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PIONEER: Neil Armstrong in a 1969 file photo provided by NASA. The first man to walk on the moon died Saturday.

Space hero dies

OBIT: Neil Armstrong, first man on the moon, dead at 82.

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CINCINNATI — Neil Armstrong was a soft-spoken engineer who became a global hero when as a steely-nerved pilot he made “one giant leap for mankind” with a small step onto the moon. The modest man, who had people on Earth entranced and awed from almost a quarter-million miles away, but credited others for the feat, died Saturday. He was 82.

Armstrong died following complications resulting from cardiovascular procedures, his family said in a statement.

Armstrong had had a bypass operation this month, according to NASA. His family didn't say where he died; he had lived in suburban Cincinnati.

Armstrong commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon July 20, 1969, capping the most daring of the 20th century's scientific expeditions. His first words after becoming the first person to set foot on the surface are etched in history books

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER



PHOTOS BY DAN CAPPELLAZZO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

GOOD TIMES: Joann Kepp of Niagara Falls holds 9-month-old Freckle during the SPCA of Niagara's Dog Days of Summer fundraiser Saturday. A car show, food vendors and of course pet adoptions were the order of the day.

SPCA of Niagara hosts big fundraising event

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Late August has historically been referred to as the dog days of summer. Attendees at Saturday's SPCA of Niagara fundraiser took advantage of dogged heat to help the dogs around them.

The shelter held its first Dog Days of Summer fundraiser at its Lockport Road location, focusing on restoring the area's faith in its operation while trying to support the recent no-kill policy Executive Director Amy Lewis is overseeing.

“We had a lot of visitors and a lot of positive comments from the public,” she said. “It means that people are beginning to look at the shelter in a new light. It was a fundraiser for the shelter, but it was also a way to get people who may have been



FLYING HIGH: Chloe, a 7-year-old Jack Russell terrier, from Amherst, runs the obstacle course during the Dog Days of Summer fundraiser.

hesitant to come before to visit the shelter, so maybe they come back, maybe they volunteer or adopt an animal.”

The event, which featured basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing,

classic cars, a puppy kissing booth and other activities for both human and four-pawed friends, drew approximately

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COURTS

Mehta delay, again

LATEST REASON:

Attorneys says former doctor is out of town, needs sixth extension.

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BUFFALO — A filing this week, in U.S. District Court in Buffalo, indicates that former Falls physician Pravin Mehta has taken a power from Western New York and that will throw another delay into his federal prescription drug distribution case.



Pravin Mehta

A member of Mehta's defense team, attorney

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Choice critical for Falls

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Whenever people hear the word “commitment” in

relation to potential development in downtown Niagara Falls, they're understandably skeptical.

That state of mind has been shaped for decades, from a revolving tower hotel



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There are new powers in place at Somerset power plant

BUSINESS: AES out at plant, facility now run by Upstate Power.

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SOMERSET — The Somerset Power Co. was going full blast for environmental testing last week while company officials outlined coal-burning plant issues to a tour of local officials

The former AES coal-burning power plant is the biggest taxpayer in the county.

Jerry Goodenough and Jack White, who manage the Somerset plant, as well as the Cayuga coal plant down state, explained the history of

bankrupt AES and the challenges facing the new “Somerset Operating Co. LLC of the Upstate New York Power Producers.” Somerset Town Supervisor Dan Engert, Legislator John Syracuse, and Hartland Town Supervisor Ross Annabel talked of the town and county's predicament. Assemblywoman Jane Corwin and former legislator Gerald Farnham and Paul Bologna, who are on Corwin's staff, also sat at the table.

The group discussed roadblocks the coal plant has had to navigate.

One of them is the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. Members of the group at Somerset said RGGI is endorsed by environmen-

talists and penalizes coal and gas-fueled power producers in favor of solar and wind energy. Since RGGI was adopted, AES has been on a down slide, according to the plant managers.

The group instead endorses the state's Energy Super Highway efforts — which Gov. Andrew Coumo is pushing — to get electricity from upstate sources to downstate customers — principally New York City. The energy highway would update the infrastructure with a billion-dollar effort.

However, the state is also considering a project to pipe power downstate from Ontario through the Hudson

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BILL WOLCOTT/STAFF

POWER TURBINE: Jack White, plant manager, center, explains the working of the former AES power plant during a recent tour of the facility. The Somerset plant is now operated by Upstate New York Power Producers.



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