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Get swept up in the festivities

From woodspirits (or brooms) like these to woodcrafters dressed in 24th annual Penn's Colony Festival will whisk visitors away to an Early American way of life. **Ticket, 8-9**

Springdale residents speak up on ordinance

Several people tell council that enough is enough, it's time to make a proposed noise ordinance available to the public for review. **A3**

Dump truck rams home

A Murrysville couple's breakfast is interrupted when a runaway truck slams into their garage, smashing one vehicle and dinging a classic 1983 Porsche 911. **A3**

Ex-Alcoa chief likes bidding war's ending

Paul O'Neill, who led the aluminum producer through the 1990s, says he's relieved Alcoa lost a bidding war for Alcan Inc. because Rio Tinto overpaid by up to \$10 billion. **B1**

Steelers' Harrison says he's just fine

Linebacker James Harrison practices three days after being strapped to a board and carted off Heinz Field with a neck injury. **C1**

NEW OBITUARIES

Ann M. Ferrari, 93, Cheswick
Margaret Mozga, 86, Leechburg
Kenneth L. Noble, 63, Knox
Frank C. Palermo, 85, Kittanning
Ann Radonovich, 90, West Deer
Connie A. Wasiluk, 75, Ohio
Helen Zicarelli, 88, New Kensington

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Mostly sunny **Details, A2**

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Sunny day darkened by bank robbery

Dust-mask clad man cashes out at Oakmont National City

BY LIZ HAYES
VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH

Oakmont police Chief David DiSanti planned to take advantage of an early shift and a beautiful day Wednesday to indulge in an afternoon jog.

Unfortunately, another man decided Wednesday afternoon was a good time to rob the National City Bank at 583 Allegheny Ave. in the borough. DiSanti was soon back on duty, albeit in a T-shirt and shorts.

DiSanti said a black man wearing a dust mask similar to those worn by mechanics entered the bank at the corner of Ann Street about 2 p.m. and passed a note to a female teller.

The note demanded \$10,000.

It warned the woman that the robber supposedly knew where she lived and would hurt her if she didn't cooperate.

DiSanti said the teller told the robber she didn't have access to \$10,000. The robber replied that she should give him what she could.

DiSanti said the robber was soft spoken, methodical and self-assured. The man kept his eyes down and told the teller not to look at him.

Oakmont police will be cooperating with the FBI and regional authorities to determine whether the man matches the identity of any other bank robbers. DiSanti said there have been no recent bank robberies in the borough, but many

On the run

The man who robbed the Oakmont National City Bank is described as black, about 5 feet 10 inches tall, and weighing about 185 pounds. He was wearing a dust mask over his lower face, a white T-shirt and blue jeans.

Anyone with information should call Oakmont Police at 412-826-1578.



JUSTIN GUIDO/VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH

The National City Bank at 583 Allegheny Ave. in Oakmont was robbed about 2 p.m. Wednesday by a man who handed a teller a note demanding \$10,000 and implying that he knew where she lived and would hurt her if she didn't cooperate.

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Tabs kept on bar

'This is a nuisance bar,' police say; the LCB is contemplating rejecting the renewal of its liquor license.

TARENTUM

BY CHUCK BIEDKA
VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH

Months before two people were wounded in a Sept. 8 shootings at Sallade's Bar, state officials were opposing the renewal of its liquor license.

On the day of the shootings, Sallade's Bar was operating under a temporary license from the state Liquor Control Board. Last May, the LCB ordered Sallade's to operate under terms of a temporary license. The order took effect June 1.

The LCB took that step because of a number of incidents reported by Tarentum police.

In addition, there are questions about who really runs the bar, according to an LCB spokeswoman.

The police calls happened at or just outside the bar and "includes but is not limited to drugs, gambling, (being open) after hours and assaults," the LCB said in a May 21 letter to license holder Helen Sallade.

The LCB letter said it will hold a hearing to decide if the disturbances warrant rejecting the renewal of Sallade's license. That hearing has not been scheduled.

Sallade wasn't available for comment, but one of her daughters, Cindy Gould, said an attorney has been hired to defend Sallade to keep the license.

The LCB said Helen Sallade, 76, has held the liquor license since July 9, 1987, under the corporate name of 203 West 7th Avenue Inc. Other family members had owned the bar for many years before then.

Gould said she is aware of the May 21 letter, but she rejects the complaints filed by police. She said she was cleaning the bar when police cited her for being open after hours.

Early morning assault

The Sept. 8 shootings took place at 4:45 a.m.

Wounded in the attack were bar employee Amanda Gould, 21, of West Tarentum, and bar patron Tyrone Woody, 26, of Brackenridge. Gould is the bar owner's granddaughter and Cindy Gould's daughter. Woody was seriously injured.

SEE BAR • A6



A long list

Disturbances at Sallade's that Tarentum police reported to the state LCB; more recent incidents have yet to be submitted:

- July 26 and July 27, 2006: fights
- Aug. 11, 2006: two cases of harassment
- Aug. 31 and Sept. 9, 2006: disturbances
- Dec. 17: drug violation
- Dec. 29: theft
- Dec. 31: fight and drug violation
- Jan. 6: staying open after hours, drug violation
- Jan. 7: drug violation
- Jan. 14: fight
- Jan. 27: false reports
- Jan. 28: operating after hours

SOURCE: TARENTUM POLICE REPORT TO STATE LCB

ERIC FELACK, VALLEY NEWS DISPATCH

At 4:45 a.m. on Sept. 8, two people were shot at Sallade's Bar in Tarentum.

Suspect description



Shooting suspect Nygel Jack, 24, is 5 feet 6 inches tall and about 145 pounds. He is a black man with a medium complexion. He has tattoos on both hands and lower arms.

He is accused of wounding two people in Sallade's Bar on Sept. 8 and attempting to lure a 14-year-old girl into a car last month in New Kensington.

He has contacts in Ohio, Indiana and the Alle-Kiski Valley.

Anyone with information is asked to call Allegheny County Police at 412-473-1200, Tarentum Police at 724-224-1515 or 911.

W.Va. watches \$22M go north

Pa. slots cost state, local governments \$10M in tax revenue

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHEELING — Two West Virginia racetracks have lost nearly \$22 million in gross revenue since gamblers started playing slots in Pennsylvania in June.

The losses at Wheeling Island Racetrack and Gaming Center and Mountaineer Race Track & Gaming Resort between June 17 and Sept. 9 cost the state about \$9.6 million in lost tax revenue while local and county governments in Hancock and Ohio counties lost about \$438,000.

Wheeling Island earned \$39.4 million in gross revenues during the roughly three-month period this year compared to \$52.1 million for the same time last year, based on financial reports filed with the state Lottery Commission.

Mountaineer earned \$58.2 million in that time period this year compared to \$67.4 million during that period last year, according to the Lottery Commission.

Since opening, the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington, with 1,738 slot machines, has brought in \$59.5 million, according to the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.

The losses at the two West Virginia tracks were expected.

"We said all along our losses would be 30 to 40 percent, and this is pretty close," said Bob Marshall, president of Wheeling Island.

Mountaineer spokeswoman Tamara Cronin said track officials hope the addition of table games will offset the loss. John Musgrave, director of the West Virginia Lottery, agreed.

"We think table games will let us offset some of our lost revenue, but not all of it," he said.

Marshall said games such as blackjack, poker and craps should help to stabilize the customer base and attract new gamblers to his track.

Voters in Hancock, Ohio and Kanawha counties approved table games this year, but no track offers them yet because the state is still training the regulators who will oversee the games.

Moon's Sinatra does it his way

His name may help the hopeful be king of the hill, A-No. 1

BY TIMOTHY PUKE
TRIBUNE-REVIEW NEWS SERVICE



He's hoping voters will fly him to the Moon board of supervisors. But he isn't running for chairman of the board just yet.

Frank Sinatra is making his first run for office. Not Ol' Blue Eyes, but Frank W. Sinatra Jr., 38, a small-business owner from Beagle Court in Moon. No relation.

"I had a person offer to buy me some color contacts because I have brown eyes," Sinatra said about his experience campaigning door-to-door for township supervisor. "It's always 'Chairman of the Board.' 'I'll vote for you if ya sing me a song.' People are pretty receptive to the name."

In a world where politicians pine for name recognition, Sinatra certainly has it.

The ring-a-ding-ding that goes off in people's heads when they hear the name has helped his career as a salesman, breaking the ice and easing him into business relationships, Sinatra said.



SIDNEY L. DAVIS/TRIBUNE-REVIEW

Moon supervisor candidate Frank W. Sinatra Jr. said that because of his brown eyes, he had someone offer to buy him blue contacts.

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