use cell phones, but Fenton City Councilwoman Cherie Smith, who was born in 1951, the middle of the Baby Boomer generation, remembers going to her grandparents’ house where they had a phone that needed to be cranked.

The Baby Boomers are known as the “save-the-world revolutionaries of the ‘60s and ‘70s,” according to marketingteacher.com.

“We grew up in an innocent time and a turbulent time,” Smith said. “Our younger days were very innocent and then when we came into the ‘60s, it was turbulent. We had the war, we had protests and we were hippies.”

Smith said they were free thinkers and were a bit unconventional.

They’re also known to have a clear sense of right and wrong, which Smith said is very true.

“I think we were raised in a time when we prayed in the morning. If we were bad, we got spanked. If we had bad talk, we had a back hand,” she said.

One difference between the generations is that the younger they are, the less disciplined they seem.

“A lot of us look at the younger generations and shake our heads. I don’t think there’s this discipline in today’s kids,” she said. “People of
**R.I.P. for GOP**

Many seasoned political commentators agree: Take a good look at today’s Republican Party. The way things are going, before too long, it won’t exist anymore.

This battle for the heart and soul of the Republican Party is nothing new. There have always been reactionary forces, like Barry Goldwater, who tried to drag the GOP so far to the right it lost touch with the vast majority of American voters.

But, until today, they were never successful. Saner voices prevailed.

As a young Democrat, I was still proud to work for a Republican because this socially moderate, fiscally conservative party actually delivered on many important issues.

Former President Dwight Eisenhower, for example, built the federal highway system, established the Arctic Highway System, and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Richard Nixon delivered the Environmental Impact Statement, which is now known as the NEPA. He also created the Environmental Protection Agency and the Clean Air Act.


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**THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED on Lake Fenton.**

I’ve been watching the eagles flying on the north end near Margaret Drive since ice formed. The ice makes the ducks, seagulls, and swans concentrate in smaller areas. Easy pickings for these beautiful birds.

**WHO ELSE THINKS the Charmin TP commercials are gross?**

It did not surprise me when a young man was recently killed while driving and a dead tree fell on his moving car. I see dead trees leaning over roads all the time and wonder when it’ll happen again.

**MORE PEOPLE WERE** skeptical of the Riverview building than there were believers. A $31 million project paid for by dance classes and Zumba? Come on, man.

**NEW YORK VALUES.** Chicago values — the country has demonstrated that it lived through one. It will live through the other.

**LESS THAN 1 PERCENT of the population is serving in the military right now.** I know many people of outstanding character who have not served in the military. There are many ways to serve your community and country.

**TO THE PERSON who thinks Hillary Clinton is more experienced and honest.** She is, at lying, cheating, and killing people. Go watch 13 Hours: The Secret Soldiers of Benghazi and see what her experience did for those men. Her experience helped her family become millionaires to better herself.

**TO THE BUSYBODY** complaining about the man walking his dog and looking at houses. That would definitely not be the definition of a ‘peeping Tom.’ How much money do you spend watching him? He should call the police on you.

**SHE HAS NEVER** been unpacking and not much else. I moved here from Alexandria, Virginia. I bought a farm.

When has she ever done for the American people? Nothing.

**THANKFULLY, I WASN’T drinking a hot beverage when I read last week’s Hot line ‘more honest than Hillary Clinton.’** If she were Pinocchio, her nose would be out of this galaxy.

**IF YOU PURCHASE a product and it is found to be stolen property, you forfeit the item and lose your investment. Charities and organizations benefiting should be legally responsible to pay it back.**

**SO NOW A CIA agent is saying he did not give a ‘Stand Down Order’ for Benghazi.** The government is lying to us all the time, and we are supposed to believe this one? Someone did. Hillary will never tell us what she did that night. It would be too incriminating. I don’t know how she sleeps with all the lies she has told.

**THERE ARE 170 MILLION tax-paying adults in the United States.** Barack Obama just gave away $100 billion to Iran for what John Kerry says will ‘hopefully’ stop them from developing and using a nuclear weapon. They just dopped into the taxpayer’s pocket, extracted $588 and sent it to the enemy. Yet some say Obama has been a great president, God help us all.

**See HOT LINE** throughout Times

What do you do when you’re cooped up inside?

“Clean. Watch movies. Do those things that you’ve been meaning to do for a long time but kept putting off. I don’t handle cold well.”

— Sara Caruso
Fenton Township

“I binge watch TV, use my computer, read real books. I train my little puppy and I sort through my house and donate things. I have guests over, of course.”

— Marisa Souwe
Flint Township

“We just hunker down and watch movies. That’s what we did this weekend. We watched ‘Schindler’s List.’ My kids all ski, the weather doesn’t stop them.”

— Jill Miscock
Fenton Township

“I just moved here so I’ve been unpacking and not much else. I moved here from Virginia. I bought a farm.”

— Tom Rourke
Graveland Township

“Sleep and watch TV. We watch whatever the wife says we’re watching. That’s about it.”

— Dustin Rice
Deerfield Township
Shakespeare coming to Holly High School

Comedy 'Much Ado About Nothing' opens Jan. 21

By Tim Jagieło

Holly — On Tuesday night the cast of “Much Ado about Nothing” rehearsed in full costume and hands-free microphones for the first time. They worked through their difficult lines, which were crafted in approximately the year 1600 by William Shakespeare.

“Shakespeare is incredibly challenging for high school students, for anyone to do,” said Director Laura Legant. Not only because of the language, but also the twisted comedic plotline.

“It's been quite challenging,” she said, adding that students have been working hard to memorize the complex lines in Elizabethan-era English. She said they've been dedicated, even coming in over Christmas break and on Martin Luther King Day.

This is Legant’s first time at the helm of a play by Shakespeare.

While the script is the same as the classic comedy, the Holly High School Theatre Department has created costumes, props and scenes in “Steampunk” genre.

This sub-genre of science fiction uses Victorian-era technology and clothing, with copious amounts of metal gadgets, gears, chains and of course steam-powered devices.

Funds

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an alert from the Oakland County treasurer’s office about LaJoice and the embezzlement. I then contacted the (Clarkston Brandon Community) credit union to verify that what was being reported was being investigated.

“They confirmed that ‘yes’ it was true,” Ax added. “I then emailed them indicating I wanted to transfer a substantial portion of our accounts to another bank.”

Ax said he then contacted another bank that Groveland Township does business with, one that has a 5-star bank rating, and then agreed to take the transfer wires.

Groveland Township had six accounts with Clarkston Brandon Federal Credit Union — three of which were general accounts, each with a checking and savings.

“I removed the savings from each of the accounts — just over a million dollars,” said Ax.

The majority of Groveland Township funds in the credit union, $1,030,000, was in a tax account.

“I had a tax dispersal due on Jan. 15, when I had to pay the levied schools and Oakland County millages,” Ax said.

“Knowing I had to disperse, I had to get the funds out quickly so I could do my tax distribution payment.”

Groveland Township has “well under” $250,000 remaining at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, he added.

Ax said part of the reason it is still in the credit union is because the township has checks they need to use to pay some schools instead of doing wires.

“We have checks in the mail that have not been deposited,” he said.

The township is not too worried since the credit union is insured for the $250,000 remaining at Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, he added.

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“I didn’t like all this excitement,” said Ax. “This situation is going to cost us a lot of money for new checks, and the staff time it is going to take to make different book entries, for example.”

Ax said that prior to 2008, he was a 19-year trustee on the Groveland Township Board.

“During that time, we set up policies for investments that one bank wouldn’t get all of our money,” he said. “We would base which financial institution got our monies on the financial ratings systems.”

Ax said they can research the business risk of each bank by learning how they are rated.

“Clarkston Brandon had a 4-star rating,” he added. “Even when I went in, they still rated a 4. On the 16th, it was down to a 2.”

“Our investment board requires a 3-star rating minimum,” Ax said. A 3-star gets the maximum insured amount.

Groveland Township has funds in many different financial institutions, according to Ax.

Although he is not sure what will happen to Clarkston Brandon Community Credit Union, he said the National Credit Union Association, the insurer of funds for $250,000 or less, has it insured, meaning the federal government stands behind it.

“My personal funds and personal business funds my wife and I have are still there,” Ax said. “I’m not worrying about our personal funds. We have dealt with this institution for 30 years.”

“I’m glad the credit union has some high school students, for anyone to do,” said Director Laura Legant. Not only because of the language, but also the twisted comedic plotline.

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During McNeil’s trial in October of 1997, witness testimony showed that McNeil shot Harris in the back with a .357 Magnum gun. The bullet tore through Harris’s skin and lodged in his heart.

Harris reportedly ran approximately several yards before he fell to the ground. McNeil then went over, pointed the gun down at Harris’ head and shot him again. A few minutes later, Nathan Harris died.” Fischer said at the time that it was the second shot fired that resulted in the premeditated, first-degree murder charge, and ultimate life sentence.

“McNeil shot Harris the first time and Harris turned and took off running across the municipal lot,” said Fischer.

“Seconds later, McNeil fired a second shot and Harris dropped to the ground,” Fischer added. “McNeil then walked approximately 75 feet from where he first shot Harris to where Harris lay motionless on the ground and shot him two more times while standing directly over him for a total of four shots.” Fischer added, “Witness statements indicate that McNeil, for three days prior to the murder tried to find a gun,” Fischer said. “One statement indicates he mentioned killing them at least 20 times. That’s the first big step toward first-degree premeditation.”

McNeil spoke from prison 10 years ago

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Ten years ago, while Christian McNeil was incarcerated at the Standish Maximum Correctional Facility, he agreed to be interviewed by the Tri-County Times via mail.

McNeil, who was 28 at the time of the interview, said he once had dreams of becoming a chef. “I wanted to get married and have children,” he said. “One of my many regrets is that I’ll never have the opportunity to have a child, although it is for the best that I didn’t have a wife or child. It would just have meant more lives would have been ruined by my crime and imprisonment.”

McNeil said he had adjusted well to prison life.

“I understand the fact that I committed a crime that deserves a harsh sentence and I have accepted the consequences of my actions,” he said.

“There is no doubt that prison has changed me to a degree, but as a whole, I believe I am still the same person I was before my arrest,” he said. “My actions on Jan. 22, 1996 were motivated by fear, it was not an accurate picture of who I really was or am. I was a good person, who cared for others. I am still that same decent person, although I will always carry the stigma of being a murderer.”

“Four days prior to the shooting, my 16-year-old brother was jumped by six kids in the middle of downtown Holly,” McNeil said and he was always scared of being jumped. “But now that it wasn’t me but someone I loved, it was different.”

“Those kids were part of a wannabe ‘gang.’ One kid was my brother and after he fell to the ground, the other five joined in the beating, including kicking him in the head and hand while he laid helpless. I arrived at my family’s house to find my brother and (brother) covered in blood and crying.”

Having been bullied throughout his own childhood, McNeil said he knew the humiliation and pain his brother was going through and added, “It ate me up inside.”

McNeil said he never had “the guts” to stick up for himself when he was bullied, although he believed he could have back then.

“I panicked and pulled out the gun,” he said. “I pointed it at Nathan, who was the biggest and nearest to me. At the time I had the opportunity to back away, but I didn’t.”

That decision, brought on by what McNeil described as bullying, resulted in one life lost, and his own in prison for the rest of his life without possibility of parole.

Christian McNeil
(taken May 2014)
He is currently 38 years old and incarcerated at the Carson City Correctional Facility.

Christian McNeil at his arraignment in the Oakland County 52nd District Court in Clarkston in January 1996. He was 18 years old at the time.
MISTRIAL
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Proceedings ended in a mistrial the same day.
Bigford, 52, of Gilmore Township, is charged with one count of open murder, one count of first-degree murder, one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent, felonious assault and felony firearm violation.

Mt. Pleasant police say Bigford shot Lawrence Howard, Jr., 39, of Fenton, to death on April 20 while he sat in his car at the Chase Run Apartments in Mt. Pleasant. He was there to exercise his parental right to visit his then-3-year-old daughter. The girl lived with her mother Late-sha Bigford in the apartment community at the time.

Bigford’s daughter had accused Howard of sexually abusing their daughter, but numerous investigations failed to substantiate the abuse allegations.

According to themorningsun.com, when Prosecutor Risa Hunt-Scully began her opening argument, she started painting a picture of what happened that day. When Hunt-Scully mentioned lab results on a bullet found in Bigford’s car and bullet fragments found in Howard’s body, defense attorney Sara Spencer-Noggle objected. She said she had only seen the lab results two days before jury selection began.

According to themorningsun.com, Spencer-Noggle said, “It’s unfair surprise or prejudice and there’s not time for preparation.”

The lab tests were not ordered or completed until the week before trial, the prosecution said.

After a short recess and the jury being removed from the courtroom, Chief Judge Paul Chamberlain asked the prosecutor what relevance the bullet and fragment analysis had on her case.

“The revolver was never recovered,” Hunt-Scully said, but the lab shows that both the bullet found in Bigford’s car and the fragments from Howard are consistent with the same type of gun.

Bigford’s uncle would testify during the trial that he had given Bigford a gun that would be consistent with the bullets and bullet fragments, Hunt-Scully said.

Chamberlain expressed frustration that the lab results were not seen in time to provide a defense. Hunt-Scully said, “It’s unfair surprise or prejudice and there’s not time for preparation.”

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Chamberlain said, “Unfortunately, and very unhappily, I’m declaring a mistrial.”

A new settlement conference has been scheduled for Jan. 29, and a new trial date of Feb. 29 has been set for Bigford on the same charges.

The Flint water crisis and the law
It is now a well-known fact that problems rapidly developed when the city of Flint switched its drinking water source from the Detroit Water and Sewer Department, to the Flint River.

The most significant problem was the difference in the characteristics of the water, which ultimately resulted in the leaching of lead from pipes in the city’s infrastructure into the water supply.

Exposure to lead can cause serious health consequences and in children the long-term effects can be cognitive delays and behavioral disorders.

This is a very serious matter as is seen in the extensive national and local attention that it has garnered. Additionally there are both federal and state investigations as to how this could have happened and to determine if any laws were broken.

The law always plays a vital role in situations such as this. Here both state and federal law has been used in requests for help for Flint.

As to state law, there is a statute titled ‘The Emergency Management Act,’ which provides that a local unit of government may request the Governor to declare a State of Disaster or Emergency as to either a disaster from a natural or human made cause, or an emergency when it is determined that state assistance is needed to save lives, protect property, public health and safety or avert the threat of a catastrophe.

Genesee County requested this designation on Jan. 4, 2016, and Governor Rick Snyder declared an emergency and a commitment to render aid and assistance on Jan. 5, 2016.

On Jan. 14, 2016, Governor Snyder requested federal help under the federal Stafford Act from President Barack Obama, asking him to declare this situation as a major disaster and an emergency for the State of Michigan. This Act has similarities to Michigan’s statute, but its definition of a ‘major disaster’ differs.

On Jan. 16, 2016, President Obama approved an Emergency Declaration under the Stafford Act thus authorizing up to $5 million of federal assistance, but denied the major disaster declaration for the stated reason that the incident was not the result of a natural catastrophe nor caused by fire, flood, or explosion. An appeal of this denial will be made by the State.

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your (millenials) generation don’t know the feel of newspaper or a book in their hands,” she said. The next generation, Generation X, started becoming more individualistic and average seven career changes in their lifetime.

One Tyrone Township resident, born in 1966, has Baby Boomer qualities and doesn’t exactly fit this mold.

Jennifer Maker, a certified public accountant, is career-oriented but she’s worked at the same firm for her entire working career.

“I was loyal,” she said. “I’m not typical.”

She said many of her friends have two to three different careers throughout their lives, and they generally don’t expect to stay in one field for a long time.

One problem that is typical with Generation X, Maker said, is they don’t think enough about saving money.

“They’re not conscious of retirement age,” she said. “Instead, they overspend on their children to spoil them. What I’ve observed is we’re generous.”

Maker also said the younger generations are becoming more spoiled. “Our parents spoiled us more than they were but I feel like every generation continues to do that,” she said.

Milenial Nichelle Curtis, 22, a Linden resident said her generation is one that asks questions. “We don’t just take things lying down. We tend to ask why we have to do things a certain way, why we have to follow guidelines for our lives when we are all different,” she said.

She doesn’t agree with the “lazy” stereotype, instead saying it comes from hesitation.

“We don’t want to put in a ton of effort to do something that will end up being fruitless. To Baby Boomers that could seem lazy,” Curtis said. “As far as a sense of entitlement, why is it a bad thing for us to feel like we should get more living out of the world than just surviving day to day?”

Past and Future Generations

GI Generation
1901-1926

Known as the World War I and World War II fighters, this generation grew up believing in teamwork and community. Their standards of right and wrong are near-absolute, and they have a strong sense of civic duty.

The GI Generation feels a strong loyalty to jobs, groups, and schools and worked until they couldn’t.

People in this generation choose to avoid debt and pay in cash, and lived without radio, airplanes, TVs, and a computer for a large portion of their lives.

Mature/Silent Generation
1927-1945

This generation is from the Korean and Vietnam wars, and started some of the first civil rights movements.

Women generally stayed home and took care of the kids, and when men got a job they usually stayed at that company for life.

The Mature Generation is commonly described as disciplined, self-sacrificing, and cautious. They also love reading newspapers.

Baby Boomers
1946-1964

They care about rock and roll music, tradition, being goal-oriented and driven.

Baby Boomers are also known as the “me” generation and are sometimes described as self-righteous and self-centered.

They have a strong desire to change common values for the good of all, and have positive views on hierarchy and authority.

Generation X
1965-1980

The generations are becoming more individualistic.

They’re known to be entrepreneurial and cynical of many major institutions which failed their parents. They developed a sense of self, care greatly about their careers, and have the desire to learn.

This generation started the idea that individual rights are more important than the common good, are usually late to marry, and are self reliant.

Millenium Generation
1981-2000

Millenials are said to be lazy and entitled, also adventurous and curious. This generation feels enormous academic pressure and have great expectations for themselves.

They prefer digital literacy and are impatient if technology isn’t instantaneous with unlimited access to information.

This is also the generation known for asking questions and not setting personal limits. They’re most likely going to change careers many times due to a sense of adventure.

Generation Z/Boomers

Born after 2001

Four million Boomlets have their own cell phones when young, and they will never know a world without computers or TV.

They frequently hear about being eco-friendly and saving the planet.

Many are adept consumers, knowing how to research and choose the best products using technology.

Source: marketingteacher.com
What one millennial wants others to know

From one 22-year-old millennial to the older generations

By Hannah Ball
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All millennials would like Baby Boomers to cease and desist with comparing your upbringing to ours as a way to belittle us, especially when it pertains to money. No more “when I was your age I could go to college and work part time and pay for everything” even though the cost of college has increased 1,120 percent since records began in 1978, according to Bloomberg. This number far outpaces the price of inflation of consumer goods, medical expenses, and food. In short, it’s a lot harder for us to pay for college than it was for you.

We feel like we’re being crushed under the weight of student debt and society’s expectations. I don’t understand why people my age don’t pay attention to the news either. I’m sorry we say ‘like’ so much. Did you say we’re all lazy? Sorry, I didn’t hear you over the sound of me working at the Times, working out three times a week, reading books, writing, blogging, teaching myself videography, learning to make costumes, and learning to cook. You all say millennials complain a lot but I can confirm from transcribing Hot Ball’s Hot Line the past eight months that you all complain a lot, too.

Before you criticize a young person for using their phone in line at VG’s, wonder how their day is going. We’re allowed to be mentally exhausted and tired of people, just like you. I see just as many older people on their phone as I do younger people.

We like social media because we can put out different personas that society frowns upon.

Why does racism, sexism, and other isms exist mainly with the older generations? We don’t understand why a large number of people, who are usually smarter than us, have more world experience and access to education, can still think being gay is a choice or a bad thing. A 22-year-old shouldn’t have to tell you that what you learn as a child isn’t always right.

If you have questions about gay or trans* people, please ask us. We love having those discussions. (The asterisk is commonly used after ‘Trans’ to signify all identifiers associated with the prefix, such as transgender or transsexual.)

Tattoos and piercings don’t mean we worship Satan. Usually.

Many of us are atheist partly because we choose to put our faith into ourselves and other people, not a book that so many people misinterpret for their own benefit.

We appreciate you more than you think and more than we think. We’re extremely appreciative of your help and support.

We literally wouldn’t be here without you.

Hannah Ball

NEWS BRIEFS

Art gallery and studio approved
The Linden City Council approved the request to rezone 802 North Bridge St. from Residential-3 to Local Services District with conditions at the Dec. 14 meeting. The blighted property of the former Blue Chips Painting building will be turned into an art gallery and studio. The business, called Sweetwater Art Gallery and Studio will house a gallery, studio, and art classes in the future, according to owners David Lossing and his wife, Suzanne Lossing. They took possession of the building on Thursday and expect to start painting the outside this summer.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

I AM ALWAYS amazed when driving right after a snowstorm and see cars with the back window covered entirely in snow. This is a dangerous and silly thing to do. ■■■

LOVE THE WEDNESDAY Jumble and the Sunday Scrambler, however, sometimes the words don’t seem so ‘ordinary.’ ■■■

ISN’T IT STRANGE how gun control laws are only meant to control the law-abiding citizens? Criminals do not submit to background checks. Can’t legislate morality. ■■■

TO ALL OF the Hot line complain- ers about Charter out there, group yourselves together and approach the township/city officials that can change that. All of these companies pay a stipend to the city/township for the privilege of being the only service available. Get out there and make a difference.

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Second-ranked LF wrestlers capture Brandon tourney title

Bronchos go 4-1 at own weekend tournament

By David Troppens
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It’s a good time to be on the Lake Fenton varsity wrestling team.

The second-ranked Blue Devils proved why they own that lofty ranking at the Ortonville Brandon Team Tournament on Saturday, easily capturing the tourney title. Lake Fenton beat its five foes — Pontiac Lutheran Northwest, Farmington Hills Harrison, Flat Rock and Brandon — by a combined score of 331-41. Brandon lost to the Blue Devils 57-14 in the finals. This team is shaping up to be a lot like my 2010-11 team, but with zero holes,” Lake Fenton varsity wrestling coach Vance Corcoran said. “We are very solid from top to bottom.” The 2010-11 team, of course, advanced to the D3 team state championship match, finishing runner-up. Lake Fenton had six wrestlers finish with 5-0 marks. They were Brenden Carr, Hunter Corcoran, A. J. Geyer, Jackson Nevadomski, Leo Shustock and Trent Hillger. Sean Trombly, Keinan Hagenstein and Ryan Franks had 4-1 marks.

“This team is getting better and better by the day,” Corcoran said. The Blue Devils are only going to get better.

Transfer Jarrett Trombley is eligible to wrestle for the first time this year starting this week. Lake Fenton hosts its Lake Fenton Team Tournament on Saturday. The field includes Hartland, Oxford, Macon Dakota, Tecumseh and Marysville.

“It’s the toughest tournament in the state for this weekend, by far,” Corcoran said.

Holly hosts the Bob Varner Team Tournament

See WRESTLERS on 12

Hodges leads Bronchos to another win

By David Troppens
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It was the Ian Hodges show for the Holly varsity boys basketball team on Friday. Hodges scored a team-high 31 points, including 20 in the first half, leading the unbeaten Bronchos to a 76-46 road victory at Chio. Hodges also had six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

“He put on a show,” Holly coach Lance Baylis said. “He’s having a great season, a great great season. He was incredible. He made six threes with ease. He was incredible. He made six threes with five coming in the first half.”

As outstanding as Hodges was in the opening half, the Bronchos (5-0, 7-0) only led 40-28 at the break. The Bronchos blew the game open in the third quarter, taking a 20-point lead into the final period.

Kyle Woodruff chipped in 15 points, while Steven Hodges scored a team-high 31 points, including 20 in the first half, leading the unbeaten Bronchos over the Dragons. Linden fell behind by as many as 50-33 with 6:34 left in the fourth quarter before cutting the deficit to 59-54 with 1:32 still remaining. However, Linden couldn’t complete the improbable comeback, resulting in the 64-58 loss.

“We’re a talented team but I think this is the fourth or fifth game this year where we’ve imploded, where we kind of let a game go where we were in control,” Wright said. “Outside of Holly and outside of Flushing, we’ve had control for the most part. It’s a young squad. They are still learning how to play cohesive as a group. We’ll be good.”

There is no doubt that the Eagles’ teams challenge, but fall to Creek

By David Troppens
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Linden — It’s been a frustrating start to the season for the Linden varsity girls basketball team, a squad still looking for its first victory.

The Eagles’ first victory was lost to Swartz Creek.

Linden’s Tyler Hoeberling attempts an off-balanced shot in the Eagles’ 64-58 loss to the Swartz Creek Dragons on Friday.

See LINDEN on 11

The Eagles’ teams challenge, but fall to Creek

Linden girls can’t close gap down stretch vs. Dragons, 55-48

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Linden’s Bella Blank (right) drives to the basket in the Eagles’ 55-48 loss to Swartz Creek.

See BOYS on 12

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Hutchings placed sixth and seventh, re-

GYMNASTICS

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PREP REPORT

GYMNASICS

LFLF Gymnastics at Jeane Carrus
Invitational: The Linden, Lake Fenton
and Fenton co-op gymnastics team
placed ninth at the 18-team event
with a team score of 132.66.

HOCKEY

Metro League Griffins 4, Mid-Mich-
igan Storm 3: Jake Thompson scored
two goals, while Brendan Buerkel and
Bobby Temple provided another during
the Griffins’ road victory. In net, Manny
Vormvolakis earned the victory, making
many big saves at the end of the contest.

WRESTLING

Fenton at Durand Tournament: Christian
Frazier (171) advanced to the
third-place match, but fell to Milan’s Jay
Davis in that match, earning fourth. Fent-
on’s David Foster advanced to the semis
against Ionia’s Trevor Piggott, but lost in
that match.

Hockey’s varsity competitive cheer team placed first.

Holly varsity competitive cheer captures first at Royal Oak Raven Rally

By David Troppens
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Competing is fun. Winning trophies makes it more entertaining.
The Holly varsity competitive cheer team learned that on Saturday.
The Bronchos competed at the Royal Oak Raven Rally and captured first
place within the five-team Division 2 competition.
Holly and Royal Oak battled for the
top spot. Royal Oak led after round one
with a 215.20-209.30 lead. However, the Bronchos jumped into the lead after
recording a 197.44 during the second
round. Holly capped the tourney by
posting the best Division 2 third-round
performance with a score of 275.40.
Holly had a combined total of 682.14.
“They are a very small D2 varsity
cheer team, but they are hard working,
determined and a very talented squad,”
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LINDEN
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day night, but fell just short at home to
Swartz Creek 55-48.
The Eagles spent most of the game
trailing, but were usually within six
points. Linden trailed by six late in the
first half, but cut the margin to 27-25
with two converted free throws by Mad-
ison Maxheimer by halftime.
Linden took its only lead of the sec-
ond half on a three-foot bucket off a
Sterling DeGayner drive with 4:45 left
in the third period. However, Jordan
Holscher went down with an injury and
from that point, whether the injury had a
reason to do with the run or not, the Lady
Dragons went on an 8-2 run, frequently
scoring on breaking opportunities. Trail-
ing 41-33, the Eagles cut the gap to 41-
36 when the fourth quarter started due to
two Maxheimer free throws and another
by Bridget Adams.
In the fourth period, Linden never
trailed by more than six and had the gap
at one, at 42-41 after a converted jumper
by Cameron Williams. However, Swartz
Creek’s Skylar Carlson answered with
a trey of her own, raising the gap back
to 45-41. Linden got the cut to two
points one more time. That came at 50-
48 with 1:45 remaining in the contest on
an eight-foot hoop by Williams. How-
ever, just nine seconds later, Swartz
Creek’s Jacara Thompson responded
with a driving layup, raising the gap
back to 52-48. From there, the Eagles
never had the ball with a chance to take
the lead or tie the game again.
In a game that was so close, Linden
coach Ben Varner understands the Eag-
les were probably just one airball away
from turning what was a tough loss into
a Linden victory.
“I remember one time we shot a
three and it was an airball,” Varner said.
“They get the rebound, go get a basket
on the break and it’s basically a five-
point swing. We can’t shoot airballs. It’s
hard to say that because I know they are
trying. They are trying their guts out.
But for us, we have to get them on the
rim. It gives us a chance to rebound and
a chance to get back and play defense.
“And we can’t afford to miss so many
of those layups. If we make some of
those, we win the game.”
Williams led the Eagles with 10
points, with eight coming in the fourth
quarter. Bella Blank and Erin Gillespie
had eight points each. Adams and De-
Gayner had six points each.

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WRESTLERS Continued from Page 10
The Bronchos started a little slow, but gained momentum as the tourney moved on, finishing the day with a 4-1 team record.

Holly finished in a 39-39 tie in the squad’s opening match against Mattawan, but ended up the victor based on having more pinfall victories. However, the rest of the day included relatively easy wins against Avondale, Macomb Lutheran North and Romeoville. The team’s only loss was a 38-35 verdict against Fraser.

The Mattawan victory ended up being a thrilling match. Holly trailed at one time 39-31, but Colton Cleaver (152) and Jimmy Gray (285) put the team up being a thrilling match. Holly started a six-match victory run, helping Holly earn the victory. William Greer (160) finished with a vital 9-7 decision victory, while Cade Dallwitz (171), Collin Dallwitz (215) and Jimmy Gray (285) followed with pinfall wins. Bruce Burke (189) also had a forfeit victory mixed in with the pinfall wins.

“We started out rough against Mattawan, not wrestling our best,” Holly varsity wrestling coach Don Pluta said. “After that, we picked up the pace and the kids wrestled pretty tough. We’re 11-5 right now, with isn’t bad considering we only had five wins last year.”

Gray and Cleaver finished the day with 5-0 marks, while Mitch Nelson (140) was 4-0, Greer, Josh Gonzalez (140), Wyatt Scribner (125) and Dallwitz had 4-1 records.

Linden at the Chelsea Team Tournament
The Eagles finished in third place with a 3-2 record, defeating Northville 66-15, Allen Park 54-25 and Novi, 52-20. Linden’s losses were Chelsea 41-30 and Jackson Northwest 40-33.

Keleton Strauss, Patrick Kerr, Dawson Blank and Bryce Davis finished with 5-0 records, while Justin Cygnar, Cade Dickson, Skyler Stites and Aaron Steedman each posted 4-1 days. Caleb White was 3-2.

“We wrestled well today, but felt it was important to rest some of our athletes and let them heal up from the injury bug,” Linden varsity wrestling coach Todd Skinner said.

“Right now we currently have five to six starters out and we are starting five freshmen in the lineup, so they are getting a lot of experience and mat time.”

Linden hosts Holly and Clio today at 5 p.m. for two key Metro League duals.

BOYS
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that created runs for Linden or Swartz Creek. Linden trailed 17-13 with 4:53 left until halftime when the Eagles got hot. A three-pointer by Cole Sarkan was followed by a lay-up, a foul and a free throw by Sarkan just about 30 seconds later and the Eagles had the Creek lead cut to 17-16. The Linden run continued with a driving layup by Gavin Lund. The Eagles led 21-19 late in the half, but consecutive baseline driving layups by Tyler Hoeberling and Garrett Strang umped Linden’s edge to 25-19 at the half.

However, the dreaded third quarter crushed the Eagles’ chance at their first Metro League victory of the season. Linden hit on just 3-of-11 shots for the period and also turned the ball over eight times. Meanwhile, the Dragons were creating great scoring chances off the break, connecting on 10-of-14 shots in the quarter, eventually taking a 43-31 lead into the fourth period. The lead grew to as many as 50-33 after a converted free throw by Ke- nyon Sparlock with 6:34 left.

The Eagles put together a spirited comeback, scoring the game’s next seven points within a matter of just over a minute. A Sarkan steal and dish to Trent Strang for a layup cut the Dragons’ lead to 50-40 with 4:52 still remaining. Linden cut the gap to single digits for the first time at 54-45 on a three-pointer by Strang with 4:03 left and cut it to under double-digits for good at 59-51 on a Strang layup with 2:18 still remaining.

Tyler Hoeberling recorded a steal and then hit a layup, cutting the gap to 59-53 just 11 seconds later. Then, with 1:32 left Strang converted one of two free throws after he was fouled on a driving attempt, cutting the gap to 59-54. However, that’s as close as Linden got.

Hoeberling led the Eagles with 17 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Sarkan netted 13 points, while Garrett Strang had 10, all but two coming in the fourth. Trent Strang scored seven points.

WIN
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Redmond had one of his finest varsity games of his career, netting 12 points. Par- is Partee had eight rebounds. Flushing 50, Fenton 21
It was a tough road game for the Tigers being outscored 16-2 in the opening quar- ter. By halftime, Fenton trailed 36-11.

Peyton Coffman led the Tigers (4-3) with eight points in the first half with a shoulder injury. Jenna Pepper fouled out.

Girls Basketball
Holly 44, Clio 39
The Bronchos trailed 17-6 after one quarter, and trailed by as many as 13 in the first half, but rebounded to earn the come-from-behind road victory.

With two starters out, Kaitlyn Smith netted a game-high 22 points, leading the Bronchos (4-1, 9-4) to the victory. Becca the Eagles’ 64-58 loss to Swartz Creek on Friday.

Fugate netted seven points. Paige Reid left the first half with a shoulder injury. Jenna Pepper fouled out.

Flushing 50, Fenton 21
The Tigers were leading a defensive-minded contest 8-6 after one quarter, but the Lady Raiders’ offense erupted after the first eight minutes.

Flushing scored at least 13 points in each of the final three quarters, resulting in a pretty convincing 50-21 victory against the Tigers in what was a battle for sole possession of first place in the Metro League.

Sarah Cummings led the Tigers with nine points, 12 rebounds and four steals. However, the rest of the squad only scored 12 points combined. Meanwhile, Flushing’s Carson Wilson and Kamryn Chappell led the Lady Raiders with 11 points each. Lon- don Barber also had six points.
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Harry G. Bourne
1932-2016
Harry G. Bourne - age 83, of Fenton, died January 15, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 S. Leroy St., Fenton. Visitation will be held 2-6 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Thursday at church. Those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, Fenton. Harry was born May 31, 1932 in Detroit, the son of William and Mae (James) Bourne. He retired from A.C. Spark Plug and was a member of the Fenton City Council until 1975. Mr. Bourne was a member of Fenton United Methodist Church and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Madeline; daughter, Deborah Frapier (Oley); son, Harry G. Bourne III (Lori); grandchildren, Jamie Shaw, Benson, James Shaw, Jorden (Mario) Varela; great-grandchildren, Emily, Aubrey, Alec, Bradley, Dalton and Brody; brother, William Bourne. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Thomas Douglas Bourne. Special thanks to the nurses and aids on the second floor of Genesys for the outstanding care that was given to Harry. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Joyce Marie Bigham
1929-2016
Joyce Marie Bigham - age 86, of Fenton, died Monday, January 18, 2016 at Fenton Extended Care. Services will be held 11 AM Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Thursday at church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association or Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Joyce was born October 20, 1929 in Lansing, the daughter of Grant and Gladys (Updike) Miller. Surviving are: husband, Lloyd “Petie” Bigham, Jr. of Fenton, three sons, Lee (Marilyn) Shaw of Flint, Donald Shaw of Grand Blanc, Timothy Shaw of Colorado; step-children, Marvin (Joanne) Shaw of Linden, Dorothy (Jerry) Pace of TX, and Lloyd Bigham, III of Fenton; seven grandchildren, Jamie Shaw, Jennifer (Brett) Wardop, Michelle (Ned) Wendl, TJ (Jessica) Shaw, Kristin (Todd) Ragdale, Curtis Shaw, Jordan and Vanela, 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Kenneth Miller. She was preceded in death by: her first husband, Clifford Shaw in 1986; brother, Eldred “Junior” Miller; two sisters, Leota Blair and Velna Perry. Friends may share an online tribute on www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

Katharine S. Mascow
1930-2016
Katharine S. Mascow - age 85, of Linden, died January 18, 2016. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Thursday, January 21, 2016 at Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church, 10235 White Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor James Mascow will officiate. Burial will be Friday at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Visitation will be held 2-5 & 6-9 PM Wednesday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton and from 10 AM until the time of service Thursday at the church. Those desiring may make contributions to the Alzheimer’s Association or Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Katharine was born January 21, 1930 in Redbank, NJ, the daughter of Rev. Edward Wall and Katharine Beatrice (Stelle) Miller. She was married to Harvey Mascow on June 24, 1950 in New York. Mrs. Mascow was a member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Tyrone Covenant Presbyterian Church. Katharine enjoyed painting and loved gardening. Katharine was a woman of strong faith. She is survived by her husband, Harvey; children, Katharine (Ralph) Coffman, Susan (Steve) Thomas, Patricia (Ray) Stowyk, James (Sandy) Mascow, Edward (Susan) Mascow; twin sister, Beatrice Snyder; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents. Online condolences may be posted on the obituary page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.

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**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) The Bold Bovine is tempted to charge into a new venture. But it might be best to take things one step at a time so that you know just where you are at any given point.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) It’s a good time to go on that fun getaway you’ve been planning. You’ll return refreshed, ready and, yes, even eager to tackle the new challenge that awaits you.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Moon Child loves to fantasize about magical happenings in the early part of the week. But the sensible Crab gets down to serious business by week’s end.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) What goes around comes around for those lucky Leos and Leonas whose acts of generosity could be repaid with opportunities to expand into new and exciting areas of interest.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your concern about your job responsibilities is commendable. But you need to take some quiet time to share with someone who has really missed being with you.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Aspects favor getting out and meeting new people. And as a bonus, you could find that some of your newly made friends could offer important business contacts.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You might take pride in wanting to do everything yourself. But now’s a good time to ask family members to help with a demanding personal situation.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Pay more attention to the possibilities in that workplace change. It could show the way to make that long-sought turn on your career path.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your need to succeed might overwhelm obligations to your loved ones. Ease up on that workload and into some well-deserved time with family and friends.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Love rules for amorous Aquarians who can make good use of their ability to communicate feelings. Don’t be surprised if they’re reciprocated in kind.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19 to March 20) Fishing for compliments? No doubt, you probably earned them. But it’s best to let others believe they were the ones who uncovered the treasure you really are.

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**DVD RELEASES**

**STRAIGHT OUTTA COMPTON**
In the mid-1980s, the streets of Compton, California, were some of the most dangerous in the country. When five young men translated their experiences growing up into brutally honest music that rebelled against abusive authority, they gave an explosive voice to a silenced generation. Following the meteoric rise and fall of N.W.A., Straight Outta Compton tells the astonishing story of how these youngsters revolutionized music and pop culture forever the moment they told the world the truth about life in the hood and ignited a cultural war.

R, 2 hr. 47 min.

Audience score on rottentomatoes.com: 93%

**EVEREST**
In this adventure docudrama set in 1996, several groups of professional climbers successfully scale Mount Everest only to be faced with tragedy when a monster storm surprises them as they attempt to make their descent. Jake Gyllenhaal, Josh Brolin, Jason Clarke, and John Hawkes co-star. Directed by Baltasar Kormakur (2 GUNS).

PG-13, 1 hr. 34 min.

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