

WORTH NOTING

► **CARLIN HONORED:** WASHINGTON — George Carlin will be awarded the 11th annual Mark Twain Prize for American Humor. The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts announced Tuesday that Carlin will be honored for his 50-year career as a Grammy-winning standup comedian, writer and actor. The center will salute Carlin at a tribute performance by former colleagues Nov. 10, which will be broadcast later on PBS.



► **THURSDAY:** Third Thursdays free community meal, 5 p.m., Andrews House, 39 W. Winter St.

THE NOOZE

Chase turns sour for lemonade stand thief

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Call it a lemonade standoff. A girl whose lemonade stand was robbed of \$17.50 chased the suspect into a nearby home and called police, who spent nearly an hour trying to coax the man into surrendering.

"The guy came up and was, like, 'Give me your money,'" said 12-year-old Dominique Morefield, who was running the lemonade stand with a group of friends. "I was shocked. It was just my immediate reaction to chase after him."

Dominique dashed after the man who ran into a house, and then she called police. Officers eventually persuaded Steve Tryon, 18, to come outside after 45 minutes and arrested him on a preliminary felony charge of robbery.

Tryon made an initial appearance in Superior Court on Tuesday and was ordered to be held in the Vigo County Jail on \$50,000 bond. He will be formally charged Friday, county Prosecutor Terry Modesitt said.

A telephone message seeking comment was left at the office of Michael Wright, a public defender assigned to represent Tryon.

"I didn't think anyone would come up to a lemonade stand and steal. That's really low," 12-year-old Fred Erstine said.

The kids said they would continue to sell lemonade, but with an adult's supervision.

Police: Man urged snake to 'get' officers

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Police in Bridgeport, Conn., say they arrested a man after he ordered his pet to attack two officers. Lucky for them, 9-foot-long pythons aren't very obedient.

Police say 21-year-old Victor Rodriguez was charged with threatening officers and disorderly conduct after Monday's incident. No one was hurt.

Police arrived at Rodriguez's apartment after receiving a report that he was threatening his girlfriend with the albino python.

After the building's superintendent opened the apartment door for the officers, Rodriguez allegedly threatened them with the snake and told it to "Get them!"

Rodriguez and his pet were both taken away; Rodriguez to jail on a \$10,000 bond, and the reptile to the city's animal control shelter.

— Associated Press

Passing the pelt



For the Gazette Amy Allan

Ryan Cooney, left, and Gavin Abrams from Smith Elementary's Pack 39, Wolf's Den, get a hands-on introduction to local wildlife as they pass around a red fox pelt Tuesday afternoon at the 2008 Cub Scout Day Camp held at Camp Lazarus.

Marble Cliff Chamber players give fitting finale

For their second and final concert of the season, the Marble Cliff Chamber players presented a demanding program Friday evening in the Asbury Methodist Church.

The show featured cellist Clancy Newman, who, with Charles Wetherbee, gave a world premiere of his own composition, the "Golden Duet for Violin & Cello," and performed as a soloist in the Brahms' "Cello Sonata No. 1." The program also featured Handel's "Passacaglia" as arranged by Halvorsen and concluded with Mozart's "Piano Quartet in G minor."

The "Golden Duet," which opened the program, is based on a mathematical formula, "the golden ratio," which features irrational numbers. The work at hand is in five movements, which in their very arrangement follow something of a pattern: 1) "Golden Shapes," 2) Palindromical Canon, 3) Melody 4) Palindrome (pizzicato) and 5) "Golden Blues."

The palindromic shape is mirrored in these movements: two leading up to the central "melody" and two subsequent ones that trail away from that central core. The piece depends upon this intellectual content which is integral to the overall structure and char-



Lyman Leathers

Music critic

acter of the work. It received an authoritative performance and was very warmly received by the audience. I'd be interested in hearing it again.

The first half closed with a rousing performance of the Brahms' "Sonata for Cello and Piano Op. 99." This is mature Brahms, which calls to mind the heroic utterances of the Third Symphony. It is not autumnal, but rather it is a composer whose juices were still flowing and whose passion was intact. The work was played full throttle by Newman and Cameron Bennett, who also conveyed a deeply felt, slow movement as well as a more relaxed, easy-going finale.

After intermission, Korine Fujiwara, violin, and Wetherbee, viola, played Handel's "Passacaglia" as arranged by Halvorsen. A passacaglia is a work constructed on a melody in the bass line, which is then subjected to a series of variations.

The work turned out to be a pleasant enough filler.

Finally, the Mozart "Piano Quartet, K478" is written in the key of G Minor, but it moves quickly away from that rather fatalistic key (for Mozart) and into sunnier climes. Written at the height of Mozart's powers, in 1785, just when his opera "The Marriage of Figaro" had its premiere, it has the composer's unmistakable joie de vivre and tremendous vitality.

On this occasion, the performance matched the composition perfectly: Fujiwara, violin; Wetherbee, viola; Newman, cello; and Bennett, piano; were perfectly attuned to the work at hand. The result was an exhilarating conclusion to a varied and satisfying program. Alas, we will have to wait until next year for more.

Note: In last week's review, I said that the arpeggione was a cross between a viola and a cello. This was incorrect. An instrument with six strings, it was a cross between a cello and a guitar. It was invented in Vienna in 1823; Schubert's Sonata appeared the following year.

COUNCIL FOR OLDER ADULTS

Levy Web site launched

Staff reports

The Committee to Save Senior Services has announced the launch of its Web site, www.saveseniorservices.org. The Web site is designed to educate voters and promote passage of the Senior Services levy on the Aug. 5 ballot in Delaware County.

"The Senior Services levy is on the ballot at an odd time this year," said Bob Horrocks, director of the Council for Older Adults of Delaware County. "We want to do everything possible to raise public awareness about this important community issue."

The Web site contains a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) section and a Levy Facts section designed to provide information about the levy to voters. Voters can also find a link to the Delaware County Board of Elections and can download an application for an absentee ballot. Horrocks said the campaign will be encouraging people to vote absentee in the hope that voters will not forget about the Aug. 5 date.

"In Ohio any registered voter can now vote absentee. The process is quick and easy and doesn't require driving to the polls," he said.

The Web site also contains a section with updates about levy campaign activities, and a mechanism for those who want to get involved with the campaign to do so. Those interested can get involved by requesting a yard sign, volunteering to help deliver yard signs, sending postcards to friends or taking part in other opportunities to help.

"The important thing is that people vote," said Horrocks. "We want everyone to be aware of when this is on the ballot and why the services supported by the levy are so important throughout Delaware County."

In Delaware County, the senior services levy supports a variety of in-home and community services such as meals on wheels, personal care, transportation, adult day care, home-making services, chore services, home repair, insurance counseling and more. By state law, senior service levies can last no longer than five years. The current senior services levy was approved by voters in 2003 and will expire at the end of this year. The levy request is for 0.9 mills and will cost property owners an additional \$9.95 per year for each \$100,000 of property valuation.

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James wants city to shed pounds

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James wants Cleveland to shape up.

The Cavaliers star is challenging residents to lead healthier lifestyles and join "The 50 Million Pound Challenge." James will kick off the challenge today in Cleveland with diet expert Dr. Ian Smith of VHI "Celebrity Fit Club" fame.

"I'm setting an example because I think people know how hard I work," James said Tuesday. "In my sport, you have to be in shape. It's not like I'm telling people to get in shape and I'm 300-400 pounds."

Smith started the national campaign last year and so far Americans have lost about 2 million pounds. He was inspired to do it because of the many viewers that wanted to be on "Celebrity Fit Club."

"The 50 Million Pound

Challenge" takes a team approach to losing weight to help people stay focused on their goals. Participants can form or join teams and compete against other teams for prizes.

"All studies show that those people who lose the most weight and keep it off, do it with some kind of support system," Smith said.

That's a concept that Lisa Cimperman, a clinical dietitian at University Hospitals Case Medical Center, said she always recommends to people to keep them on track.

"It always helps to have someone going through the same thing with you," Cimperman said. "That whole team plan is definitely helpful. When you involve someone like LeBron James, a popular sports figure who people look up to, obviously, he's bringing attention to this issue and helping motivate people."

WEATHER FORECAST

LOCAL FORECAST

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 74.

EXTENDED OUTLOOK

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Friday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday: A chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80.

SUNRISE, SUNSET

Sunset today is at 9:03 p.m. Sunrise Thursday is at 6:02 a.m.



TODAY'S ARTIST

Angyl Harmon was a fourth-grader at Schultz Elementary School when she drew this self portrait and today's weather picture.



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