

LOCAL WEATHER

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| TODAY  HIGH: 79 LOW: 66 Mostly cloudy | SUNDAY  HIGH: 80 LOW: 59 Nice with partial sunshine | MONDAY  HIGH: 81 LOW: 56 Sunny and delightful | TUESDAY  HIGH: 85 LOW: 58 Breezy; rain and thunderstorms at night | WEDNESDAY  HIGH: 75 LOW: 56 Breezy in the a.m.; partly sunny, pleasant | |
| ALMANAC Through 3 p.m. Friday TEMPERATURES High 76 Low 54 PRECIPITATION (in inches) 24 hrs 0.00 | | SUN & MOON SUN Today Sun. Rise .. 7:02 a.m. . 7:03 a.m. Set ... 8:00 p.m. . 7:59 p.m. MOON Today Sun. Rise .. 4:01 a.m. . 5:09 a.m. Set ... 7:13 p.m. . 7:46 p.m. | | MOON PHASES New First Full Last  Sep 6 Sep 13 Sep 20 Sep 28 Forecasts and graphics provided by AccuWeather, Inc. ©2021 | |
| NATIONAL EXTREMES 48 contiguous states Friday HIGH TEMPERATURE Palm Springs, CA..... 101 LOW TEMPERATURE Stanley, ID..... 24 | | | | | |

BIBLE DIGEST

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” (Romans 1:16 ESV)

It is great to be saved from Hell and in the trusting arms of Jesus.

LOTTERIES

(Drawings: Sept. 3)
Pick 3 (early): 2 2 4
Pick 4 (early): 1 1 8 3
Pick 5 (early): 1 8 5 6 8

(Drawings: Sept. 2)
Pick 3 (late): 2 3 0
Pick 4 (late): 2 9 9 7
Pick 5 (late): 7 1 2 4 7
Rolling Cash 5: 3 4 16 24 26
Classic Lotto: Saturday's jackpot is an estimated \$13.1 million.

TODAY IS: GOOGLE IS FOUNDED

On this day in 1998 Google is founded. The internet company, now synonymous with the act of finding information on the world wide web, was created by Larry Page and Sergey Brin. It started as a research project when Page and Brin were doctoral students at Stanford University.

The search engine soon proved successful and the expanding company moved several times, finally settling at Mountain View in 2003. This marked a phase of rapid

growth, with the company making its initial public offering in 2004 and quickly becoming one of the world's largest media companies. The company launched Google News in 2002, Gmail in 2004, Google Maps in 2005, Google Chrome in 2008, and the social network known as Google+ in 2011, in addition to many other products.

Source: Checkiday.com.

Urban's production manager dies after fall from stage

Jon Stinchcomb
 Port Clinton News Herald
 USA TODAY NETWORK

PUT-IN-BAY – Randy “Baja” Fletcher, tour production manager for country star Keith Urban, died as a result of injuries sustained after falling from the stage ahead of Urban's Bash on the Bay concert last week at Put-in-Bay.

Fletcher, 72, fell from the stage last Thursday, suffering critical injuries and was taken by LifeFlight helicopter from the small Lake Erie island to an area hospital. Fletcher died the following day, Friday, Aug. 27, according to multiple reports.

The Bash on the Bay, an annual country concert hosted at the Put-in-Bay Airport on South Bass Island, this year featured co-headliners Urban and Blake Shelton.

A veteran of the touring industry, the Country Music Association described Fletcher's five-decade career as “unparalleled.” In 2017, Fletcher won the organization's very first CMA Touring Lifetime Achievement Award.

According to CMA, Fletcher toured on the road for around 50 years, beginning at age 17 and continuing until his passing, working with some of the most popular country music stars including Brooks & Dunn, Waylon Jennings, Randy Travis, ZZ Top and Urban.

One of the few things that pulled him away from his career in the music industry was his military service, having joined the U.S. Army in May of 1969 and serving a tour in Vietnam.

In 2011, Fletcher began working as production manager for Urban, a role he held for a decade up until his death last week.

“Randy Baja Fletcher loved people,” Urban said in a statement to Billboard magazine.

Urban described Fletcher as having seen the commonality in everyone and had an “orbit of light” that, once you were in it, he would “stay with you forever.”

“Some people ask are you a ‘glass half full or a glass half empty’ kinda person? Baja's view was ‘What a beautiful glass,’ Urban told Billboard. “I loved him. We all loved him, and I'm grateful he chose us as his road family for 10 years.”

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Electric boats making waves without the noise

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The auto industry has raced ahead on an electric wave with more manufacturers joining the race seemingly every day.

The boating industry has sputtered far behind, bogged down by low-horsepower engines and batteries that take up nearly half the boat.

That's in the process of changing. Bolstered by new technology, the electric boats are now faster, have smaller batteries with longer ranges and are still zero emission.

“Electric boats used to be good for just cruising around,” said Alex Mongeon, CEO of Montreal-based Vision Marine Technologies. “Now they have more power and last a lot longer.”

Vision Marine has helped lead the charge in more powerful electric boats. Other companies riding the electric motor wave include Swedish luxury boat builder X Shore and Arc, started by former SpaceX employees.

An avid boat racer and electrician by trade, Mongeon and Vision Marine began working in 2015 on developing a more powerful yet still efficient electric

outboard motor. They created the E-Motion 180, the first electric boat engine to use lithium batteries.

The electric outboard boasts 180 horsepower and can reach speeds of 60 mph, a first in electric boating. The E-motion 180, which costs about \$5,000 more than a standard internal combustion engine, can be used with any boats that use a 180 HP outboard gas engine, typically between 18 to 26 feet.

The engines can fully charge overnight and all that's needed is a 220-volt outlet – a boating version of plug and play. Maintenance is far less than ICE engines because there are fewer moving parts.

The electric engines are noiseless, odorless and smokeless, so there's no more yelling at each other while onboard or leaving a layer of smoke in your wake.

Sales of the E-Motion 180 started in May with delivery expected later this year.

“It is so cool because nobody has gone to this comparable horsepower,” said Randy Trusedale, chief operating officer of SBX Marine, a Florida-based custom boat builder and brokerage company.

“You see some of the electric motors, you might get one that says it's, you know, 50 to 70 horsepower equivalent, but nobody's done what we're doing with the new 180.”

Electric boating has been embraced by celebrities like Drake, Robert De Niro and Greta Thunberg, according to Vision Marine. Many tour operators have turned to electric boats, and so have cities for rental and water taxis.

Many waters have been designated marine protected areas – 26% in the United States, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration – which ban motorized boats. Many allow electric boats because they are cleaner and emit no sound.

“The only sound you'll hear is the water hitting the hull and people enjoying themselves,” Mongeon said.

And a lot more people have been enjoying themselves on the water during the pandemic.

According to National Marine Manufacturers Association, sales of powerboats were up 12% in 2020 with more than 310,000 new sales, the highest numbers since before the recession of 2008.

Fremont

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parts of the city where the homeless congregate during the day.

Hearing complaints from 'both sides'

“We're hearing it from both sides,” Sanchez said at Thursday's Fremont City Council meeting.

Sanchez said there's been a recent influx of homeless people being brought into Fremont from other cities, causing a strain on the city's resources and ability to deal with the issue.

The mayor said he had an obligation to make sure the city's parks, public spaces and downtown library are safe for residents.

Jeff Engelman spoke to city council members Thursday.

Engelman, who is homeless, said he had been staying in Sandusky, but was dropped off recently in Fremont.

He noted that the Community Fortress in downtown Fremont had reduced its amount of available shelter beds from 22 to eight, due to a lack of staffing.

Engelman said he'd seen several vacant houses around Fremont that could be turned into

shelters for the city's homeless population and asked council members and Sanchez what could be done to acquire some of those homes.

No authority to foreclose on vacant houses

Sanchez told Engelman the city does not own the homes and does not have the authority to foreclose on properties.

The mayor has previously told the News-Messenger he has a list of more than 200 homes that are either in disrepair, vacant or delinquent on taxes that he believes need to be addressed.

In 2019, the city's zoning board had approved a conditional use permit for Community Fortress by a 4-1 vote, with the city council approving the establishment of the downtown homeless shelter.

Sanchez said the city had allowed the shelter to increase its occupancy to 22 when officials learned there were two families that needed to stay there.

He said it became apparent this year the shelter was not adequately staffed to handle 22 guests, and Community Fortress voluntarily agreed to reduce its amount of available beds to eight.

The mayor said the

Community Fortress board members who volunteer their time at the shelter, as well as shelter director Brandy Kreider, had “hearts of gold,” and were trying to work with the city on solutions.

Spent 40 hours on issue last week

Sanchez said he spent 40 hours in the past week just on homelessness-related issues and stressed that city didn't have the resources to deal with the sheer amount of people coming in from other communities.

Cassandra Tucker, chairperson of the county's homeless coalition and a Fremont City Council candidate in Ward 1, said she and other coalition members work with Community Fortress and the Liberty Center of Sandusky County.

The coalition has been meeting for the last six weeks and trying to put together plans to address some of the city's homeless issues.

Tucker said there was nowhere to put a lot of the homeless people in the city, with no homes or apartments available even for homeless residents who receive income from Social Security or other sources.

“We have more homeless people in Fremont

than ever before,” Tucker said, noting that a lot of them have shown up this spring and summer from Sandusky, Norwalk and Toledo.

Bishop Lee Bowling and Bishop Andy Roberts, a Fremont City Council candidate in Ward 2, also spoke at Thursday's meeting.

Bowling accused council members and Sanchez of attempting to “cancel” him and Roberts and not involve them and other residents in helping to combat the city's homelessness issue.

The bishop handed council members, Sanchez and the News-Messenger a copy of the pair's homeless plan, which includes a Homeless Bill of Rights and proposals to fund more services for the city's homeless population.

Tax proposed to fund homeless services

Those proposals include a new tax to fund homeless services, with residents making over \$60,000 annually paying a \$20 monthly tax and those making under \$60,000 paying \$10 a month.

The plan also proposes a voluntary tax contribution fund, using more local property and motel taxes and looking into whether federal CARES

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 2101 Cedar St, Fremont, OH 43420
 ID #: P0126608
 Date of Action: 08/31/2021
 Initial Title V for a polyethylene foam production line and foam curing warehouse.

Final Issuance of Permit-To-Install and Operate Amcor Flexibles North America Inc. 730 Industrial Dr, Fremont, OH 43420-2803
 ID #: P0130549
 Date of Action: 08/31/2021
 Renewal PTO for die cleaning oven and two extrusion stations.
 F.R.E., Sept4, /21#489709

Washington Township Trustees
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Washington Township Board of Zoning appeals will hold a public hearing at 8:00am on September 16th 2021 At the Washington Township house 3179 Twp Rd 702 Lindsey Ohio. The board will hear a request from Kevin Pendleton 1724 CR 153 Lindsey. Asking for a side yard variance for an addition. The board will hold a meeting immediately following to act on the request. (F.R.E., Sept4, /21#4896550)