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Wednesday, June 26, 2019

## Harriman Duo busted in meth deal by LCSOs Ketner and Fritts



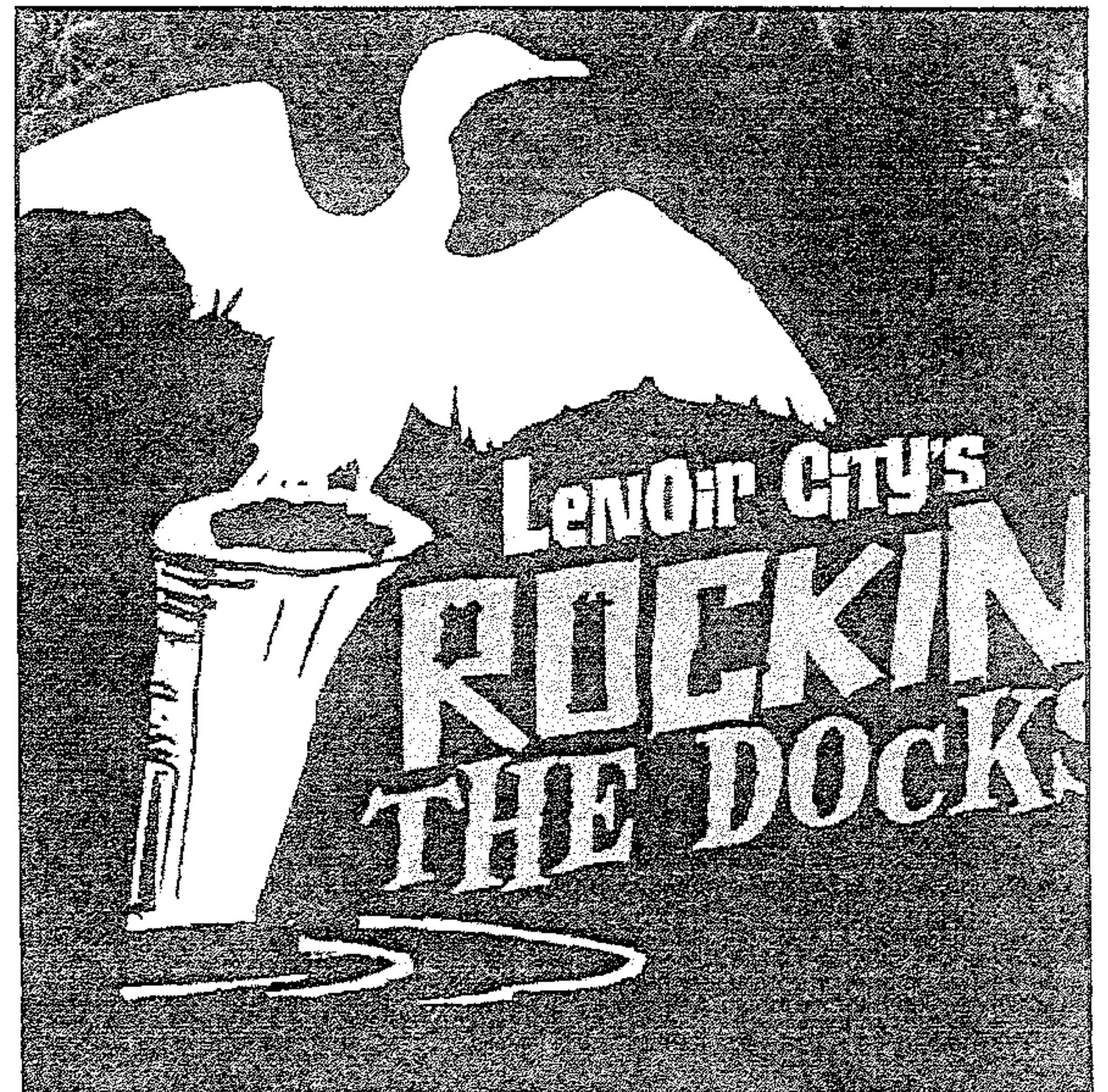
Travis Cook



Tony Frogg

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## Rockin the Docks Saturday



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## LPDs Farmer nabs Wanted Duo in Loudon



Kayla Abercrombie

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## The Good News

*The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter*  
Scripture: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

I recently celebrated 22 years in ordained ministry. Looking back over those years, I have been constantly surprised all of the ways and to all of the places which God has called me into the work of Jesus in the world.

We know that God "calls" lots of different kinds of people to serve the church-

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## No Safe Haven

*Cuba is an Unreliable Shelter for Illicit Funds*

"Individuals who believe Cuba offers a safe haven for ill-gotten financial gains should understand the nation's current government offers no such guarantee," said acting FBI Legal Attaché to Cuba Christopher Starrett.

Cuba's recent seizure of assets housed there by Orelvis Olivera is

an example of what can happen to property and bank accounts that criminals attempt to illegally shelter on the island.

Olivera, who came to the United States from Cuba in 2005, was convicted in federal court in 2014 of defrauding Medicare of nearly \$8 million. On paper, Olivera's

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### Verse of the Day

"Woe to the worthless shepherd, who deserts the flock! May the sword strike his arm and his right eye! May his arm be completely withered, his right eye

totally blinded!"

—Zechariah 11:17

### Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to our Local Law Enforcement! Getting the meth of the streets!

### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 86F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 69F

Wednesday: Sunny. High of 89F

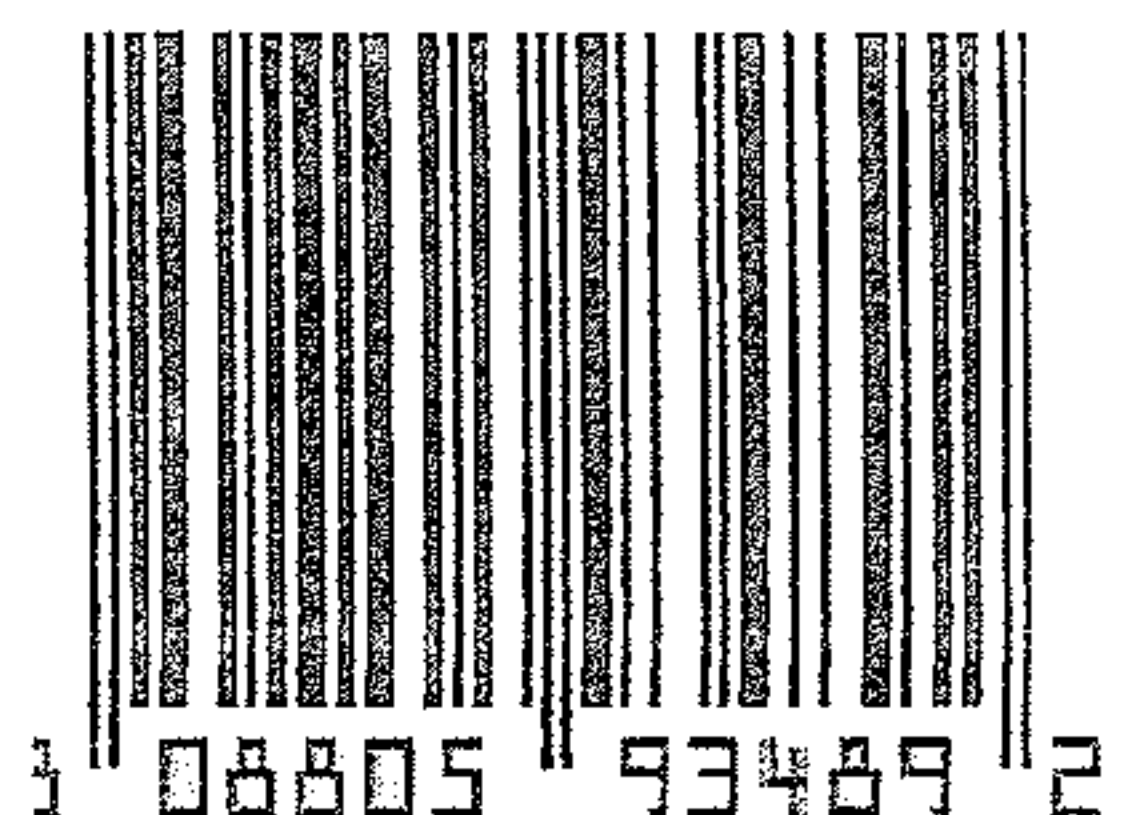
Wednesday night: Overcast. Low of 69F.

### Horoscopes

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Your resiliency is your best ally today. A setback at work doesnt need to bring you down unless you let it. Sometimes, its hard

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**Meth**

Tony Frogg, 40, Swanpine Road Harriman, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Simple Possession, and Assisting other Agency.

Travis Cook, 41, Ford Ave. Harriman, was charged with Mfg/Del/

Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Poss. Of Drug Para.

Investigator J. Ketner LCSO, observed the driver of a Honda vehicle not wearing a seatbelt. The driver circled around the parking lot at Weigles on Hwy 72, and picked up a male subject. The driver

then drove the opposite side of the gas station and parked at the pumps. Deputy observed the subjects in the vehicle for a couple of minutes. Inv. Ketner and Agent Fritts ap-

proached the vehicle and identified there self, and explain to the driver why he was being stopped. While speaking with the driver Deputy noticed that

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he had money he was trying to conceal. The driver was ask to step out of the vehicle, and identified him as Travis Cook. Cook was patted down for weapons and Deputy felt a pill bottle, and ask Cook to empty his pockets. There was one pill bottle with his name on it inside the bottle were baggies and Cook stated it was dope.

The bottle contained two separate bags of meth with .5 grams, and three and a half 8mg suboxone. Fritts made contact with the passenger identified as Tony Frogg, while speaking with Frogg he noticed that Froggs hand was in a closed fist attempting to conceal something. Fritts recovered 4 baggies of methamphetamine from Frogg. Each bag contained

approx.. 5 grams mof meth. Fritts also searched Frogg and located a gold container containing one and a quarter of 8mg suboxone and a empty baggie with crystal residue. Frogg did not have a prescription for the medication. A search of the vehicle Deputy located a meth pipe, multiple baggies, and a pill bottle with Cooks name on it. Inside the bottle was approx.. 5 grams of meth in a baggie. Cook was in possession of \$1475.00 dollars. Dispatch advised Frogg had an active warrant out of Roane County. Both were placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon Jail.

RTD

Saturday, June 29, 2019  
from 1:00 P.M. – 10:30 P.M.

Rockin' the Docks is an all day festival that takes place each year on Fort Loudon Lake. Each summer, thousands of people gather at Lenoir City park to enjoy live bands, food, fireworks, rock climbing wall and much more. This year we have some of our best performers ever.

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**Millennial Successfully Relocates And Buys Second Home at Age 25**

Amy bought her first house in Grand Rapids, Michigan at age 23. Fast forward two years and she has since sold that house and relocated to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Two houses in two years at age 25: Here's one Millennial who isn't sacrificing homeownership for mobility. The relocation shuffle Although Amy was perfectly happy with her first little house and made lots of friends in Grand Rapids, a job opportunity popped up that was too good to turn down. She recently relocated to Pittsburgh, where she serves as a regional sales manager for a major food distribution company. Before her move, she experienced the ups and downs of both buying and selling houses in two different states. Selling a first home in Michigan "Lucky for me, Grand Rapids has a shortage of homes for sale and a lot of buyers. I didn't have a chance to make any improvements on my house, a farmhouse built in 1904, but I did add a simple deck and lots of flowers and new bushes. It has more curb appeal than when I bought it," Amy says. She says that the hardest part about selling a house was making sure it was clean all the time and ready for prospective buyers to tour. Amy ultimately sold her house for \$161,000, \$21,000 more than what she paid in 2017. Even in that time, she accumulated some equity and walked away with a total of \$28,000 when the sale closed. Buying a new house in Pennsylvania The next step was to find a Millennial ctd. to pg 4

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## Cuba

Acclaim Home Health Inc. provided home health care and physical therapy services to Medicare beneficiaries. In actuality, according to court documents and the FBI, the firm paid bribes to patient recruiters who referred Medicare beneficiaries to the company, allowing Acclaim to bill Medicare for unnecessary services.

"They were providing limited services," said Special Agent Noel Gil, who worked the case with the FBI Miami Field Office, "but most of their business was fraudulent. They were also enabling more fraud by accepting kickbacks for referring Medicare recipients to other medical agencies."

Olivera's sentence of six years in prison included an order to pay more than \$5.7 million in restitution to the U.S. government. Much of Olivera's illegally acquired money, however, had been invested in properties and deposited in bank accounts in Cuba be-

fore he faced criminal charges.

Media reports noted that Olivera was able to move the money during frequent trips to Cuba and frequent visits from family members to the United States.

Gil said it is unlikely that Olivera started to hide his money in Cuba because of any loyalty to the country; rather, he likely viewed it as a safeguard against U.S. authorities. "He was hiding his money in Cuba because he believed he could go back to his businesses and his riches," Gil said.

In April 2019, however, the Cuban government convicted Olivera in absentia and sentenced him to 10 years in prison for money laundering, tax evasion, forgery of public documents, and illicit enrichment, among other crimes, based on his conviction in the United States and his investments in Cuba. They also punished several individuals who supported Olivera's businesses or enterprises with fines or prison sentences.

Most notably, Cuban

authorities seized four properties, a vehicle, and two bank accounts that Olivera had put in the names of relatives and associates in Cuba. The United States will pursue recovering assets held in Cuba as part of the ordered restitution payments.

The FBI believes Olivera is not the only individual who has had assets seized after a conviction in the United States. "The primary takeaway," said Starrett, "is that the Cuban government may seize assets linked to crimes and no criminal should count on reclaiming them once they are seized."

## Millennial

house in Pittsburgh. Home prices are higher there, compared to Grand Rapids, Amy notes. She wanted to buy a nicer, more expensive home this time around. "I found one that was a little bit above my price range at \$200,000. But it's

in perfect condition. I don't have to worry about repairs or anything," Amy says. Plus, coffee shops and restaurants are within walking distance. She explains, "I could have used all of the proceeds from the sale of my house as my down payment. But I didn't want to drain my savings account. I used private mortgage insurance (PMI) again, so I could put less money down. I could have put 10 percent or \$20,000 down, but I opted for a 5-percent down payment of \$10,000 instead. My monthly payment is a little bit higher, but still affordable. Thanks to PMI, I could buy a bigger, better house and still have money in the bank." Are you ready to buy a house right now? Or should you

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**The Value of Prescription Drug Benefits for Medicare Enrollees** (NewsUSA) – Beginning next year, Medicare Advantage plans will be allowed to cover a broader array of health-related services that may help people with Medicare improve their health. Starting in January 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has expanded the health-related benefits that insurers are allowed to include in their Medicare Advantage plans. Rides to the gym and in-home safety measures such as bathroom grab bars are

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Kayla Abercrombie, 32, Dogwood Valley Kingston, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., Criminal Court Capias, and Assisting other Agency. Officer April Farmer LPD, observed a female in the parking lot of the Kwik Pantry on Mulberry Street exiting a white vehicle and going into the store. Officer positively identified the female as Kayla Abercrombie and had prior knowledge that Abercrombie had warrants out of several counties. Officer made contact with Kayla and a male identified as Johnathan Human. Kayla was confirmed to have warrants out of Loudon, Blount, and Knox, counties and Human had one out of Anderson County. Both were placed under arrest. Kayla was ask if she had anything illegal in her purse which she stated there was some meth in a bag in the purse. Officer located a bag with approx.. 6.37 grams

and several other empty baggies and a set of scales. Both were transported to the Loudon Jail.

Medicare ctd. from pg. 4 among the new benefits added to certain Medicare Advantage plans for 2019. Original Medicare combines Medicare Part A, which helps cover hospital and other types of inpatient care, and Medicare Part B, which helps cover doctor visits, outpatient and preventive care. Original Medicare does not include coverage for most prescriptions. Medicare Advantage plans cover everything that Original Medicare covers and may include extra benefits, services and often prescription drug coverage through a private insurer such as Humana. Most Medicare Advantage plans offer extra coverage and services, such as vision, hearing and dental benefits, health and wellness pro-

grams, and a 24-hour nurse advice line. And most include Medicare prescription drug coverage. Health and wellness benefits often include fitness programs and gym memberships, and transportation to medical appointments. For 2019, Medicare Advantage plans provide members access to an expanded choice of over-the-counter personal care items such as toothbrushes and toothpaste, pill boxes, cough and cold medicines, eye drops, vitamins, heating pads, compression stockings and other supplies for diabetics, plastic bandages and other first aid items. The new Medicare Advantage supplemental benefits approved by CMS for 2019 also include virtual medical visits and virtual psychiatry, in-home support services and caregiver support. People with Medicare can see which new health and wellness benefits are being offered for 2019 on Medicare Advantage plans in their

neighborhood by going online to the Medicare Plan Finder, or for Humana Medicare Advantage plans at [www.humana.com/Medicare](http://www.humana.com/Medicare). You can also call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) (or TTY: 1-877-486-2048) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, or call Humana at 1-877-877-0714 (TTY use 711) from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., local time, seven days a week. The Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plan Annual Election Period takes place from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7, 2018 for coverage that takes effect Jan. 1, 2019. Humana is a Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO, and PFFS organization, and stand-alone prescription drug plan, with a Medicare con-

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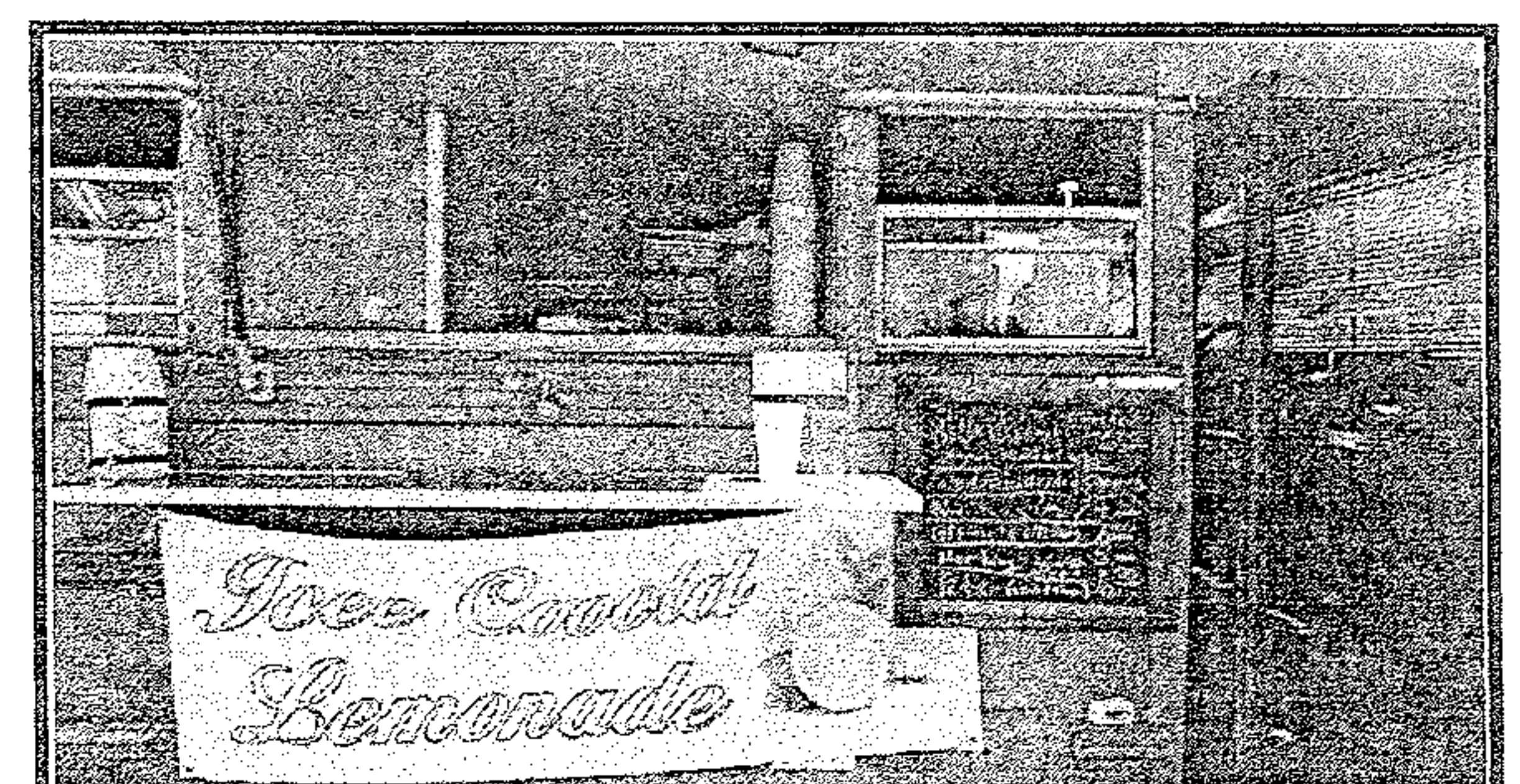
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mercy, wisdom, humility, and stamina. Amen.

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