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For David Davis II math is easy as pi.

David Davis II is pi king of Greenview Upper Elementary

Recites 731 digits of pi, ranked 70th in the world

By RHONDA CROWDER
Staff Reporter

Because he can recite 731 digits of pi, eleven year old David Davis II is the reigning pi king of Greenview Upper Elementary School and ranked 70th in the world for his ability to recall that amount of numbers in the infinite mathematical constant.

During last year's pi competition, he recalled approximately 400 digits.

To be considered for the competition, students must memorize at least 40 digits of the infinite mathematical constant and are required to recite them back to their math teacher.

In a recent interview, Davis explained how he developed such an astonishing talent.

"I practice with my dad for about 45 minutes every day."

He also has a photographic memory and math is his favorite subject.

Davis' dad said he, as a child himself, was pretty good in business math but not algebra.

Davis explained that the competition, held at his school, is the brainchild of his math teacher, Ms. Mockler, and started out as "just a fun thing to see how many digits they could remember." The competition is held on March 14th, since that day is represented numerically as 3.14 (the first three digits of pi), and runs all week.

The school's Principal Mr. Reginald B. Holland provides a tremendous amount of support

as well. Davis also explained, for those who have completed forgotten, that pi is radius times radius squared, the relation between the diameter and circumference of the circle, while the second digits in the sequence is 15926.

"He's amazing with that ...," said Davis Sr., who encourages his son to continue pursuing his interest in pi since learning is all about memorizing. Davis Sr., believes learning is redundancy and the more his son can remember the more it helps him in other classes.

Davis is also a straight A student who recently tested gifted/talented. He wants to be The Secretary of Education when he grows up.

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March remembers the life of Dr. Martin Luther King

By James W. Wade III
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March is Women's History Month and U.S. District Court Judge Benita Y. Pearson made history in Ohio, when she was sworn in as the first Black female federal jurist in Ohio.

U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown swore in the newest judge in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

Sen. Brown in his remarks said, "The people of Ohio have yet another reason to be proud. The investiture of Judge Pearson to the U.S. District

Court means that we can continue working toward a more just society."

As the first Black, female federal jurist in Ohio, Pearson

said it wouldn't have happened without those who blazed the trail before her.

"I will carry the torch; I will pick up the mantle," Pearson

said at her swearing-in ceremony at the Butler Institute of American Art on Wick Avenue in Youngstown on Friday.

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Call & Post 95th anniversary: Calling all former employees

By KEVIN 'CHILL' HEARD
Managing Editor

It has been brought to my attention that our quest to find former Call & Post employees doesn't always have to reach back a half or even a quarter century.

In fact, people who have worked here not that long ago have been responding to the 95th anniversary call. The truth of the matter is that you can't get to 95 years without the last ten or twenty years.

It was the winter of 1993 when I first walked into the Cleveland Call & Post newspaper, East 105th and Chester, what I then thought to be the "old building." It was a magical place. It was a place that I could walk the same stairway, hallway and elevator that W.O. Walker, Charlie Loeb and Harry Alexander walked. Although, by '93, I was never sure if the old elevator would actually make it past the first floor but was in awe

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SCLC President Rev. E. T. Caviness, Marcia McCoy, Cleveland Teachers Union President David Quolke and other Union members marched on the 43rd Anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.



Teamsters and other Unions participated in the march remembering the stance Dr. King took while in Memphis for the sanitation workers before his death. (Staff photos by James W. Wade III)

Battle far from over

Kasich signs Senate Bill 5 into law

By IKE MGBATOBU
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COLUMBUS - Last week, Governor John Kasich signed the controversial Senate Bill 5 into law as he said he would, severely weakening Ohio's collective bargaining law that protects more than 360,000 public sector workers in the state.

The governor signed the bill into law after the Ohio House and Ohio Senate approved the agreed version of the bill Wednesday, the House by a 53-44 vote and the Senate by a 17-16 vote.

The drastically overhauled bill strips public workers of their rights, including the right to strike against government. Public workers would now be required to pay at least 15 percent of their health insurance cost. A wide panoply of issues (such as wages, grievance process, step increases, seniority, time-off, and others) previously negotiated between unions and government would no longer be decided that way. Binding arbitration is gone.

James Brudney, a labor law professor at Ohio State University, has an interesting

take on this. With collective 'bargaining gone,' he calls what's left "collective begging" on the part of public workers because "the conversation ends whenever an employer decides that it ends."

It is a devastating punch in the guts of public workers. The bill passed despite a ferocious fight waged by a coalition of Democrats, labor unions and progressive groups to derail it. But, if you think for one New York second the fight is over and that the opponents of this measure should just pack up and go home, think again.

While the battle was lost on the legislative front, opponents of the bill plan to take their case to the people of Ohio by placing the issue on the November ballot. A political action group called "We Are Ohio" has already been formed to coordinate these efforts. The target for the group now is to collect 230,000 signatures within 90 days, which is the timeline that must be met to prevent the bill from going into effect without Ohioans approving it through statewide referendum.

An elated Kasich was uncharacteristically measured

in his initial reaction. "Both Bill [Batchelder] and me and Tom Niehaus don't see this as a celebratory moment," Kasich told reporters Wednesday night. "There are a lot of people who are upset. We respect that."

But he maintained that the bill will help Ohio local governments cut cost.

"I think they're going to find out at the end of the day we'll have stronger communities. This is all part of a package to help them to deal with limited resources and to get us into a

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\$1 Million grant from KeyBank Foundation establishes Lay Health Training Program

Margot Copeland, KeyCorp Executive Vice President and Director of Corporate Diversity & Philanthropy and head of KeyBank Foundation made the announcement last week of KeyBank Foundation's largest-ever national grant of \$1 million dollars to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

Copeland said, "The grant will fund training and outreach programs potentially reaching more than 100,000 medically underserved women in selected communities that KeyBank serves. The grant will be used to establish the Susan G. Komen Lay Health Advisors Training Program."

"Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women. Its impact is especially devastating for women of color,

who are more likely to die from breast cancer, and for poor or uninsured women who lack access to health care resources. Our investment in this innovative program reflects our corporate diversity vision and is just one way we give back to the communities where the people of Key live and work," said Beth E. Mooney, KeyCorp president and chief operating officer.

Over the next four years, the program will train nearly 500 lay health advisors to provide education and outreach on breast cancer in 17 communities served by Key Bank and Komen Affiliates nationwide. Lay health advisors will provide information, referrals to health care resources, one-on-one consultations, assistance with

scheduling, support during health care visits and more.

Komen founder and CEO, Ambassador Nancy G. Brinker, said the grant will help Komen

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Margot Copeland, KeyCorp Executive Vice President and Director of Corporate Diversity & Philanthropy, Beth E. Mooney, KeyCorp President and Chief Operating Officer and Ambassador Nancy Brinker, Susan G. Komen for the Cure founder and CEO, at the announcement of KeyBank Foundation's grant of \$1 million dollars to the Susan G. Komen's for the Cure. (Photo by Rodney Brown)

