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## Woman falls to her death

### Investigators say Pack fell from 10th-floor balcony

Sheriff's investigators in Florida have yet to reveal more information about what may have caused a McMinnville woman to accidentally fall to her death July 4 while on vacation in Panama City.

Leah Brooke Pack, 22, was found dead by emergency responders when they arrived outside Regency Towers condominium on Thursday around 4 p.m.

According to the Bay County Sheriff's Department, Pack fell from a 10th-floor balcony and was found laying on a concrete deck next to a swimming pool. She was an estimated 10 feet from the pool.

Investigators have only said they do not suspect foul play, although they have yet to share any additional information. They have not revealed if anyone was on the balcony with her, or near the pool, and may have witnessed Pack fall.

Her body was turned over to the medical examiner's office for an autopsy.

Calls to the Bay County Sheriff's Department on Friday went unanswered. In a call to the Panama City newspaper, the *Standard* was told the area was dealing with severe flooding and most officers and emergency personnel were devoting their energy to handling that crisis. That newspaper had also not received any additional information.

High Funeral Home will be in charge of arrangements, which had not been made as of press time.



PACK



Photo courtesy Andrew P. Johnson/ *The News Herald*  
Leah Pack fell from the 10th floor of Regency Towers at Panama City Beach on the Fourth of July.



Officials say TV time at the jail is used as an incentive for good behavior

## Jail inmates could get larger TVs

By DONNA ANDERSON

Staff Reporter for the Southern Standard  
(McMinnville, Tenn.)

Commissioners on the Jail Oversight Committee have discussed the possibility of replacing the TVs in the prisoners' area with larger, flat-screen TVs.

TVs were recently placed in the men's and women's pods and are used as an incentive for good behavior from the jail inmates.

"Those TVs that we got donated didn't cost us anything. It only cost us for the service that we signed up with Ben Lomand," said County Executive John Pelham. "I was always under the impression, if you all have been back there and saw the TVs just sitting out on the tables in the exercise room, that the guys were just out in the exercise room, sitting on the picnic tables and gathered around the TV and watching it. But, that's not the case. When they are watching TV, they are watching TV from their cells. They are locked in their cells maybe 50 feet or 60 feet away, standing in their cells trying to see that TV."

Replacing the TV sets would cost approximately \$2,400 according to Pelham's guesstimate of being able to purchase sets for \$300 each. There are currently eight TVs in the jail for inmates to watch, four in the men's pods, three in the women's pods, and one in an in-house trustee cell.

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## County scheduled to vote on \$75.4M budget

### Budget glance

General fund	\$13.08M
Sanitation	\$1.39M
Ambulance	\$2.89M
Drug control	\$110,742
Highway Dept.	\$3.66M
Schools	\$47.3M
Cafeteria	\$3.82M
Debt service	\$3.11M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$75.45M</b>

By DONNA ANDERSON

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Warren County commissioners will meet next Monday, July 15, with proposals to approve the \$75.4 million county budget, over half of which, \$47.3 million, is allocated toward the general purpose school fund.

The over \$75 million county budget includes:

- County commission - \$227,700

- County executive - \$135,945 (includes county executive's salary and administrative assistant's salary)

- County attorney - \$140,000
- Sheriff's department - \$2,655,841
- Jail - \$2,630,123
- Ambulance service - \$2,811,052

The \$2,899,950 allotted for the ambulance service includes \$62,988 for Civil Defense and \$25,910 for the Rescue Squad with the remaining \$2,811,052

going to the Ambulance Service/ Emergency Medical Services.

The airport will received \$1,358,971 which will be spent for the following:

- \$683,000 - airport improvement.

This money will go toward improving the airport and is considered a 10 percent match for federal funds which will pay for 90 percent of the cost of improvements to the airport via grant projects.

- \$320,000 - fuel purchase
- Purchased fuel is resold to refuel planes landing at and flying out of the airport.

- \$156,000 - Payroll for five airport employees (one director, two full-time and two part-time)

The largest chunk of the \$47.3 million school fund is going toward the regular instruction program. That program has \$23.9 million allocated.

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## Steady rain continues to wash out local events

By JAMES CLARK

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(McMinnville, Tenn.)

Rain-filled days reduced area Fourth of July celebrations to a fizzle over what was an extended four-day weekend for some people.

Midway CIC, which postponed its celebration from Thursday to Saturday, was forced to do some rescheduling again.

"We've never had to deal with anything like this before going all the way back to the 1950s," said Beckee Bell, one of the organizers. "We're still kind of holding out hope we might do it another day but I can't say right now. I'm sure there will be several different suggestions about what we should do."

When the rain came Thursday, Midway decided to keep its entire Fourth of July schedule intact and move it to Saturday. But rain Saturday soaked those plans.

"We are going to have a meeting Sunday to decide what to do," said Bell, who didn't know the status of the baby show and other events. "We will definitely shoot the fireworks at some point."

Organizers in Morrison were in the same boat, with a Ruritan meeting scheduled for Monday night to decide what to do.

The rain also dampened a four-day youth baseball tournament at McMinnville Civic Center. The tournament for 8-and-under boys featured 12 teams, 10 of which came from out of town.

The tournament canceled its games on the Fourth of July, but managed to squeeze in 12 games Friday while playing in occasional showers. Games were canceled again Saturday.

"All the teams had positive comments about the condition of the fields and what we were doing to try to work around the weather," said tournament organizer Dell Watson.

Most of the out-of-town teams were staying at motels either in McMinnville or Manchester.

With all the cancellations, the city of McMinnville was able to get in the Dr Pepper fireworks show Thursday night. The rain let up just long enough to keep spectators relatively dry before heavy rain began falling as people were heading back to their vehicles.

## Canadians tour WastAway



James Clark photo

County Executive John Pelham, left, chats with Moe Hamdon at the WastAway plant in Morrison on Wednesday. Hamdon is the mayor of a town in Alberta, Canada that is looking to establish a WastAway plant. The town has been awarded a \$10 million grant to reduce its greenhouse emissions. For story, see page 3-C.

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# Business

## WastAway eyes plant in Canada

With Americans engaged in a celebration of our freedom and independence the past few days, it's been a joyous time in our country.

For the criminals in our nation, it's also been a time for them to exercise their freedom to break the law. I noticed this the past few days as I've been doing what I enjoy as an American and that's scanning the wire.

In Michigan, the big news surrounds a story of a man who called the cops on his own mother. Truth be told, I'd rather him call the cops on his own mother than on my mother.

It turns out, the man received quite a surprise when watching the news and seeing a story about police searching for a female bank robber. The man got more of a jolt when a surveillance photo was shown and he recognized the picture as his mother.

He called authorities and said he recognized the photo and that his mother could be picked up at his home. Police arrived and arrested 53-year-old Dee Ann Sanders, who netted \$1,092 in the Bank of America heist. The FBI says she confessed.

I realize the man did a good deed and all that, but I'd hate to be known as the guy who rolled on his mom.

In other news, police in Pennsylvania had an easy time finding a burglar who ran out the door of a convenience store with \$142. It seems before the crook stole the money, he asked to use the store's phone.

When police arrived, they had the difficult job of hit-



ting redial and then asking the woman on the other end of the phone who had just called. Jason Comer, 32, of Pittsburgh was arrested about 30 minutes later.

Last but not least, an Albuquerque, N.M., man has been charged with burglary in what can only be described as a bizarre story.

The man, Ronald Daniels Jr., walked into a home that had been left unlocked and decided to take a bath. When the residents returned home, they found Daniels in the tub.

He later told police he felt comfortable in the home and wanted to take a bath there. If that's the worst thing this guy is going to do, let him take his bath.

### Canadian officials tour WastAway

Four Canadian officials were in Warren County on Wednesday to take a tour of the WastAway facility at Mt. View Industrial Park. The officials were from the town of Drayton Valley, which is located in Alberta.

The reason for their visit is Drayton Valley was recently awarded a \$10 million grant to reduce its greenhouse gases and is looking to construct a WastAway plant as a means to achieve that goal. The end result, should this project come to fruition, is it will mean more jobs for



WastAway CEO Mark Brown, left, talks with Manny Deol, the town manager of Drayton Valley in Alberta, Canada, inside the WastAway facility in Morrison on Wednesday. Four officials from Drayton Valley toured WastAway and are in the process of finalizing plans to construct a WastAway plant in Canada.

Warren County. WastAway CEO Mark Brown estimates it could be as many as 30 new jobs.

The last we heard of WastAway, the company was busy transforming common household garage into a product called fluff. The fluff could then be used as a type of potting soil or converted into a building material.

WastAway has changed its focus when it comes to uses for its fluff and is now concentrating on converting the fluff into fuel pellets. WastAway has invested nearly \$2 million in technology and machinery to produce these fuel pellets. In the case of the Canadian officials, they are interested in using the fuel pellets as a coal supplement to reduce greenhouse emissions at one of their power plants.

"We have received a grant, but we still have to do our due diligence," said Drayton Valley town manager Manny Deol. "We are in the final stages now. We will know a lot more in the next 180 days."

Everyone seems optimistic this deal will be finalized, which will be a win-win situation for both WastAway and Drayton



WastAway is located at Mt. View Industrial Park in Morrison. More jobs will be on the way there if a project moves forward to construct a WastAway plant in Canada.

Valley. WastAway is in the process of adding 10 new jobs in the coming weeks as the company works to produce enough of its fuel pellets to allow Drayton Valley to perform a test run to see how they burn.

If everything works as planned, WastAway would construct a plant in Drayton Valley. The pellets produced there would be co-fired with coal at one of the area's existing power plants. It would be a mixture of 90 percent coal and 10 percent fuel pellets, sort of the same way ethanol is mixed with gasoline. The fuel pellets are now

WastAway's emphasis. "When I took over as CEO in 2007, WastAway was doing a number of different things," said Brown. "I thought we should concentrate our efforts and work on doing one thing well so we decided to focus on green energy. Since 2008, that's where we've been going."

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### QUOTES ON CRIME

"History is indeed little more than the register of the crimes, follies and misfortunes of mankind."

- Edward Gibbon

"Obviously crime pays, or there'd be no crime."

- G. Gordon Liddy

"Behind every great fortune there is a crime."

- Honore de Balzac

"We have a criminal jury system which is superior to any in the world; and its efficiency is only marred by the difficulty of finding 12 men every day who don't know anything and can't read."

- Mark Twain

"The most dangerous criminal may be the man gifted with reason, but with no morals."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

"The United States is a nation of laws: badly written and randomly enforced."

- Frank Zappa

"What power has law where only money rules?"

- Gaius Petronius

"The problem with any unwritten law is that you don't know where to go to erase it."

- Glaser and Way



If you're looking for a facility with country charm to have your next special event, check out Prater Farms in the Centertown area. Pictured is a dance floor and DJ set up inside one of the barns for a wedding held there last weekend.

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**SETTING THE FACTS STRAIGHT**

Teeth are tough! Did you know that the outside layer of teeth (the enamel) is the second hardest naturally occurring substance. Only diamond is harder. That's one reason why more human teeth are found as prehistoric relics than any other part of the body.

It seems paradoxical that such a fabulously hard substance should be such easy prey to decay. It's amazing how teeth can decay in short order from contact with sugar and its eventual change into enamel-eating acid.

Another thing to be careful of is eating extremely hot and cold foods, together. For example, drinking hot coffee while eating

ice cream is liable to make teeth crack, because tooth enamel and the dentin underneath it expand and contract at different rates as they react to temperature changes. Tooth enamel is not damaged by hot liquids, but if something cold is consumed immediately afterward, the enamel contracts and could crack. Hot drinks are usually about 140 degrees Fahrenheit, ice cream is about 25 degrees. That much sudden change can be harmful to teeth.

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**Business Pulse**

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From my perspective, turning household garbage into an energy source is the best possible scenario. We're always going to need energy and we're always going to have garbage.

According to WastAway, the average household produces 2.5 tons of garbage each year. Brown said the amount of garbage produced fluctuates based on income.

"We've watched waste around the world and really waste is determined by per capita income," said Brown. "What that boils down to is if you have more money, you buy more stuff and therefore you throw away more stuff. If you don't have money, you don't buy a lot of things."

The Drayton Valley town mayor says that's true in Canada too.

"Even water use is determined by income," Deol said. "If you earn more, you use more water."

For those who may not be familiar with WastAway, it's been processing unsorted household garbage since 2003. From 2003 to 2008 it processed all of Warren County's garbage and made our county government eligible for several grants because of its high percentage of recycled waste.

The fuel pellets are also called process engineered fuel, or PEF. Every ton of PEF that's used is said to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 2.75 tons.

"Many eyes in the U.S. and around the world will



The wedding of Brittany Patterson and Tyler Herriman was held last weekend at Prater Farms in the Centertown area. The facility is available to reserve for your special event and can accommodate up to 750 people.

be following this project," said Brown, who sees this as the first of many PEF plants to be installed worldwide. "We are already in talks with interested prospects for additional sites in Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Europe, Russia, and the Far East. I want to thank the forward-thinking leaders of Drayton Valley and Warren County for helping realize our goal of improving our planet."

I hope to provide an update to this project in the coming months that

includes good news.

**Prater Farms ready for special events**

When it comes to weddings, the hot trend sweeping Tennessee is to go rustic. It seems couples today are eager to tie the knot in charming, country settings complete with barns and hay bales.

That being the case, Prater Farms at 530 Acres Road in the Centertown area is avail-

able to reserve for the next wedding or special event in your life. The facility is operated by Tom and Gary Prater and held its first wedding last weekend when Brittany Patterson and Tyler Herriman exchanged their vows in a beautiful ceremony.

"Brittany wanted to get married there so we started fixing the place up for her wedding," said Gary. "It just went from there. Everybody who came out seemed to really enjoy themselves."

Prater Farms isn't exclusively for weddings. In fact there was a rather big fundraiser out there around six years ago when Harold Ford was running for U.S. Senate. Gary says the facility is capable of holding up to 750 guests and is perfect for reunions and other gatherings.

"We have two big barns, a pond that's great for pictures and plenty of parking," said Gary. "There were around 350 people at the wedding."

For the wedding, the larger of the two barns was decorated with lights and chandeliers. There was enough room for 40 round tables with eight seats per table. Gary says guests can do their own decorating or have it included in their



Prater Farms features two barns, one of which can accommodate 40 round tables that seat eight people per table.

package. Guests can also bring their own cake, but Gary has all rights to the other food. That's not a bad thing because it will be catered by Prater's BBQ so I doubt there will be complaints.

There's also ample room for a DJ and dance floor, which was a big hit last weekend. The DJ played well into the night and folks weren't shy about getting up to dance.

I think people will be well satisfied with the Prater Farms facility. If you're looking for an old-fashioned atmosphere for your next event, it's worth checking out. I heard several people say they really liked the barn aspect because they didn't have to worry about getting all dressed up to attend a wedding.

For more information about Prater Farms, call Tom at 224-8944 or Gary at 205-7866.

**Davenport joins Intrepid**

The fine folks at Intrepid, a home health provider, are welcoming Christi Davenport on board as their new clinical supervisor. Intrepid is located on Sparta Street.

Christi is a registered nurse with seven years of home health experience. She is psych certified and wound care certified.

As clinical supervisor, Christi will coordinate referrals and handle scheduling. She gets the phone calls

from patients and physicians and is key to determining the type of care provided. Intrepid offers speech, physical and occupational therapies among its services. The level of care is based on the needs of each individual patient.

Christi lives in Rock Island and says she's excited to join the Intrepid staff. The company serves 70 to 75 patients from its local office. Anyone who would like more information on Intrepid can call 473-9561.

**Corey Barnes gets promotion**



**BARNES**

Business Pulse is all about publicizing individual accomplishments and is proud to recognize 1998 WCHS graduate Corey Barnes.

Barnes, a certified public accountant, now lives and works in the Brentwood area. He was recently promoted to shareholder, director and vice president at CRG Waddill CPA. Previously, he was senior manager.

Corey and his wife, Jennifer, have a 1-year-old. Corey is the son of Coleman Barnes and Rhonda Southard.

**That's all folks**

Now that everyone is rested from an extended Fourth of July weekend, it's time to get back to work. Phone in business tips by calling 473-2191 or email editor@southernstandard.com.



Employees at Intrepid, a home health provider, include front row, from left, Lisa Haile, Kathy Taylor and Christi Davenport. Back row, Nora Henn, Darrell Lee, Monica Deaton-Beaty, Lynde Bond and Darlene Cole.

**Positive job report gives stocks Friday surge**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Stocks ended with a surge Friday after traders decided a healthy job market mattered more than the Federal Reserve scaling back its economic stimulus.

After the government reported strong hiring for June, traders and investors struggled over how to react. At first, they pushed stocks higher because the report was better than expected. Then they pushed stocks

lower because improved hiring last month made it more likely the Federal Reserve could ease back on its bond buying.

After waffling early, investors and traders finally settled on an optimistic outlook. The Standard & Poor's 500 had its strongest performance in three weeks.

"In general, I think our economy is standing on its own two feet right now," said David Brown, chief

market strategist at Sabrient, a Santa Barbara, Calif., research firm for institutional investors.

U.S. stock indexes shot higher when the market opened, fueled by the Labor Department's report that the U.S. economy added a stronger-than-expected 195,000 jobs last month. But the gains tapered off within the hour, and all the major indexes dipped briefly into the red.

By the end of the day, the three main U.S. indexes had more than recovered, each ending about 1 percent higher.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 147.29 points to 15,135.84. The S&P 500 rose 16.48 points to 1,631.89. The Nasdaq composite climbed 35.71 to 3,479.38.

"I think the initial reaction was, 'Yay, all these people are employed, and then, 'whoops,'" Brown said, dur-

ing late-morning trading.

The whiplash day illustrated the complex and outsized role that the Fed has played in the stock market in recent weeks.

The Federal Reserve, led by Chairman Ben Bernanke, has been propping up the economy by buying bonds and keeping interest rates low. Investors know that the Fed isn't going to continue the stimulus forever, but they worry that develop-

ments like Friday's positive jobs report could make the Fed yank away the stimulus too soon.

The jobs picture "gives Bernanke more of a mandate" to rein in Fed stimulus programs, Brown said.

Investors will get other clues about the economy next week, when earnings season starts. Aluminum giant Alcoa reports second-quarter results after the market closes Monday.

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