

Ohio house honors Young

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Even in a contentious election year, Republicans and Democrats in the Ohio House found common ground last week to honor Frederick N. Young, who died in January at age 74.

Young's widow, Joyce C. Young, a Washington Twp. trustee, and daughter Margaret Young were in the House when lawmakers passed a resolution expressing condolences and honoring his years of service to the Dayton area and Ohio.

Young had served in the Ohio House and was a former chairman of the Montgomery County Republican Party.

State Rep. John White, R-Kettering, who now serves as Montgomery County Republican chairman, said that Young and his wife were considered "icons in Montgomery County and the Dayton region."

From the Democrats, House Minority Leader Joyce Beatty of Columbus, a Dayton native, joined the praise.

"When you thought of fearless fighters for what was right, you thought of fearless Fred Young and Joyce Young," Beatty said.

Chandra provides background information

Subodh Chandra, a candidate for the Democratic nomination for attorney general, wants voters to know his background is clean.

He delivered a large folder full of information on his past to members of the media, including 126 pages of documents submitted to the FBI for a background check when he applied for a federal job.

Chandra said that as a candidate, voters are his prospective employers and clients. He said he provided the information so voters could make a fully informed decision.

This is Chandra's first run for office.

Youth services department gets grant

The Ohio Department of Youth Services has accepted a

\$14 million federal grant to improve literacy in the education systems within state juvenile correctional facilities.

U.S. Department of Education Chief of Staff David Dunn said DYS received one of eight "striving readers" grants.

All of the other recipients were local school districts.

Although the education department may not have had correctional facilities in mind for the grant, Dunn said the department made a good argument in the application.

Gov. Bob Taft said that with the grant, the department will train teachers in up-to-date literacy methods, particularly in adolescent learners. Taft accepted the grant award along with DYS Director Tom Stickrath.

Those in juvenile correction institutions range in age from 12 to 20 and the average time of stay is 10 months.

That is more than a school year, said Andrea Kruse, a spokeswoman for DYS.

"When these kids get out of the Department of Youth Services and they don't learn how to read, they may be right back in our institutions again," Taft said.

2006 events guide released

The Department of Development released the 2006 Spring Summer Ohio Calendar of events. It includes:

- A listing of almost 1,000 festivals, shows, concerts and other events in the state between March and August.
- Travel information including driving distances and airport information.
- A schedule of the 2006 county and independent fairs.

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