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## Basket Fund hits almost \$10,000, but short of goal

From Staff Reports

The William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund total has reached \$9,981. Some \$3,650 has been donated this week.

The Basket Fund is now about \$14,000 off its goal of \$24,000 to fill 750 food baskets for the needy this season.

Donations were received from Donald and Neil Sharpe, \$100; in memory of Don Ervin by Virginia and Leo Matheny, \$100; Koinonia Class at First Baptist Church,

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## Inside Today



## Bears, Bearettes sweep Mustangs

The Bradley Central Bears and Bearettes rolled to district wins over the Walker Valley basketball teams. The Cleveland Blue Raiders and Lady Raiders swept Soddy-Daisy. The Walker Valley Mustangs scored an easy win over Red Bank on the wrestling mat to close out their pre-Christmas schedule. See Sports, Pages 11-13.

## Forecast



Today looks to be partly sunny, with a high near 49. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies, with a low around 25. Thursday should be sunny but cool, with highs only reaching the mid to upper 30s. Thursday night should be partly cloudy, with a low around 20. Friday calls for mostly sunny skies, with a high near 44. Friday night calls for clouds and a 50 percent chance of rain, with a low around 37.

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## Around Town

T.J. Smith being an amazing dad to his son Caden ... Seth Snyder safely making it home from deployment ... Gina Moser being a tremendous help with her customers, again ... Gabe Thomas getting to finally enjoy some good bacon.

# Wacker to expand operation

By BRIAN GRAVES  
Banner Staff Writer

When Peter Alexander Wacker, chairman of Wacker's supervisory board, declared, "We've come to Tennessee to stay" during the Charleston plant's official opening in April, it turns out he really meant it.

Wacker announced Wednesday morning it will build a new production plant for its HDK brand of pyrogenic silica at its Charleston site in Southeast Tennessee. It

will begin an investment of \$150 million in the new production facility and create 50 new jobs in Bradley County.

The announcement came through a press release from Gov. Bill Haslam and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd.

Construction will begin in the second quarter of next year, with completion planned for the first half of 2019.

"The additional capacities strengthen our market position as a leading global

producer of pyrogenic silica and help us to meet our customers' growing demand," Wacker CEO Dr. Rudolf Staudigl said. "The new plant is the next logical step toward expanding Charleston into a fully integrated silicon site in the world's second largest chemical market."

Staudigl had said in April engineering studies had begun on building the expansion.

Located adjacent to and integrated with Wacker's existing polysilicon plant, the

new production plant will have an annual capacity of 13,000 metric tons.

Haslam said the state's goal is to make Tennessee the number one location in the Southeast for high quality jobs and that goal is made possible "when successful companies choose to grow and create new opportunities for citizens throughout the state."

"I look forward to Wacker's continued growth in Bradley County and seeing the

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**TENTH JUDICIAL** District Attorney General Steve Crump relates the arrest and arraignment of Donnie Ray Brantley. Brantley was arraigned on a charge of first-degree murder Tuesday. With Crump are Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson, center, and Investigator Calvin Rockholt of the District Attorney's office.



**DONNIE RAY BRANTLEY** sits in the courtroom at the Bradley County Justice Center, before being brought before Circuit Court Judge Andrew Freiberg.



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**CAPT. KEITH EDWARDS** of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office leads Donnie Brantley back to his seat after Brantley was arraigned on a first-degree murder charge Tuesday.

# Brantley charged for 2009 murder of wife, Marsha

## DA reports resurfacing case is task force's first

By ALLEN MINCEY  
Banner Staff Writer

before Circuit Court Judge Andrew Freiberg.

It has been seven years since Marsha Brantley was last seen, and law enforcement authorities have now charged her husband with her death for the second time in three years.

Donnie Ray Brantley appeared in Bradley County Criminal Court Tuesday on a charge of first-degree murder. He was brought back to Bradley County, where his wife was located prior to her disappearance, earlier this week after being apprehended without incident in Cartersville, Ga. He is incarcerated at the Bradley County Justice Center on a \$250,000 bond.

Tenth Judicial District Attorney General Steve Crump said Tuesday that "the Bradley County grand jury, in its October term, returned an indictment against Donnie Ray Brantley for first-degree murder in the premeditated murder of Marsha Brantley."

"It is our belief, and the grand jury found, that between the first day of May 2009, and the 31st of May 2009, that he committed the act that led to her death, and that that act was done in a premeditated and deliberate fashion," Crump said.

He noted that Brantley was arraigned Tuesday afternoon

Crump said Brantley was taken into custody by both the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and agents with the U.S. Marshals Service.

"This case is one that I had been interested in from the very beginning," the district attorney general said.

When arrested in 2013, Brantley said that his wife had left him and was planning on getting a divorce.

Brantley reportedly left Bradley County and took up residence in a travel trailer in Kingston, Ga. His wife was reported missing as he was reportedly living in that area.

Marsha Brantley was 52 when last seen. She was a graduate and had worked at what was then Lee College (now Lee University).

Crump said that if there is anyone who may have more information on the case, especially anything that might lead to finding Marsha Brantley or her remains,

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## Reported home invasion led to man's shooting

By ALLEN MINCEY  
Banner Staff Writer

The man who was shot and killed early Monday morning was reportedly one of three involved in a home invasion at a Springbrook Apartments residence.

Adam Johnson, 18, died from a gunshot wound just after midnight Monday at Apartment 93 at the apartment complex located off Blackburn Road. Police responded to that residence following a 911 call around 12:01 a.m. Monday.

Two other individuals were reportedly involved in entering the apartment, with one of them — a juvenile — also being shot, according to Sgt. Evie West, public information officer for the Cleveland Police Department. That person attempted to flee the scene, but his injury led him to being transported by private vehicle to Tennova Healthcare-Cleveland immediately after the incident. The extent of his injury was not released to media.

The third man remains unaccounted for, and is being sought by police. No description of that suspect was given, though witness reports said that he and the juvenile fled the scene wearing hoodies.

According to West, during the home invasion, the three juveniles entered the apartment armed with handguns. She said that during the event, "an occu-



Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS

**CLEVELAND VICE MAYOR** Avery Johnson, left, talks with Recreation Director Patti Petitt about conditions of the gymnasium at the College Hill Recreation Center. Johnson said he and some of his constituents feel indoor soccer games are damaging the wall, but Petitt said the wall has been damaged for some time and is need of repair anyway.

## Damage at College Hill gym will be inspected

By LARRY C. BOWERS  
Banner Staff Writer

Cleveland Vice Mayor Avery Johnson, a longtime member of the City Council, has expressed concerns about what he and some of his constituents perceive as deteriorating conditions of the gymnasium at the College Hill Recreation Center.

During Monday's Council meeting, Johnson said he felt use of the old gymnasium for indoor soccer has damaged the walls. He added that it was not good to have the soccer goals placed along the walls.

Recreation Director Patti Petitt disagreed with Johnson's assessment.

"The wall was damaged before we gave permission for indoor soccer play," said Petitt. She said there are plans to repair, and/or renovate, the wall, and the group using the facility knows they will be unable to use the gym during this time.

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## Apartment fire forces removal of five families

By ALLEN MINCEY  
Banner Staff Writer

Five families were evacuated from — and investigators are attempting to determine the cause of — a fire at a set of Central Avenue apartments that occurred Tuesday evening.

Cleveland Fire Marshal Ben Atchley said the fire was contained to one vacant apartment. He said the occupants of that apartment had been evicted earlier in the day, and that initial reports were that other apartment residents heard banging in that apart-



Photo courtesy Cleveland Fire Department

**FIVE FAMILIES** were evacuated from this apartment complex on Central Avenue Tuesday evening, after a fire occurred in a vacant apartment there. The Cleveland Fire Department is continuing to investigate the cause of the fire.

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## Businesses align against possible anti-LGBT bills

NASHVILLE (AP) — Almost 200 Tennessee companies are aligning against proposals they fear would encourage discrimination. The group Tennessee Thrives says the state must stay welcoming, regardless of race, sex, national origin, ethnicity, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.

Companies involved include HCA, FedEx, Jack Daniels and Country Music Television.

A new Tennessee law lets mental health counselors refuse patients treatment based on the therapist's religious or personal beliefs. Calling it a "hate bill," the American Counseling Association cancelled a Nashville convention. A new North Carolina law directs transgender people to use school and government building bathrooms aligned with the sex on their birth certificates. Citing the law, the NBA moved its All-Star game and the NCAA and Atlantic Coast Conference sent championships out of state. A similar bill failed in Tennessee earlier this year.

## Democratic leadership in state Senate remains same

NASHVILLE (AP) — The leadership positions among Democrats' small state Senate caucus will remain unchanged for the 110th Tennessee General Assembly.

Lee Harris of Memphis was elected to another term as minority leader and Jeff Yarbro of Nashville will remain caucus chairman.

Democrats hold five of 33 seats in the upper chamber of the state Legislature.

Harris says Democrats will work to publicize what he calls a "a positive economic agenda for working and middle class Tennesseans."

The legislative session gets underway on Jan. 10 with new leadership among Senate Republicans following the retirement of Speaker Ron Ramsey of Blountville. GOP members have nominated longtime Sen. Randy McNally of Oak Ridge to become the new speaker, which also carries the title of lieutenant governor.

## Police: Notorious 86-year-old jewel thief strikes again

ATLANTA (AP) — Police just outside Atlanta say a notorious 86-year-old jewel thief has struck again.

Dunwoody police say Doris Payne was arrested Tuesday at a Von Maur department store. A police report says Payne put a \$2,000 necklace in her back pocket and tried to leave the store.

Authorities have said Payne has lifted pricey baubles from countless jewelry stores around the world in an illicit career that has spanned six decades. She was the subject of a 2013 documentary, "The Life and Crimes of Doris Payne."

When asked about her exploits in an interview with The Associated Press earlier this year, she said simply: "I was a thief."

Online jail records did not show any bond information, and it wasn't immediately clear whether Payne had an attorney who could comment.

## IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Bobbie Swiger, DeeAun Leamon, Chuck Jones, Barry Currin, Gary Green Jr., Marcus Cochran, Tyler Flowers and Jennifer Kosemund, who are celebrating birthdays today ... Gary Green, who is celebrating his 50th birthday today.

# OBITUARIES

To submit an obituary, have the funeral home or cremation society in charge of arrangements e-mail the information to [obituaries@clevelandbanner.com](mailto:obituaries@clevelandbanner.com) and fax to 423-614-6529, attention Obits.

### Raymond C. Burns

Raymond C. Burns, of Cleveland, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at his home.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



### David Lee Craft

David Lee Craft, 59, of Lafayette, Ga., died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at Memorial Hospital.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



### William Creagan

William Creagan, 55, of Cleveland, died Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, 2016, in a local hospital.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



### Paul Fulmer

Paul Fulmer, 53, of Cleveland, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, Dec. 11, 2016, at his residence with his loving family by his side.

He is preceded in death by his father, Jackie Lee Fulmer; and his brother, Tim Fulmer.

He is survived by his mother, Lucy Fulmer; loving wife, Karen Fulmer; daughters: Christine Martinez, Kimberly Fulmer, Venice Morfield, Jackie Ervin, and Kristina Lankford; stepsons: Nathan Womac, Eddie Womac and Corey Lankford; and grandchildren: Shane, Eric, Alex, Athena, Amie, Melody, Bailee, Lukas, Jax, Lela, Danny and Zoey.

He was the owner and operator of Cleveland Diesel Clinic, and was instrumental in teaching his trade to many young mechanics.

He touched so many lives, he will be greatly and sadly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking you to purchase a gift or a coat to a child in need.

A Celebration of Life memorial service is planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17, 2016, in the chapel of Companion Funeral Home, 2419 Georgetown Road NW, with Pastor Isaac Walker officiating the service.

The family will be receiving friends one hour prior, from noon until the 1 p.m. service time.

You are encouraged to share a memory of Paul and/or your personal condolences with his family by visiting his memorial web page and guestbook at [www.companionfunerals.com](http://www.companionfunerals.com).



### Virginia Goodwin

Virginia Goodwin, of Etowah, died Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2016, at the family residence.

Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Ralph Buckner Funeral Home and Crematory.



### Adam Johnson

Adam Johnson, 18, of Cleveland, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016.

Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Ralph Buckner Funeral Home and Crematory.



### Carl E. Moore

Carl E. Moore, 97, of Seymour, went to be with the Lord Monday, Dec. 12, 2016.

He was a member of Oak View Baptist Church and Blount County Bee Keepers Association. He retired from Alcoa and was a member of their 25-Year Club. He was a World War II veteran, who served in the United States Navy.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved gardening, working with his bees, sitting on the porch of his log cabin looking at the creek and surrounding mountains. He will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ada Hood Moore; parents, James and Arpha Moore; grandson, Charlie Davis; and brothers: Muriel, Doyle, and Paul Ross.

Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Dwight and Jimetta Moore; daughters: Charlene Moore and Pat Rosen; grandchildren: Tony Dossett, Michael Dossett, Kendall Boles, Greg Moore, and Charity Decker; great-grandchildren: Raelie, Porter, Jacob, Phoebe, Matthew, Samuel and Ava Jane; great-great-granddaughter, Iris; and sister, Grace Speck.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 until 7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Smith Trinity Chapel.

The funeral will follow at 7 p.m. with the Rev. Glenn Gamble officiating.

Family and friends will assemble for interment at 1 p.m. Friday at Dill Cemetery in Old Fort. Smith Funeral & Cremation Service in Maryville is in charge of arrangements. [www.SmithFuneralandCremation.com](http://www.SmithFuneralandCremation.com).

### John P. Morgan

John Parks Morgan, 81, of Cleveland, died this morning, Dec. 14, 2016, at a Chattanooga health care facility.

Survivors and funeral arrangements will be announced by Fike Randolph & Son Funeral Home.



### Mary Grace Randolph

Mary Grace Randolph, 77, a resident of Cleveland, passed away peacefully on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016.

Mary was known for being loving, devoted, caring, and compassionate to everyone around her, especially to her late husband, Bob Randolph. Bob and Grace had a love that you could only read about in story books, it could never be broken. They were married for almost 60 years.

She was a devout Christian with a very strong faith in God. She attended Philippi Baptist Church. Among many things, she loved music and singing, and she could play the piano beautifully. She would help anyone in need. Grace was very devoted to her children and grandchildren, whom she loved dearly.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bob Randolph; daughter, Donna Randolph Riddle; sister, Frankie Slinger; mother, Beulah Morgan Rayburn; and father, the Rev. Arnold Rayburn.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her sons: Cody (Callie) Randolph, Richard (MaryAnn) Randolph, and

Michael (Patricia) Randolph; grandchildren, Josh, Ashley, Michael, Bobby, Morgan, and Angelina; six great-grandchildren; and brothers: Bobby Jack, David, Jerry, and Sunny Rayburn.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for 7 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 18, 2016, at Companion Funeral Home, 2419 Georgetown Road N.W., with Pastor Sammy Hooker officiating.

Visitation will be held two hours prior, from 5 until the 7 p.m. service time.

Interment will take place privately in the Chattanooga National Cemetery, where she will be interred with her loving husband, Bob.

You are encouraged to share a memory of Grace and/or your personal condolences with her family by visiting her memorial webpage and guestbook at [www.companionfunerals.com](http://www.companionfunerals.com).



### Lisa Stafford

Lisa Stafford, 47, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away on Sunday evening, Dec. 11, 2016.

She was known for loving the outdoors, but more so, she was known for loving those around her. She will be dearly missed by all that knew her.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Charlotte Marr Stafford; and her brother, Timothy Micah Stafford.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her children: Tyler Chaparro and Anthony Chaparro; father, Ernest Stafford; and brother, Kins Stafford.

A Celebration of Life service is planned for noon on Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, at Companion Funeral Home, 2419 Georgetown Road NW, with Pastor Guinn Green officiating.

Interment will follow the service in the Swafford Cemetery, in Georgetown.

The family will receive friends two hours prior, from 10 a.m. until the noon service time.

You are encouraged to share a memory of Lisa and/or your personal condolences with her family by visiting her memorial web page and guestbook at [www.companionfunerals.com](http://www.companionfunerals.com).



### Woman arrested after D.C. Housing Authority cruiser stolen

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials say a woman who had been handcuffed stole a police car in the District of Columbia and led officers on a chase that ended with a crash in northern Virginia.

D.C. Housing Authority spokesman Richard A. Smith says the incident began when a Housing Authority officer arrested a 26-year-old woman Tuesday for violating a court order to stay away from a housing complex.

The unidentified woman was handcuffed and placed in the rear of the cruiser. While the officer was outside the cruiser, Smith says the woman got into the front seat and drove off.

Police chased the vehicle into northern Virginia, where the suspect crashed while trying to get onto Interstate 395.

Police say the suspect hit multiple vehicles, including a D.C. police car.

### Middle Ga. bear population higher than thought

MACON, Ga. (AP) — Researchers now estimate that the black bear population in Middle Georgia is nearly twice as big as previously thought.

The University of Georgia has been conducting research since 2012 by using a model that estimates the number of bears in an

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## Brat Pack, 'Roger Rabbit' added to film registry

WASHINGTON (AP) — While not usually regarded as a golden age of American cinema, the 1980s produced plenty of popular classics — and a few more of them have now been added to the prestigious National Film Registry.

The Library of Congress announced Wednesday that "The Breakfast Club," "The Princess Bride" and "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" are among the 25 movies tapped for preservation this year. They join three other more obscure 1980s titles on this year's list.

The national library also picked a few more recent favorites, including "Thelma & Louise," Disney's "The Lion King" and "Rushmore."

The library selects movies for preservation in its audio-visual vault in Culpeper, Virginia, because of their cultural, historic or artistic importance. This year's picks bring the total number of films in the registry to 700. The choices have become increasingly diverse and eclectic since the registry began in 1989.

Still, the library always makes room for some crowd-pleasers.

Considered a feminist landmark for its portrait of women who stand up to abusive partners and find liberation on a crime spree, "Thelma & Louise" achieved a rare distinction when its co-stars, Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon, were both nominated for the best-actress Oscar. (Jodie Foster won that year, for "The Silence of the Lambs.") It's the third movie directed by the prolific Ridley Scott to join the registry, following "Alien" and "Blade Runner."

"I am very honored and proud to be acknowledged by the Library of Congress," Scott said in a statement. "Blade Runner" will now have two great ladies to keep him company."

Lauded for its sensitivity, "The Breakfast Club" (1985), from writer-director John Hughes, is the most enduring collaboration of the so-called "Brat Pack," a short-lived troupe of young stars that included Anthony Michael Hall, Judd Nelson and Ally Sheedy.

Two years later, "The Princess Bride" charmed audiences with its mix of fantasy, action and humor and its innovative screenplay that allowed a young boy (Fred Savage) to provide running commentary on the story.

With its mix of live action and animation, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" was a genuine breakthrough that looks quaint in retrospect. Director Robert Zemeckis' wacky 1988 film noir, set during Hollywood's golden age, imagined cartoon characters living alongside their human collaborators and grappling with off-screen complications including blackmail and murder.

In "Roger Rabbit," humans sharing space with cartoons was so novel it had to be part of the plot. Now, thanks to the perfection of digital effects in movies such as "Titanic" and the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, movie audiences can hardly distinguish between what's real and what's animated.

"Rushmore" (1998) is the first movie from whimsical auteur Wes Anderson to be added and is one of just a handful of films to be selected fewer than 20 years after

## Movies selected for National Film Registry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Here are the movies selected by the Library of Congress in 2016 for inclusion in the National Film Registry:

- "Life of an American Fireman" (1903)
- "Musketeers of Pig Alley" (1912)
- "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" (1916)
- Films of Solomon Sir Jones (1924-1928)
- "The Beau Brummels" (1928)
- "Steamboat Bill, Jr." (1928)
- "Lost Horizon" (1937)
- "Ball of Fire" (1941)
- "A Walk in the Sun" (1945)
- "Blackboard Jungle" (1955)
- "East of Eden" (1955)
- "The Birds" (1963)
- "Point Blank" (1967)
- "Funny Girl" (1968)
- "Putney Swope" (1969)
- "The Decline of Western Civilization" (1981)
- "Atomic Cafe" (1982)
- "Suzanne, Suzanne" (1982)
- "The Breakfast Club" (1985)
- "The Princess Bride" (1987)
- "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" (1988)
- "Paris is Burning" (1990)
- "Thelma & Louise" (1991)
- "The Lion King" (1994)
- "Rushmore" (1998)

its release. Movies must be at least 10 years old to be included.

One of a few Disney animated movies not based on fairy tales, "The Lion King" (1994) was part of the studio's early-1990s renaissance. It proved so sturdy that a Broadway adaptation with avant-garde costumes became wildly popular.

This year's other '80s selections are "The Atomic Cafe" (1982), a compilation of clips about the threat of nuclear war; "The Decline of Western Civilization," director Penelope Spheeris' 1981 documentary about the hardcore punk rock scene in Los Angeles; and "Suzanne, Suzanne," a 1982 documentary short about a black woman's struggles with addiction.

Director Alfred Hitchcock now has seven films on the registry with the inclusion of "The Birds" (1963). Other titles joining the list are "Blackboard Jungle" (1955), "Funny Girl" (1968), "East of Eden" (1955) and "Point Blank" (1967).

The oldest of this year's selections is "Life of an American Fireman" (1903), considered by film historian Charles Musser to be an innovative early American film for its use of editing, storytelling and the relationship between shots.

Among the lesser known but historically significant selections is a series of short films by Solomon Sir Jones, a Baptist minister and amateur filmmaker. Shot on then-new 16mm cameras, his silent films documented African-American communities in Oklahoma between 1924 and 1928.

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# Officials estimate \$500M in damage by wildfires

NASHVILLE (AP) — Deadly wildfires caused more than \$500 million in damage as they tore through a tourism community in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains and killed 14 people, local officials estimated Tuesday.

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters put a dollar figure on the damage for the first time at a news conference Tuesday, where officials also defended their emergency response in the Gatlinburg area and promised to conduct wide-ranging reviews of what can be done better.

The fires blew into the city on Nov. 28 on gusts around 87 miles per hour that knocked down

power lines and started other fires. People fled the city on foot or by car as walls of fire closed in.

The fires harmed more than 2,400 buildings in the Gatlinburg area, including more than 2,100 homes and almost 60 businesses destroyed, officials have said. For the first time since the fires, Gatlinburg officially reopened to the public Friday, and its main downtown district was largely unharmed.

"It was a great sight, a beautiful sight, to see this weekend our streets once again filled with visitors and locals alike," Gatlinburg City Manager Cindy Cameron Ogle said.

Great Smoky Mountains

National Park officials defended the way they fought the fire, which started Nov. 23 at just 1 1/2 acres in a remote part of the park and traveled 5 1/2 miles to singe Gatlinburg five days later. Two juveniles have since been charged with aggravated arson in that fire in the park.

The embers either hopped around, starting new fires that dropped more embers, or the embers somehow sailed airborne for miles. That happens in extreme conditions in the West, but it's "nearly unheard of" in the East, said Park Deputy Superintendent Clay Jordan.

"First, we believe there was no way we could have controlled the

fire prior to the wind event," Jordan said. "And second, the reality is that we believe that no number of firefighters or fire engines could have stopped the spread of the fire in such extreme wind conditions."

Also on Tuesday, Gatlinburg Fire Chief Greg Miller further explained why a text message evacuation notice never was sent.

On Nov. 28 at 8:30 p.m. John Mathews of the Sevier County Emergency Management Agency tried to call the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency to discuss sending the text, and that was about when two cell towers went down, Miller said.

Miller said TEMA tried to recon-

nect to get approval of the language of the alert, but couldn't, and didn't send the message because the wording wasn't approved.

"That's important to note because we didn't want an inappropriate message to be disseminated which could have evacuated people toward an area of concern, rather than away from it," Miller said.

Officials went door-to-door to evacuate people, used social media and news releases and sounded a downtown siren with a spoken message.

Sevier County Mayor Larry Waters said officials at all levels will evaluate their response and determine what can be done better. He said everything is on the table but also said, "We couldn't anticipate this kind firestorm. I don't think anybody could."

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Galilee Baptist Church, 665 Old Chattanooga Pike S.W., will present its Christmas play, "Happy Birthday Jesus," Saturday at 7 p.m.

Due to the illness of scheduled performers at the Cowboy Gospel Jubilee Friday, the program has been canceled for the evening.

## I SEE BY THE BANNER

The GOP Christmas Party, hosted by the Bradley County Republican Women, will be held Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Cleveland Country Club. State Rep. Kevin Brooks will emcee. The Officials Christmas Choir will be led by Sheriff Eric Watson. The tickets are \$25 each. A table of eight is \$175. For more information, Call Jane Rumbaugh at 423-715-6119 or Betty Scott at 423-240-8898.

## LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

### Tennessee

Cash 3 Evening: 8-6-9, Lucky Sum: 23  
Cash 3 Midday: 6-2-8, Lucky Sum: 16  
Cash 3 Morning: 2-3-8  
Cash 4 Evening: 0-1-3-4, Lucky Sum: 8  
Cash 4 Midday: 2-2-4-8, Lucky Sum: 16  
Cash 4 Morning: 6-7-1-5  
Mega Millions: 02-15-26-34-41, Mega Ball: 14, Megaplier: 5

### Georgia

5 Card Cash: KS-2C-5D-8D-6H  
All or Nothing Day: 01-04-05-06-08-09-14-16-19-20-23-24  
All or Nothing Evening: 02-05-06-07-08-09-12-13-14-15-16-24  
All or Nothing Morning: 01-04-08-10-11-12-13-15-17-20-21-23  
All or Nothing Night: 01-02-03-06-07-11-12-13-14-15-20-23  
Cash 3 Evening: 4-6-7  
Cash 3 Midday: 5-3-6  
Cash 4 Evening: 7-1-2-5  
Cash 4 Midday: 6-6-0-4  
Fantasy 5: 01-11-17-23-36  
Georgia FIVE Evening: 0-9-5-7-8  
Georgia FIVE Midday: 5-8-8-6-8  
Mega Millions: 02-15-26-34-41, Mega Ball: 14, Megaplier: 5

## Remember When photos are sought

While families gather for the holidays, it is a perfect time to bring out old photos and reminisce about people and times gone by.

The Banner is again offering its readers the chance to share old photos with the community in our Remember When section.

On Jan. 15, the Banner will publish its Remember When section. Old photos — at least 25 years of age — will be accepted of local people, places and events. When possible, identification and general dates of people and photos are suggested.

The deadline for submission of photos is 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9. Please keep submissions to a maximum of five per person.

There are three ways to submit photos:

□ Email them to news@clevelandbanner.com;

□ Mail them to Remember When, Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland TN 37320-3600; or

□ Drop photos off at the Banner office, 1505 25th St., between the hours of 12:30 and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

## Officer expected to recover after being shot in Nashville

NASHVILLE (AP) — A police officer in Tennessee is expected to make a full recovery after being shot and wounded Tuesday at a Nashville motel.

Terrance McBride, who has worked for the department for three years, was shot in the shoulder and will have to undergo surgery, Metro Nashville Police Chief Steve Anderson said during a news conference.

"It is serious, but the doctors tell me he will make a full recovery," Anderson said.

Officers later found the suspect dead inside a room at the

Cumberland Inn, apparently from a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Anderson said.

Police identified the suspect as Paul Hardesty, 43, a parolee from New York, who moved to Tennessee in March.

McBride and Officer Ky Luu went to the motel after someone called to say a man was there who might be wanted on outstanding warrants and was talking about committing a robbery, news outlets quoted police spokesman Don Aaron as saying.

When officers arrived, a

woman opened the door and "in a very suspicious manner" denied anyone else was there, Aaron said. He said officers, who could see drug paraphernalia in the room, began clearing it when shots rang out from the bathroom, hitting McBride.

The officers retreated, though Luu heard another gunshot after they left the room, Aaron said.

Police tried to make contact with Hardesty after the shooting, but never got a response.

Police say they are searching for the woman, who fled from the room after shots were fired.

## 'Growing Pains' star and TV host Alan Thicke dies at age 69

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Alan Thicke's 1980s TV dad credentials were neatly in order on "Growing Pains." His Dr. Jason Seaver was an open-hearted parent and an enlightened husband, working from home to help tend the kids while his wife revived her career.

But Thicke's character anchored a sitcom that was also 1950s-retro, part of television's renewed embrace of the traditional nuclear family after a string of single-parent shows. "Growing Pains" debuted in 1985, one year after "The Cosby Show" showed the old formula could be made new.

While Bill Cosby's NBC series touched on social issues, ABC's "Growing Pains" was pure comfort food about a suburban family with a genial, father-knows-best patriarch, cheerful mom (Joanna Kerns) and a brood that included breakout heartthrob Kirk Cameron as teenager Mike and, in the show's final 1991-92 season, Leonardo DiCaprio.

Thicke, who died Tuesday at age 69, said a 1985 interview with The Associated Press that he wouldn't have pitched a show like "Growing Pains" but suggested it fit the times.

"Ronald Reagan is president and there's no war, maybe that creates an environment for a show like ours," he said.

The Canadian-born TV host, writer, composer and actor died of a heart attack, said Carleen Donovan, who is a publicist for Thicke's son, singer Robin Thicke. She had no further details.

"I spent Monday through Friday for seven important years with Alan Thicke as my TV dad," Cameron said in a statement. "I'm shocked and truly heartbroken today at the news of his death. Alan was a generous, kind and loving man. I am so blessed to have grown up with him."

Other celebrities who had crossed paths with Thicke, whether through music, acting or simply as friends, expressed their sorrow at news of his death.

"I grew up watching him and got to know him through Robin. He was always so kind to me," John Legend posted on Twitter.

Thicke's fellow Canadians also responded quickly. William Shatner posted on Twitter that he was saddened by his loss, and singer Anne Murray's Twitter post said she was "shocked and devastated," recalling him as a friend and the writer-producer of many of her TV specials.

The Edmonton Oilers weighed in as well. "RIP to one of the great ones, Alan Thicke," was posted on the hockey team's website, with a photo of a youthful Thicke and Wayne Gretzky on the ice.

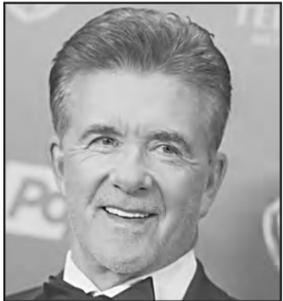
Born in Ontario, Canada, in 1947, Thicke was nominated for three Emmy Awards for his work in the late 1970s as a writer for Barry Manilow's talk show, and later for a satirical take on the genre in the variety show "America 2-Night."

He composed several popular theme songs, including the original theme for "The Wheel of Fortune" and other shows includ-

ing "The Facts of Life" and "Diff'rent Strokes."

Perhaps his boldest assault on the U.S. market was as a virtual unknown taking on the King of Late Night, Johnny Carson. "Thicke of the Night" was a syndicated talk-music-and-comedy show meant to go head-to-head against NBC's "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson."

It premiered in September 1983 with great fanfare, boasting an innovative format and regulars including Richard Belzer, Arsenio Hall, Gilbert Gottfried and Fred Willard. But all too quickly, it was evident that Carson wasn't going to be dethroned, and the ambitious "Thicke" disappeared into the night after one season.



Alan Thicke

"Certainly everything I needed to learn about failure, struggle, damage control, career rehabilitation and ego bashing I learned in that," he said in a 1995 interview with the AP.

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251 Inman St. E - 478-5493  
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# U.S. retail sales barely rise at start of holiday shopping

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans increased their retail spending just slightly in November, a possible sign of lackluster holiday shopping.

Retail sales rose only 0.1 percent in November, after a downwardly-revised 0.6 percent growth in October, the Commerce Department said Wednesday.

Consumers bumped up their

purchases at restaurants and furnishes last month. But they also trimmed spending at auto dealers and department stores, limiting the overall advance in retail sales.

More Americans entered the holiday season poised to shop. The improving job market has pushed unemployment down to 4.6 percent and prompted signs of accelerating wage growth.

Over the past 11 months, retail sales have risen a solid 3.1 percent compared to the same period in 2015. The greater retail sales helped support overall economic growth.

Consumer spending accounts for the majority of all U.S. economic activity. It has disproportionately contributed to an economy that expanded at an annual clip of just 1.8 percent over the

first nine months of 2016. And more Americans turned optimistic about the economy after Donald Trump's presidential election with consumer sentiment improving.

Still, the retail sales report suggests that some of that momentum stalled last month.

Online and mail-order retailers posted a lukewarm 0.1 percent gain, compared to a robust 11.5

percent increase so far this year. Clothing sales were flat in November.

Nor was every sales category increase an automatic win for consumers. Higher gasoline prices last month prompted a 0.3 percent boost in sales at service stations.

Yet the retail sales report does point to a steady evolution of the U.S. economy.

As average hourly earnings have picked up 2.5 percent over the past year, more Americans are comfortable eating out. Sales at restaurants and bars have risen 6 percent so far this year. Rising home sales in 2016 have also helped building materials stores and furnishes, which have seen their sales advance 6.3 percent and 3.9 percent over the past 11 months.

## 3 things to watch for from the Federal Reserve on Wednesday

WASHINGTON (AP) — By just about everyone's estimation, the Federal Reserve will have an announcement to make Wednesday afternoon: It's raising interest rates.

The expected hike, the Fed's first since last December, will signal its view that the U.S. job market and economy are nearing full health, with the unemployment rate at an unusually low 4.6 percent. It would also mean that rates on some consumer and business loans will likely increase modestly.

What no one knows is what the Fed may say about the likely pace of future rate increases or perhaps about the economy's prospects under the incoming Trump administration. Any answers — or at least hints — could come from a statement the Fed will release, in its updated economic forecasts and in a news conference by Chair Janet Yellen.

Whatever message they send, Fed policymakers will have had much to discuss during their two-day meeting, having not met since President-elect Donald Trump's surprise election victory Nov. 8.

Here are three things to watch for after the Fed's meeting ends:

### STATE OF THE ECONOMY

The Fed most recently raised its key policy rate last December, after having left it at a record low near zero since the financial crisis erupted seven years earlier. In a statement, it will explain its rate decision and its view of the economy.

So far, the Fed has expressed the belief that still-low inflation gives it leeway to raise rates at a very gradual pace. Investors will be watching to see if it modifies that view.

An especially rosy view, with expectations of a steadily rising job market and inflation edging closer to the Fed's 2 percent target, could suggest a relatively fast pace of future rate increases. A more cautious outlook, by contrast, would signal that the central bank expects to further raise rates only incrementally.

In the arcane world of Fed-speak, seemingly trivial word

changes can sometimes have a major impact. Investors will be watching its statement, for example, to see whether the Fed changes its observation that "near-term risks to the economic outlook appear roughly balanced." Just dropping the word "roughly" would be seen as an upgrade of the Fed's economic view — and perhaps a signal that it foresees a relatively quickened pace of rate increases.

### FORECAST AND DOT PLOT

Each quarter, the 17 members of the Fed's policy committee — five board members (there are two vacancies) and 12 regional bank presidents — offer their own individual, but anonymous, forecasts for the economy's performance. Any significant upgrade Wednesday of those forecasts — for economic growth, the unemployment rate and inflation — could mean the Fed is growing more confident that the economy has strengthened enough to withstand a faster pace of rate hikes.

The current 4.6 percent unemployment rate, a nine-year low, is below the 4.8 percent that Fed officials in September had collectively pegged as full employment. And after an anemic first half of the year, economic growth has accelerated in the second half.

Another gauge to watch is where the 17 officials foresee the path of their benchmark rate, the federal funds rate. Each official's expectation is represented as a dot on the rate chart. Fed officials stress that the chart is merely a projection of where rates might go and is not a pledge of any kind. A year ago, for example, the "dot plot" suggested that the Fed would raise rates four times in 2016. Yet a rate hike Wednesday would be the first this year.

In September, the Fed officials projected one rate hike for 2016 and two each in 2017 and 2018. Some economists are now revising their own forecasts to show three or even four rate increases for next year if Trump succeeds in get-

ting his economic program through Congress and the program begins to accelerate the economy.

Once inaugurated, Trump will have the authority to immediately fill the two vacancies on the Fed's board. Those new officials could have a key role in influencing future rate decisions.

### YELLEN'S VIEW

After the Fed's announcement, Yellen will take questions from reporters, who will seek details about the Fed's discussions, its economic outlook and its thoughts on the Trump administration. If history is a guide, expect Yellen to be exceedingly cautious in discussing how the Fed may or may not fine-tune its policy-making in response to Trump's plans to slash taxes, ease regulations, speed infrastructure spending — and possibly try to diminish the Fed's independence.

Since Trump's victory, stock markets have rallied, sending stocks to record highs, while bonds have absorbed losses on expectations of higher inflation and interest rates.

Investors appear to be betting that the economy will strengthen along with corporate profits. A faster-growing economy could mean more rapid rate hikes from the Fed.

Yellen, though, will likely tread carefully in her assessment of the Trump agenda's likely impact on the economy, in part because the president-elect's agenda could undergo significant revision in its path through Congress.

The Fed chair may be less hesitant to reject Republican proposals in Congress to rein in the Fed's authority and independence. These efforts include a proposal to authorize Congress's auditing arm to review the Fed's rate decisions and require it to establish a formula to use in setting its policies.

Yellen has criticized all those proposals, arguing that restricting the Fed's political independence would be a serious error, with possibly dangerous consequences for the economy.



PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA signs the 21st Century Cures Act, Tuesday in the South Court Auditorium in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on the White House complex in Washington.

## Obama signs bill boosting spending on cancer research

WASHINGTON (AP) — On a "bittersweet day" that brought back memories of loved ones lost, President Barack Obama signed into law legislation that makes new investments in cancer research and battling drug abuse.

Obama signed the bill Tuesday at a ceremony on the White House campus flanked by Vice President Joe Biden and key lawmakers from both parties. The 55-year-old president recounted that his own mother did not even reach his age, dying of cancer in her early 50s.

"It's not always easy to remember, but being able to honor those we've lost in this way and to know that we may be able to prevent other families from feeling that same loss, that makes it a good day," Obama said. "It's a good day to see us doing our jobs."

The 21st Century Cures Act invests \$1.8 billion for a cancer research "moonshot" that is strongly supported by Biden. The vice president's son, Beau, died of brain cancer in 2015.

The bill also authorizes giving states \$1 billion over two years to prevent and treat the abuse of heroin and other opioids and addictive drugs.

Overall, the measure plans

\$6.3 billion in new spending over the coming decade. The bill also streamlines the approval process for drugs and medical devices at the Food and Drug Administration, which some patient advocacy groups opposed.

Public Citizen said the bill pressures the FDA to approve new medical products and new uses for drugs based on weaker evidence of safety and efficacy.

"This bill remains a bad deal for patient safety, offering a small, temporary and non-guaranteed increase in public research funding at the expense of permanently weakening oversight by the Food and Drug Administration," Public Citizen said.

The signing ceremony represented a rare day in Obama's presidency, where lawmakers from both parties gathered to celebrate bipartisan joy over the passage of consequential legislation.

"I hope this bodes well for what will come next year — that we're back working together" Biden said.

Biden said he believed the bill would inject new urgency into fighting cancer and would give millions of Americans hope that they will be able to have their

lives extended through research that will bring about new cures and treatments.

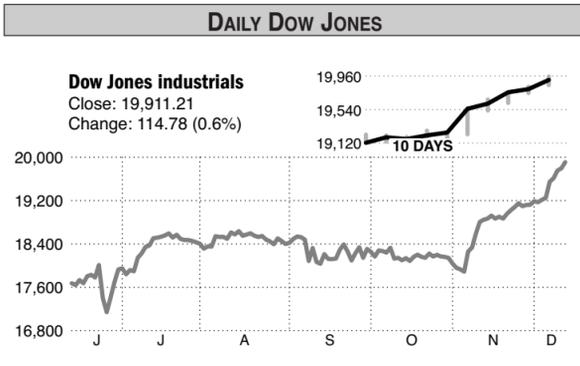
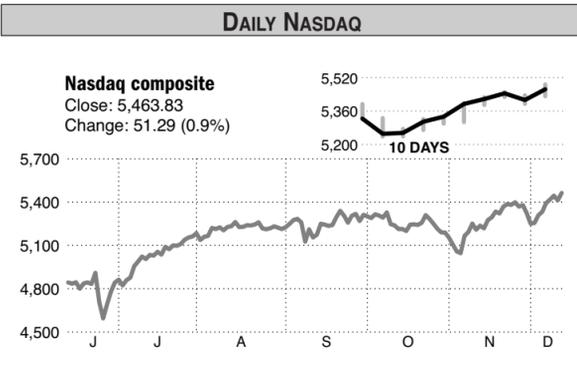
"Every day, millions of people are praying, praying for hope, praying for time," Biden said.

Obama also used the ceremony to make a pitch for his signature health insurance law that expanded coverage for 20 million Americans, but also faces the prospect of repeal in the next administration.

"I'm hopeful in the years ahead that Congress keeps working together in a bipartisan fashion to move us forward, rather than backward in support of the health of our people," Obama said.

Obama was introduced by David and Kate Grubb of West Virginia who lost their daughter Jessica in March to a drug overdose. David Grubb shared his daughter's struggle with addiction when Obama visited the state in October 2015. He said Jessica wanted treatment, but the closest place they could find for treatment was in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Grubb said the funding would make it possible for communities "to have the resources, to build the facilities, to do the kind of education that's absolutely needed so we can address this problem."

## THE MARKET IN REVIEW



**MONEY RATES**

	Last	Pvs Wk
Prime Rate	3.50	3.50
Discount Rate	1.00	1.00
Federal Funds Rate	25-50	25-50
Treasuries		
5-year	1.91	1.83
10-year	2.47	2.39
30-year	3.13	3.08
Gold (troy oz. NY Merc spot)	\$1156.70	\$1167.60
Silver (troy oz. NY Merc spot)	\$16.911	\$16.740

British pound expressed in U.S. dollars. All others show dollar in foreign currency.

**CURRENCIES**

	Day Ago	Pvs Day
Australia	1.3339	1.3356
Britain	1.2667	1.2671
Canada	1.3123	1.3142
Euro	9414	9407
Japan	115.23	115.12
Mexico	20.2536	20.2550
Switzerland	1.0125	1.0144

**STOCK MARKET INDEXES**

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
19,824.59	15,450.56	Dow Industrials	19,911.21	+114.78	+0.58	+14.27	+13.62
9,490.29	6,403.31	Dow Transportation	9,345.85	+23.21	+0.25	+24.47	+23.77
723.83	548.08	Dow Utilities	659.06	+6.99	+1.07	+14.06	+17.93
11,227.30	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,237.16	+59.88	+0.54	+10.78	+11.14
5,450.16	4,209.76	NASDAQ Composite	5,463.83	+51.29	+0.95	+9.11	+9.38
998.84	809.96	S&P 100	1,004.39	+7.82	+0.78	+10.20	+9.88
2,264.03	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,271.72	+14.76	+0.65	+11.14	+11.17
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P MidCap	1,686.05	+35.54	+2.1	+20.55	+20.74
23,724.26	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,745.19	+125.85	+0.53	+12.18	+12.54
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,373.53	+39	+0.3	+20.92	+21.38

**STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST**

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AT&T Inc	1.96	4.7	16	41.36	+24	+0.22	+20.2
Achaogen	...	...	...	14.86	+1.83	+158.9	...
AMD	...	...	...	10.54	-14	-267.2	...
Ambev	.06	1.2	...	4.88	+0.6	+9.4	...
BcoBrad s	2.28	2.0	14	115.19	+1.89	+9.4	...
BB&T Cp	1.20	2.5	17	47.06	+1.9	+24.5	...
Eaton	...	...	...	7.37	+0.2	+63.8	...
CocaCola	1.40	3.4	25	41.76	-14	-2.8	...
CmtyHlt	...	...	...	5.41	-0.9	-75.2	...
DxGbull s	...	...	...	8.08	+32	...	...
DukeEnergy	3.42	4.4	16	77.32	+84	+8.3	...
Eaton	2.28	3.3	16	68.85	-1.01	-32.3	...
FstlHorizon	.28	1.4	22	19.89	+0.2	+37.0	...
FrdM	.60	4.7	6	12.77	-0.5	-9.4	...
FrptMcM	...	...	...	15.04	-32	-122.2	...
GenElec	.96	3.0	28	31.74	-12	+1.9	...
HomeDp	2.76	2.0	22	136.54	+1.96	+3.2	...
ISHMkts	.84	2.3	...	36.33	+40	+12.9	...
ISHR2K	1.77	1.3	...	136.86	+0.1	+21.5	...
Intel	1.04	2.8	17	36.80	+83	+6.8	...
Kroger s	.48	1.4	16	34.42	+20	-17.7	...
Lowe's	1.40	1.9	20	74.65	+14	-1.8	...
Microsoft	1.56	2.5	26	62.98	+81	+13.5	...
NorfolkSo	2.36	2.1	20	109.83	-86	+29.8	...
Olin	.80	3.1	36	25.61	+25	+48.4	...
PaneraBrd	...	...	...	35	212.84	+2.53	+9.3
PwShs QQQ1.52	1.0	...	...	120.46	+1.50	+7.7	...
RegionsFn	.26	1.8	18	14.29	-0.7	+48.9	...
S&P500ETF4.13	1.8	...	...	227.76	+1.51	+11.7	...
Scotts	2.00	2.1	24	95.40	-60	+47.9	...
SiriusXM	.01	...	...	38	4.54	+0.9	+5.1
SouthCo	2.24	4.6	16	49.19	+47	+1.5	...
SPDR Trcl	.46	2.0	...	23.58	+0.6	+21.9	...
SunTrst	1.04	1.9	15	54.45	+35	+27.1	...
Target	2.40	3.1	13	77.67	+93	+7.0	...
UtdCmbks	.32	1.1	21	29.32	+39	+50.4	...
US OilFd	...	...	...	11.73	+11	+6.6	...
VanEGold	.12	.6	...	21.04	+29	+53.4	...
WalMart	2.00	2.8	15	71.80	+13	+17.1	...
WhRpt	4.00	2.2	13	178.14	+1.94	+21.3	...

**MUTUAL FUNDS**

Name	Total Assets Obj (\$Mlns)	NAV	4-wk	12-mo	5-year	Pct Load	Min Init
American Funds AmBalA m	MA 54,793	25.61	+2.9	+10.2/B	+11.4/A	5.75	250
American Funds CapIncBuA m	IH 67,745	58.52	+3.4	+9.3/B	+8.0/A	5.75	250
American Funds CplWldGrIA m	WS 50,454	45.99	+4.0	+9.8/B	+10.9/B	5.75	250
American Funds FnlWIA m	LB 47,027	56.97	+5.1	+15.8/A	+15.3/B	5.75	250
American Funds GrthAmA m	LG 74,611	45.68	+4.8	+12.4/A	+15.9/A	5.75	250
American Funds IncAmrA m	AL 73,289	21.99	+3.8	+12.6/A	+10.2/B	5.75	250
American Funds InvCoAmA m	LB 58,198	38.35	+3.2	+18.2/A	+15.1/B	5.75	250
American Funds NewPerspA m	WS 35,168	37.35	+3.2	+5.5/D	+12.0/A	5.75	250
American Funds WAMultInvA m	LV 52,450	43.46	+3.3	+16.2/D	+14.3/C	5.75	250
Dodge & Cox Income	CI 46,289	13.83	-0.4	+4.7/A	+3.8/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FB 54,169	40.16	+5.0	+11.7/A	+8.8/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox Stock	LV 61,149	194.59	+6.5	+25.0/A	+18.1/A	NL	2,500
Fidelity 500IdxPr	LB 59,301	80.26	+5.2	+15.4/B	+15.5/A	NL	10,000
Fidelity ContraF	LG 74,245	100.47	+3.4	+6.9/C	+14.2/B	NL	2,500
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# Prosecutors give timeline of accused church shooter actions

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CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Through a dozen witnesses on Tuesday, federal prosecutors reconstructed the activities of Dylann Roof in the months leading up to night he went to a black Charleston church and shot nine members to death during a Bible study session.

Using data from a Garmin GPS found in Roof's car when he was arrested, Joseph Hamski, the lead FBI agent on the case, testified that Roof left Columbia at 6:13 p.m. on the night of the shootings at Emanuel AME Church, arriving in downtown Charleston an hour and a half later.

At 8:16 p.m., church surveillance images show him walking into the church. By 9:06 p.m., he's seen walking out, a black gun in his hand.

Roof, who is white, faces 33 federal charges, including hate

crimes and obstruction of the practice of religion. Roof's attorneys have said repeatedly in both federal and state court that their 22-year-old client is willing to plead guilty if capital punishment is taken off the table, a request prosecutors have refused. Roof faces another death penalty trial next year in state court.

Prior to that night, Hamski testified, Roof made multiple trips to Charleston, stopping at plantations in the area and posing for photographs on a beach. Images of Roof's travels around the Charleston area were shown in court and previously appeared on his website, lastrhodesian.com, along with his racially inflammatory writings and photographs of Roof posing with a Confederate flag. An AT&T employee testified a call was made to the church from

Roof's home in February.

Justin Britt, a Richland County sheriff's deputy, also testified that Roof's mother collapsed when authorities came to her home the day after the shootings and started asking questions about her son. After recovering, Britt said Roof's mother led him to her son's bedroom, where she showed him a digital camera on which Britt said he saw pictures of Roof with a Confederate flag.

"She said, 'There's something that I think you need to see,'" Britt testified.

Another officer who helped search the home testified she recovered dozens of spent ammunition rounds, saying relatives told her Roof and others would practice shooting in a nearby wooded area. Kristen Polis also testified she photographed a white pillowcase cut

into a triangle because "to me, it represents what could be a Ku Klux Klan hood."

Prosecutors also played video of Roof practicing shooting his gun at various objects in his backyard and quickly reloading the weapon.

Witness testimony is expected to wrap up Wednesday, with the government calling a medical examiner to discuss details of the victims' injuries. Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson opened his case with Felicia Sanders, a survivor of the June 2015 shooting at Charleston's Emanuel AME Church. He has said he plans to close with testimony of another survivor, Polly Sheppard.

Defense attorney David Bruck, who has previously said he might not call any witnesses, said Tuesday he would likely call some after all.

## 3 Marines face charges in hazing investigation

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The Marine Corps general dealing with accusations of rampant abuse and hazing of recruits at its Parris Island training facility announced Tuesday that he has recommended charges and special courts-martial for three Marines and a preliminary hearing for a fourth.

It is the first public legal step the Marine Corps has taken since the service disclosed in September that it was considering possible punishments for up to 20 Marine leaders at Parris Island. The decisions came amid three investigations into allegations of widespread abuse of recruits by drill instructors.

The investigations became public after the March 18 death of 20-year-old recruit Raheel Siddiqui, of Taylor, Michigan. A Marine Corps spokesman said the charges announced Tuesday were not related to the Siddiqui case, but involved two other investigations of suspected abuse at Parris Island.

In a statement late Tuesday, Maj. Gen. James Lukeman said all the Marines are presumed innocent until proven guilty, and that the charges being referred were accusations only. Lukeman also said he has "taken the allegations of misconduct very seriously," and that he will work to ensure the safety of recruits and that the integrity of the Marine Corps training program remain "our priority."

Lukeman, the head of the Marine Corps Training and Education Command at Quantico, Virginia, also identified three Marines charged with multiple violations of military law, or the Uniform Code of Military Justice: —Staff Sgt. Matthew Bacchus was charged with violating a lawful order, maltreatment, and making a false official statement. —Staff Sgt. Jose Lucena-Martinez was charged with failure

to obey a lawful order and making a false official statement.

—Sgt. Riley Gress was charged with failure to obey a lawful general order, cruelty and maltreatment and making a false official statement.

The maximum punishment facing the three if convicted in the special courts-martial is 12 months confinement and a bad conduct discharge.

Lukeman said he has called for an Article 32 hearing involving an unnamed fourth Marine, who is accused of failure to obey a lawful order, cruelty and maltreatment, and making a false official statement.

An Article 32 hearing is similar to a civilian grand jury proceeding. It reviews the evidence and will help determine whether the unidentified Marine should face a court-martial.

Bacchus and Gress served in Afghanistan while Lucena-Martinez served in the Marine Corps recovery operation responding to the devastating Haiti earthquake of 2010. All four Marines hold positions at Parris Island, said a spokesman for Lukeman, Capt. Joshua Pena.

Pena said all would be appointed military defense attorneys. They could not be immediately reached for comment. No dates for any hearings have yet been determined, Pena added.

Siddiqui fell 40 feet to his death in a barracks stairwell, and the Marine Corps said its investigation found he had committed suicide after being slapped by a drill instructor. Siddiqui's family has said they do not believe he committed suicide.

Siddiqui's death sparked outrage on Capitol Hill and several members of Congress have pressed for Pentagon investigations into hazing in the military.



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**THIS UNDATED** photo made available by the NTSB shows the voyage data recorder from the freighter El Faro, aboard the USNS Apache in the Atlantic Ocean. The cargo ship sank in the Bahamas during Hurricane Joaquin in October 2015. Five hundred pages of transcripts released Tuesday provide a new glimpse at the final hours for the crew of 33, all of whom died.

## For doomed ship crew, concern turned into paralyzing panic

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Crew members aboard a doomed cargo ship expressed increasingly dire concern — occasionally tinged with gallows humor — as a hurricane gained strength, culminating in one crewman lamenting "I'm a goner" as they scrambled to abandon the listing ship, transcripts show.

The 500 pages of transcripts, which were released Tuesday, provide a new glimpse at the final hours for the crew of 33, all of whom died when El Faro sank in October 2015. Some of those on board questioned the captain's decision to sail closer to Hurricane Joaquin, which took an erratic path as it swirled in the Atlantic.

Audio recovered last summer from the ship's resting place 15,000 feet deep near the Bahamas recorded conversations on the ship's bridge, along with weather and positioning data.

"Nobody in their right mind would be drivin' into it," one crewmember said of the hurricane, the afternoon before the ship sank.

"We are. Yaaay," second mate Danielle Randolph responded with a sarcastic laugh.

Instead of rerouting or returning to Jacksonville, Florida, Capt. Michael Davidson decided to watch the storm closely through the night. He thought the storm would be worse on the journey back to Jacksonville from Puerto Rico and emailed officials at the company that owned the ship, Tote Maritime Inc., to ask if he could take what he thought would be a safer route on that return trip.

Davidson said he hadn't heard back. "It's 160 more miles. That's more fuel. You know?" he replied.

Eventually, a Tote official did respond "authorized." U.S. Coast Guard investigators have raised questions about whether Davidson was under time pressure and chose the more dangerous, direct route. Davidson's wife, Theresa, has said he was safety-conscious, getting in trouble with a different company when he refused to take out a ship that had steering problems.

In a statement to The Associated Press, Tote denied having any say in Davidson's voyage planning, saying it was up to him.

"Our crews are trained to deal with unfolding weather situations and are prepared to respond to emerging situations while at sea," the company said.

Back on the ship, Davidson left the bridge around 8 p.m. to get some rest, telling his crew to monitor the weather. As the night progressed, some crew questioned

why Davidson didn't take a safer, longer route to San Juan — the same route it took during Tropical Storm Erika a month earlier.

"Guess I'm just turnin' into a Chicken Little, but I have a feeling like something bad is gonna happen," third mate Jeremie Riehm said while on watch at about 10:40 p.m.

As the clock ticked past midnight, the crew steering the ship started discussing their survival suits and whether their emergency beacons were working.

The El Faro had dipped south a bit to try and skirt the storm, but "every time we come further south the storm keeps trying to follow us," Randolph said, telling a colleague with a laugh that "all the other ships high-tailed it away."

Then, a news alert came over the radio: Joaquin had grown into a major Category 3 storm.

"Oh my God," she said. Three minutes later, at 1:15 a.m., the ship rolled hard from a big wave.

At 2:47 a.m., the ship continued getting battered by large waves. The second mate called Davidson in his state room; it took him a few rings to pick up.

He appeared on the bridge at 4:09 a.m., according to the transcripts. He immediately set out to calm nerves.

"Well, this is every day in Alaska," he told chief mate Steven Shultz and another able seaman. About a half-hour later, Shultz said the engineer called because the ship was tilting and oil levels were problematic. A crew member said El Faro had never listed like that, but Davidson replied things would get better.

They didn't. At 5:43 a.m., one of the ship's cargo holds began flooding. Davidson sent Shultz to pump it out. He also tried turning the ship to get the wind to help stabilize things.

A half-hour later, the ship lost propulsion. Davidson called Tote to report the situation as water continued pouring into the hold.

At 7:24, Davidson says: "We're definitely not in good shape right now." Five minutes later, the high frequency ringing of the abandon ship alarm is heard. The captain, Randolph and another crew member discuss grabbing their life vests. But within moments, the captain says: "Bow is down."

Davidson tells everyone to get off the ship, but a seaman is paralyzed by fear and says to Davidson: "Help me. Help me."

"Don't panic," Davidson says. "Work your way up here."

"I'm a goner," the seaman says. "No you're not," Davidson replies.

Moments later, at 7:39 a.m., only yelling is heard before the recording stops.

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## FBI looks into claims VA lied about Denver hospital costs

DENVER (AP) — The Justice Department is considering whether to investigate allegations that Veterans Affairs Department executives lied to Congress to conceal massive cost overruns at a \$1.7 billion VA hospital under construction outside Denver.

The FBI's Washington field office is reviewing the allegations, the Justice Department said in a letter to Congress. The letter was dated Dec. 9 and made public Tuesday.

The FBI is part of the Justice Department.

Lawmakers accuse VA executives of lying when they testified before the House Veterans Affairs Committee in 2013 and 2014 about the cost of the hospital in suburban Aurora.

The current projected price tag is nearly triple the 2014 estimate.

The VA declined to comment on the lawmakers' allegations. In a written statement, the department said it has already acknowledged mistakes on the project and made changes to its construction practices.

A bipartisan group of 21 lawmakers on the Veterans Affairs Committee asked for an investigation in September.

The request came after the VA's internal watchdog office said Glenn Haggstrom, formerly the department's top official in charge of construction projects, knew the hospital cost was soaring but didn't tell Congress.

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**CLEVELAND MAYOR** Tom Rowland, left, signs the deed for property acquisition for Cleveland's new Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary School, as school board chair Dawn Robinson and Cleveland Director of Schools Dr. Russell Dyer look on. City Council approved a property swap with a proposed retail development farther north of the Georgetown Road school location. The deal provides more exclusivity and traffic stacking space for the entrance/exit to the new school, and will lessen the impact of driveway cuts along this section of State Highway 60. There is expected to be a traffic signal at the entrance to the retail development north of the school location.

## Fire

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ment prior to the fire. Atchley said the fire is suspicious in nature, but would not go so far as to say it might have been deliberately set.

The 911 Communications Center received a call around 7:40 a.m. to 563 Central Ave., where fire was reported in one of the six units in the one-story set of apartments. The fire was in a vacant apartment, the third-most

westward of those six residences.

Once the CFD arrived at the scene, which was said to include possible entrapment, firefighters were able to evacuate five families from the other units. There were no reported injuries from the fire, though heavy smoke did cause damage throughout the structure.

Atchley said that the fire did not spread to any of the other

apartments, and that the smoke was what led to the evacuation. He did say, however, that had the first not been reported in the timely fashion it was, that fire could have spread to other units.

Along with the Cleveland Fire Department, the Cleveland Police Department also responded to the scene. The apartments are located just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Gaut Street.

## WACKER

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company reach many milestones in Tennessee in the years to come," Haslam said.

Boyd said Wacker's presence in Bradley County "has had a significant impact on the state."

"The company's \$2.5 billion investment represents the largest single investment in Tennessee's history, and we're proud to see that Wacker's continued confidence in the state's highly-skilled workforce and dedication to innovation has resulted in expanding its Tennessee footprint," Boyd said. "On behalf of Team Tennessee, I'd like to thank Wacker for its new investment in Bradley County and for creating valuable jobs that will have a great impact on area residents."

Local reaction has been all positive to the news.

County Mayor D. Gary Davis called the announcement "a great Christmas present for Bradley County."

"This great news comes so quickly after the grand opening of the Wacker facility last spring. Wacker is already expanding its facilities and adding new jobs and tax base to our community," Davis said. "We have had a very positive relationship with Wacker going back to 2005 when company officials first started looking at Bradley County. We're very happy to see this new investment and look forward to a long and

**"The additional capacities strengthen our market position as a leading global producer of pyrogenic silica and help us to meet our customers' growing demand. The new plant is the next logical step toward expanding Charleston into a fully integrated silicon site in the world's second largest chemical market." — Wacker CEO Dr. Rudolf Staudigl**

prosperous future with Wacker."

Ross Tarver, chairman of the Cleveland/Bradley Industrial Development Board, called the announcement "great news for our community."

"Wacker told us years ago when we first started working with them that the \$2.5 billion investment in our community was just the beginning of a long-term growth plan," Tarver said. "It's very exciting to see Wacker increasing their investment and adding new jobs so soon after they just started production at the beginning of the year. I'm also proud of our community's support for Wacker."

TVA, which played a vital role in Wacker's decision to locate in Bradley County, also praised the company's decision to expand.

"TVA congratulates Wacker on its latest announcement to expand and create new quality jobs and investment in Cleveland, Tennessee," TVA Senior Vice President of

Economic Development John Bradley said. "It's always an exciting day when an existing company is committed to continuing growth in the Valley, and we are pleased to partner with Cleveland-Bradley Chamber of Commerce and Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development to celebrate this announcement."

Wacker says the new facility is a key addition to the Charleston site's supply chain. The main byproduct of polysilicon manufacturing is tetrachlorosilane, which either has to be converted and fed back into the production loop or can be used to create added value by being further processed into HDK.

The company said it achieves maximum flexibility in the reprocessing of tetrachlorosilane, avoiding the need to dispose of waste products and thereby enhancing the efficiency of the integrated production system as a whole.

## Brantley

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they should contact the District Attorney's Office or the Bradley County Sheriff's Office.

The case has been set for Dec. 20 for an attorney status hearing. Brantley told the judge that he does not yet have counsel, but his family is attempting to find an attorney to represent him. Brantley also asked for a bond reduction, which Freiberg denied.

"While we are always saddened when we deal with a circumstance like this, we are grateful for the opportunity to pursue justice in her case," Crump said. "We will seek that justice and perform to the best of our ability to see that this occurs."

The attorney general said that the charges placed and the apprehension of Brantley was a combined effort of several law enforcement agencies, and he praised the hard work of BCSO Detective Zech Pike, among others, for bringing the former Bradley County resident back to the county to face charges.

Brantley had been accused of the death of his wife, even though her body has yet to be found, and he was arrested in 2013. Marsha Brantley was last seen in June 2009, and he was indicted by the Bradley County grand jury in August 2013.

However, according to court reports, the District Attorney's Office, with the blessing of Marsha Brantley's family, decided to drop the case as more evidence that they felt would ensure a

**"It is our belief, and the grand jury found, that between the first day of May 2009, and the 31st of May 2009, that he committed the act that led to her death, and that that act was done in a premeditated and deliberate fashion." — DA Steve Crump**

guilty verdict was gathered.

Crump was unable to detail what the new evidence was that led to retrying the case, but said a decision was made that the timing was right to pursue a homicide conviction.

Crump did say that he does not expect his office to seek the death penalty on Brantley, but left all potential future adjudication options open.

He did say that he would not be able to discuss what might occur until Brantley retains an attorney.

"I believe I have satisfied my professional responsibilities and that the case that was presented to the grand jury will be persuasive, but again that is the jury's province, and I will leave it to them," he said.

Crump did say that while he wants to spare Marsha Brantley's family any heartache from not seeing their loved one for seven years, the family does understand

that the District Attorney's Office "has this one shot (at a conviction)."

Should Brantley not be convicted, double jeopardy would go into effect and he could not face a first-degree murder charge again.

He said that the creation of what is to be known as the Cold Case Task Force will not only be involved in this case, but in other unsolved homicides.

"This case today is the first to go through what we feel will be the protocol for what we are calling our Cold Case Task Force," Crump said.

He noted Tuesday that there are around 60 cold cases in the 10th Judicial District (Bradley, McMinn, Monroe and Polk counties) that are unsolved, going back to the 1950s.

Along with noting the work of lead investigator Pike, Crump also praised the work of Capt. Steve Lawson, who heads the BCSO Criminal Investigation Division, and Sheriff Eric Watson.

Watson said he was pleased to see the case being brought back to court, and thanked Marsha Brantley's family for its diligence in seeking justice in the case.

"I want to thank the family and friends of Marsha Brantley for their continued help and support over the past seven years," Watson said. "They will continue to be in my prayers and this department's prayers as this case is adjudicated through the judicial system."



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**GETTING TO SEE SANTA** were, from left, Flavio Martinez, Wilson Perez, Axel Martinez, Charlie Martinez and Manuel Perez-Ramirez, at the Blythe Community Christmas celebration.



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**UNIT DIRECTOR** of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Cleveland State Community College, Rebecca Pierce, pauses with Marcos Luciano.



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**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER** were dressed and headed to the activities at the Blythe Unit Community Christmas party for the Boys & Girls Clubs Christmas party.

## Blythe Community Christmas celebrates with plenty of kids

By LARRY C. BOWERS  
Banner Staff Writer

All ages, sizes and abilities braved the insistent drizzle to attend Tuesday evening's 10th annual Blythe Community Christmas celebration, held at the Blythe Community Family Resource Center.

The rain and dismal weather may have dropped the attendance a little, but Boys & Girls Clubs Director Melissa Scannapiego was still hoping for a capacity crowd as hundreds trickled into the center early Tuesday evening. She said the biggest attendance yet for the decade-long event was two years ago (2014) when more than 2,000 people turned out.

The community and family event was down a little last year with right at 2,000 attending, but Boys & Girls Clubs' staff members, partners, and volunteers were hoping this year would be the biggest ever.

Scannapiego said attendance has grown steadily over the 10 years of the event. She said there were just 400 to 500 the first year, while crowds now quadruple that number.

"Basically, this event is designed for the whole family, as well as being centered around the children," Scannapiego said. "We have food, entertainment, games, and a lot more."

The Blythe Unit is one of several organizations that make up the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region. It is

perhaps the largest and most active, along with the Tucker Unit downtown.

Scannapiego was quick to express her appreciation to all the businesses, churches, and other organizations which helped put on this year's community celebration.

One of the big sponsors this year was Buffalo Wild Wings Restaurant, which supplied 6,000 wings for the holiday revelers. The meal included sides, desserts, and beverages.

There were activities throughout the old Blythe School building, with some new offerings. This year there



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**"BUFFALO BILL"** Kaleb Armao with sister Karissa Armao, both with Buffalo Wild Wings, visited with the children at the Blythe Community Christmas celebration.



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**HEADED TO ACTIVITIES** at the Blythe Community Christmas celebration were, from left, Halia Crump and Mackenzie Lewis.



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**GETTING READY** to open the doors were Santa Claus Steve Hixson and Melissa Scannapiego, unit director for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Ocoee Region, at the annual Blythe Community Celebration.

# Trump keeps betting big on business leaders

WASHINGTON (AP) — In selecting Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson as his secretary of state, President-elect Donald Trump is making the same bet he asked voters to make on him: that a track record of business accomplishment will translate into success in government.

Indeed, Trump, the first billionaire businessman to win the White House, is broadly testing that proposition across his administration. He's tapped fast food executive Andy Puzder to lead the Labor Department, billionaire investor Wilbur Ross for Commerce, financier Steven Mnuchin as Treasury secretary and Goldman Sachs President Gary Cohn as his top economic adviser. And early Wednesday, the billionaire businessman confirmed that he'd settled on former Texas Gov. Rick Perry to be the next secretary of energy.

But he's taking perhaps his biggest chance on Tillerson, pulling an executive from the rough-and-tumble world of oil production into the delicate arena of international diplomacy. If confirmed by the Senate — and his deep ties to Russia make that no sure thing — Tillerson will be at the center of discussions over the Syrian civil war, the intractable pursuit of peace in the Middle East, and potential conflicts with China, given Trump's early questioning of longstanding U.S. policy toward Beijing.

To Trump, the deals Tillerson has struck around the world for Exxon, and the relationships he has built doing so, are ample preparation for the challenges he would face as the nation's top diplomat. While Tillerson's ties with Russian President Vladimir Putin are drawing scrutiny on Capitol Hill, Trump has had good things to say about Putin, too, and Tillerson's connection doesn't appear to have given him any pause.

"Rex knows how to manage a global enterprise, which is cru-



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Tillerson

cial to running a successful State Department, and his relationships with leaders all over the world are second to none," Trump said Tuesday.

He's been making a similar case about himself all year as he sought to persuade voters that a real estate mogul and political novice had the skills to serve as president. He spent little time trying to show voters that his skills extended beyond the boardroom. Instead, he argued that experience was plenty.

Of Perry, Trump praised his Energy Department choice in an early morning statement Wednesday from Trump Tower in New York.

"As the governor of Texas, Rick Perry created a business climate that produced millions of new jobs and lower energy prices in his state," he said, "and he will bring that same approach to our entire country as secretary of energy." Perry called it "a tremendous honor" to be chosen for Trump's evolving Cabinet.

As Trump set about putting his administration together, people close to him say he was quickly drawn to the idea of elite business leaders filling the

Cabinet, along with those who have had success in areas outside of politics. He's tapped three retired generals for top jobs: James Mattis to head the Pentagon, John Kelly for the Department of Homeland Security and Michael Flynn as his national security adviser.

While business leaders have served in Cabinet posts under both Republican and Democratic presidents, the scope of private sector influence in Trump's burgeoning team is a stark contrast to modern predecessors. Most of President Barack Obama's Cabinet secretaries had public sector backgrounds, though Interior Secretary Sally Jewell served as CEO of the retail company REI and Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert McDonald is the retired CEO of Procter & Gamble.

Some of Trump's picks have come from a more traditional mold. Among them will be former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, who has been asked by Trump to lead the Energy Department, according to people with knowledge of the decision. Trump has also selected a handful of congressional lawmakers for other top jobs.

## Tech leaders to make peace, or press their case, with Trump

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Silicon Valley leaders were among Donald Trump's most outspoken opponents during the presidential campaign. On Wednesday, though, many of them will come face-to-face with the president-elect for the first time since the election.

The tech industry had multiple concerns about Candidate Trump, among them fears that he would stifle innovation, curb the hiring of computer-savvy immigrants and infringe on consumers' digital privacy. Those worries may not have abated, but that's not stopping technology leaders from heading to Trump Tower in New York to make their peace — or press their case — with Trump and his advisers.

The CEOs planning to attend include Apple's Tim Cook, Alphabet's Larry Page, Microsoft's Satya Nadella, Amazon's Jeff Bezos, Intel's Brian Krzanich, IBM's Ginni Rometty, Oracle's Safra Catz and Cisco Systems' Chuck Robbins.

Facebook's chief operating officer, Sheryl Sandberg, will be on hand instead of its CEO, Mark Zuckerberg, who was one of many tech executives to express misgivings about Trump's pledge to deport millions of immigrants.

### TECH VS. TRUMP

It could be a prickly meeting. No other industry was more open in its contempt for Trump during the campaign. In an open letter published in July, more than 140 technology executives, entrepreneurs and venture capitalists skewered Trump as a "disaster for innovation."

And Trump's denigration of Mexicans, his pledge to deport millions of immigrants now living in the U.S. illegally, and his crude remarks about women were widely viewed as racist, authoritarian and sexist by an industry that prides itself on its tolerance.

Trump, in turn, sometimes lashed out at the industry and its leaders.

He lambasted Bezos for the campaign coverage of his newspaper, The Washington Post, and suggested that Amazon could face antitrust scrutiny if he was elected.

Trump also rebuked Cook for fighting a government order requiring Apple to unlock an encrypted iPhone used by a

shooter in last year's terrorist attack in San Bernardino, California.

And Trump's repeated screeds against immigrants raised fears that he might dismantle programs that have enabled tech companies to hire tens of thousands of foreign workers with the skills to write computer programs, design web pages and build mobile apps.

The industry is also worried that Trump might try to undermine "net neutrality," a regulation requiring internet service providers to offer equal access to all online services. Trump's harsh characterization of the media as dishonest and unfair has raised other fears that he might even try to restrict free speech online.

### OUT OF STRIFE, PEACE?

Some in Silicon Valley think the industry's best move would be to keep its distance until Trump changes his tone. Former Google executive Chris Sacca, now a tech investor, argues that industry leaders should steer clear of the meeting altogether.

Sitting down with the president-elect "would only make sense after Trump has given public assurances he won't encourage censorship, will stop exploiting fake news, will promote net neutrality, denounce hate crimes, and embrace science," Sacca said. "If and until then, tech figures who visit are being used to whitewash an authoritarian bully who threatens not just our industry, but our entire democracy."

Most of the companies with executives attending Wednesday's meeting declined to comment ahead of the gathering. But Oracle's Catz said in a statement that she plans to tell Trump "that we are with him and are here to help in any way we can. If he can reform the tax code, reduce regulation, and negotiate better trade deals, the U.S. technology community will be stronger and more competitive than ever."

Other tech institutions are also signaling an end to the animosity.

The Internet Association, a trade group whose members include Google, Facebook and Amazon, praised Trump in an open letter last month for his use of Twitter and other digital tools to help him get elected. The letter also appealed to Trump's emphasis on the economy, citing

statistics estimating that the internet sector accounted for nearly \$1 trillion of the country's gross domestic product.

Some conservatives say they're actually worried that Trump might get too friendly with tech. Peter Flaherty, the president of the National Legal and Policy Center, charges that big technology companies exploited their close relationship with President Obama "to feather their nests and push for policies that benefit them at the expense of the American worker."

Trump spokeswoman Hope Hicks said by email that the president-elect "looks forward to meeting with this important group of industry leaders and true innovators."

### COMMON GROUND: TAX CUTS

The technology industry already supports one of Trump's ideas. He has promised to temporarily reduce the corporate tax on foreign profits from the current 35 percent to 10 percent to give U.S. companies an incentive to bring their overseas cash back home.

It's a cut that Cook has been pushing Congress to make because Apple has \$216 billion, or 91 percent of its total cash, in overseas accounts. Other tech companies in line to benefit the most from a tax reduction include Microsoft, Cisco, Microsoft and Google's corporate parent, Alphabet.

But Trump might not be doing many other favors for technology companies given his history of holding grudges against his opponents, said Larry Irving, a former government affairs executive for Hewlett-Packard who now runs a consulting firm.

"Everything Trump has done so far suggests that he rewards loyalty and punishes disloyalty," Irving said. "The tech industry better have some pontoons ready."

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University of Texas in 1975 and never left. Groomed for an executive position, he has held posts in the company's central U.S., Yemen and Russia operations.

Early in the company's efforts to gain access to the Russian market, Tillerson cut a deal with state-owned Rosneft. The neglected post-Soviet company didn't have a tremendous amount to offer, but Exxon partnered with it "to be on the same side of the table," Tillerson said, according to "Private Empire," an investigative history of Exxon by Steve Coll.

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# City paving project, honoring history get Charleston's focus

By SARALYN NORKUS  
Banner Staff Writer

The Charleston City Commission met at the Hiwassee Heritage Center Tuesday evening, receiving an update on a local paving project and discussing a new idea to honor the area's history.

The paving project has moved along quickly, as all work is required to be done by February per stipulations in the loan agreement that the city obtained.

"The biggest improvement we've made is to our roads. We're just looking at cleaning things up and being one of the cleanest small towns — we just keep being progressive," said Charleston Mayor Walter Goode.

"We had been looking for something to give back to the community — that's what we're about, our community. We're small, and everybody does this because we love our community. We had the roads paved and all of that is basically done and going smooth."

A final section of the road will be completed soon and crews will be working to level out the road where a manhole has created a bit of a pothole issue.

Truck traffic continues to be an issue of concern for the Charleston commissioners, as they feel log trucks going to and from Resolute Forest Products not only can tear up the newly paved roads, but can also pose a

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— Mayor Walter Goode

safety threat near the park with their speed and braking.

"We're still concerned about the traffic on Wool street from the big trucks," Goode stated. "We don't want the roads torn up, but it's more about safety at this point. That road is right by a park where children are playing."

Goode added that lately they have seen more of an issue with the unloaded log trucks.

Commissioner Frankie McCartney brought up the idea of revisiting a truck ordinance, which Commissioner Donna McDermott and the mayor felt was a good idea for the future.

McDermott took a few moments to commend the city's recreation board for holding a successful fall festival, which was what the commissioner is hoping will be the first of many more to come.

It is estimated that some 325 people came out to enjoy the fall festival, which will be held the week before the Cleveland Block Party in the future.

"There was a learning curve for them with this being the first event, but they have a foundation. Now they just have to build on its success," the mayor declared.

The recreation board is also currently asking for \$25 donations from the city's churches to go toward Christmas donations.

New signage was brought up by the mayor, following the suggestion from an individual citizen. The citizen felt that the city should have a "Welcome to Charleston/Port Cass" sign in recognition of the area's history.

"I think it would be a plus for the whole town," Goode commented. "I told them that it would be something that we'd work on starting this year to see how the residents here take it. Most of the older residents here know that we were Fort Cass before we were Charleston."

Goode also mentioned that the heritage society had agreed to pay for half of the sign if the city and its residents went ahead with the idea.



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**THREE CHATTANOOGA AREA** LongHorn Steakhouse restaurants held pancake breakfasts to raise money for the United Way's Woodmore Fund. LongHorn Steakhouse Managing Partners presented a check for more than \$2,800 to the United Way at the Cleveland location on Thursday afternoon. From left are Brainerd managing partner Jon Castleberry, Cleveland managing partner Leeann Pulliam, United Way Vice President of strategy and engagement Patrick Long and Hixson managing partner Deann Burris.

## Cleveland restaurant initiative leads to contribution to Woodmore Fund

By SARALYN NORKUS  
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Area LongHorn Steakhouse restaurants presented the United Way with a check for more than \$2,800 Tuesday afternoon to go toward the Woodmore Fund.

"I think the big thing is that our team members really wanted to give back — this tragic event touched a lot of people's hearts," said Cleveland managing partner Leann Pulliam.

The Woodmore Fund was created in partnership with the United Way of Greater Chattanooga and the Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga to "provide support for the immediate family members of children on Bus 366."

"It's been really incredible to watch people come together and it's been a strong showing," said United Way of Greater Chattanooga Vice President of Strategy and Engagement Patrick Long.

"As of last week we're close to \$300,000 total that has been raised. We've still got two weeks left to raise money to give to these families."

The Brainerd, Cleveland and Hixson LongHorn restaurants raised a total of \$2,845 by hosting pancake breakfast events over the past few weeks. The Hixson location started things off with a breakfast on Thanksgiving weekend.

"My assistant manager, Whitney Summerlin, really wanted to do something because he has children who are in elementary school in (Hamilton County) and it really touched him. He started talking to team members and we put together a pancake breakfast that weekend. He really spearheaded the whole thing and I was really proud of his involvement," said Hixson LongHorn

managing partner Deann Burris.

The Cleveland and Brainerd stores followed the very next weekend.

While the managers admitted that their turnout wasn't huge for the quickly planned pancake breakfasts, they were grateful for the donations that still came in.

"Our turnout wasn't as big, as much as the opening of wallets was. We had a lot of people drop off money," Pulliam explained.

The United Way has ensured that 100 percent of the funds raised will go to the affected families.

"We have done a distribution from the fund in equal amounts for all 25 families that had a child on the bus, and will do a second distribution from the fund just for the families who had families who passed away or spent time in

the hospital as a result of their injuries," Long detailed.

On top of the Woodmore Fund, the United Way and the Community Foundation have worked to help with immediate needs.

"We have been working diligently to really help make sure that we get families' immediate needs met in the aftermath of this event, so we've been working with our partners in Chattanooga to do things like pay rent, keep the lights on and make sure there is food in their cabinets," Long added.

Donations for the Woodmore Fund will be accepted until the end of December. Those wishing to donate can do so online at [www.woodmorefund.org](http://www.woodmorefund.org) or via text by sending "Woodmore" to 91999.

## College Hill

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Pettit also said the goals in the gymnasium are indoor soccer goals, not goals which were used outdoors.

Councilman Dale Hughes had spoken up in support of the Hispanic soccer group earlier, saying he was impressed with the organization's upkeep of the College Hill facilities during outside soccer play. He voiced his approval, at that time, of the group's use of the gymnasium.

Pettit and City Manager Joe Fivas said they understood Johnson's concerns, agreeing improvements and upgrades are needed in the old gymnasium. They said they would look at the situation, and provide the councilman with an update.

In other news from Monday's Council sessions:

— Ann Cherry, president of the Friends of the Library Association, presented Council members with cards the association collected from library patrons.

The cards listed comments about the library, its operation, and the programs being offered.

"We received over 250 cards, although some of them were not signed," said Cherry. "Most of them had things listed they like about the library, and we did not receive one negative comment on what we offer."

Mayor Tom Rowland thanked the organization's president, saying "We appreciate all FOIA does."

— City Manager Joe Fivas provided the Council with three

*"The wall was damaged before we gave permission for indoor soccer play."*  
— Patti Pettit

prospective dates for a Strategic Planning meeting. "I think the earliest we can do it the better," he said. Fivas added that a later date could be more meaningful, since city staff will have results from the community survey.

He added that approximately 250 surveys have been received, and staff members are pleased. They are seeking a minimum of 500 surveys.

Fivas said the in-house survey will be a savings for the city. "It would probably cost \$25,000 if we had a private firm do the survey," he said, adding that it will only cost the city around \$1,000.

Fivas and Mayor Rowland have talked with the Housing Authority, and it's members are willing to assist with the downtown revitalization project. "We're putting the pieces together," said Rowland.

With some discussion, councilmen decided to conduct the planning meeting at 8 a.m. Monday, Feb. 13.

— In some other updates, Fivas said staff is working on some tentative changes to the city's fire code, an outfitting company has expressed an interest in purchasing a build-

ing downtown, and staffers are working on a presentation to the City Council (hopefully for January) on improvements for Paul Huff Parkway.

The mayor asked staff if there was anything new on the completion date for the new Wendy's restaurant on Paul Huff. Johnathan Jobe said the original date was the end of the year, but delays will probably push it into next year.

— Fivas and staff also announced city office closures for the remainder of the holiday season.

City offices will be closed for Christmas on Friday, Dec. 23, Monday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday, Dec. 27. They will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 2, the official New Year's holiday because Jan 1 falls on a Sunday.

— Council members approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Rowland to sign a grant contract with the Tennessee Department of Transportation for MPO Planning funds for fiscal year 2017. The grant is for \$30,373.

— The city manager said Cleveland businessman and property owner Joe V. Williams has provided the city with an action plan for improvements and repair to property on Church Street. The Council had directed Williams to provide the plans.

There were also reports and concerns from Council members:

— Tom Cassada said the Bradley County Commission is determining a date and time for a joint meeting.

— Councilman Richard Banks provided an update on a recent Taylor Spring Park Committee meeting, and the scheduling of another meeting on Wednesday.

The committee is planning a campaign to raise funds for the park project, which will be located on property described as the birthplace of the City of Cleveland. Early settlers located around the spring.

— Vice Mayor Johnson asked about the status of plans for the widening of Atkinson Drive, just off Paul Huff Parkway. Jobe said the road needs drainage and shoulders. "It's a year out, at least," he said.

— David May Jr. was concerned about the condition of property at 145 Ramsey St. He was told by staff there are no specific violations at this time, while May said he would like to the property "tidied up."

— Dale Hughes asked about a bridge that has been damaged along Keith Street, near the Greenway. Jobe said TDOT is aware of the damage, and is in the process of making plans to repair the bridge.

— Almost every member of the Council praised the city staff for accomplishments during this calendar year, as well as extending season's greetings and best wishes. "We appreciate all you do," said Banks.

## Shooting

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partment in Apartment 93 shot Johnson and the male juvenile."

The occupant of the apartment who shot the two has not been identified.

Cleveland Police are asking anyone with any information regarding the home invasion or the identity of the third suspect to contact Detective Cody Hinson at 423-790-7994, or leave a con-

fidential tip to police through the department's Facebook messenger box.

The apartment complex is the site where two women were stabbed to death and another person injured in an incident in April. One person was charged in that case.

Investigation into the most recent incident is continuing.

## Basket

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\$1,000; The McReynolds Family Foundation, \$300; in honor of Beecher Hunter by First Baptist Sunday School class, \$100; Floyd and Rita Davidson, \$100; Bob and Susan Card, \$250; MainStreet Cruisers, \$900; anonymous, \$100; Gary and Gail Williams, \$100; D.L. Cox DBA Stacey's Lawn Care, \$100; and James F. Logan Jr., \$500.

The needy families will be receiving boxes filled with food staples to help provide several meals during the holiday season.

The boxes will be distributed on Saturday, between 8 and 10

a.m., at the Tri-State Warehouse.

The Basket Fund is a volunteer-oriented effort and a 501(c)(3) charity. Donations are tax deductible.

Donations to the William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund may be mailed to First Tennessee Bank, P.O. Box 3566, Cleveland TN 37320-3566, Attn. William Hall Rodgers Basket Fund. Or, they may be dropped off in person at First Tennessee Bank at 3870 Keith St.

Cooke's Food Store is also accepting for the Basket Fund.



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## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### Man robs bank with note written on rehab discharge papers

MALVERN, Pa. (AP) — Police say a Philadelphia man signed himself out of a Chester County drug and alcohol rehab center, took a cab to a nearby bank and robbed it using a note scribbled on his discharge papers.

Twenty-five-year-old Jamal Goodwin was arrested Tuesday and charged with robbery, theft and other offenses stemming from Monday's holdup at Malvern Federal Savings Bank.

Police say Goodwin took just over \$5,000 in cash before fleeing in a Main Line Taxi cab.

Unfortunately for Goodwin, police say he left behind a gym bag containing \$2,700 worth of the stolen money in the cab along with his wallet and driver's license. Also in the car were two sweatshirts that a bank teller said belonged to the robber.

It's unclear if Goodwin has an attorney who could comment.

### Man gunned down in Philadelphia, 28 shell casings at scene

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia police say a man is dead after more than two dozen shots were fired at the victim at close range.

Officers found 28 shell casings after gunfire erupted early Wednesday in the city's Frankford section.

Police say the man was shot in the face, torso and legs. His name has not been released.

Officers are searching for a suspect seen running from the scene.

### Officials: State trooper pulled over women to ask them out

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey state trooper has been criminally charged and suspended without pay after investigators learned he was pulling over women to ask them out on dates.

Thirty-seven-year-old Marquice Prather was arrested last Friday on charges that he falsified and tampered with public records to cover up his behavior.

State police began looking into the three-year veteran after several women complained about his conduct.

Investigators found that Prather showed a pattern of stopping women between the ages of 20 and 35 to ask them for their phone numbers.

Prather would allegedly turn off his wireless microphone during the encounters and falsely report it had malfunctioned. He's also accused of manipulating data to conceal that he was targeting women drivers.

Prather's attorney says he'll plead not guilty.

### Official: 4 dead in Alabama after vehicle goes off dock

CENTRE, Ala. (AP) — An official says four people are dead after a vehicle drove off a boat landing in northeastern Alabama.

Cherokee County coroner Dr. Jeremy Deaton tells WBRC-TV that crews are searching for a fifth person.

The station says two people survived and were taken to the hospital.

Alabama State troopers and the county's rescue squad are on the scene looking for the missing person.

The accident took place just before 7 p.m. Tuesday.

### Computer glitch stymies

#### Pittsburgh-area light rail service

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Tens of thousands of commuters who use light-rail trains to travel to and from Pittsburgh are out of luck.

The Port Authority of Allegheny County says an unspecified computer glitch is causing significant delays and preventing the trains from traveling into downtown Pittsburgh or the city's North Shore on Wednesday morning.

Transit spokesman Jim Ritchie says the problem is based in the rail operating center in the city's South Hills suburbs.

Ritchie says the glitch made it unsafe to operate the trains until the computer issue is fixed. But crews have figured out a way for some trains to begin operating again.

But Ritchie says those trains will remain off-schedule through the morning rush hour.

### Man accused in Somali bomb plot case seeks mental evaluation

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — One of three Kansas men accused of plotting to bomb an apartment complex where Somali immigrants live is asking for a court-ordered mental health evaluation.

KWCH-TV reports that Patrick Stein's attorneys made the request in a filing Friday in feder-

al court in Wichita, believing the evaluation is needed as part of 47-year-old Stein's defense.

Prosecutors say Stein, 51-year-old Gavin Wright and 49-year-old Curtis Allen were part of a militia group called The Crusaders.

They're accused of conspiring to detonate truck bombs at an apartment complex where 120 Somali immigrants live in Garden City. One of the units was used as a mosque.

All three men have pleaded not guilty and are scheduled to go on trial next April.

### Cuisinart recalls 8M food processors for broken blades

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — Cuisinart is voluntarily recalling about 8 million food processors after dozens of consumers reported finding pieces of broken blades in their food.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission says there have been 30 reports of mouth lacerations or tooth injuries from the broken blades. Cuisinart's Stamford, Connecticut-based parent company, Conair, announced the recall with the CPSC Tuesday.

The recalled processors were sold in the United States and Canada from July 1996 to Dec. 2015. Only processors with four rivets in the blades are included in the recall.

Affected consumers can receive a new blade for free from Cuisinart.

### Police: Officer shoots, kills gunman near Baltimore campus

BALTIMORE (AP) — Authorities say a police officer at Coppin State University in Baltimore shot and killed a man who had just fired at a moving car near the campus.

Baltimore police spokesman T.J. Smith says the suspected shooter was pronounced dead on the scene Tuesday evening.

Smith says that around 6:20 p.m., two cars approached from a nearby mall on a street near the campus. A uniformed campus officer was driving an unmarked car on the same street.

The police spokesman says one of the cars stopped and the officer's vehicle stopped behind it. A man got out of the passenger side of the car and began shooting at the second car approaching from the mall.

Smith says the university officer then got out of his vehicle and shot the gunman and the two cars sped away.

### Police kill unarmed man, 73, who they thought had gun

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An unarmed 73-year-old man refused to take his hand out of his pocket and stop walking toward officers who believed he had a gun when they fatally shot him, the incoming police chief of Bakersfield, California, said.

Two different people who encountered Francisco Serna in the hours leading up to the shooting had believed he had a gun, and police were answering a 911 call of a man with a revolver, incoming Chief Lyle Martin said at a news conference Tuesday.

Officer Reagan Selman, who had been on the force about 16 months, fired seven shots at Serna as he walked toward them in a neighbor's driveway early Monday, said Martin, an assistant chief whose tenure as chief had been slated to begin Wednesday.

The shooting came about 20 to 30 seconds after a woman who had encountered Serna pointed him out to police as he walked out of his house across the street and walked toward them, Martin said. Serna refused to remove his hand from his jacket pocket and to stop walking toward the officers despite many commands, Martin said.

Serna's family said he has dementia.

### Newtown to mark 4th anniversary of Sandy Hook massacre

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Newtown is planning to mark the fourth anniversary of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting with a moment of silence.

It was Dec. 14, 2012, when a troubled 20-year-old gunman shot his way into the Connecticut schoolhouse and killed 20 children and six educators. Adam Lanza fatally shot his mother before driving to the school, and then killed himself after the rampage.

The town typically does not hold an official memorial event on the anniversary of the tragedy, but prayer services are planned for Wednesday and a counseling center will be open for extended hours.

First Selectman Pat Llodra has asked town employees to refrain from doing any work, including

answering phones, between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. to mark the time when the shootings took place.

### Cosby shows wit, mental agility at court hearing

NORRISTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Bill Cosby's lawyers say the 79-year-old actor has vision and memory problems that leave him unable to help defend himself in his upcoming sexual assault trial.

But the actor seemed mentally fit on Tuesday in a suburban Philadelphia courtroom as he shouted out answers to questions meant for the prosecutor.

Prosecutors were trying to recall where one alleged assault took place, when Cosby helpfully announced that the hotel was in Chicago.

At another point, Cosby told the judge, who was trying to figure out his age, that he was born in 1937. On July 12th.

The judge at this week's pretrial hearing must decide if other accusers can testify that they were drugged and molested in the same way as trial accuser Andrea Constand.

The hearing resumes Wednesday.

### Judge blocks publishing in case of boy with drugs in school

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — A New Jersey reporter says he declined a request from state officials to sign an agreement before allowing him to publish limited details from a child welfare complaint.

A hearing in the case scheduled for Wednesday has been postponed. That leaves in place an order that bars the newspaper from publishing details from the complaint, which concerns a 5-year-old boy who police say was found with drugs in school twice in a month.

Government lawyers sought the injunction against the newspaper, saying child welfare complaints must be kept confidential under state law.

The Trentonian newspaper and open government advocates say that a judge's order is a clear violation of the First Amendment.

### Police: Man denies role in hate crime near California mosque

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — Police in a Southern California suburb are still seeking a man suspected of a hate crime for stabbing a worshipper near a mosque, authorities said, while his alleged accomplice has denied his role in the attack.

John Matteson, 29, was involved in the crime, but he was not the one who wielded the knife and stabbed a worshipper from the mosque in Simi Valley, police and prosecutors said.

Matteson on Tuesday pleaded not guilty to the charges, including disturbing the peace by fighting and violating civil rights. Hate-crime enhancements added to the charges make them felonies.

The two men approached a group of people who had just left the mosque late Saturday night and yelled slurs at them, police spokesman Sgt. Travis Coffey said.

That escalated to a physical fight when the suspect stabbed the man, whose injuries were not life-threatening, Coffey said.

It does not appear that the men had planned the attack or staked out the mosque, but they had merely run across the group of Muslims, police said.

### Judge orders Colorado electors to vote for Hillary Clinton

DENVER (AP) — Colorado's nine electors must vote for Hillary Clinton because she won the state's popular vote, a judge ruled Tuesday, effectively stopping the state's electors from joining a longshot effort to unite with Republicans behind a compromise presidential candidate other than Donald Trump.

Denver Judge Elizabeth Starrs also ruled that any electors who fail to do so can immediately be replaced when the Electoral College convenes Dec. 19. She responded to a request from Colorado's secretary of state, who was seeking a way to prevent electors from diverging from the winner of the state's popular vote.

Electors Polly Baca and Robert Nemanich had sued to overturn a state law requiring them to vote for Clinton, but a federal judge refused to do so Monday.

There are similar lawsuits in California and Washington state seeking to overturn laws binding electors. A total of 28 other states have laws binding their electors to the winner of the popular vote.

At least one other Colorado elector has said he will vote for someone other than Clinton in a bid to woo Republican electors to a different GOP candidate, such as Mitt Romney.



**THIS UNDATED** photo provided by Sofia Menconero in December 2016 shows preliminary digging and cleaning operations at the Laetoli site in northern Tanzania, where 14 footprints from a human ancestor, believed to be Australopithecus afarensis, were found. Findings were described in a report released Wednesday by the journal eLife.

## Ancient human ancestor was one tall dude, his footprints say

NEW YORK (AP) — He stood a majestic 5-foot-5, weighed around 100 pounds and maybe had a harem. That's what scientists figure from the footprints he left behind some 3.7 million years ago.

He's evidently the tallest known member of the prehuman species best known for the fossil skeleton nicknamed "Lucy," reaching a stature no other member of our family tree matched for another 1.5 million years, the researchers say.

The 13 footprints are impressions left in volcanic ash that later hardened into rock, excavated last year in northern Tanzania in Africa. Their comparatively large size, averaging a bit over 10 inches long (26 centimeters), suggest they were made by a male member of the species known as Australopithecus afarensis.

The prints were found at a site called Laetoli, which is famous for another set of smaller footprints left by other A. afarensis individuals. Those

made headlines in the 1970s as the earliest clear evidence of upright walking by our ancestors. The newly discovered prints are only about 160 yards (150 meters) away.

Researchers named the new creature S1, for the first discovery made at the "S" site. From the footprints, they calculated that he stood about 5-foot-5 (roughly 165 centimeters) and weighed around 100 pounds (about 45 kilograms).

They figured that he loomed at least 8 inches (more than 20 centimeters) above the individuals who made the other tracks, and stood maybe 3 inches (7 centimeters) taller than a large A. afarensis specimen previously found in Ethiopia. "Lucy," also from Ethiopia, was much shorter at about 3 1/2 feet (107 centimeters).

The findings are described in a report released Wednesday by the journal eLife. Authors include Giorgio Manzi of Sapienza University in Rome, Marco Cherin of the University

of Perugia in Italy, and others.

Nobody knows the ages or sexes of any of the track-makers, although the size of the latest footprints suggest they were made by a male. It's quite possible that the new discovery means A. afarensis males were a lot bigger than females, with more of a difference than what is seen in modern humans, the researchers say. That's not a new idea, but it's still under debate.

The large male-female disparity suggests A. afarensis may have had a gorilla-like social arrangement of one dominant male with a group of females and their offspring, the researchers said.

But not everybody agrees with their analysis of S1's height.

Their estimate is suspect, says anthropologist William Jungers, a research associate at the Association Vahatra in Madagascar who wrote a commentary on the study. That's because scientists haven't recovered enough of an A. afarensis foot to reliably calculate height from footprints, he said in an email.

Philip Reno, an assistant anthropology professor at Penn State who didn't participate in the new work, said he believed the height estimate was in the right ballpark. But he's not convinced that S1 was really taller than the large Ethiopian A. afarensis.

So rather than setting a record, "I think it confirms about the size we thought the big specimens were," Reno said.

Manzi and Cherin said they can't be sure S1 was taller than the Ethiopian specimen. "We only suggest," they wrote in an email.

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# NASA troubleshooting drill problem on Mars Curiosity rover's arm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Engineers are troubleshooting a snag on NASA's Curiosity that's preventing the rover from moving its robotic arm and driving to another spot on Mars, the space agency said Tuesday.

The problem involves a motor in the rover's drill that is used to bore into rocks. Curiosity has been taking pictures and tracking the weather, but doing little else for the past two weeks.

"We're keeping busy with using the other instruments on the rover while they do these tests," said Ashwin Vasavada, project scientist at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which manages the mission.

The team gave a health update on Curiosity while discussing research findings at the American Geophysical Union meeting in San Francisco.

Since landing in Mar's Gale Crater in 2012, Curiosity has uncovered geologic evidence of an ancient environment that could have supported primitive life early in the red planet's history.

It clocked nine miles (15 kilo-

meters) since landing, arriving two years ago at its main target — a Martian mountain dubbed Mount Sharp — where it plans to climb to higher and younger rock formations.

Before the snag, the six-wheel rover found more evidence of a watery history on the slopes of Mount Sharp including the presence of certain chemicals that suggests a warmer and wetter past unlike the current frigid, harsh environment.

As NASA diagnosed Curiosity, the long-lived Opportunity rover has been surveying the rim of a huge crater near the Martian equator. Opportunity landed on Mars in 2004 and has outlasted its twin, Spirit, which lost contact after seven years of exploration.

Mars was supposed to get another visitor this year, but a European Space Agency spacecraft crashed while trying to land in October. The mission was not all lost: A companion spacecraft successfully slipped into orbit around Mars, joining five others currently circling overhead.



IN THIS JUNE 17 FILE-POOL photo, a fisherman drives a boat during Secretary of State John Kerry's tour of the Jakobshavn Glacier and the Ilulissat Icefjord, located near the Arctic Circle in Ilulissat, Greenland. A new federal report says warming at the top of the world went into overdrive, happening twice as fast as the rest of the globe, and extending unnatural heating into fall and winter. In its annual Arctic Report Card, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Tuesday tallied record after record of high temperatures, low sea ice, shrinking ice sheets and glaciers.

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# Arctic's year of crazy extremes as warming moves to overdrive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Warming at the top of the world has gone into overdrive, happening twice as fast as the rest of the globe, and extending unnatural heating into fall and winter, according to a new federal report.

In its annual Arctic Report Card, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Tuesday tallied record after record of high temperatures, low sea ice, shrinking ice sheets and glaciers. Study lead author Jeremy Mathis, NOAA's Arctic research chief, said it shows long-term Arctic warming trends deepening and becoming more obvious, with a disturbing creep into seasons beyond summer, when the Arctic usually rebuilds snow and ice.

Scientists have long said man-made climate change would hit the Arctic fastest. Mathis and others said the data is showing that is what's now happening.

"Personally, I would have to say that this last year has been the most extreme year for the Arctic that I have ever seen," said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center in Boulder, Colorado, who wasn't part of the 106-page report. "It's crazy."

NOAA's peer-reviewed report said air temperatures over the Arctic from October 2015 to September 2016 were "by far the highest in the observational record beginning in 1900." The average Arctic air temperature at that time was 3.6 degrees (2 degrees Celsius) warmer than the 1981-2010 average. It's 6.3 degrees (3.5 degrees Celsius) warmer than 1900.

Other extremes the report detailed: —Ocean temperatures were 9 degrees (5 degrees Celsius) higher than the 30-year average off

## New war rules emphasize avoiding civilian casualties

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has revised its rules of war to put more emphasis on the need to reduce civilian casualties and avoid "excessive harm" to people and property when planning and conducting attacks.

The changes to the Law of War manual include a new section that lays out the need for commanders to weigh any potential military advantage gained by an attack against the potential for collateral civilian injuries or deaths. And it says the military should take "feasible precautions" when planning and conducting attacks.

Precautions laid out in the manual reflect what commanders have been doing on the battlefield, including in Iraq and Syria, amid increased scrutiny of civilian casualties in the fight. But the changes formalize the current policies, updating the document that was released in June 2015.

The updated manual was released Tuesday. Protecting civilians in armed conflict is critical, and it's important that our legal guidance is clear and practical," said Defense Department General Counsel Jennifer O'Connor. "This version of the manual provides greater clarity and also reflects important developments, such as the president's recent executive order on civilian casualties."

The new version provides more details on the need to identify areas where military targets are more likely to be located.

the coasts of Greenland.

—Arctic sea ice didn't set a record for the annual minimum, but in October and November when sea ice normally starts growing back, it didn't. Sea ice from mid-October through November was the lowest on record. Dartmouth University professor Donald Perovich, author of the chapter on sea ice, said sea ice conditions have sunk from a B-plus grade 11 years ago to a D-minus grade "and that's because I'm an easy grader."

—Snow cover in North America reached a record low for spring, falling below 1.5 million square miles in May for the first time since satellite observations began in 1967.

—Though not a record, Greenland's ice sheet continued to shrink, starting early, on April 10. It was the second earliest start of the Greenland melt season on record.

What's happening is due to both man-made warming and a large El Nino that just ended,

Mathis said.

"Not only is it extreme in any number of measures — air temperature, loss of sea ice and on and on — but there are so many things we haven't seen, particularly this extremely warm fall," said study co-author Brendan Kelly, executive director of the Study of Environmental Arctic Change at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

In 1979, Kelly cruised the Bering Straits region with a native hunter who told him dozens of Yupik words for sea ice. One was tagneghneq, for a charcoal grey thick multi-year ice. That ice is pretty much gone, Kelly said.

This is more than an Arctic problem, because the cold air escaping changes weather conditions, such as weakening the jet stream, Mathis said.

"What happens in the Arctic doesn't stay in the Arctic," Mathis said. "The Lower 48 may have to deal with more extreme weather events in the future."

# Arctic air to spread over northeast U.S.; Midwest cold

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Arctic cold is expected to spread across the northeastern United States while the Midwest remains frigid through the work week, forecasters said.

Much of the northern Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states will stay cold for the next couple of days as the arctic air remains stuck over the northern Appalachians, the National Weather Service said.

The northern Plains and Upper Midwest will remain stuck in the deep freeze. Highs Wednesday will range from 20 to 30 degrees below average. Temperatures will remain well below zero in Minnesota and Wisconsin on Wednesday night.

The system also is expected to bring widespread snow from the Great Lakes to the Northeast on Thursday. Much of the central U.S. will be dry but cool.

Below-normal temperatures are expected this weekend and into Monday across the entire northern half of the country, from the Pacific Northwest to Maine and as far south as Oklahoma, Arkansas and Virginia, according to the Climate Prediction Center.

Up to half a foot of snow also could fall from the Upper Mississippi Valley to the Northeast on Friday and Saturday, and areas east of the Appalachian Mountains could see freezing rain and sleet on Saturday.

Another arctic air mass on the heels of this cold front is expected to bring temperatures to the northern Plains over the weekend and into early next week that will be as much as 24 degrees below normal, according to Climate Prediction Center forecaster Stephen Baxter.

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THIS DEC. 2 image taken by NASA's Curiosity rover shows rocky ground on the lower flank of Mount Sharp, a mountain on Mars. Curiosity landed on the red planet in 2012 and uncovered geologic evidence of an ancient environment that could have supported primitive life early in the red planet's history.

# Chief: Fire Dept. unaware of Oakland warehouse concerns

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Complaints mounted about the cluttered warehouse converted into an illegal artists' colony before a deadly blaze ripped through earlier this month, but few — if any — made it to the Oakland Fire Department.

Oakland Fire Chief Teresa Deloach Reed said Tuesday there are no city records showing her department receiving concerns about the building, which former residents, neighbors and others say was the subject of numerous calls to 911.

"We do not inspect buildings, we inspect businesses," Reed said during a press conference. "There were no indications this was an active business."

City administrator Sabrina Landreth, who also is in temporary charge of the Oakland Police Department, said officials are compiling and reviewing police records to determine how many times officers responded to complaints about the warehouse.

The deadliest structure fire in the U.S. in more than a decade broke out during a Dec. 2 late-night dance party in the cluttered warehouse. It killed 36 people. The building had been converted to art studios and illegal living spaces, and former denizens said it was a death trap of piled wood, furniture, snaking electrical cords and only two exits.

Investigators said that they still haven't determined what started the fire, though they say it didn't appear to be intentionally set. Instead, investigators have been focusing on electrical appliances plugged into the rear of the building where the fire started.

The electrical system is still part of the analysis of what sparked the fire, said Jill Snyder, the special agent in charge with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The ATF has finished collecting evidence, Snyder said. The

Oakland Fire Department will prepare a final report for handover to prosecutors.

Prosecutors have warned murder charges are possible as they determine whether crimes are linked to the blaze. Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said Tuesday the criminal investigation will be "thorough, methodical and calculated."

City and state officials fielded complaints for years about dangerous conditions, drugs, neglected children, trash, thefts and squabbles at the warehouse, raising questions about why it wasn't shut down.

There are no records that inspectors from the fire and building departments ever set foot in the warehouse.

The fire chief said the warehouse wasn't on the department's list of businesses to inspect because no one ever applied for permits to occupy the building.

Derick Ion Almerna, the sometime photographer who rented the warehouse and sublet it to artists, has not responded to emails or calls by The AP to phone numbers associated with him. In a brief interview with NBC's "Today" show, Almerna said he didn't attend the Dec. 2 party and that he is sorry. Almerna said he lived at the warehouse with his wife and three young children, though they were staying at a hotel the night the fire broke out.

The warehouse's owner, Chor Ng, has not responded to emails and calls made by The AP to phone numbers associated with her. The landlord's daughter, Eva Ng, told The Los Angeles Times that the Ng family didn't know people were living in the warehouse in violation of city zoning laws.

The blaze was the nation's most lethal structure fire since 100 people perished in a Rhode Island bar in 2003.

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## Bradley sweeps 'Stangs for key district wins

By JOE CANNON

Banner Assistant Sports Editor

Both Bradley Central hoops squads trailed just once in picking up a pair of key District 5-AAA victories over cross-county rival Walker Valley Tuesday evening at Jim Smiddy Arena.

The Lady Mustangs scored the opening basket of the girls contest but the top-ranked Bearettes ripped the cords for next 17 on their way to a 77-39 blowout in a battle for first place in the 5-AAA

race.

Meanwhile, the Bears, behind a career-high performance from senior John Brown, trailed for less than a minute as the Mustangs edged up 8-7 late in the opening period before the hosts took the lead back and controlled the rest of the 50-43 outcome.

Bradley will now turn its sites toward the mountaintop with a trip to Cumberland County on tap Friday, featuring a matchup of state-ranked girls' teams.

"We beat them (Cumberland County) by 25 here just before Thanksgiving, but it will be a different story up there," remarked Bearette head coach Jason Reuter. "They have won six straight since we beat them and that is a very tough place to play. Plus we've played nine of our 10 games here at Smiddy Arena. This will be a good road test for us."

Walker Valley won't return to the hardwood until next week with a three-day event south of the state line, at North Murray County High School in Georgia.

Neither boys team came out of the gate strong Tuesday evening as the Bears held a slim 9-8 advantage at the first horn.

After the Black-and-Gold scored the first four points of the second frame, the teams traded baskets the remainder of the opening half with back-to-back 3-pointers by senior Ty Beavers and Brown pushing the Bradley (5-4, 2-1 District 5-AAA) lead to 22-17 at the intermission.

"We weren't patient and didn't penetrate enough early on," proclaimed Mustang coach Bob Williams. "We settled for shooting far too many 3s and we weren't hitting them."

The third period was a repeat of the first half with Bradley pushing its advantage to double digits (35-24) as the visitors added just seven points in the eight-minute span.

Walker Valley (5-6, 2-2) finally got its offense going in the final frame, using a 16-9 run to close the gap to just four points before

Bradley sealed the victory from the free-throw line, sinking 6-of-10 down the stretch.

"We knew they'd make a run sooner or later, and late free throws have hurt us this year, but we were able to hit them tonight and close out the game," related Bear coach Chuck Clark. "I'm proud of my guys. They played well tonight."

"We had dropped two (games) in a row and we needed this win."

We had a special devotion Monday with our team chaplain. Mikey (Clark) got the guys' attention and they took it to heart."

"We only had four turnovers in the first half and just six in the game. We gave up too many offensive rebounds in the first half, so we challenged them at halftime to cut that down and we did," commented Clark.

The teams split the backboard battle at 30 caroms apiece, with the visitors clearing 14 off the offensive glass and the Bears 13 on the night. Walker Valley had just 11 turnovers in the contest.

Holding the Herd to its lowest point total in 44 games, Bradley copped a half dozen steals, to just two for the Mustangs.

Neither team could brag about their shooting percentage as the Bears hit just 29 percent (5-of-17) from beyond the arc and 42 percent (11-for-26) in front of it, while WV made only 23 percent (6-of-26) from downtown and 44 percent (8-of-18) from close range.

"We never could get into a good rhythm," assessed Coach Williams. "They almost doubled us on free throws (20 to 12), which shows we weren't being



Banner photo, JOE CANNON  
**BRADLEY CENTRAL** senior John Brown, with ball, goes up behind Walker Valley defenders Zeke Westfield (2) and Koltan Gibson for some "hoop and harm" in Tuesday evening's District 5-AAA battle at Jim Smiddy Arena. Closing in on the action is Bear senior Trevor Cartwright (4). Brown scored a career-high 21 points as the Bears claimed a 50-43 victory.

aggressive enough.

"We played good defense and did a good job of holding Cole (Copeland) down, but John Brown seems to always play great against us, and he did again tonight," the Herd coach

added.

Brown put up a career-high 21 points, going 4-for-5 in front of the 19-foot line and 2-of-3 beyond it, plus sank all but one

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Banner photo, JOE CANNON

**BRADLEY CENTRAL** senior Kailey McRee (with ball) gets off a shot over Walker Valley's Haley Jones for two of her 10 points in Tuesday evening's 77-39 Bearette victory in District 5-AAA play at Jim Smiddy Arena. Closing in on the play are Lady Mustangs Abbey Davis (2) and Kaley Walker (3).

## Mustangs finish up pre-Christmas wrestling schedule with win over Red Bank Lions

By RICHARD ROBERTS

Banner Sports Editor

The Walker Valley Mustangs wrapped up the pre-Christmas portion of their wrestling sched-

ule with what amounted to a light workout against Red Bank Tuesday night inside "The Stable."

The Lions (11-5) gave up 36 forfeit points to the Mustangs

(13-5) who racked up another 24 with pins totaling less than four minutes of mat time in the 60-12 win.

"We needed that after the Cleveland Duals. We realized we have a lot of work to do. This is our last competition before the break. We did it last year and we think it helped our team," said Mustangs coach Al Morris after the 44-minute contest.

The Mustangs are off until Jan. 5, when they resume wrestling against the Bradley Central Bears.

A pair of forfeits at 113 and 120 pounds spotted Walker Valley a 12-0 lead. The Mustangs also picked up forfeits at 145, 152, 160 and 170.

James Jur earned the first Mustangs win with a pin at 126. Ethan West won a decision at 132 and Dillon Clark (138) and Michael Gregory (182) followed with pins.

The Lions got pins at 220 and 106.

Koby Hooker battled to a two-

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Banner photo, RICHARD ROBERTS

**WALKER VALLEY'S** James Jur works for a pin against Red Bank's Matthew Moore, in the 126-pound match Tuesday, at Walker Valley.

## Flames to host Community Christmas Night

From LEE SPORTS INFORMATION

Santa Claus will be coming to Paul Dana Walker Arena on Thursday, when the Lady Flames and Flames return to Gulf South Conference action for Community Christmas Night. The women's tip will be at 6 p.m. and the men will follow at 8.

Fans will have the opportunity to take pictures with Santa Claus while enjoying the sights and sounds of the season as the Flames and Lady Flames ring in the Christmas season against

Mississippi College. During halftime of both games, select fans will compete in a Christmas Trivia Contest for a chance to win a lot of Christmas candy.

All Bradley County residents will be admitted free for Thursday's games and the doubleheader against Delta State on Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m.

Saturday will be Cleveland Youth League Basketball Day. Kids from the newly formed

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Banner photo, PATRICK MACCOON  
**CLEVELAND LADY RAIDER** Bailey Anderson goes up for a shot as Amber Morman (32) moves in during District 5-AAA basketball against Soddy-Daisy Tuesday, inside Raider Arena.

## CHS Lady Raiders roll, boys stay perfect against Soddy

By PATRICK MACCOON

Banner Sports Writer

Before the Cleveland basketball teams travel to take on some of the state's top powers in Oak Ridge and Fulton this weekend, both were able to clear their benches in runaway wins over Soddy-Daisy at Raider Arena Tuesday night.

First, the Lady Raiders deployed the entire roster and connected on nine 3-pointers in a 69-37 victory over the Soddy-Daisy Lady Trojans to improve to 6-5 overall and 2-2 in District 5-AAA play.

Responding well to a near defeat the night before, despite a large second half lead, 12 players scored for Cleveland out of the 16 who took the court. The win tripled the team's total from last season.

"It's nice to be able to get kids into varsity games," CHS coach Tony Williams said. "I have

been on the other side of the coin where Drew (Lyness) is at and I know Soddy-Daisy is injury-bitten right now. I am not one of those coaches that kick people while they are down. It was really nice to see everybody who went into the game made a positive contribution."

Junior Lady Raider guard Caitlin Reed finished with a season-high 14 points and was also joined in double figures scoring by junior standout post player Emma Flowers, with 11.

"On a daily basis, if you were to come in this gym at 7:15 a.m., Caitlin is in here shooting," Williams said. "Tonight was one of those nights when she was feeling it, and it paid off for her. She is such a hard worker and has a bright future."

Reed scored eight points in the third quarter while Cleveland played lock-down

defense to outscore Soddy-Daisy 14-6 to take a 50-29 advantage in to the final eight minutes.

Reed's made 3-pointer from the right corner just 20 seconds into the second half gave the Lady Raiders one more point than they had in a 38-36 home win over Alcoa Monday night.

"It was an amazing feeling to have a high-scoring game tonight," Reed said. "Getting this win was even better to share it with all of my teammates. We are growing as a team each day, and close to the team I know we are capable of being."

While the Lady Trojans (5-7, 1-2) were without starting point guard Summer Ghaffari (knee injury) and another starter in Kirstie Williams out (foot), standout junior post player Alexis Trimiari displayed why

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS NIGHT



THURSDAY, DEC 15 | WOMEN AT 6 | MEN AT 8

# SCOREBOARD



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**THE CLEVELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL** Blue Raiders wrestling team completed its third straight undefeated season by winning the Raider Rumble and Tennessee Valley Wrestling Conference championships.

## CMS wrestlers complete undefeated season

### Special to the Banner

The Cleveland Middle School wrestling team finished the season strong and in a dominating fashion. The Blue Raiders claimed the championship titles in the last two tournaments of the season, the Raider Rumble Duals and the Tennessee Valley Wrestling Conference.

The Blue Raiders hosted their 17th Annual Raider Rumble Duals Dec. 3, winning the championship by defeating Lake Forest in the finals. This victory was the third time Cleveland defeated Lake Forest in the season, and was the largest margin of victory with a score of 62-13.

The following weekend the Blue Raiders won the Tennessee Valley Wrestling Conference hosted by Ocoee to finish out their undefeated season. CMS had 10 wrestlers in the finals and took home 10 gold medals. The

Blue Raiders not only won 10 of 15 weight classes, but had four additional wrestlers place with two taking home bronze medals and two earning fourth.

The Blue Raiders' season dual record was 20-0. The team won all five tournaments it competed in for the season. The strong finish set two program records. One of the records was 14 placers and 10 champions in the end of the season conference tournament. The other, even more impressive, was a three-year run of being undefeated. The Blue Raiders three-year undefeated record includes an overall dual record of 65-0 and 16 tournament championships.

Cleveland Middle head coach Eric Mountain commented on his team's success. "It has taken a whole team effort, from our wrestlers, coaches, parents, faculty, administration, to the Cleveland wrestling community

all working toward pushing our wrestlers to be both great on and off the mats. I am thankful for all of this support for our wrestling program," he said. "There is no secret to our success, we have quality young men that have completely bought into our expectations for them and given us their all, day in and day out. They battle for each other every time they step on the mat. I am very proud of our boys, they are champions both on and off the mats. I am truly blessed to be able to coach them along with great assistant coaches that are not only passionate about wrestling, but pour into our wrestlers' lives."

**Raider Rumble Duals team results**

- Cleveland
- Lake Forest
- Ocoee
- Chattanooga Valley (Ga.)
- Ashworth Middle (Ga.)
- Alcoa
- Liberty Bell
- Knox Halls

## Lee duo named Freshmen of the Week

### From LEE SPORTS INFORMATION

**BIRMINGHAM, Ala.** — Lee University swept the Gulf South Conference Freshman of the Week awards as men's basketball forward Ryan Montgomery and women's basketball guard Taylor Boggess each received the honor.

Montgomery was instrumental in the Flames' overtime win over North Georgia, scoring 14 points, including a clutch 3-ball in the final minutes of overtime, while securing seven boards, and dishing out a pair of assists. Off the bench, Montgomery shot 62.5 percent from the floor and was a perfect 3 for 3 from beyond the arc.

On the season, the Chattanooga Central High School product is 7 for 10 from 3-point range. The 14 points were a career-high for Montgomery.

Despite being picked last in the GSC Preseason Coaches' Poll, Lee is off to a 5-2 start and is 1-0 in conference play. The Flames will host Mississippi College on Thursday at 8 p.m. and Delta State on Saturday at 4 p.m., before the Christmas break.

Boggess was tied for the game-high in points scored in Tuesday's 73-47 win over AUM, tallying a career-high 16 points for the Lady Flames. Boggess shot 60 percent from the floor in the contest, went 3-for-7 from three-point range, and grabbed four rebounds.

The Meigs County native is averaging 5.7 points per contest while shooting 44 percent from the field. Boggess is the second consecutive Lady Flame to receive the freshman weekly honor joining Abby Bertram.

This contest marked the end of



Montgomery Boggess

non-conference play for Lee, which concluded action outside the league with a 5-1 record. The Lady Flames are 6-1 overall, also earning a conference win over Shorter. Conference play for the GSC will be fully underway this Thursday, Dec. 15, as the Lady Flames host Mississippi College at 6 p.m. They will close out the pre-Christmas slate with a visit from Delta State on Saturday at 2 p.m.



Banner photo, JOE CANNON

**A GROUP** of former Bradley Central Bears gathered for breakfast with their former coach, Lebron Montgomery, Tuesday morning at Old Fort Restaurant. Enjoying the memories and fellowship were, from left, Mark Williams, Doug Odum, Levi Scott, Will Harris, Alvin Scott, Lebron Montgomery, David Montgomery, Donnie Sullivan and Dennis Botts. A half dozen — Williams, Odum, Harris, Alvin Scott, Sullivan and Botts — were teammates on Montgomery's 1971 Bears that finished fourth in the TSSAA State Tournament. "Some of these guys haven't seen each other since high school," explained Botts. "We thought since Alvin (Scott) was in town, we'd get together to visit with 'Coach.'"

## Hawks win at home over Liberty Christian

### Special to the Banner

The Tennessee Christian Preparatory School Hawks basketball team played its first home game of the season on Tuesday evening, hosting the Warriors from Liberty Christian School.

The Hawks, looking to rebound from a Dec. 1 loss to the Warriors, exacted revenge with a 53-50 win. The Warriors jumped out to a quick lead, but the Hawks fought hard to keep the advantage to a minimum.

The game stayed close throughout, but TCPS pulled

ahead for most of the third and fourth periods.

With five seconds left in the game, TCPS senior Barrett Pope sank two free throws to put the Hawks up by the final three-point margin.

Coach Frank Walker commented on the play of senior Silas Pippenger.

"Silas was the difference-maker for us tonight. This was his best game so far, scoring 15 points and pulling down eight rebounds," he commented. "We are a young team learning how to win, and this was a big win for us."

Also leading the way for TCPS were seniors Nate Boyd with 13 points, 13 rebounds, six steals and five assists and Barrett Pope with 12 points, three rebounds and four steals. Freshman Micah West scored seven points with three steals, while junior Evan Gaffney added four points, three rebounds and two steals.

The Hawks, who improved their record to 2-3, travel to Chickamauga, Ga., Friday to play Oakwood Christian. Games on Friday will begin at 5 p.m. for the Lady Hawks, followed by the Hawks at 6:30.

**Women's College Basketball Scores**  
Tuesday, Dec. 13

**EAST**

Drexel 69, Niagara 57  
Rutgers 53, Seton Hall 45  
Saint Joseph's 75, NJIT 36  
St. John's 59, Fordham 45  
St. Peter's 65, Fairleigh Dickinson 43

**SOUTH**

Arizona St. 69, Middle Tennessee 48  
Campbell 69, St. Augustine's 33  
Jackson St. 83, SE Louisiana 66  
Jacksonville St. 70, Alcorn St. 66  
McNeese St. 78, Louisiana-Monroe 52  
Morehead St. 84, North Florida 65

**MIDWEST**

Michigan 69, Ohio 46  
North Dakota 79, Mary 67  
Northwestern 88, Ill.-Chicago 44

**SOUTHWEST**

Ark.-Pine Bluff 71, Tougaloo 60  
Mississippi St. 58, UALR 44

**FAR WEST**

Arizona 73, Grambling St. 46  
N. Colorado 90, Colorado Christian 47  
Nevada 70, Holy Names 42

San Francisco at Los Angeles, 4:25 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Houston, 8:25 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 25**

Baltimore at Pittsburgh, 4:30 p.m.  
Denver at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 26**

Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

## HOCKEY

**National Hockey League Eastern Conference**

**Atlantic Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Montreal	29	19	6	4	42	92	64
Ottawa	29	11	2	3	34	70	78
Boston	30	16	12	2	34	71	71
Tampa Bay	29	14	13	2	30	81	81
Florida	30	13	13	4	30	71	82
Detroit	30	13	13	4	30	71	81
Buffalo	28	11	6	2	28	72	75
Toronto	28	11	6	2	28	81	87

**Metropolitan Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	29	19	7	3	41	104	84
N.Y. Rangers	31	20	10	1	41	106	72
Columbus	27	18	5	4	40	97	87
Washington	28	18	7	3	39	76	61
Philadelphia	31	18	10	3	39	101	94
New Jersey	28	12	10	6	30	69	82
Carolina	29	12	11	6	30	77	82
N.Y. Islanders	28	11	12	5	27	73	85

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Central Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Chicago	31	19	8	4	42	83	71
Minnesota	28	16	8	4	36	80	87
St. Louis	30	16	10	4	36	82	85
Nashville	28	13	11	4	30	84	81
Dallas	31	12	13	6	30	81	98
Winnipeg	32	13	16	3	29	82	96
Colorado	27	11	15	1	23	60	86

**Pacific Division**

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	29	17	11	1	35	71	63
Anaheim	30	15	10	5	35	83	81
Edmonton	32	15	12	5	35	94	88
Calgary	31	13	13	2	34	81	86
Los Angeles	28	14	12	2	30	74	76
Vancouver	30	12	16	2	26	73	94
Arizona	29	10	14	5	25	66	91

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

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**BASEBALL**

**American League**

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Agreed to terms with RHP Logan Onduszek on a one-year contract.

DETROIT TIGERS — Named Josman Robles Latin American performance coach; Mike Rojas manager and Brian Harper hitting coach of Toledo (I.L.). Jeff Mathers strength and conditioning coach and T.J. Obergefell trainer of Erie (E.L.). Ramon Vazquez hitting coach of Lakeland (FSL); Mike Rabelo manager, Jorge Cordova pitching coach and Mike Hessian hitting coach of West Michigan (MWL); Gerald Laird manager, Rafael Martinez hitting coach and Jared Branski trainer of Connecticut (NYP); Rafael Gil manager, Mike Alvarez pitching coach and Francisco Contreras hitting coach of the GCL Tigers West. Jesus Garcia manager and Luis Rodriguez strength and conditioning coach of the GCL Tigers East; and Marco Yezep manager of the DSL Tigers.

HOUSTON ASTROS — Signed a 30-year lease agreement with Fayetteville, N.C., to relocate their Class A Advanced affiliate to Fayetteville beginning with the 2019 season.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Traded C Jett Bandy to Milwaukee for C Martin Maldonado and RHP Drew Gagnon.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Agreed to terms with INF Ruben Tejada on a minor league contract.

TEXAS RANGERS — Designated RHP Brady Dragmire for assignment. Agreed to terms with OF Carlos Gomez on a one-year contract.

**National League**

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with LHP John Danks on a minor league contract.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Agreed to terms with INF/OF Ian Desmond on a five-year contract.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Ryan Webb on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed RHP Zach Lee from waivers from Seattle.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Agreed to terms with INF Emmanuel Bunnis, LHP Tim Collins and RHPs Michael Eassey and Jacob Turner on minor league contracts.

**American Basketball Association**

GARY SOUTHSORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Conrad Wozniak. Traded OF Yeicok Calderon to River City (LARE) to complete an earlier trade.

FLORIDA LEMURS — Signed RHPs Carlos Leon and Jose Nivar.

SIOUX FALLS CANARIAS — Traded OF Matty Johnson to Soudou for OF But Reynolds.

**Frontier League**

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed OF Jimmy Kerrigan.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed OF Daniel Hoy and RHPs Jake Joyce and Ken Knudsen to contract extensions.

## FOOTBALL

**National Football League American Conference**

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	11	2	0	846	349	230
Miami	8	5	0	615	281	301
Buffalo	6	7	0	462	325	301
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	308	229	324

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Houston	7	6	0	538	229	274
Tennessee	7	6	0	538	321	306
Indianapolis	6	7	0	462	328	333
Jacksonville	2	11	0	154	240	338

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	615	317	256
Baltimore	7	6	0	538	279	237
Cincinnati	5	7	0	423	268	269
Cleveland	0	13	0	000	207	375

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Kansas City	10	3	0	769	302	255
Oakland	10	3	0	769	358	320
Denver	8	5	0	615	296	247
San Diego	5	8	0	385	350	347

**National Football League National Conference**

**East**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-Dallas	11	2	0	846	340	238
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	692	255	244
Washington	7	5	1	577	330	317
Philadelphia	5	8	0	385	290	272

**South**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Atlanta	8	5	0	615	428	345
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	615	293	296
New Orleans	5	8	0	385	358	351
Carolina	5	8	0	385	311	337

**North**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Detroit	9	4	0	692	295	268
Green Bay	7	6	0	538	333	312
Minnesota	7	6	0	538	258	225
Chicago	3	10	0	231	281	290

**West**

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Seattle	8	4	1	654	274	232
Arizona	5	7	1	423	299	277
Los Angeles	4	9	0	308	194	304
San Francisco	1	12	0	077	251	393

**Thursday's Games**

Los Angeles at Seattle, 8:25 p.m.

**Friday's Games**

Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**

Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
Cleveland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Kansas City, 1 p.m.  
Green Bay at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.  
New Orleans at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.  
San Francisco at Atlanta, 4:05 p.m.  
New England at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
Oakland at San Diego, 4:25 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.  
Carolina at Washington, 8:30 p.m.

**Monday's Games**

Carolina at Dallas, 8:25 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**

N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8:25 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**

Atlanta at Carolina, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at New England, 1 p.m.  
San Diego at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Miami at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.  
Minnesota at Green Bay, 1 p.m.  
Indianapolis at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.



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**2017 CLEVELAND BASSMASTERS OFFICERS** seated, from left, include Harrison Sims, president; and Dewayne Lowe, secretary. Standing, from left, are Alvin Howard, vice president; and Jon Clayton, treasurer.



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**HARRISON SIMS** won the 2016 Cleveland Bassmasters Angler of the Year Award.

## ON TAP

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

**BOWLING**

Soddy-Daisy at Bradley Central (Leisure Time), 3:30  
Chattanooga Central at Walker Valley (Leisure Time), 4

**Thursday, Dec. 15**

**BASKETBALL**

Mississippi College at Lee University, 6  
Polk County at Tellico Plains, 6 (JV, 3:30)

**BOWLING**

Walker Valley at East Ridge (Spare Time), 4

**WRESTLING**

East Hamilton, Alcoa at Cleveland, 5

**Friday, Dec. 16**

**BASKETBALL**

Cleveland vs. Oak Ridge (at Science Hill), 3:30  
TCPS at Oakwood Christian (Ga.), 5  
Bradley Central at Cumberland County, 7 (JV, 4:30)

**WRESTLING**

Bradley Central Invitational, 5  
Cleveland in McCallie Invitational, TBA

**Saturday, Dec. 17**

**BASKETBALL**

Cleveland vs. Fulton (at Science Hill), 11  
Delta (Miss.) State at Lee University, 6

**WRESTLING**

Bradley Central Invitational, 9 a.m.  
Cleveland in McCallie Invitational, TBA

## ON AIR

**Sports on TV**

**Wednesday, Dec. 14**

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

5 p.m.  
ESPN — St. Joseph's at Princeton  
6 p.m.  
SEC — Louisiana-Lafayette at Georgia  
7 p.m.  
BTN — Chicago St. at Northwestern  
ESPN — Southern at Baylor  
8 p.m.  
FS1 — Ill.-Chicago at DePaul  
SEC — ETSU at Mississippi St.  
9 p.m.  
ESPN — Green Bay at Wisconsin  
BTN — Ark.-Pine Bluff at Oklahoma St.  
FSN — Nicholls at Texas Tech  
11 p.m.  
ESPN — Grand Canyon at Arizona

**NBA BASKETBALL**

7 p.m.  
ESPN — Indiana at Miami  
9:30 p.m.  
ESPN — Boston at San Antonio

**NHL HOCKEY**

## BASKETBALL

**National Basketball Association Eastern Conference**

**Atlantic Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	17	7	.708	—
New York	14	11	.560	3½
Boston	13	11	.542	4
Philadelphia	6	18	.251	—

**Southeast Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Charlotte	14	11	.560	—
Atlanta	12	13	.480	2
Orlando	11	15	.423	3½
Washington	9	14	.391	4
Miami	8	17	.320	6

**Central Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	18	5	.783	—
Chicago	13	11	.542	5½
Indiana	13	12	.520	6
Detroit	13	13	.500	6½
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	7

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Southwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	19	5	.792	—
Houston	18	7	.720	1½
Memphis	17	9	.654	3
New Orleans	8	18	.308	12
Dallas	6	18	.250	13

**Northwest Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oklahoma City	15	10	.600	—
Utah	15	10	.600	—
Portland	13	14	.481	3
Denver	9	16	.360	6
Minnesota	7	18	.280	8

**Pacific Division**

W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	22	4	.846	—
L.A. Clippers	18	7	.720	3½
Sacramento	9	15	.375	12
L.A. Lakers	10	17	.370	—

## LOCAL NOTES

**BASEBALL**

**BASEBALL INSTRUCTION**

Cleveland State Community College assistant baseball coach Ryne Foster will be offering baseball instruction and lessons for individuals or small groups. Lessons will be offered on weeknights and weekends for hitting, catching, infield play, outfield play and pitching. For times and pricing, contact coach Foster at (317) 650-1064 or email roster01@clevelandstatecc.edu.

**BASKETBALL**

**KILBY INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION**

Individual basketball instruction for male and female elementary, middle school, high school and post graduate athletes is being offered by former Junior College and University coach L.J. Kilby. Coach Kilby brings 10 years of head coaching experience as well as 30 years experience in junior college, NAIA and NCAA Division I basketball. For more information, contact Coach Kilby at (423) 596-2515.

**FISHING**

**CLEVELAND BASSMASTERS**

The Cleveland Bassmasters meet the first Thursday of each month at South Cleveland United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. Cleveland Bassmasters includes boaters and non-boaters and are associated with FLW. The club fishes and holds tournament on

## Florida loses Collins, likely to have more departures ahead

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Florida coach Jim McElwain has a defensive makeover on his hands.

The 20th-ranked Gators (8-4) lost defensive coordinator Geoff Collins, who on Tuesday finalized a deal to become Temple's new head coach, and could lose as many as eight defensive starters to the NFL.

The departures mean a significant rebuild on that side of the ball for McElwain. Under Collins, Florida put together a top-10 defense in each of the last two years.

"He's a guy that's meant a lot to us, as you guys know," McElwain said. "One of the first guys that I hired and yet he's not the only one on our staff that's been contacted. Yet, that's kind of cool. People taking note as far as what we're doing and how we're going about it. I'm really excited for him moving forward."

McElwain said "we've got some things already in the works" regarding filling Collins' position. He said co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach Randy Shannon will be in the mix.

"Absolutely," McElwain said. "We've got a lot of options, and we've already discussed them here."

The Gators, who play No. 21 Iowa in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 2, might not be prepared for all the defensive departures that could follow Collins out the door. Linebacker Jarrad Davis, safety Marcus Maye, defensive end Bryan Cox and defensive tackle Joey Ivey are seniors and definitely gone. Cornerbacks Jalen Tabor and Quincy Wilson and defensive tackle Caleb Brantley are expected to leave school early and enter the draft.

Linebacker Alex Anzalone and defensive back Duke Dawson, both juniors, also are considering turning pro.

McElwain said no one has definitely declared for the NFL, but a handful of guys have submitted paperwork to the NFL Draft Advisory Board.

"We sent out all the things that we could to the NFL for those guys," McElwain said. "We put those booklets together. We'll sit

down and meet with some of them after the bowl game as far as a direction and what they want to do. Just getting the information, not talk them in, talk them out — that's not it. Just make sure they'll well informed so their handlers and their families kind of know what at least is out there, and yet it's not it's not written in stone, either, once you get those reports."

Underclassmen have until Jan. 18 to declare for the NFL draft.

McElwain recently invited a NFL general manager to speak to his players, so they would have a better understanding of how the draft process works.

"The No. 1 thing that the league looks at is what you put on film," McElwain said. "That's the No. 1 evaluator, and in his case, over 75 percent of what they did with their draft is all based on how a guy played on film. So this is another opportunity for those guys to play well against a really good football team, a physical football team, another opportunity to be proud of what you put on film."

Other items of note:

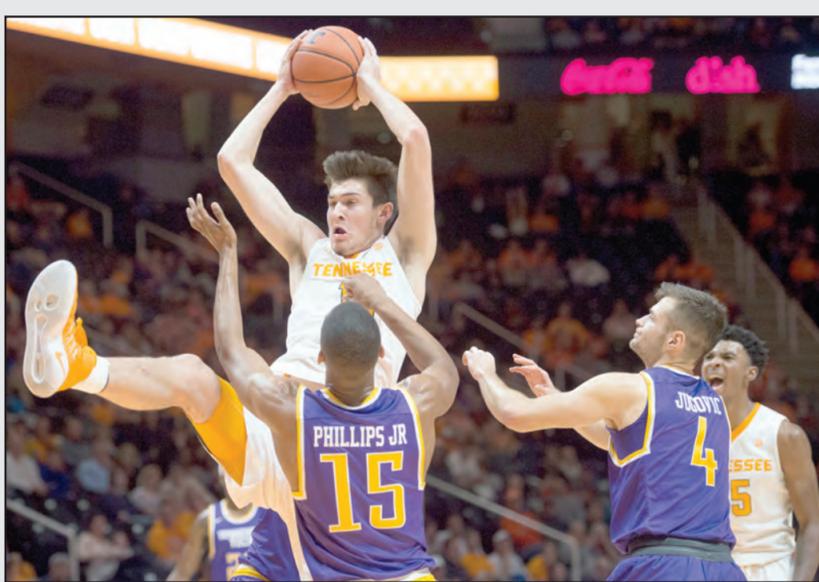
■ Davis (ankle), Cox (ankle), Dawson (ankle), safety Nick Washington (ankle), guard Martez Ivey (ankle), linebacker David Reese (wrist) and defensive end Antonneus Clayton (elbow) won't be on the field when bowl practices begin Thursday. It's unclear whether any of those guys will be healthy enough to play before the Outback Bowl.

■ McElwain said he's aware that running back Mark Thompson has been charged with misdemeanor trespassing for sneaking into a towing company lot.

"Yeah, we're made aware of that," McElwain said. "I've got to kind of find out where exactly that sits moving forward. But obviously we're aware there was an incident here last week."

■ McElwain also explained his decision to name quarterback Austin Appleby the starter over Luke Del Rio for the bowl game.

"Well, No. 1, Luke isn't all the way back (healthy)," McElwain said, referring to Del Rio's sprained throwing shoulder.



AP photo

TENNESSEE'S JOHN FULKERSON grabs a rebound Thursday over Tennessee Tech, in Knoxville.

## Hubbs helps Tennessee outlast Tennessee Tech

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee must learn how to finish as well as it starts.

Robert Hubbs III scored 25 points and made a key block in the last minute Tuesday night as Tennessee outlasted Tennessee Tech 74-68 after leading by as many as 22 points early in the second half.

Tennessee's fast first-half performance and struggle down the stretch came two days after the Volunteers couldn't hang on to a 15-point lead in a 73-71 loss at No. 7 North Carolina.

"We've shown we can play well," Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said, "but what we haven't shown is we can play a really solid 40 minutes."

After trailing 49-27 with just under 17 minutes left, Tennessee Tech (4-8) cut Tennessee's lead to 71-67 on Courtney Alexander II's dunk with 21 seconds remaining. Tennessee went 3 of 4 on free throws in the final 18 seconds to seal the victory.

"I'm proud of how we came

back," Tennessee Tech coach Steve Payne said. "It could have gotten ugly."

Before Alexander's dunk, Tennessee Tech had the ball twice in the last 90 seconds with a chance to trim a five-point deficit.

On the first possession, Kojon Mack was called for an offensive foul when he leaned into Lamonte Turner with 1:14 left. The next time Tennessee Tech had the ball, Hubbs blocked Aleksa Jugovic's 3-point attempt with 33 seconds remaining.

"I saw it all the way," Hubbs said. "And then once I saw (Jugovic) slide to the corner, I just read it. I tried to steal it but couldn't get there in time, so I just played the shot and blocked it. We needed that. I had to make the play."

Hubbs had arguably the best performance of his career against North Carolina, as the senior guard scored 21 points and shot 9 of 11. He stayed hot Tuesday by shooting 10 of 17 and pulling down seven

rebounds, two off his career high.

Turner added 16 points and shot 5 of 9 from 3-point range.

But the game still was up for grabs in the last few minutes because Tennessee got stagnant. Tennessee (5-4) withstood a 6½-minute stretch in which it failed to make a basket.

"In the first half, I think we were the aggressor defensively," Turner said. "In the second half, they were."

Jugovic scored 14 points for Tennessee Tech. Mack and Savonte Frazier each scored 11, and Mason Ramsey added 10.

The Golden Eagles have twice as many losses as wins, but they've shown plenty of tenacity in how they've rallied against more talented opponents. Tennessee Tech trailed Michigan State by as many as 18 on Saturday but made that game interesting down the stretch before falling 71-63. The Golden Eagles followed a similar formula Tuesday as Tennessee struggled to put the game away.

## MTSU hopes Stockstill good for bowl game

MURFREESBORO (AP) — Middle Tennessee coach Rick Stockstill is optimistic the Blue Raiders will have their starting quarterback cleared to return from a broken collarbone when they play Hawaii in the Hawaii Bowl.

Brent Stockstill broke his right collarbone in the second quarter Nov. 5 in a 45-25 loss to UTSA, knocking the lefthander out of the final three games of the season. His backup, John Urzua, suffered a concussion in the Blue Raiders' 77-56 win over Florida Atlantic in the regular season finale on Nov. 25 and has yet to be cleared as well.

Rick Stockstill said his quarterback and son has been practicing for a while and is throwing the ball well.

"Each week we get an X-ray to see how the healing is coming along, and it's coming along good," Stockstill said Tuesday. "We don't know yet. We are preparing like it's going to be OK, but we won't know that for another few days. I'm optimistic with what I've seen and what he has done so far. With John, (he) hasn't been cleared yet. ... I think by the time we leave for Hawaii he will be cleared, but today he is not."

After losing their starting quarterback, the Blue Raiders won two of their final three games to finish 8-4 and be bowl eligible for the seventh time in the last eight seasons and eight of 11 in coach Stockstill's tenure. They beat FAU after Urzua left after having thrown only six passes by tapping wide receivers Richie James and Dennis Andrews and running back ITavious Mathers to throw at least one pass apiece in winning the game.

Stockstill tried to talk his way back onto the field in that game, but his coach and father stood firm.

Having Stockstill back for the bowl game Dec. 24 against Hawaii (6-7) will be a big boost for Middle Tennessee. The 6-foot, 206-pound redshirt sophomore already has school records for 57 career touchdown passes and 13 300-yard passing games along with averaging 297.7 yards passing per game.

## Bradley

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of his eight free throws, including all half dozen he took in the fourth quarter. The tremendous leaper also skyed for six rebounds.

"Brown came up big for us tonight," praised Coach Clark. "Cole had an off night scoring (just five points on 2-of-11 shooting), but he helped us in other ways (12 rebounds, six assists, four steals and a deflection). Brown and (Ty) Beavers picked up the scoring for us."

"I had a lot of confidence going in," Brown explained. "The

coaches have been encouraging me to take more shots. They, and the team, have trusted me and helped me to believe in myself. This was a big district win for us tonight. Our goal is to not lose anymore district games."

Beavers netted a dozen points, including a trio of treys, while senior Trevor Cartwright helped out with seven points, six caroms and a pair of deflections. Junior Lamerick Tucker pitched in with five points, a couple of assists, two steals and two deflections.

Just like on the football field,

junior Kolten Gibson and senior Bryce Nunnally led the way for Walker Valley, with 12 and 10 points respectively. Nunnally also cleared 10 ricochets for a double-double.

### BEARETTES 77 LADY MUSTANGS 39

Despite missing five of its first six shots, once Bradley (10-0, 3-0) got going, it was no doubt where the outcome was headed.

Leading by double digits (17-7) at the first break, the Bearettes endured brief Lady Mustang runs to start and finish the sec-

ond frame with a 12-3 streak in the middle to take a 36-22 advantage into the locker rooms at the half.

After pushing the difference to 21 (55-34) by the end of the third quarter, the hosts sealed the contest with a 22-5 scoring edge in the final frame, forcing a "running clock" for the last four minutes.

"I felt like we got off to a good start, but then we let our foot off the gas for some reason in the second period," assessed Coach Reuter. "We had good teamwork

and were able to put pressure on the ball and take advantage of turnovers. I think the best stat line of the night was the fact that we had 20 assists to just five turnovers. That's a very good 4-to-1 ratio."

The Bradley defense copped 15 steals among the 25 Lady Mustang turnovers, getting 18 fast break points and converting 34 points off the visitors' miscues.

"The wheels came off," proclaimed Lady Mustang mentor Paul Cretton. "We panicked under pressure. Turnovers killed us."

"I am proud to see the way we battled back after getting down early. We're going to keep working and get after it. There's still a lot of season to go."

The loss snapped a five-game Walker Valley (5-4, 3-1) winning streak, plus the win pushed the Bearettes current run to 10 straight games and 33 home wins in a row.

The lethal duo of Rhyne Howard and Halle Hughes once again led the way for Bradley as both topped the 20-point mark, plus sophomore Kimia Carter and senior Kailey McRee helped out with double-digit scoring.

Howard, a 6-foot-2 highly recruited junior, sizzled the nylon for 26 points, including four shots from "downtown," pulled down five boards, handed out a half dozen helps and swiped five thefts.

Hughes collected 21 points, moving to within a basket of Bradley legend Rita Hannah's 1,409 career points and 14th place on the all-time Bearette

scoring list. The Lee University signee also drilled a pair of long-range shots, snagged a trio of caroms, handed out three assists and copped a steal.

Carter came off the bench for 13 points, five ricochets, a pair of helps and two steals, while McRee collected 10 points, a half dozen boards and three thefts.

Macey Clark, Lauren Lay and Emily Anderson combined for all but three of Walker Valley's points in the contest.

Clark drilled 4-of-6 3-pointers on her way to a team-high 14 points, while Lay netted a dozen. Both starters cleared the glass for seven rebounds.

Anderson came off the bench to hit 3-of-5 shot from the field for 10 points, plus snagged five boards. Haley Jones, a 6-foot-2 post player, pulled down a half dozen caroms and blocked five shots for the Lady Mustangs.

### GAME SUMMARIES

GIRLS				
Walker Valley	7	15	12	5—39
Bradley Central	17	19	19	22—77
<b>LADY MUSTANGS (39)</b> — Macey Clark 14, Lauren Lay 12, Emily Anderson 10, Jones 2, Davis 1, Kile, Baker, Fowler, Gibson.				
<b>BEARETTES (77)</b> — Rhyne Howard 26, Halle Hughes 21, Kimia Carter 13, Kailey McRee 10, Walker 4, Lombard 2, Morgan 1, Brown, Roberts, Koger, K. Hughes, Mayo, Reuter, Davis, Hullender.				
<b>3-POINTERS:</b> WV 5 (Clark 4, Lay); Bradley 7 (Howard 4, Hughes 2, Carter).				
<b>FREE THROWS:</b> WV 10-of-19; Bradley 12-of-17.				
<b>RECORDS:</b> Walker Valley 6-3, 3-1 District 5-AAA; Bradley Central 10-0, 4-0 District 5-AAA.				

BOYS				
Walker Valley	8	9	7	19—43
Bradley Central	9	13	13	15—50
<b>MUSTANGS (43)</b> — Kolten Gibson 12, Bryce Nunnally 10, Westfield 6, Munc 3, Zakkas 3, Johnson 3, Murphy 3, Essinger 2, Melton 1.				
<b>BEARS (50)</b> — John Brown 21, Ty Beavers 12, Cartwright 7, Copeland 5, Tucker 5, Duggan, Elrod.				
<b>3-POINTERS:</b> WV 6 (Gibson 2, Munc, Johnson, Murphy, Nunnally); Bradley 5 (Beavers 3, Brown 2).				
<b>FREE THROWS:</b> WV 9-of-12; Bradley 13-of-20.				
<b>RECORDS:</b> Walker Valley 5-6, 2-2 District 5-AAA; Bradley Central 5-4, 2-1 District 5-AAA.				

## Lady Raiders

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she is one of the top bigs in the district.

Trimiari scored 16 points despite being held scoreless in the third quarter. Coming in to the night averaging 14 points and 16.3 rebounds per game, the 5-foot-11 forward also hauled in 14 rebounds.

"I think Alexis and Emma Flowers are the two best post players in the district, and maybe in the Chattanooga area," Soddy-Daisy head coach Drew Lyness said. "Emma is real smooth around the basket and Alexa has magnets in her hands and rebounds everything. If you were to put them on the same team it would be hard to handle."

For the second game in a row, Cleveland built a double digit lead three minutes in as freshman point guard Bailey Anderson had a flashy double-pump layup with her left hand to take a 12-2 lead with 4:50 left in the opening quarter.

Just six minutes into the game, Williams put in his third different set of five players at one time. The John Calipari-like strategy worked through the night as seven Lady Raiders scored at least five points.

Senior Amber Morman and Flowers were active on the offensive glass in the first half and scored in back-to-back possessions to take a 30-21 lead with 2:25 in the second quarter. Morman finished with eight points and seven rebounds.

Sofia Stamatidis connected on a 3-pointer before the halftime buzzer to give Cleveland a 36-23

advantage.

Flowers scored six consecutive points showing off her strong post moves in a 90-second stretch to put the finishing touches on the win with a 56-34 lead with 5:30 left in regulation.

### CLEVELAND 82 SODDY DAISY 42

Appearing to possibly fall short of their 82 points per game in a remarkable win streak to begin the season, backup guard Taye Cobb made sure no such thing would happen as he scored 10 of the Blue Raiders' 25 fourth quarter points.

"The coaches are doing a great job of making sure we go hard in practice," Cobb said. "We always are at each other [about] playing good defense, because we want to be ready for the game. We come out here and play our hearts out and it shows at the end of the day."

The runaway district victory is the 11th straight for a Cleveland program ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AAA according to CoachT.com's poll, which combines strength of schedule and success.

"Our guys played so unselfishly," Blue Raiders head coach Jason McCowan said after his team improved to 4-0 in District 5-AAA play. "They kept making the extra pass and were moving the ball. I am proud of our effort and we are definitely going to go into Christmas sitting on top of the district undefeated, and that is always where you want to be."

KK Curry exceeded his season average of 24 ppg. as he scored a game-high 26 on 10 of 13 shoot-

ing from the field and 6 of 7 from the line. One of the most dominant players in East Tennessee, with offers from UT-Chattanooga and Alabama-Birmingham, scored half of his game total in the third quarter.

"It's actually relaxing to watch KK play at times," Cobb said. "He is not the only player we have, but he makes it easier for us because he can score with such ease. Sometimes we just have to give him the ball, and we get back and play defense."

Jake Flippo led the Trojans (1-9, 0-3) with 18 points and four assists.

The Blue Raiders took their first double-digit lead after senior guard Gregg Ware stepped smoothly into a 3-point basket from beyond the top of the arc to build a 16-6 lead with 2:41 left in the first quarter.

Romeo Wykle scored Cleveland's next seven points and the left-handed shooter made it 23-8 with a 3-pointer with 5:20 left before halftime. One of Curry's two dunks on the night provided a 33-13 lead with 1:30 to play in the second period.

The Blue Raiders offense in the second half saw Deontae Davis, Curry and Cobb combine for 33 of their 49 points.

Dionte Ware and Wykle scored 13 and 10, respectively, while Davis was the fifth player in double figures for Cleveland, with 10. Alex Patterson added five points and a trey off the bench and Jacobi Wood added three points and three assists.

"To get all those guys in there

and play important varsity minutes is very rewarding," McCowan said. "They put a ton of work in and it was fun to get them in there and see them do well."

### GAME SUMMARIES

BOYS				
<b>BLUE RAIDERS 82, TROJANS 42</b>				
Cleveland	6	13	9	14—42
Cleveland	18	15	24	25—82
<b>TROJANS (42)</b> — Jake Flippo 18, Branum 9, Burke 6, Patton 5, Volker 2, Durain 2, Davis, Humphreys, Perez.				
<b>BLUE RAIDERS (82)</b> — KK Curry 26, Dionte Ware 13, Romeo Wykle 11, Deontae Davis 10, Taye Cobb 10, Alex Patterson 5, K. Ware 4, Wood 3, Berry, Bradford, Williams, Black.				
<b>3-point goals:</b> Soddy-Daisy 4 (Branum 3, Flippo 1); Cleveland 7 (D. Ware 2, Davis 2, Patterson, K. Ware, Wood, Wykle).				
<b>Free throws:</b> Soddy-Daisy 6-of-8; Cleveland 10-of-15.				
<b>RECORDS:</b> Soddy-Daisy 1-9, 0-3 District 5-AAA; Cleveland 11-0, 4-0 District 5-AAA.				
<b>GIRLS</b>				
<b>LADY RAIDERS 69, LADY TROJANS 37</b>				
Soddy-Daisy	13	10	6	8—37
Cleveland	19	17	14	19—69
<b>LADY TROJANS (37)</b> — Alexis Trimiari 16, Lydia Hall 12, Hamby 4, Dent 3, Davis 2, Pruitt, Kearney, Davis.				
<b>LADY RAIDERS (69)</b> — Caitlin Reed 14, Emma Flowers 11, Morman 8, Anderson 6, Stamatidis 6, Dasher 6, Colbaugh 5, Lee 3, Goodman 3, Callahan 3, Rue 2, Borton 2, Renshaw, Franklin, Mastin, Rouse.				
<b>3-point goals:</b> Soddy-Daisy 2 (Hall, Dent); Cleveland 9 (Reed 2, Dasher 2, Colbaugh, Lee, Stamatidis, Goodman, Callahan).				
<b>Free throws:</b> Soddy-Daisy 15-of-28; Cleveland 8-of-13.				
<b>RECORDS:</b> Soddy-Daisy 5-7, 1-2 District 5-AAA; Cleveland 6-5, 2-2 District 5-AAA.				

## Flames Mustangs

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Cleveland Youth Basketball League will be invited to come out to Walker Arena for free admission, popcorn and drink plus a chance to win great prizes at half-time and during timeouts.

Ring Pops will also be on sale for fans who wish to make a donation to the Student Athletic Advisory Committee's Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser. Our goal is to fill one wall with Make-A-Wish Stars.

overtime win over his opponent in the heavyweight match to give the Mustangs a 60-6 lead.

"There are some tournaments, but we feel like at this point of the year with such a young team we are going to give them a little extra time during the holidays," said Morris. "When we come back, hopefully we will be rested and rejuvenated and will finish strong the second half. We are going to enjoy a little bit of break

and get to work after Christmas and go from there."

### MUSTANGS 60, LIONS 13

(Match started at 11:30)  
**106** — Chris Rice (RB) pinned Karson Huff, 2:20; **113** — Chandler Davis (VV) win by forfeit; **120** — Marse Acavado (VV) win by forfeit; **126** — James Jur (VV) pinned Matthew Moore, 1:24; **132** — Ethan West (VV) dec. Zack Gee, 7:5; **138** — Dillon Clark (VV) pinned Noah Hudson 0:35; **145** — Joley Vecchione (VV) win by forfeit; **152** — Zeth Hayme (VV) win by forfeit; **160** — Kellar Carson (VV) win by forfeit; **170** — JJ Flores (VV) win by forfeit; **182** — Mike Gregory (VV) pinned Ashton Tubbeth (RB); **195** — double forfeit; **220** — Devon Sudduth (0:39) win by forfeit; **225** — Devon Sudduth (0:39) pinned Cody Jeremiah (Wich) 2:1; **207** — Kobay Hooker (VV) dec. Jeremiah (Wich) 2-1 2:07.

## Editorials

### A Christmas drive succeeds, while another one struggles

Last Friday's emotional finale to the "10 Days of Giving" campaign, which is most affectionately known to Cleveland and Bradley County residents as the Empty Stocking Fund, stands tall as another reason why people choose to live in this hometown community.

Those who are born here and who remain here, those who visit here and then choose to relocate here, and those whose jobs bring them here and then realize they love it here ... would agree on this: It isn't just about quality of life; it is about spirit of life.

After all, thanks to the vision a few years ago of a Cleveland Middle School teacher — Phyllis Anderson — we are aptly named "The City With Spirit." It is a deserved title Cleveland's most famous cheerleader — Mayor Tom Rowland — expounds as frequently year-round as he does "Merry Christmas!" in December.

And we are far more than just Cleveland.

We are Charleston. We are McDonald. We are Georgetown. We are Red Clay. We are hidden communities like Black Fox, Valley View, Hopewell, Prospect, Taylor, Waterville and Oak Grove. In total, we are Bradley County, and Mayor D. Gary Davis often boasts a favorite slogan of his own for our collective. He describes Bradley County as "... Tennessee at its best."

Hence, it is a tribute to the whole of Cleveland and Bradley County when a Christmastime drive for children such as the 45th annual Empty Stocking Fund can realize such success.

By late Friday morning as WCLE My Mix 104.1 was wrapping up its two weeks of heartfelt fundraising on behalf of our community's children whose families need help the most, some \$77,568 had been raised. The goal was \$60,001, one dollar more than that which was raised in last year's drive.

Let us also remember: Organizers of this year's Empty Stocking Fund chose to embrace yet another need — the families of Polk County whose homes were destroyed or badly damaged by an EF-3 tornado that whipped through under the cloak of night at the same time that families in distant-neighbor Sevier County were being devastated by the worst wildfire in Tennessee history.

As described by local emergency responders who were dispatched into the storm-ravaged area within minutes of the destruction, it was heartbreaking to watch as young children searched through the ruins of their homes looking for lost toys.

Such is the reason the Empty Stocking Fund stretched its humanitarian reach into a neighboring community. There was not only human loss, there was emotional need.

Such is the reason Cleveland and Bradley County residents — as they had done for 44 years — gave to the Empty Stocking Fund, not only from their pockets and wallets and checkbooks, but from their hearts.

Mayor Rowland — who co-founded the original Empty Stocking Fund 4 1/2 decades ago with his wife, Sandra, and the late George R. "Bobby" Taylor back when Rowland himself was a radio man — said it best in an email to a Cleveland Daily Banner editor shortly after the drive ended Friday, "This has been an effort of many, but the folks who gave are the heroes."

No truer words could ever be spoken. And that includes all who gave — regardless of size of gift, whether it was change tossed into a school's or business's donation bucket, a modest check mailed to the radio station, an anonymous pledge by phone or a hand-delivered contribution made during a personal visit to a live My Mix 104.1 remote broadcast.

Those who gave, and those who wanted to give but faced unexpected hardship in their own homes, are to be thanked.

Those who gifted their time as volunteers for the shopping, the wrapping, the organizing and the communicating, are to be thanked.

Those who offered encouragement, even in the face of unprecedented monetary goals and community need, are to be thanked.

Those who worked to make it happen, whether behind the scenes or out front, are to be thanked.

Those who made the courageous decision in 2015 to merge three successful Christmas campaigns into one big community drive — the Christmas Party for Children, Creating Christmas Memories and the original Empty Stocking Fund — are to be thanked.

Those who spent hours, days, weeks and months strategizing how to marry the best of each Christmastime outreach — Steve Hartline, Brenda Lawson, and Tom and Sandra Rowland — are to be thanked.

It is genuinely a time of thanksgiving, but this one has little to do with a harvest of plenty. It has everything to do with a harvest of the heart, and serving as our brother's keeper by contributing to the total good of this community, and those who call it home.

To those who have given of themselves — donors, volunteers, organizers, planners and fundraisers — we thank you all. And, we wish for you an emotionally rewarding day on the morning of Saturday, Dec. 17, when the fruit of your labors and the product of your goodwill transition into their final phase: the actual giving, at the heartwarming Christmas party for the kids and the gift distribution to parents and guardians at Ocoee Middle School.

All are to be commended and each has earned the right to feel good.

And now may we offer this to our Cleveland and Bradley County neighbors: Is there still a place in your heart for another longtime Christmas tradition that seeks to provide food for the tables of local residents who — like the families of the children aided by the Empty Stocking Fund — have fallen on hard times or who continue to live day-to-day on the limits of a modest income?

The William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund, whose origin dates back to the 1940s when it was named in honor of a former Cleveland Daily Banner editor, continues to struggle to approach a monetary goal of its own.

Operating as an established 501(c)(3) and under the coordination of volunteers, the Basket Fund this year seeks to provide boxes of food staples for 750 local families. Such an outreach will require \$24,000. At last report, some \$3,600 had been raised.

We will have more to say about this worthy campaign in a later edition. However, we will offer this reminder. Donations will continue to be accepted through the end of the calendar year.

For those who can give, will you?

Donations may be mailed to: First Tennessee Bank, P.O. Box 3566, Cleveland TN 37320-3566, Attn: William Hall Rodgers Basket Fund. Or, they may be dropped off in person at First Tennessee Bank at 3870 Keith St.

Cooke's Food Store, a longtime advocate for the Basket Fund, is also accepting contributions.

Our community's respective mayors — both Rowland and Davis — believe our people epitomize a unique spirit that makes us Tennessee at its best.

The Empty Stocking Fund and the William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund are part of that spirit. Each is what makes us whole. Both are reasons we enjoy a reputation for giving; and together they nurture a tradition whose passion lies deep within the fabric of that which warms our community.

From one pocket, \$24,000 is much. From many pockets, it is little.

For those who can give, we ask for your consideration.

Like the Empty Stocking Fund, the William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund is who we are. It is what we do. It is how we embrace our neighbor's need when need is great.



Banner photo, BRIAN GRAVES

ONCE AGAIN, the WCLE Empty Stocking Fund not only reached, but easily exceeded, its fundraising goal. This year, the community-supported Christmastime drive — which works with parents and guardians to provide Christmas morning gifts and a giant Christmas Party for Children for more than 1,000 youngsters — raised a record \$77,568. The Empty Stocking Fund, now in its 45th year, is in its second year as a merged entity between Creating Christmas Memories, Christmas Party for Children and the original Empty Stocking Fund. Here, organizers and leaders talk shortly after the event's live-radio remote finale. From left are Steve Hartline, Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland, Brenda Lawson, "Santa Claus," Beecher Hunter and Dewayne Williams. Another traditional holiday drive in Bradley County — the William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund — is continuing to work to meet its \$24,000 goal.

## Recent tornado outbreak a little out of kilter for Southeast Tennessee this time of year

The tornadoes which touched down near Bradley County recently, on Tuesday, Nov. 29, were out of kilter with the normal tornado season. The vast majority of tornadoes recorded in Bradley County since 1963 have been in the spring.

Looking back at tornado statistics, there was one recorded November tornado in Bradley County in 1989, and another in October 2010. Neither of these occurrences resulted in a death or injury.

There have been 19 recorded tornadoes in Bradley County since 1963, with the horrendous outbreak of five tornadoes on April 27, 2011, the most drastic in the equation.

Also, April is Bradley's "Tornado Month." Of the 19 tornadoes, 10 were in April. Three were in May, two in March, and one each in February, August, October and November. Most of the funnel clouds touched down in the mid to late afternoon.

There has long been the question of whether or not Tennessee should be considered a part of "Tornado Alley." The argument generally falls on deaf ears, despite the fact many tragic tornadoes have crossed the state in recent years.

It is generally understood there are two regions in this overall designation, with a disproportionately high frequency of tornadoes and which excludes Tennessee.

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's noaa.gov website, Florida is one "Tornado Alley," but the major reference is for the south-central United States.

Florida has numerous tornadoes simply due to the high frequency of thunderstorms. In addition, the Florida peninsula must deal with tropical storms, or even hurricanes, on a basis more frequent than most Floridians would want.

When these tropical systems move ashore, the embedded convective storms in the rain bands often produce tornadoes. You seldom see such happenings in the Florida Keys, due to the lack of land mass.

However, despite the violent nature of a tropical storm or hurricane, there are often water spouts (funnels), which tend to be weaker than those produced by non-tropical thunderstorms.

Tornado Alley is a nickname primarily given to an area across the middle of the United States, which consistently experiences a high frequency of tornadoes each year. Tornadoes in this region typically happen in late spring and occasionally in the early fall.

### LOOKING BACK

Larry Bowers  
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The Gulf Coast area has a separate tornado maximum nicknamed "Dixie Alley" with a relatively high frequency of tornadoes occurring in the late fall (October through December). You don't hear that much about "Dixie Alley."

Strong to violent tornadoes (those of EF-3 or stronger on the Enhanced Fujita Tornado Damage Intensity Scale), are relatively rare, and do not typically occur outside the United States.

Although the boundaries of the major Tornado Alley are debatable (depending on which criteria you use — frequency, intensity, or events per unit area), the region from central Texas, northward to northern Iowa, and from central Kansas and Nebraska east to western Ohio is most recognized as Tornado Alley.

Meteorologically, the region is ideally situated for the formation of supercell thunderstorms, often the producers of violent (EF-2 or greater) tornadoes.

Overall, most tornadoes (around 77 percent) in the United States are considered weak (EF-0 to EF-1) and about 95 percent of all tornadoes are below EF-3 intensity. The remaining small percentage of tornadoes are categorized as violent (EF-3 and above). Bradley County witnessed this violence firsthand in 2011.

A very miniscule percentage (0.1 percent) achieve EF-5 status, with estimated winds over 200 mph and nearly complete destruction. Given that on average over 1,000 tornadoes hit the United States each year, this means approximately 20 can be violent and possibly one might reach the highest threshold.

The term Tornado Alley was first used in 1952, as the title of a study done on severe weather in parts of Oklahoma and Texas. The study was by U.S. Air Force meteorologists Ernest Fawbush and Robert Miller.

Tornado Alley is now a term mostly used by the media to describe a region or area with a frequency of tornadoes. The National Weather Service and NOAA have never given an official definition to the term, nor designated one area as "Tornado Alley."

## TODAY IN HISTORY

(AP) — Today is Wednesday, Dec. 14, the 349th day of 2016. There are 17 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 14, 1916, President Woodrow Wilson vetoed an immigration measure aimed at preventing "undesirables" and anyone born in the "Asiatic Barred Zone" from entering the U.S. (Congress overrode Wilson's veto in Feb. 1917.)

### On this date:

In 1799, the first president of the United States, George Washington, died at his Mount Vernon, Virginia, home at age 67.

In 1819, Alabama joined the Union as the 22nd state.

In 1911, Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen and his team became the first men to reach the South Pole, beating out a British expedition led by Robert F. Scott.

In 1918, "Il Trittico," a trio of one-act operas by Giacomo Puccini, premiered at New York's Metropolitan Opera House. (The third opera, "Gianni Schicchi," featured the aria "O Mio Babbino Caro," which was an instant hit.)

In 1936, the comedy "You Can't Take It With You" by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart opened on Broadway.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly voted to establish the U.N.'s headquarters in New York.

In 1964, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States, ruled that Congress was within its authority to enforce the Civil Rights Act of 1964 against racial discrimination by private businesses (in this case, a motel that refused to cater to blacks).

In 1972, Apollo 17 astronauts Harrison Schmitt and Eugene Cernan concluded their third and final moonwalk and blasted off for their rendezvous with the command module.

In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, which it had seized from Syria in 1967.

In 1986, the experimental aircraft Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, took off from Edwards Air Force Base in California on the first non-stop, non-refueled flight around the world.

In 1996, a freighter lost power on the Mississippi River and barreled into the Riverwalk complex in New Orleans; miraculously, no one was killed.

In 2012, a gunman with a semi-automatic rifle killed 20 first-graders and six educators at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut, then committed suicide as police arrived; 20-year-old Adam Lanza had also fatally shot his mother at their home before carrying out

the attack on the school.

**Ten years ago:** South Korea's Ban Ki-moon was sworn in as the eighth secretary-general of the United Nations. A British police inquiry concluded that the deaths of Princess Diana and her

boyfriend, Dodi Fayed, in a 1997 Paris car crash were a "tragic accident," and that allegations of a murder conspiracy were unfounded. Atlantic Records founder Ahmet Ertegun died in New York at age 83.

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# Aleppo cease-fire collapses, threatening evacuation plans

BEIRUT (AP) — A cease-fire deal between rebels and the Syrian government in the city of Aleppo effectively collapsed on Wednesday, with fighter jets resuming deadly air raids over the opposition's densely crowded enclave in the east of the city.

The attacks threatened to scuttle plans to evacuate rebels and tens thousands of civilians out of harm's way, in what would seal the opposition's surrender of the city.

The evacuation was supposed to begin at dawn but shelling resumed in the morning hours and buses meant to be used in the pullout of rebels and civilians returned to their depots. Activists and fighters trapped in the opposition's last sliver of territory in Aleppo said pro-government forces had struck their district with dozens of rockets since mid-morning.

They said aircraft resumed bombing shortly after noon.

"They began to strike as if there's no such thing as a 'cease-fire' or 'civilian evacuation,'" said media activist Mahmoud Raslan. "They've announced they are going to kill us all."

It was not clear whether the planes were Syrian or Russian. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights monitoring group reported at least six people had been killed.

A legal adviser to the rebels accused Iran of foiling the Russia- and Turkey-brokered deal by imposing new conditions on the rebels.

Along with Russia, Iran backs President Bashar Assad's gov-

ernment and has committed advisers and elite Revolutionary Guard forces to the government's war. Turkey backs the rebels fighting to topple Assad.

Osama Abo Zaid, the adviser, said Iran was imposing new conditions for the truce, demanding the remains of Iranians killed in Aleppo be returned and that Iranian hostages held in rebel-controlled Idlib province be released. He said the conditions were "exclusively sectarian and crippling."

The Syrian government, meanwhile, withdrew its green-colored buses from the evacuation point at the edge of the city of Aleppo's opposition enclave.

The Lebanese al-Manar TV, the media arm of the Lebanese militant Shiite group Hezbollah fighting alongside Assad's forces, broadcast footage of the buses leaving the evacuation point empty and said government forces had resumed fighting with rebels in the city.

Mohammed Abu Jaafar, head of forensics in eastern Aleppo, said eastern Aleppo residents felt "duped."

"People have left their shelters ... to be ready for the evacuation. I can't describe it," Abu Jaafar said. "Since the morning, they started to target the areas where people have gathered ... these people were walking to the crossings designated for exit."

Activists in eastern Aleppo blamed the violence on pro-government forces, saying they shot first. Raslan said he was reporting for a Turkish agency when a rocket crashed nearby at around



10:15 a.m. He shared an audio recording of the explosion with the Associated Press. He was unharmed.

The Russian Defense Ministry said in a statement that the rebels "resumed the hostilities" at dawn, trying to break through Syrian government positions to the north-west.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu accused the Syrian government and its allies of trying to scuttle the deal. "We see now that the regime and other groups are trying to obstruct this (deal)," he said in remarks quoted by the state-run Anadolu Agency. "This includes Russia, Iran, forces supported by Iran and the regime."

The surrender of Aleppo's remaining opposition-run neighborhoods to government control would be a turning point in

Syria's civil war.

The last-minute deal was mediated by Ankara and Moscow as the rebel enclave rapidly dissolved and ceded more and more territory in the face of the brutal advance by Syrian forces, backed by Russia and assisted by Shiite militias from Lebanon, Iraq and Afghanistan.

Late on Tuesday, the U.N. envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura, called for immediate access to the former rebel enclave to confirm the end of military operations and to oversee the safe departure of tens of thousands of civilians and opposition fighters.

De Mistura was at the Security Council where an emergency meeting for Aleppo was held.

Earlier Wednesday, the pan-Arab al-Mayadeen TV broadcast footage of the government buses

idling at the agreed-on evacuation point. The TV said the buses are prepared to move 5,000 fighters and their families to Atareb, an opposition-held town in the northwestern Aleppo countryside.

Brita Haj Hassan, a Syrian opposition official living in exile, said from Luxemburg that there were 800 sick and wounded people requiring immediate medical evacuation from eastern Aleppo. He said the U.N. and others had informed the opposition the evacuation had been delayed until Thursday but there was no comment from the Syrian government, the United Nations or aid groups on the ground.

The dramatic developments surrounding Aleppo — which would restore the remainder of what was once Syria's largest city to Assad's forces after

AP photo  
**THIS PHOTO RELEASED** by the Syrian official news agency SANA, shows Syrian troops and pro-government gunmen marching through the streets of east Aleppo, Syria on Tuesday. Syrian rebels said Tuesday that they reached a cease-fire deal with Moscow to evacuate civilians and fighters from eastern Aleppo, after the U.N. and opposition activists reported possible mass killings by government forces closing in on the rebels' last enclave.

months of heavy fighting and a crippling siege — followed reports of mass killings by government forces closing in on the final few blocks still held by the rebels.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon told the emergency meeting late Tuesday that he had received "credible reports" of civilians killed by pro-government forces as they swept into the last rebel areas in Aleppo.

Bashar al-Ja'afari, Syria's U.N. ambassador, denied any mass killings or revenge attacks, but added it was Syria's "constitutional right" to go after "terrorists," a reference to all opposition fighters.

"Aleppo has been liberated from terrorists and those who toyed with terrorism," he said. "Aleppo has returned to the nation."



AP photo  
**OFFICERS OF OKINAWA PREFECTURAL POLICE** and U.S. military investigate the site where debris of a U.S. military MV-22 Osprey, background, was spotted in shallow waters off Nago, Okinawa, southern Japan on Wednesday after its crash-landing. The MV-22 Osprey, tilt-rotor aircraft deployed in Japan, crash-landed off Okinawa island late Tuesday, but all its five crew members were safely rescued.

## U.S. military Osprey crash-lands off Okinawa, crew of five survives; two reported injured

TOKYO (AP) — A U.S. military Osprey aircraft crash-landed off Japan's southern island of Okinawa after its propeller was damaged during refueling training, and all five crewmembers were rescued, the U.S. Marine Corps said Wednesday.

The Marine Corps said in a statement that the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft landed in shallow water off Okinawa's east coast late Tuesday.

Officials said two crewmembers sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were being treated at a Navy hospital.

The accident came a week after a Marine Corps pilot died when his F/A-18 fighter jet crashed off western Japan. Marine Corps officials said another Osprey had a landing gear problem elsewhere on Okinawa during training Tuesday, although there were no injuries at that incident.

The Osprey crash just off Nago City triggered protests on Okinawa, where anti-U.S. military sentiment is strong. Many

Okinawans oppose deployment of Ospreys on the island because of safety concerns following a string of crashes outside Japan, including one in Hawaii last year.

"This is what we have feared might happen someday," Nago Mayor Susumu Inamine told public broadcaster NHK. "We can never live safely here."

Lt. Gen. Lawrence Nicholson, Okinawa area coordinator for the Marines, said the Osprey's propeller was damaged when it hit a fuel line during offshore refueling. Its pilot landed the aircraft in shallow water to avoid the danger of flying overland back to the base, he said.

"That was his aim — to protect his crew, and to protect the people of Okinawa," Nicholson told a news conference in Okinawa. "I hope you would all agree that we should be proud of our flight crew that took a bad situation and prevented it from becoming a disaster."

Nicholson said an investigation of the incident has begun and Osprey flights will be sus-

pended in Okinawa for an unspecified period until all safety procedures are fully reviewed. Flights elsewhere around the world will continue, he said.

The Osprey was based at Marine Corps Air Station Futenma. The base, located in a crowded residential area in central Okinawa, is to be relocated to another site in Nago on the east coast of the island where residents oppose the plan.

Japanese Defense Minister Tomomi Inada asked the U.S. military to suspend Osprey flights until the cause of the accident is known.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe told reporters the crash was extremely regrettable, and said safety must be guaranteed.

More than half of the 50,000 American troops in Japan are stationed on Okinawa — which has less than 1 percent Japan's land mass — under a mutual security treaty.

Many on the island complain about noise, pollution and crime linked to the U.S. military.

## Tired of abductions, Mexican townsfolk take matters into their own hands; kidnap drug boss' mom as revenge

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In one of the stranger chapters of Mexico's drug war, angry people in a southern town kidnapped the mother of a gang leader to demand the release of their loved ones.

The government of Guerrero state said Tuesday that it was sending about 220 soldiers and police to try to defuse the situation in Totolapan.

The town has been controlled for years by a drug gang boss whose proper name is Raybel Jacobo de Almonte, but who is better known as "El Tequilero."

De Almonte has lived up to his nickname, which translates roughly as "The Tequila Drinker." In his only known public appearance, he was captured on video drinking with the town's mayor-elect. De Almonte mumbles inaudibly and has to be held up in a sitting position by one of his henchmen.

In recent months, his gang -

also known as the Tequileros - has been fighting turf battles with other gangs in the area. Last week, the Tequileros allegedly kidnapped several inhabitants of Totolapan who they wanted to extort or whom they suspected of supporting a rival.

In response, a few dozen men appeared this week in the streets of Totolapan waving shotguns and hunting rifles. In a video, the men carry banners calling for action against El Tequilero and identify themselves as a "self-defense" force, as vigilantes are known in the region.

"We urgently demand the release of the kidnap victims," a masked man says in a statement read on the video. "We are a legitimate self-defense force of the people."

Among the Tequileros' kidnap victims was a local construction engineer, Isauro de la Paz Duque, who was snatched on Sunday by men who had threatened to kill

him.

On Monday, a woman who identified herself as De la Paz Duque's wife said on a video that townspeople had El Tequilero's mother and would exchange the woman for her husband.

"We have your mother here, Mr. Tequilero," she said. "I propose an exchange: I'll give you your mother if you give me my husband, but I want him safe and sound."

The state government said in a statement that a negotiating team had been sent to establish contact with the family of the missing engineer and the vigilantes and to set up a search team.

"The goal of the team is to ensure that no injury is done to the missing person, nor to the mother of the head of the Tequileros gang, who has apparently been taken by the self-defense forces," the statement said.

## 5 things to know ahead of the Abe-Putin hot springs summit

TOKYO (AP) — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will be the first G-7 leader to welcome Russian President Vladimir Putin for an official visit since Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014. Why? Territory.

Despite continued sanctions on Russia, Abe is eager to make progress on a 70-year-old territorial dispute that has kept their countries from signing a peace treaty formally ending World War II.

A look at the two-day talks, which open Thursday at a hot springs resort in Abe's ancestral hometown of Nagato and wrap up Friday in Tokyo:

### THE ISLANDS

Japan says the Soviet Union took the southern Kuril islands illegally at the end of World War II, expelling 17,000 Japanese to nearby Hokkaido, the northernmost of Japan's four main islands. About one-third of the former residents are still alive. The Soviet Union, unilaterally scrapping a 1941 neutrality treaty, entered the war against Japan a week before the latter's surrender on Aug. 15, 1945. It occupied the disputed islands — known as the Northern Territories in Japan — within weeks, a process Russia says was legal. The two countries signed a Japan-Soviet Joint Declaration in 1956 ending their state of war and restoring diplomatic relations, but failed to conclude a peace treaty because of the island issue. Russia governs the islands and the Russians who live there.

### PROSPECTS

Japanese hopes for a settlement sank after Abe met Putin last month on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting in Peru. James Brown, a Russia-Japan expert at Temple University's Japan campus said "there are too many obstacles to an agreement on the territorial issues to actually sign a peace treaty. I think they are trying to come up with some sort of formulation that gives the impression of progress." Former Japanese diplomat Kazuhiko Togo said in a recent commentary that serious negotiations began only after



AP photo  
**IN THIS NOV. 20 FILE PHOTO**, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, shakes hands with Russian President Vladimir Putin during their meeting at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Lima, Peru. Abe will welcome Putin at a hot springs resort in western Japan on Thursday. Despite the cozy setting, they face tough negotiations over a 70-year-old island dispute that has kept them from signing a peace treaty.

Abe and Putin met in Sochi, Russia, in May, "and seven months is too short to untie this complicated knot."

### ECONOMY FIRST

Russia wants to attract Japanese investment, particularly to its far east. Japan's trade minister in charge of Russia, Hiroshige Seko, said about 30 projects in eight areas are ready for signing: Japan would provide advanced medical, health and environmental technology and help with the industrialization of the far east, while receiving expertise from Russia in decommissioning nuclear plants, energy and cyber security. "We will have a win-win situation, at least in economic relations," he told a news conference this week. Joint development of the disputed islands is also on the table, but Japan is wary of the sovereignty issue: If it's Japanese territory, shouldn't Japanese laws apply?

### THE LEADERS' WORDS

Abe told a group of former residents of the islands this week that "I'm determined to put an

end to this issue in our generation." Putin told Japanese journalists Tuesday that there is a chance of a breakthrough, but his government doesn't mind the status quo. "We think that we have no territorial problems. It's Japan that thinks that is a territorial problem with Russia," he said.

### TRUMP FACTOR

A Russia-friendly approach from U.S. President-elect Donald Trump could buy time, taking pressure off Japan to strike a quick deal before a change in U.S. leadership, said Alexander Gabuyev, a Carnegie Moscow Center expert on the Pacific region. Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton, had been expected to take a tougher stance toward Moscow. At the same time Trump's "America first" policy has raised concern in Japan that any reduction of the U.S. military presence in Asia could mean increased risks for Japan as China's regional ambitions grow. Even short of a territorial agreement, Japan is keen to have closer relations with Russia for security reasons.

## France's new PM seeks to extend state of emergency

PARIS (AP) — In his first speech to parliament, France's new prime minister argued Tuesday for an extension of a year-old state of emergency, saying that's needed to keep France secure through its 2017 presidential election.

Socialist Prime Minister Bernard Cazeneuve vowed Tuesday to "protect the French" and continue the fight against terrorism despite the fact that he has only five months before the end of President Francois Hollande's term.

"Defeat Islamist extremism implies to fight with all our strength for the Republic,"

Cazeneuve told lawmakers at the lower house of parliament.

The lower house of parliament is voting Tuesday night on the fifth extension of a state of emergency declared the day after the Paris attacks by Islamic extremists that left 130 people dead on Nov. 13, 2015. The Senate is voting Thursday.

In a very political speech, Cazeneuve warned against "the rise of populism" in Europe and in the United States.

"Following Brexit, the European project itself is at risk of dislocation. It's urgent, yes, urgent to convince citizens to turn away

from false promises," Cazeneuve said in an implicit reference to far-right National Front leader Marine Le Pen, who is expected to be a serious contender in next year's presidential election.

Cazeneuve last week replaced former Prime Minister Manuel Valls, who stepped down to seek the French presidency in the nation's two-part vote in April and May. Valls will first have to win the primary of the Socialist party and its allies next month.

Cazeneuve also vowed to boost France's economy, fight unemployment and cut public spending.

# Sad day for Paris tourists: Strike closes Eiffel Tower

PARIS (AP) — The Eiffel Tower — which is normally open every single day of the year — closed Tuesday because of a strike over salaries and working conditions.

With Paris tourism already suffering, the monument's management apologized to visitors stranded at the gates of the tower, lamenting an ill-timed blow to the city's image.

Unions presented management with 51 demands and have held repeated meetings in recent days with officials from the company that manages the tower, SETE.

When the management refused all demands related to new hires and pay raises, the unions announced one-day strike Tuesday, according to SETE director Anne Yannic. Unions will decide later whether to extend the strike through Wednesday.

The strike comes as Paris is struggling to revive tourism after a string of deadly attacks and a year marred by floods, violent labor protests and polluted air.

"I wonder if they really understand the current context," Yannic told The Associated Press, saying the strikers are "disconnected from reality."

The Tower saw the number of visitors decline from about 7 million in 2015 to an estimated 6 million this year, and forecasts a corresponding 14 percent drop in revenue, she said. Yannic said the company has avoided layoffs so far but "we cannot afford extra hires."

She said the company accept-

ed some of the 51 demands and are negotiating others. Demands include more communication to staff about future strategy and about workers' committees.

The average annual salary for the Tower's approximately 300 workers is 61,000 euros (\$65,000) a year, according to the company.

Representatives of the CGT and FO unions among Tower personnel did not immediately comment.

Dejected tourists milled about the plaza beneath the tower, which rises 276 meters (906 feet) over the Seine River.

"I come from Mexico and I am here for only two days, only to find out that the Eiffel tower is closed and I won't be able to go," said Paolina Herrmann, a 22-year-old from Guadalajara.

Fikriya Akachar of Rotterdam rallied her family to come with her to the tower so she could experience it despite her fear of heights.

"We all came here, had some vacation days from work, and then they say no you cannot. I was disappointed," she said.

But Nicole and Michael Denning of Sydney said Paris remains a lovely city for tourists. "It's still magnificent, so we are happy, very happy," Nicole Denning said.

"It is magnificent, it does not matter where you go," Michael Denning said. "We are pretty happy to be just walking around, enjoying the sights."

## Israeli officials will not meet visiting Swedish FM

JERUSALEM (AP) — In an apparent diplomatic snub, Israel said Tuesday that none of its officials will meet with the Swedish foreign minister during a visit this week.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Emmanouel Nahshon cited a "scheduling issue" for the decision not to meet with Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom. It is highly unusual for a visiting high-level dignitary not to meet any Israeli officials.

Wallstrom arrives Thursday and is expected to meet Palestinian

President Mahmoud Abbas.

Sweden's relations with Israel have been strained since the Social Democratic-led government in 2014 recognized Palestinian statehood, and Wallstrom's comments on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict have elicited angry responses from Israeli officials.

"I would have liked to visit Israel as well, but unfortunately they couldn't confirm it," Wallstrom said in a statement.

As foreign minister, Wallstrom has been outspoken on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

## LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

**LEGAL PUBLICATION**  
IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MCMINN COUNTY, TENNESSEE, **Savannah Berryhill, PLAINTIFF VS Shelly Crabtree, DEFENDANT.** No. 2016-JV-577. NOTICE OF PUBLICATION. In this cause it appearing that ordinary process cannot be served upon the defendant, **Shelly Crabtree**, whose last known address was 472 Goodwill Rd Lot 4 Cleveland, TN 37323, and whose present address is unknown and cannot be ascertained upon diligent inquiry, the said Defendant, **Shelly Crabtree**, is therefore ORDERED and required to file an answer in the Juvenile Court of McMinn County, Tennessee who address is 1317 South White St. Athens, TN, within thirty (30) days after the last date of this publication or a default judgment may be taken against you for the relief demanded in said complaint. It is further ORDERED that this notice be published for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Cleveland Daily Banner, a newspaper published in Bradley County, Tennessee. RHONDA COOLEY Circuit Court Clerk. December 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016

**LEGAL PUBLICATION**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT CLEVELAND- PROBATE DIVISION. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLYDE W. THOMASON, Deceased; CHARLOTTE A. SELVIDGE, Personal Representative No. 2016-PR-224. NOTICE TO CREDITORS. Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of December, 2016, Letters Testamentary in respect of the Estate of Clyde W. Thomason who died on November 10, 2016, were issued to the undersigned Charlotte A. Selvidge by the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. ENTERED this 5th day of December, 2016. Charlotte A. Selvidge, Personal Representative; Bryson M. Kirksey, BPR No. 027358, Burns, Henry & Kirksey, Counsel for the Personal Representative, 175 Spring Street NW, P. O. Box 236, Cleveland, TN 37364-0236. Telephone: (423) 339-0529 Facsimile: (423) 478-2308. Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk & Master. Date: December 5, 2016 December 14, 21, 2016

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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Estate of Roe Carter Purnell, No. 2016-PR-230 In the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee Probate Division. Notice is given that on December 8, 2016 Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Roe Carter Purnell, who died December 3, 2016, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file their claims with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court of Bradley County on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2), otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. The address of the Clerk and Master is Bradley County Clerk & Master's Office, Room 203, 155 North Ocoee Street, Cleveland, TN 37311. This December 8, 2016. ROE CARTER PURNELL ESTATE By: Thomas Carter Purnell, Personal Representative. By: Mary Lynn Purnell, Personal Representative. McMurray Law Office, PLLC By: Marcia M. McMurray, BPR# 013337, Attorney for Personal Representatives, P.O. Box 610, Cleveland, TN 37364-0610. (423) 479-7171; Filed this December 8, 2016; Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk & Master. December 14, 21, 2016

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Thank you Santa.  
We love you very much.

Dear Santa,

My name is Trevor Helton. And I'm 8 years old. I would like some games, Xbox games, new eyeglasses and some new clothes. I will leave you some milk and cookies for you.  
Love Trevor

## Family's journal has been passed down since 1700s

SHELBY, N.C. (AP) — Eddie Ramsaur never expected to find a centuries-old piece of family history sitting among a stack of papers in his home.

As his wife, Betty, looked through papers to be shredded, she found a small, brown leather journal tucked away in an envelope labeled, "valuable papers."

"We opened it up. We had no idea what was in there, and it was a complete shock," Ramsaur said.

The pages of the book are filled with lists, diagrams and other writings, most difficult to make out due to being written in the script of a past century. Names of various family members from the past can be found within the pages, like David Ramsaur, and one diagram inside includes measurements reading '3-foot long' and '5-foot wide.'

Several of the entries inside are labeled by date, with some going as far back as 1752.

The book had been passed through Ramsaur's family for hundreds of years, and has been in Ramsaur's possession since his oldest brother passed away around 10 years ago, although he did not realize it until recently. The book sat in the Ramsaur's Shelby home over

those 10 years before he and his wife opened it in October.

Ramsaur's daughter, Gwen Smart, was particularly interested in the book, as she has been delving into her family's history since before the birth of her own daughter Carrah Elise Smart.

The name Carrah came from Gwen's mother's side of the family. Gwen wanted a Ramsaur family name to serve as Carrah's middle name, choosing Elise after finding the name had been in the family for many years.

"That started my research," Gwen said. "Then I got fascinated with it."

Gwen's exploration began before records could be easily found online, so she would go to the library and search through records on file. When sites like ancestry.com made tracing family history more accessible, she delved further into research.

She has since made her own books tracing and detailing the Ramsaur family history.

That interest and passion for family history has been passed down to Carrah, who is a student at Gardner-Webb University. When she first paged through the book, she was amazed at what she saw.

"That book has dates from the 1700s in it," Carrah said. "When I took history classes, I was learning about events that were happening (then), so to be able to hold a piece of that is just really awesome."

To Carrah, items like the handwritten journal give a different perspective of the family history. As her family has done for centuries, she hopes to keep the book in the family and pass it along for generations to come.

# MICHELLE OBAMA'S JOURNEY:

## Figuring out what her next steps will be

WASHINGTON (AP) — After eight years as first lady, what Michelle Obama does next will be one of the most talked-about questions when the Obamas leave the White House.

She'll have a variety of options after being a high-profile advocate against childhood obesity, a sought-after talk-show guest, a Democratic power player and a fashion maven.

Just as the first lady's role is undefined, with each woman molding it to her personality, interests and comfort level, there is no script for what comes after the first lady finishes the job.

The widowed Jacqueline Kennedy remarried and became a New York book editor. Laura Bush continues her advocacy for literacy and women in Afghanistan. Hillary Clinton launched her political career with her bid for the U.S. Senate, even before her family left the White House.

Here's a look at what Mrs. Obama is likely to do, or not do, when at 53 years old she returns to "private" life on Jan. 20.

### LIKELY TO DO: R&R

President Barack Obama says he's taking his wife on a "really nice vacation, because she deserves it. She's been putting up with me for quite some time." (Twenty-four years of marriage, to be exact.)

### WRITE A MEMOIR

Practically all first ladies do. Book publishers would offer millions for the rights to Mrs. Obama's insider account as the first black woman in the role and as someone who has said little publicly about her private life in the White House. Clinton got an \$8 million advance for her 2003 memoir, "Living History."

### SET UP HER FAMILY'S NEW HOME

Breaking from post-presidential tradition, the Obamas plan to stay in Washington so their 15-year-old daughter, Sasha, can finish high school. Presidents usually leave Washington when they leave office, but the Obamas are renting a home in the wealthy Kalorama neighborhood, near what will be the official residence of Vice President-elect Mike Pence. The Obamas also still own a home in Chicago.

### STICK WITH HER INITIATIVES

Mrs. Obama has said she'll stay engaged in public service and will keep working on the issues she focused on during her tenure. They included childhood obesity and education for girls around the world.

"I've always felt very alive using my gifts and talents to help other people. I sleep better at night. I'm happier," she told Vogue for an interview in the fashion magazine's December issue. "So we'll look back at the issues that I've been working on. The question is: How do I engage in those issues from a new platform? I can't say right now, because we can't spend that much time really doing the hard work of vetting offers or ideas or options because we're still closing things out here."

### COULD DO: JOIN SPEAKER'S CIRCUIT

Mrs. Obama put her oratory on display with a well-received speech on opening night of the Democratic National Convention. She followed with a series of campaign speeches criticizing Republican Donald Trump, now the president-elect, as unsuitable for the nation's highest office. Her friend, media mogul Oprah Winfrey, said the first lady will be "one of the most in-demand speakers" as a result of her convention performance. "That speaking fee just quadrupled," Winfrey said during an interview with The Associated Press.

Clinton earned millions of dollars giving paid speeches after she stepped down as secretary of state in 2013. Laura Bush also keeps a robust public speaking schedule.

### HOST A TELEVISION TALK SHOW

Mrs. Obama has demonstrated a knack for talk-show banter, and an ease in front of TV cameras. She co-hosted "The View" before the 2008 election and recently co-hosted Ellen DeGeneres' hourlong gabfest. Roy Ashton, head of television at the Gersh Agency in Los Angeles, says Mrs. Obama would be a "no-brainer" to have a show of her own.

"She could pick up where Oprah left off, or something else," Ashton said. "I think Michelle Obama has a ton to say."



AP Photo/Andrew Harnik, File

**IN THIS JUNE 6** file photo, first lady Michelle Obama, joined by school children from across the country, harvest the White House Kitchen Garden at the White House in Washington. What does Michelle Obama do next? After eight years as a high-profile advocate against childhood obesity, a sought-after talk show guest, a Democratic power player and a style maven, the first lady will have her pick of options when she leaves the White House next month.

### SERVE ON CORPORATE BOARDS

She has some experience with corporate America, but she'll want to choose carefully. Mrs. Obama resigned from the board of a food supplier for Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in 2007, shortly after her husband announced his presidential bid. He had been a critic of the retail giant.

Mrs. Obama cited the increased demands of the campaign for leaving the board of Illinois-based TreeHouse Foods Inc.

"It will be fun to see what she actually does," said Kimberly Archer, head of the Washington office of Russell Reynolds Associates, an executive search and assessment firm. "Wherever she does decide to

focus, I would say, 'Lucky them.'"

### LIKELY WON'T DO: RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

Both Obamas repeatedly have said she will not run for president — despite pressure from Democrats wowed by her campaign speeches against Trump.

Obama has said she doesn't have "the patience or the inclination" to be a candidate and is "too sensible to want to be in politics." Mrs. Obama said: "No, no. Not going to do it," when asked earlier this year about following in her husband's footsteps.

### RESUME PRACTICING LAW

Mrs. Obama, a Harvard law school graduate, practiced at a

Chicago firm but abandoned a legal career after the deaths of her father and a close friend. She entered public service, working for the city of Chicago and running an AmeriCorps service program before she joined the University of Chicago Medical Center as a vice president for community and external affairs. It was the last paid position she held before becoming first lady.

Dr. Kurt Newman, president and CEO of Children's National Health System in Washington, noted the first lady's past hospital experience during her annual Christmastime appearance at the facility and said he looked forward to having her back.

"I can always put her to work," Newman said.

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Author Dennis Stewart:

## New book points to killer of Lillian Hutsell

By WILLIAM WRIGHT  
Lifestyles Editor

If you lived in East Madison Avenue in Athens in the 1930s, there were three things you did not discuss in public: religion, politics and Lillian Hutsell.

To this day there are remnants of seniors who shy away from discussing the controversial suicide of the 27-year-old woman who reputedly had everything to live for, but never made it out of that decadent decade called "The Roaring Twenties." The fact that her death was ruled a suicide at a time when her life was thriving makes Dennis Stewart's true crime story, "The 'Suicide' of Lillian Hutsell" a book worthy of attention.

According to Stewart's book, in 1929, the young lady owned five town lots in the city of Athens. She also owned two farms, a house on fashionable East Madison Avenue, a luxury car, a truck and a motorcycle which she enjoyed riding. She was manager of a YMCA men's basketball team and owned several handguns. She also leased and ran a gas and service station, was an auto mechanic and invested her father's money to his benefit. With so much going on, it seemed highly unlikely that such a driven businesswoman would take her own life.

In his introduction, "Who Was Lillian Hutsell?" the author describes her as a "pretty with short dark hair" and fairly tall, standing about 5 foot 10. He wrote, "Her physique was shapely and feminine. Her energy level tremendous. She was driven and ambitious, yet tender and affectionate with a love for animals, especially rabbits. To say that Lillian was an outgoing woman would be an understatement. Lillian was liked by some women who saw her as an unwitting progressive, while others saw her as a threat to the old traditional role of women."

Historians describe the 1920s as an age of extreme contradiction, a boisterous period characterized by rapidly changing lifestyles, financial excesses, unmatched prosperity and technological progress. Hutsell appeared to be a product of her times as well as a woman ahead of her time, an

early feminist and businesswoman whose great potential would become noticeable in such a small Southeast Tennessee town.

"She rode a motorcycle," Stewart said. "Imagine a woman in 1929 riding a motorcycle!"

The 58-year-old author wrote, "Lillian's attractive looks, extraordinary intelligence and natural talents eventually brought her the attention of Athens' white-collar coterie," where she would soon catch the eye of the most powerful man in Athens. Her connections led to a bookkeeping job at the Citizen's National Bank, although she had no previous banking experience.

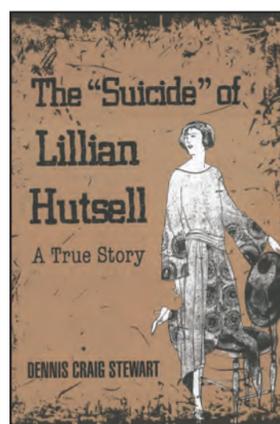
"She was working at a bank in Athens about two weeks before the Stock Market crashed in 1929," Stewart said. "Her bosses were embezzling from the bank and tried to make her the scapegoat. She was found dead a few days later of a gunshot wound. It was ruled a suicide, but I discovered stunning evidence that this was foul play. The Knoxville newspaper — not the Athens newspaper — reported that the gun she had supposedly committed suicide with had never been fired. I addressed some of the forensics in my book. A lot of people were nervous about me writing this book. Some of the collateral relatives are still around."

Stewart said before it was all over, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover would get involved, although this was mainly over bank irregularities. He also pointed out in his book that the 1920s was an era of social unrest involving a nationwide resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan as "the most popular fraternal organization in the United States."

"All kinds of people were members of the Klan — policemen, bankers, people in city government — they were all members," Stewart said. "Lillian was the secretary for the Klan. She struck up an odd relationship with the Athens chapter of the Klan."

The body of Lillian Hutsell was found in her home, shot through the heart, Stewart says. There was no suicide note and no indication she was suicidal. According to Stewart, from the time of her death and in the decades to follow, mention of the

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Banner photo, WILLIAM WRIGHT

DENNIS STEWART thaws out what he believes is a cold case that was ruled a suicide 87 years ago when Athens business woman Lillian Hutsell was found shot through the heart in her home on Oct. 16, 1929. The author attempts to prove that her death at the height of her career was no suicide, but rather a cold-blooded homicide that remained a mystery — until now. Left is a photo of Lillian Hutsell. Whether her death was an accident, suicide or murder is the focus of Stewart's latest true crime investigation.

## Charlene Nash: Volunteer of the Year for service in Africa

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Nash is seen

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Nash was

honored with

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award for her

work in Africa.



CHATTANOOGA — On International Volunteer Day, Dec. 5, in Washington, D.C., aquarium senior horticulturist Charlene Nash was honored with a national award for her volunteer work teaching African farmers how to improve their soil quality and agricultural practices.

Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance, a Washington D.C.-based consortium of 26 non-government organizations, selected Nash as its Volunteer of the Year. She was nominated for this honor in light of her "outstanding service" by NCBA CLUSA, a VEGA member and international farmer-to-farmer implementer.

Nash first traveled to Africa in 2008 as a volunteer to provide agricultural assistance in Kenya. Based on the personal fulfillment she felt after that experience, she began making trips more regularly, eventually establishing Soil Resources Initiative, a non-profit

through which she uses donations to purchase seeds, tools and other equipment for farmers.

One to two times a year, on average, she returns to Africa to help villages in locations such as Mozambique, Senegal and Zambia to learn how to breathe life back into soil that has been ravaged by the harsh climate and human abuse.

"They're small-holder farmers, and they do a lot of work, a lot of labor, to eke out a living from this poor soil," Nash said. "These soils are weathered and worn out, and we need to regenerate them. The villagers have to work pretty hard, but it can be done."

During her trips, Nash leverages decades of experience in agricultural and horticultural science to help farmers improve growing conditions in their fields. She teaches them the importance

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## Local 'Star Wars' fan builds droid to welcome 'Rogue One'

By WILLIAM WRIGHT  
Lifestyles Editor

"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," may be the best "Star Wars" movie since "The Empire Strikes Back," based on its latest trailer, according to "Star Wars" expert and Hollywood film critic Scott "Movie" Mantz.

The eighth film in the "Star Wars" franchise is getting high marks by fans treated to an early premiere in Hollywood as well as early reviews.

Already, "Star Wars" fans are lining up to be the first to see the highly anticipated space opera epic that will be the first "Star Wars" Anthology film, a stand-alone story set right before the events of the original "Star Wars." "Rogue One" stars Felicity Jones, Mads Mikkelsen and Forest Whitaker, and follows a group of rebel spies on a mission to steal design schematics for the Galactic Empire's new super-weapon, the Death Star.

Local "Star Wars" enthusiast Brad Boring said he is very excited to see the latest "Star Wars" entry and has built his fourth

"Star Wars" droid replica — an IT-O interrogation droid — in honor of the upcoming film. In the "Star Wars" saga the IT-O's greatest tool was its reputation. All you had to do was tell a suspect you have one and show it waiting in the wings. This alone could elicit a confession.

It was designed by the Imperial Security Bureau and employed by the Galactic Empire and Stormtrooper commanders.

"This is the fourth 'Star Wars' robot replica I've built," Boring said. "I built it to celebrate the latest film, which I can hardly wait to see."

In the past, Boring built a life-sized replica of R2D2 in 2002, to celebrate "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones." Later, in 2005, he designed a life-sized replica of C-3PO, to celebrate the release of "Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith" and in 2015 he built the BB-8 droid in honor of "The Force Awakens."

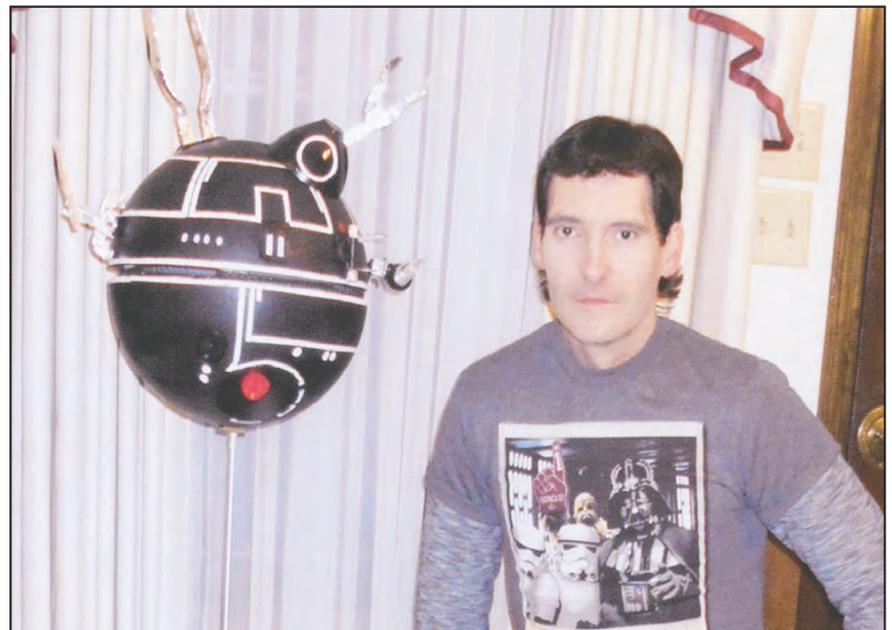
According to Boring, 49, his latest IT-O interrogation droid replica was built in nine days. It was made out of styrofoam, 2-liter Coca-Cola bottles, poster-



board, foil tape and Velcro.

"This droid is radio controlled just like the other droids I've built," he said. "There's also an LED light inside to make it glow like it does in the original 'Star Wars' episode 4, A New Hope."

Now, 40 years later, one of "Star Wars" biggest fans is about to journey back into the realm of Darth Vader, the Death Star and The Force as "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" lands in theaters Friday. The film is produced by Lucasfilm and is distributed by Walt Disney Studios Motion Pictures.



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BRAD BORING of Cleveland designed this new replica of an IT-O interrogation droid in honor of "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," in theaters Friday. The Star Wars enthusiast said he built the IT-O replica in nine days. Above left is an actual photo of the IT-O in the film.



## Wright Way

# Finding the right mate

By WILLIAM WRIGHT  
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A woman ran a traffic light and crashed into a man's car. Both of the cars were demolished, but amazingly neither of them was hurt.

After they crawled out of their cars, the woman said, "Wow, just look at our cars! There's nothing left! Fortunately neither of us were hurt! This must be a sign from God that we should meet, go on a date and become really close friends."

The man replied, "I agree with you completely! This must be a sign from God."

The woman continued, "And look at this! Here's another miracle. My car is totally wrecked, but my bottle of wine didn't even break! Surely God wants us to drink this wine and celebrate our good fortune!"

She hands the bottle to the man. The man nods his head in agreement, opens it, drinks half the bottle and hands it back to the woman. The woman takes the bottle, immediately puts the cap back on, and hands it back to the man.

The man asks, "Aren't you having any?"

She replies, "Nah. Think I'll just wait for the police."

And that, unfortunately, is how some people might describe their search for love. Looking for a suitable mate in all the wrong places can leave a person feeling used, deceived and desperately believing that God is giving them signs to a relationship that was wrecked from the start. While most people would not expect to find love after a traffic accident, is it possible people are looking for love in all the wrong places? Do you know of anyone like this? Where are you looking?

For example, would you agree that the odds of finding a good man or woman in a raunchy nightclub is highly unlikely? That's not the place people usually go for serious relationships, right? So how does anyone wanting to get married increase the odds of finding a suitable mate?

It makes sense that if you want a God-fearing man or woman you have to go to where they are. If you want someone who is health conscious or athletic, you might consider enrolling in a gym or fitness center. Take a few tennis lessons. Looking for someone cultured, with class? Visit museums, the theater or art exhibits. Parks are a great place to run into the outdoors type. Taking an evening college class or visiting bookstores might get you closer to the person you're hoping to be intellectually compatible with.

If you want someone especially unselfish, you might try working with volunteers at an animal rescue shelter, a local library, a community kitchen or get involved in missionary work. The point is to put yourself in closer proximity to the type of person you hope is a good match for you. Love may be just around the corner, but if you're walking on the wrong

street, you'll miss it.

Proverbs 18:22 says, "Find a wife and you find a good thing; it shows that the LORD is good to you." — Good News Translation. The fact that God's Word says "find" suggests a certain amount of searching is involved in locating a mate. You may have to search out of town, out of state or even out of the country. Whatever you do, don't get discouraged easily. View it as an adventure.

Some experts will tell you to find love within yourself first before you try to find a mate. So let us assume that you have put in all the hard work to improve your character so that you will be compatible to a quality person who is also interested in finding a marriage mate. Perhaps you have prayed continuously about finding the right person. What's next?

You still have to decide which qualities are most important to you personally. Is it being spiritually compatible, intellectually compatible, emotionally compatible or physically compatible? You may be blessed to find someone with most or all of these qualities, but realistically, this person, like you, will be a work in progress. So ask yourself, "Am I willing to make reasonable adjustments in my expectations when looking for a mate?"

Granted, in all relationships there are negotiables and non-negotiables. But within every happily married couple is a reasonable degree of compromise. Those compromises are connected to your joy. Why? Because you'll be married to a person willing to work at becoming "one" with you. So let us say you have located a prospect. Your expectations of their qualities, looks, age and intelligence are also met. What's next?

You have to be willing to take the initiative. It doesn't have to be obvious. It can be something as simple as complimenting a piece of clothing, asking for directions, asking for a little assistance, then follow that up with a polite question, like, "Is this your first time coming here?" or "Are you familiar with this area? I'm looking for a nice place to get a bite to eat."

If the person is right for you, they will respond kindly. That's a perfect time to introduce yourself, which is enough to lay the foundation for a relationship. Making eye contact with a nice smile can send the right signal to a person looking for a special mate. It also helps to have a sense of humor and a positive outlook. Keep in mind there are no guarantees. There is no such thing as only one right person for you. So try to be open to new possibilities.

Finding the right mate can be rewarding if you act wisely, scout out your locations, adjust your expectations and take some initiative. It doesn't have to be an accident. It doesn't have to involve wreckage. Instead, you can find yourself grinning all the way down the aisle on your wedding day! After all, who knows, maybe they read the same column as you?

# Ready for breaded cutlets of a different kind? Cauliflower!

By SARA MOULTON  
Associated Press

Let's say that one of your New Year's resolutions is to eat healthier and lose some weight. Join the crowd, right?

In practice, what we probably mean — among other things — is that we plan to eat more vegetables and less meat. It's a challenge. But if you try this dish — a wonderful vegetarian version of breaded veal (or pork or chicken) cutlets swimming in a marina sauce — you will see how easy and satisfying it can be to turn a resolution into reality.

You start by slicing a whole head of cauliflower into cutlets. The idea is to end up with thick slabs of the vegetable. One easy method for doing this is to cut the head in half down the center, then turn each half on its cut side and cut the halves into 1/2-inch-thick slabs. There will always be a few loose bits from the ends, but those also can be breaded and cooked as described below.

You'll want to take care with the breading, too. It's a three-step process: dust the steaks lightly with cornstarch, coat them well with an egg mixture, then finish them with a layer of breadcrumbs. This is standard operating procedure among culinary pros. The three layers provide a more substantial crust than any other single coating or combo of coatings.

Now it's time to brown your vegetable cutlets. You could do it in a skillet — just as you would a breaded meat cutlet — but that would require a ton of oil (those breadcrumbs just soak it up). And remember, it's the New Year and you're on a new path. So we bake them instead, which requires a lot less oil. The key is to place the cutlets fairly close to the heat source. In my electric oven that's the top of the stove. If they're not properly browned at the end of the prescribed cooking time, just leave them in the oven a little longer.

Then dig in.

**BREADED CAULIFLOWER CUTLETS WITH MARINARA**

Start to finish: 1 hour 15 minutes (45 minutes active)

Servings: 4



**THIS PHOTO** shows breaded cauliflower cutlets with marinara sauce in Concord, N.H. This dish is from a recipe by Sara Moulton.

1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil  
2 teaspoons minced garlic  
1 large head cauliflower  
3 large eggs, lightly beaten  
1/2 cup fat-free plain Greek yogurt  
1 teaspoon kosher salt, divided  
1/2 cup cornstarch  
1 3/4 cups panko breadcrumbs  
1 ounce grated Parmesan cheese

1 1/2 cups speedy marinara (recipe below) or store-bought marinara, heated

Heat the oven to 400 F.

In a small bowl, combine the oil and the garlic. Set aside.

Pull off any leaves from the stem end of the cauliflower and trim off just enough of the stem so the cauliflower stands flat on the counter. Slice the cauliflower head in half down the center top to bottom. One at a time, set each half onto its cut side. Starting from one end of each half, slice crosswise to create 1/2-inch-thick slices. This will yield 3 to 4 cutlets from the center of each half, with the small ends being chunks. The chunks can be prepared as the cutlets, or reserved for another use.

In a shallow bowl or pie plate,

whisk together the eggs, yogurt, 3 tablespoons of water and 1/2 teaspoon of the salt.

On a sheet of kitchen parchment, combine the cornstarch with the remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt, stirring the mixture with a fork to combine. On a second sheet of parchment, combine the panko with the cheese, stirring with a fork.

One at a time, coat the cauliflower cutlets (and trimmings, if using) on both sides with the cornstarch, knocking off the excess. Next, dip each in the egg mixture, coating them on both sides and letting the excess drip off. Finally, coat them with the panko mixture, patting the crumbs on well. Set aside.

Strain the garlic oil through a mesh strainer, pressing hard on the garlic to get out all the oil. Discard the garlic (or reserve for another use).

On a rimmed baking sheet, spread half of the oil in an even coating. Set the baking sheet on the oven's top shelf and heat for 5 minutes. Carefully remove the pan from the oven and quickly arrange the prepared cauliflower on it in a single layer. Return the pan to the oven and bake for 15

minutes.

Remove the pan from the oven, drizzle the tops of the cauliflower evenly with the remaining oil, turn them over, then bake for another 15 minutes. Divide the cauliflower among 4 serving plates, then serve topped with marinara.

**SPEEDY MARINARA**  
Start to finish: 35 minutes (10 minutes active)

Makes about 2 1/2 cups  
2 large cloves garlic, smashed  
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil

Hefty pinch red pepper flakes  
28-ounce can plum tomatoes (preferably fire-roasted), chopped  
Kosher salt

In an unheated medium saucepan, combine the garlic and the oil. Turn the heat to medium and cook, turning over the garlic several times, until it is just golden, 4 to 6 minutes. Add the red pepper flakes and cook, stirring, for 30 seconds. Add the tomatoes and a hefty pinch of salt, then bring to a boil, reduce the heat, and cook at a brisk simmer until the sauce is reduced to about 2 1/2 cups, 20 to 25 minutes. Discard the garlic. Season with salt.

# Make room for the dense, sweet holiday bread called stollen

By The Culinary Institute of America

Jeweled breads, studded with candied fruits and nuts, are hallmarks of the Christmas holiday, traditions brought by European immigrants as they settled across the United States. Fruitcake, panettone, and julekake are favorites, but for many, the Christmas stollen is king.

Though stollen tradition runs deep, there are many variations, and ingredients can be substituted to suit your tastes. Our recipe offers a simplified version that will mimic the shape of a classic Christmas stollen, without the anxiety of a 600-year tradition.

Before mixing the dough, we soak our dried fruits in rum or other spirits. Later, while the bread ages, that flavorful liquid soaks into the bread, providing its characteristic richness and depth of flavor. If you don't have the time to age the bread, don't despair — it will still be delicious. Next year, you can add it to your after-Thanksgiving tradition, and your stollen will be ready just in time to unwrap with your other Christmas gifts.

**CHRISTMAS STOLLEN**

Start to finish: 11 hours (Active time: 30 minutes)

Makes 2 loaves, each 8-10 servings

1 cup golden raisins  
1 tablespoon candied lemon peel  
1 tablespoon candied orange peel (see note)  
2 tablespoons dark rum  
1 1/2 cups bread flour (divided use)  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons milk, warmed (about 80 degrees F)  
2 1/2 teaspoons (1 packet) instant dry yeast  
10 tablespoons unsalted butter, room temperature  
1 tablespoon almond paste

1 tablespoon sugar  
1 teaspoon kosher salt  
1 teaspoon citrus zest (lemon, orange, or a combination of both)  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 teaspoon allspice  
1/4 teaspoon ground clove  
1/2 cup whole blanched almonds  
3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

2 cups sugar (or vanilla sugar), for rolling  
The day before preparing the bread, combine the raisins, lemon peel, orange peel, and rum in a small bowl. Cover and rest at room temperature overnight.

In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the dough hook, combine 3/4 cup bread flour, milk and yeast. Mix on medium speed until a dough forms, about 4 minutes. Depending on the size of your mixer, you may need to hand-knead the dough for a moment, just to incorporate all of the dry ingredients. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and set aside to rest in a warm place (ideally around 75 degrees F) until doubled in size, about 30 minutes.

Uncover the bowl and add the remaining flour. Add the butter, almond paste, sugar, salt, zest, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, and clove. Mix on medium-high speed, scraping the bowl as needed, until the mixture is smooth, but still slightly sticky, about 6 minutes. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and rest in a warm environment until nearly doubled in size, about 35 minutes.

Remove the dough from the bowl and gently pat into a flat circle. Add the almonds to the soaked raisin mixture and spread on top of the dough. Gently fold the sides of the dough over the raisins, to enclose them



**THIS PHOTO** provided by The Culinary Institute of America shows a stollen in Hyde Park, N.Y. This dish is from a recipe by the CIA.

in the mixture. Continue to fold the dough over itself until the raisins and almonds are evenly distributed throughout the dough. Return the dough to the bowl, cover, and rest for an additional 10 minutes.

Transfer the dough to a clean work surface. Divide into two equal pieces, and use the side of your hand to lightly round the dough into balls against your counter. Cover the dough with plastic wrap or a clean towel and let it rest for about 15 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.

Working with one piece of dough at a time, use your hands to gently flatten the dough into a rough square. Fold the first top third of the dough toward the center of the square, and then again toward the bottom, forming a loose cylinder. Using the palms of your hands, roll the dough into a log that is about 7 inches long.

With the dough parallel to the edge of counter, place a rolling pin in the center of the dough and gently roll upwards, to flatten the top half of the dough

(until it is about 3/4-inch thick). Fold the top of the dough toward the center, to meet the thicker, bottom portion of dough. Press it down lightly with the side of your hand to seal the seam, and transfer to a parchment-paper-lined baking sheet. Repeat with the second piece of dough.

Rest the dough, uncovered, until it has puffed up slightly, about 30 minutes.

Transfer to the oven and bake until the bread is golden brown and sounds hollow when tapped, about 35 minutes. Remove from the oven and transfer to a rack to cool slightly.

When the bread is still hot, but cool enough to handle, brush each loaf with melted butter. Roll in sugar and return to a cooling rack until fully cooled. You can serve the bread now, or, for a fuller flavor, wrap the cooled bread in plastic wrap and refrigerate for 3 weeks.

Note: If you cannot find candied citrus peel in your grocery store, you can substitute an equal amount of another dried fruit, like dark raisins, dried cranberries, or dried currants.

# Stewart

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name Lillian Hutsell was taboo. But Stewart asserts that an 85-year-old man, a decorated war hero of World War II who was the cousin of Hutsell, broke his decades-long silence and started talking about Hutsell's death right before he died.

"He told me it wasn't suicide. It was murder," Stewart said. "It turns out, in my opinion, that he was right."

Investigating old Athens newspapers on microfilm, Stewart discovered articles about Hutsell's death and began his own investigation into the death officially ruled a suicide, including the trial testimony about Hutsell's death.

"I read it and something didn't seem right about it. It caught my interest. I guess it's the cop in me," he said. "I started to do more research."

Everything he found and validated Stewart documented in his book, including his own theory on how Hutsell died, why she died and who may have killed her. He mentions a decorated war hero who insists she was murdered and even went so far as to name her killer. Stewart said he wanted to tell her story because Hutsell had "a spirit so strong that not even the grave could silence her."

The epitaph on her grave at Cedar Grove Cemetery in down-

town Athens reads, "She was the roaring twenties."

Stewart, who wrote his first investigative book about the murder conviction, death sentence and execution of former Cleveland Police Chief Homer Simpson in 1929, titled "The Real Homer Simpson," said the relatives of Lillian Hutsell that he had spoken with "were very happy" that he wrote his latest book, "because it gives her some measure of justice 87 years later — just like Homer Simpson. I tried to give him a measure of justice years later."

"The 'Suicide' of Lillian Hutsell — a True Story," raises some intriguing questions left unanswered for too long. It's written as a riveting true crime mystery, a who-done-it, but also as an unsettling why-and-how mystery.

"She got in over her head," Stewart said with a twinge of sadness. "She came from a middle class background and when she went to work at the bank with the so-called upper class people of the city, it turns out some of them were crooks."

"The Suicide of Lillian Hutsell" is available at The Museum Center at Five Points in Cleveland and the Living Heritage Museum in Athens.

# Nash

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of composting, planting cover crops and how to build up a nutrient-rich, water-retaining layer of humus. She also encourages farmers who benefit from her assistance to sign a pledge to plant a tree a week, a vow she helps them to uphold by purchasing seedlings for them to propagate and replant.

Without the donated equip-

ment and seeds she and other volunteers provide, Nash said, some of these farmers might not be able to recoup their land's long-lost growing potential.

"Their seeds are not sometimes that readily available in high quality, and sometimes, they can't afford seeds for cover crops," she said. "You can't tell a poor person to plant a crop just to feed

the soil when they struggle to feed themselves."

Jackson Andrews, the aquarium's director of operations and husbandry, said Nash's efforts speak to the aquarium's core mission of conservation and are helping to improve lives in an ecologically embattled region.

"We're very proud of what she does," he said. "She's able to use

her horticultural skills to really make a difference in people's lives."

For her part, Nash said the award is secondary to the feeling that she's using her knowledge to help others.

"I'm glad to be recognized, but it's not about me and the awards," she said. "I do it because I love teaching."

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**"NIGHT OF THE LUMINARIES"**  
 will be presented Dec. 17 by the Ridgewood Homeowners' Association. Luminary Committee Chair Deborah Flower, center, and her neighbors, Will and Wes Kelly, are preparing to participate in the subdivision's annual event. Every home will line its front curbs with the luminaries on Saturday, from 6 to 10 p.m. The public is welcome to drive through the approximately 2-mile lit road. The entrance to the Ridgewood Subdivision is located on Freewill Road. From Hopewell Elementary School, continue approximately one mile, then turn right at the Ridgewood sign. The rain date is Dec. 18.



## Giving chains: Holiday customers enjoying paying-it-forward programs

By MELISSA DUTTON  
 AP Writer

Lisa Ludwinski expects to sell more pie at her Detroit bakery during the holiday season, and not just to people enjoying it themselves. She anticipates that customers will buy pieces of pie for strangers through the shop's "Pie-it-Forward" program.

Ludwinski, owner of Sister Pie, launched the program last fall. Shoppers buy a coupon for a free slice of a pie, and the coupons get hung on a wall. Anyone who visits can take one down to get some pie. "It's a way to provide pie for a variety of people — people who are hungry or people who have never been to our pie shop before," said Ludwinski, whose specialties include Salted Maple and Cranberry Crumble.

Although the program runs year-round, Ludwinski has found that customers are more enthusiastic about it during the holidays.

Pay-it-forward programs seem to gain momentum around Christmas. Customers at Starbucks and Dunkin' Donuts around the country have made headlines in recent Decembers by buying coffee for the person behind them in line — leading to chains of hundreds of free drinks in streaks that can last for hours.

Most people — even those who don't donate to charity — value generosity, and paying for someone's coffee is an easy way to express that, said Patricia Snell Herzog, an assistant professor of sociology and criminal justice at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville who co-authored "American Generosity: Who Gives and Why" (Oxford University Press, 2016).

"It just makes you feel good," she said. "It's like smiling at someone. You're passing on visible goodness."

Also, nobody wants to be the person who breaks the chain, she said.

"It's put right in front of you. This person in line is being really generous. It makes you feel called to respond," she said.

MaryJo Dunn was amazed when an anonymous gift that she made in honor of her late son became a pay-it-forward phenomenon at the First and Last Tavern in Glastonbury, Connecticut. On Feb. 20, what would have been Luke's second birthday, Dunn bought a gift card and asked the manager to give it, along with a note explaining the date's significance, to a family having lunch at the restaurant.

The family that was chosen was celebrating their son's birthday; they insisted on reloading the card and giving it to another family, said Molly Shanahan, creative director for the restaurant. Diners continued to load the card through the next day.

"It took off," said Shanahan. "It created this energy. It inspired people. It was a flame that ignited the whole place."

For Dunn, whose son died of cancer in 2015, the outpouring made a bad day more bearable. She and her husband, Shane, routinely buy coffee and doughnuts for others and give the recipients printed cards asking them to "pay it forward in memory of Luke." They find that these small gifts not only keep Luke's memory alive but inspire others to perform "random acts of kindness," she said. "We are so happy that people continue to do this. It definitely lightens our hearts."

Mason Wartman also has seen how powerful pay-it-forward opportunities can be. He has given away more than 70,000 slices of pizza paid for by the customers of his Philadelphia restaurant, Rosa's Fresh Pizza.



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**THE POLK COUNTY EDUCATION FOUNDATION** held an orientation meeting recently for new board members. From left are Courtney Pippenger, Rhonda Lillard, Albert Rymer, PCEF President Dr. Phylis Miller, Dennis Bishop and Joe Waters.

## New board members of the Polk County Education Foundation attend orientation

The Polk County Education Foundation held an orientation meeting recently for new board members.

These outstanding local leaders have agreed to serve in this important position and offer advice and support to help fund the foundation's scholarships.

The foundation is currently providing seven former Polk County High School students with scholarships.

The unique thing about the Polk County scholarship is once a student receives a scholarship and continues to meet the requirements, it may be renewed for four years.

The foundation is funded by the generous support of individuals and the annual PCEF Golf Tournament, held the first Saturday after Labor Day.



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**NEW OFFICERS** for the Cherokee Hiking Club, from left, are Ann Gray, publicist; Rick Harris, webmaster; Rebecca Levings, newsletter editor; Randy Morris, treasurer; Sue Robinson, secretary; Michael Friedman, vice president; and Jack Callahan, president.



## Hints from Heloise

### Dry ingredients

**Dear Heloise:** While preparing to bake a cake, the recipe asked me to measure all the dry ingredients into a bowl. It did not say to sift dry ingredients together. I used a whisk to mix the dry ingredients together, and it worked just great. I got a lot of compliments on that cake, and it was a lot easier than sifting things together. Most recipes do not ask you to sift dry ingredients together, just mix, but the sugar is heavy, and sometimes a fork or spoon just won't do, so the whisk turned out to be a useful tool for this process. — Lucy H., Linden, Texas

### Party plates

**Dear Heloise:** I would buy 100 to 150 plates for a party of 25-30 guests. We would always run out of plates, even though I bought the high-quality, heavy-duty ones. For my last party, I placed a better-quality napkin between each plate (which kept them from bunching together — Heloise), and I did not run out of plates. Also, each guest remembered a napkin. Now I have plates left over for the next party. — Karen W., Highland, Ind.

### Orange turns reader green

**Dear Heloise:** The other day, I had an upset stomach, which is unusual for me. I couldn't figure out what could have caused it until I realized I had PEELED AN ORANGE with my hands and eaten it. Although I routinely wash fruit such as apples, I didn't wash the oranges. I then placed the oranges in a bowl to wash them, and the color of the water told me the peel had some foreign substances on it. I had gotten that on my fingers when I peeled the orange and then ingested it by eating the inner fruit with my fingers. Just a reminder to consider this other way we can get unwanted substances into our bodies! — Jay D., Salem, Ore.

**Jay,** this is a really good reminder that all fruits and vegetables (including oranges, bananas and avocados) should be washed thoroughly, whether or not you plan on eating the peel. Contaminants might be on the peel and can be transferred from the surface when you peel or cut the produce. Wash the produce under clean, running water, and gently scrub with a fruit/vegetable brush. Do not use any soap, detergents or bleach. — Heloise

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### Label spices

**Dear Heloise:** Our spices are in a drawer, as I suspect is the same with many, or most, folks. I have used a black marker pen to make them easy to find by marking the tops with an identifying abbreviation.

On those tops that are too dark, I have put a 1-inch square piece of masking tape and marked it. Works well. — Tom S., Colorado Springs, Colo.

### Individual servings

**Dear Heloise:** My family loves the crust that forms on homemade stuffing or cornbread dressing. It's their favorite part! So, when making stuffing or dressing for holiday meals,

I bake individual portions using muffin tins without the paper liners. — Gwen A. in Tennessee

## Don't forget the batteries for holiday gifts

ST. LOUIS — The phrase "batteries not included" can put a major damper on holiday gift-giving, forcing eager kids and techies alike to wait before testing out their newest toys and gadgets.

In fact, it's likely this has happened to you, as ninety percent of Americans said they have forgotten the batteries for holiday gifts in the past.

That information comes from a new consumer poll\* conducted by Energizer® with more than one thousand respondents, just in time for the approaching holiday season. While consumers reported concerns like forgetting to RSVP for parties, accidentally leaving someone off the holiday card list and burning the holiday meal, remembering batteries for

holiday gifts poses the most common challenge to ensuring holiday bliss.

"It seems like everyone has dealt with a holiday-related battery mishap," said Michelle Atkinson, chief consumer officer at Energizer. "We want to make sure all gift-givers remember this year that Energizer can be your ticket to ensuring holiday cheer."

Energizer recommends turning to Energizer MAX® as the go-to battery for the gadgets on your friends' and family members' wish lists. Providing the combination of long-lasting power and leak protection.

Energizer MAX® AA batteries have recently been improved to last up to 30 percent longer than previous iterations in digital cameras, while also protecting

devices from damaging leaks for up to two years after the battery is fully used and holding power for up to 10 years in storage.

"Forgetting batteries for high-powered gadgets should no longer fall under the long list of holiday stresses," said Atkinson.

Energizer lighting products also make ideal stocking stuffers for adventurers, DIY-ers and outdoor enthusiasts. Suited for a wide spectrum of activities such as bike riding, fixing a leaky sink or having that backyard campout with the family.

To ensure that your techies stay happy and your adventurers stay wild, remember Energizer this holiday season not only for gift ideas, but also as the source of power for those very gifts and many more.

# Islamic State turned Mosul into city of terror and darkness

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — She survived the first stone that struck her, then the second.

One of the Islamic State group's fighters bent down and pressed his fingers to the side of her neck to check her pulse.

As her horrified neighbors watched, extremists threw a third stone at the young woman, who was accused of adultery. That one killed her.

It was, for those who witnessed it, the cruelest moment in Mosul's descent into fear, hunger and isolation under 2 1/2 years of IS rule. Before the militants' takeover, Iraq's second-largest city was arguably the most multicultural place in the country, with a Sunni Muslim Arab majority but also thriving communities of Kurds, Shiites, Christians and Yazidis. Together, they had created Mosul's distinct identity, with its own cuisine, intellectual life and economy.

But the Islamic State group turned Mosul into a place of literal and spiritual darkness.

It began with promises of order and of a religious utopia that appealed to some. But over time, the militants turned crueler, the economy crumbled under the weight of war and shortages set in. Those who resisted watched neighbors who joined IS turn prosperous and vindictive. Parents feared for the brainwashing of their children. By the end, as Iraqi troops besieged Mosul, the militants hanged suspected spies from lampposts, and residents were cut off from the world.

The woman's killing in Mosul's Samah district shook to the core those in the crowd who were forced to watch.

Several witnesses described to The Associated Press how the woman and her alleged lover were paraded blindfolded through the streets. The militants summoned everyone they could find to watch. It was in August, after the militants had lost strongholds in other parts of Iraq and Syria, prompting them to heighten their repression.

"Still not dead," Samira Hamid recalled the militant pronouncing after he checked the woman's pulse, before the lethal blow to her head. The man accused of being her lover was flogged 150 times and forced to go to Syria to fight in IS ranks.

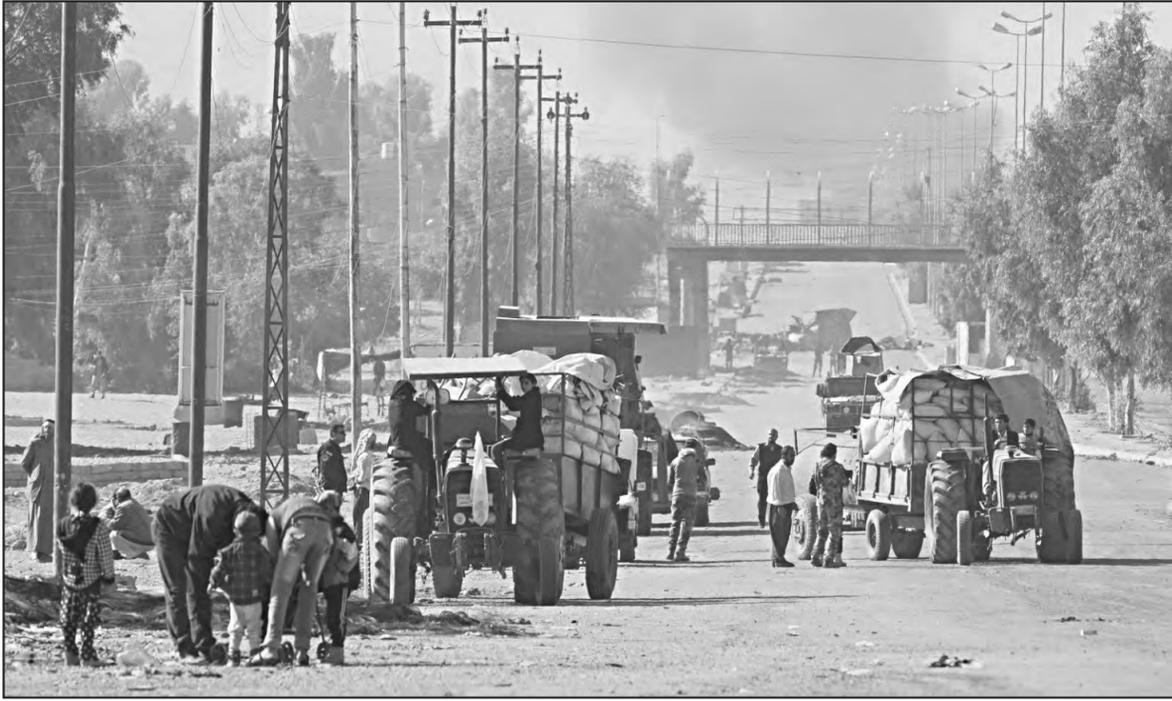
Another witness, Sarmad Raad, found recalling the killing nearly unbearable.

"I shut down," the 26-year-old said, "I just lost my mind."

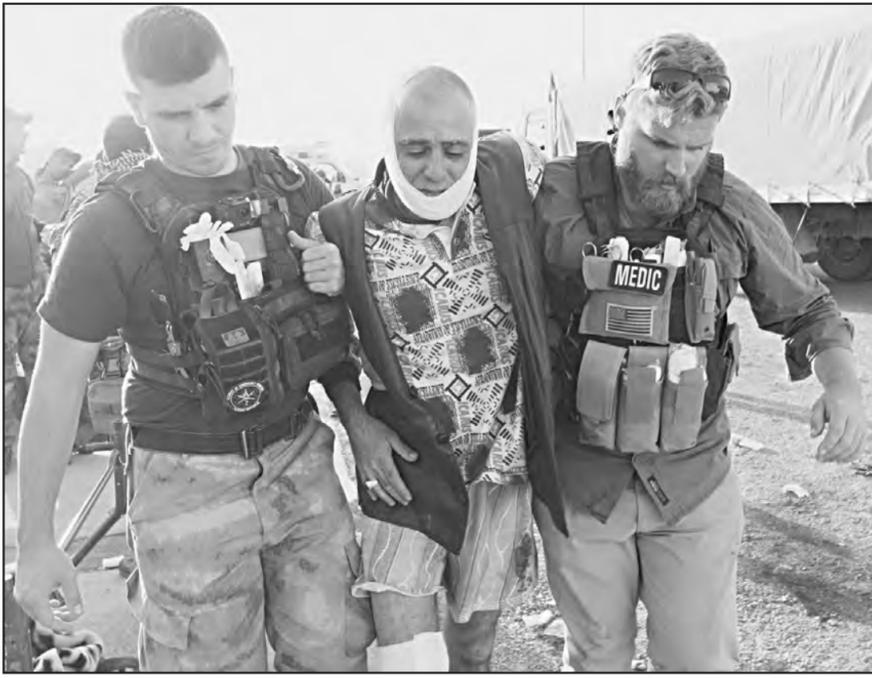
The AP interviewed dozens of residents who have left Mosul since Iraqi troops began retaking outlying districts last month. They described life in a city that has been virtually sealed off from the outside under the rule of the Islamic State group. They spoke from Mosul's edges and from the refugee camps that are their homes for the foreseeable future, even as smoke rose and artillery boomed from nearby front lines.

For many among Mosul's Sunni Arabs, rule by the Sunni militants of IS initially seemed a respite from what they considered the heavy hand of Iraq's Shiite-led central government in Baghdad.

As Iraqi soldiers vanished in those first few weeks, people were simply happy to see hated security checkpoints pulled down and traffic moving smoothly along streets lined with low, pale buildings. Sunni insurgents have long been active in Mosul, and Baghdad's clampdowns against them usually only fueled resi-



**CIVILIANS WITH tractors distribute food to people fleeing Mosul as fighting rages nearby in the fight between Islamic State group militants and Iraqi forces in this Nov. 4 photo taken in Gogjali, Iraq. Over the last months under the Islamic State group's rule, residents scrounged for even the basics of life, selling what they could for money to buy food and using oil lamps because of electricity cut-offs, according to Iraqis fleeing the city.**



AP Photo/Nish Nalbandian

**VOLUNTEER MEDICS** assist an Iraqi civilian injured while fleeing his Islamic State group-controlled neighborhood of Mosul in this Nov. 5 photo taken at an aid station near the front line in Gogjali, Iraq. Residents fleeing Mosul say IS imposed a regime of fear over the city, forcing residents to watch brutal public killings as punishments. In the last weeks as Iraqi troops moved in, bodies of "spies" — those caught with mobile phones — were seen dangling from light posts.

dents' distrust.

But even as families strolled in the parks and shops stayed open, signs emerged that this group of fighters was unlike past insurgents who had worked strictly underground. They were staying put: Trucks began hauling office furniture to various government buildings, according to a blog called "Mosul Eye," written by a resident who took on the role of city historian.

Several weeks later, the group declared its "caliphate" stretching across its territory in Syria and Iraq.

Within a month, the homes of Christians and other minorities were tagged with official stickers — for "statistical purposes," IS officials said, according to Mosul Eye. Christians and Shiites soon fled, leaving their marked homes and belongings behind.

Kurds were soon targeted as well.

"If you turned in a Kurdish family, they gave you a car," said Hassan Ali Mustapha, a retired prison guard. He said he moved into a home deserted by a Kurdish family, after the family

asked him through a mutual friend to do so to keep Islamic State from taking it over.

Mustapha walked with a heavy limp through the camp that is his family's new home. They made their escape from Mosul first on foot and then by Iraqi government truck.

The group imposed the extreme, severe vision of Islamic law across its zone of control. Dress was strictly regulated, and clothes manufacturers were told to report to Islamic State offices to receive the acceptable measurements. Women were required to hide their faces and don black down to their fingertips. The fine for violations — even as small as the wrong kind of stocking — was 25,000 dinars, around 20 dollars. Repeat offenders got lashes.

There was another, widely feared punishment as well: The women's brigade of religious enforcers used a metal-toothed device to deliver vicious, deep "bites" on women they deemed as dressing improperly, according to two women.

Punishments were often pub-

lic, and in a central square the group printed broadsheets proclaiming how it would respond to disobedience. In one case, according to a witness, there was a gleeful description of "criminals" being shoved into a commercial oven to roast to death.

The militants took a cut of all business through fees, fines or taxes. Even roadside hawkers had to pay IS according to the size of the sheet on the ground where they displayed their wares — 15,000 dinar (\$12) per square meter. As they described indignities piling up, the camp residents dragged their feet in the dust to show just how small a space could be taxed.

Residents learned to keep a mental tally of all the different rules — and find ways to dissent.

The most symbolic was the widespread refusal to send children to the schools, which the extremists took over.

Mosul prides itself on an ancient history of knowledge. Near the center of the city are the ruins of the city of Nineveh where stone tablets more than 3,000 years old were discovered in a library, inscribed with the Mesopotamian epic of Gilgamesh, considered humanity's oldest surviving work of literature.

But in the IS schools, lessons were about guns and warplanes. Mathematics courses couldn't use a plus symbol because it resembled a Christian cross. Mosul's biggest libraries were ransacked over a number of weeks, beginning in late 2014, and the extremists set up bonfires to torch books on science and culture, according to accounts at the time.

Though IS threatened flogging and even death as punishments for absenteeism, students and teachers alike stayed away from the university, according to Mosul Eye.

Schools once free to everyone now involved fees that few could afford without a steady paycheck. By mid-2014, steady income came only from joining the Islamic State group. Many dismissed entirely the thought of paying their dwindling cash for a worthless education.

"So we didn't send them to school," said Khodriya Ahmed, a mother of 12 from the outlying neighborhood of Gogjali. "For two or three years, Daesh only educated their own children,"

she said, using the Arabic acronym for the group.

Hussam Ghareeb, a former soldier, also refused to send his children to IS-run schools.

He is living in a camp with his family, including his 6-year-old son Omar.

"God willing, you will be a doctor and help those who are hurt. Yes, son?" he asked, turning to the boy. Omar has yet to set foot in a classroom.

The group's propaganda insisted all was fine in the city. John Cantlie, a British journalist held hostage by the Islamic State group for four years, has made periodic appearances in videos filmed in Mosul, showing a market, an efficient IS motorcycle police force and a city continuing to function despite the threat of airstrikes from the Iraqi military and the U.S.-led coalition.

Members of the actual police force, meanwhile, had either been killed or gone into hiding as IS hunted down policemen or soldiers to eliminate the group of people best able to fight against them.

Oday Mustapha Suleiman, a former soldier, knew of two police officers killed by militants, as well as his brother. Suleiman himself spent most of his time inside his house for fear of being caught.

"They drove through the streets with a microphone, calling our names," he said. "For 10 days I hid, just pacing between my room and the front door because they wanted to cut off my head."

Azhar Yonas, a small, nervous man who fingered his prayer beads as he spoke, said his name was on an IS list of police officers so he went into hiding. Yonas estimated that a third of the 30,000 strong force was killed — tossed into a natural pit outside the city believed to hold thousands of bodies.

"They said they put them in the hole so they would not make the land unclean," Yonas said.

His youngest child was born July 3, 2014, a day before IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi mounted a dais in a Mosul mosque and gave a sermon demanding Muslims obey him as the newly declared "caliph."

Yonas' wife gave birth at the hospital without him. He did not dare join her.

The family skipped from relative to relative an estimated 100

times in 2 1/2 years.

"Iraqis have big families," he said with a wry smile.

The city's economy suffered a string of blows. The Baghdad government cut off the flow of money it had been paying civil servants, and airstrikes cut into Islamic State's oil revenue and cash reserves. The infrastructure and services initially provided by the group broke down. Electricity cuts forced people to rely on oil lamps. Communications were cut off, although people still managed to make periodic, hushed calls to Alghan FM, a radio station founded by an exiled Mosul resident that has become a sounding board to those trapped in the city.

"Four months ago, satellite television went down. Six months ago, it was the internet," said the station's founder, who asked to be identified only by his first name, Mohammed, for his safety. IS "wanted people to be isolated completely."

IS enforcers cowed entire neighborhoods by forcing people to watch as they hacked off hands and lashed, beheaded or stoned offenders.

Hamid, one of the residents of the Samah neighborhood who witnessed the stoning, said her 39-year-old son suffers from severe psychological problems and ran afoul of Islamic State when he wandered from home one evening. They accused him of being drunk, clubbed him with a gun and took him away. In detention, they beat him more. Finally the family found out where he was being held and brought him home.

"Only his eyes were untouched. Everything else was bruised. And he became like a parrot, just repeating what we would say," she said.

Residents said IS fighters herded people into Mosul's central market nearly every week for public punishments.

"They forced all of us to watch," said Raad, the 26-year-old, speaking in the Hassan Sham camp midway between Mosul and Irbil where he and many of his neighbors have ended up.

With the militants digging in as they lost territory elsewhere, Mosul's residents saw food supplies dwindle until onions and bread were all that was left. Prices that had been kept stable began to spiral. With food in short supply and jobs even scarcer, people started selling anything of value to anyone willing to buy.

Khodr Ahmed sold his car for \$400. But as that money ran out, he sent his young boys Bashir and Mushal out to hunt for scrap metal.

As they scrounged, 9-year-old Bashir picked up what turned out to be an abandoned IS explosive. It blew off his hand and gouged a hole in his 10-year-old brother's shin.

"Poverty and hunger caused all of this," said Ahmed. And the poverty and hunger, he said, were caused by IS. "For them, they were living the good life. They had food to eat, but because we did not join, there was nothing for us."

Their neighbor was among those to reap the rewards of joining, the Ahmeds said. That family got a car and never wanted for food or electricity. But Khodriya, Ahmed's wife, said her refusal to fully accept IS rules for women earned her a death threat from the same neighbor — one he never had the chance to carry out.

In recent weeks, to further seal off Mosul's people from the world outside, Islamic State took to hanging people from street lights in residential neighborhoods, according to two men who fled Mosul, speaking on condition they not be named to protect their families. Most of the dead were caught using mobile phones, an act considered spying.

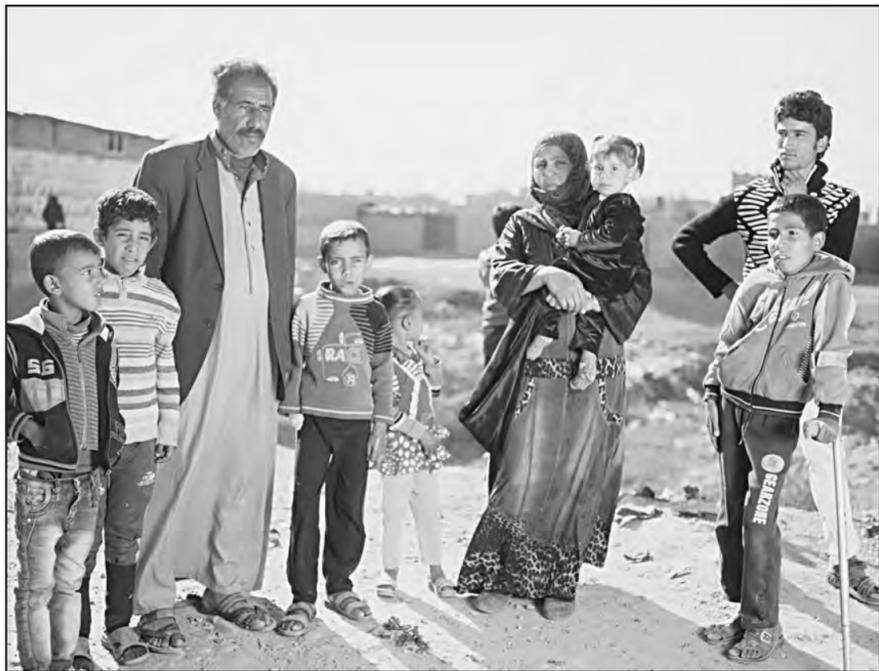
Still, people within Mosul find ways to communicate, if only briefly.

Saif, a man from the Zahra neighborhood, said his family inside the city managed to send quick texts to say they are safe. He spoke using only his first name to protect his relatives.

Mustapha, the former prison guard, was among those to keep his cell phone. He wrapped it in plastic and buried it in the garden, making only brief phone calls. One of his sons lives in Irbil. They have not seen each other since IS took over, although the two cities were, in better days, just an hour apart by car.

Mustapha now is unsure he would ever want to return home.

"Mosul is like a forest with hidden monsters," he said, but he knows everyone who joined the Islamic State. "I can remember everything."



AP Photo/Nish Nalbandian

**KHODR AHMED** and his wife Khodriya Ahmed stand with their children after escaping fighting in Mosul in this Nov. 12 photo taken in Gogjali, Iraq. With no job under Islamic State group rule, Khodr Ahmed sold his car to buy food and then when that money ran out, he had to send his sons out to scrounge for scrap metal to sell. His son Bashir, 9, (fourth from left) picked up unexploded ordnance that blew off his hand and wounded the leg of his brother Mushal, 10 (with crutch). IS militants were "living the good life. They had food to eat," Khodr Ahmed said. "But because we did not join there was nothing for us."



**BRIANNA WRIGHT** shows off her pig in the show ring.



**COLE LEDFORD**, Susan Ledford, Henley Ledford and Sydney Brady discuss showing strategies while waiting on their classes.

## HOLIDAY TIPPING

### How much should you give?

#### Special to the Banner

There's the mailman and the doorman, the pet sitter and personal trainer, not to forget the housekeeper, home healthcare worker and many others.

Who do you tip this holiday season and how much?

Sharon Schweitzer, an international etiquette expert, author, and the founder of Protocol & Etiquette Worldwide, offers this simple checklist of which service providers you need to tip this holiday season and how much:

#### Business (check corporate policy):

- Clients: Business gift baskets of chocolate, edible fruit, nuts, cheese, wine, cookies, petite fours; golf balls & non-logo gifts.

- CEO/boss: Group gift to their favorite charity or nonprofit foundation

- Assistant: Bonus or gift based on relationship length

- Colleagues: gift they will like for sports, hobby, or dining, gift card.

- Office Gift Exchange: don't go rogue, follow the spending guidelines.

#### Education & Schools (follow policy):

- Professor: greeting card, no gift

- Teacher: Consider a group gift with parents pooled funds

- Assistant/aide: \$25 - \$50 gift certificate

- Multiple teachers: small gift, candle, baked goods, gift certificate.

- Principal: Holiday card and baked goods

- School secretary: café gift card, small gift or gift certificate

- School nurse: café gift card, small gift or gift certificate

#### Home or Building Personnel:

- Live-in help (cook or butler):

between a week-month's pay, plus a gift

- Housekeeper: if they come once a week: equivalent of a day's pay, or \$50. If they come daily: equivalent of a week's pay, and possibly a gift

- Gardener: equivalent of a week's service

- Landscaping crew: equivalent of a week's service, divided among the crew

- Pool cleaning crew: equivalent of one session, divided among the crew.

- Garage attendant: between \$15 and \$40 or give a small gift

- Garbage/recycling: if city permits, \$10 to \$30 each for extra holiday effort

- Doorman: between \$50 to \$100 each, or gift, depending on extra duties

- Elevator operator and handyman: between \$20 to \$50 each

- Newspaper delivery: between \$10 to \$35, or give a small gift

#### Healthcare providers:

- Private health care nurse: week's pay or a gift of similar value

- Home health employee: follow policy/generous gift basket of holiday treats

- Nursing home staff: follow policy/gift basket of holiday treats for all

#### Personal grooming:

- Hairstylist, manicure, pedicure, specialist: equivalent of a visit

- Barber: haircut and shave equivalent or give a gift

- Massage therapist/personal trainer: session equivalent or give a gift

- Pet care:
  - Groomer: equivalent of one session or give a gift
  - Walker: week's pay equivalent or "1-2 visits" per DogWalker.com

- Sitter: a week's pay and a paw print note from your pet

#### Package and Mail Delivery:

The United States Postal Service provides the public with a tipping and gift receiving policy on their website, FedEx and UPS do not. The information provided for FedEx and UPS is from customer service representatives who preferred not to give their names.

#### United States Postal Service:

- Employees may accept baked goods (homemade/store bought) items to share with the branch office. Customers may give edible arrangements, gift cards for merchandise or services valued up to \$20 per interaction. Gifts cannot exceed \$50 per calendar year.

- Gifting cash, VISA, MasterCard, or gift cards that may be used as cash are prohibited per USPS Employee Tipping and Gift Receiving Policy.

#### FedEx:

- Company policies discourage gift cash or gift cards. The driver will politely decline the holiday gratuity. If the customer is insistent, the driver may ultimately accept the gift.

#### UPS

- UPS does not have a limit; tipping is left to customer's discretion.

Avoid giving holiday tips to people on this list; send holiday e-cards instead:

- Accountant/CPA
- Attorney
- Auditor
- Banker
- Bookkeeper
- Dentist
- Doctor
- Executive Coach
- Members, board of directors or trustees
- Seamstress/tailor
- Veterinarian.

## Sold: Pristine views in Grand Teton National Park for \$46M

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A \$46 million deal between Wyoming and the Interior Department put a square mile of land inside Grand Teton National Park into U.S. government hands Monday, eliminating the possibility that the pristine property with breathtaking views of the Rocky Mountains' Teton Range might be developed.

The sale ended years of drama in which Wyoming officials sought to sell the land called Antelope Flats in the Jackson Hole valley while federal officials and environmentalists worried it could end up privately owned.

"The acquisition of Antelope Flats accomplishes a longstanding goal of the National Park Service by ensuring that this land will forever provide habitat for antelope, elk, moose, wolves, and grizzly bears as well as preserving the outstanding vistas of the Tetons

for future visitors to enjoy," National Park Foundation President Will Shafroth said in a statement.

Wyoming had owned the land surrounded by park lands since it became a state in 1890. The land was among hundreds of parcels statewide designated for sale to raise money for public education.

The open area of sagebrush was among a number of private and state-owned land called inholdings that never became part of Grand Teton when the park was established with its current boundaries in 1950.

Few inholdings remain in Grand Teton but the remaining ones include another square-mile state section on the park's eastern boundary that also has stunning mountain views. It is valued at about the same price as the parcel that was sold but could be more

attractive to developers because a road runs through it.

Negotiations for the federal government to buy or trade other lands for that parcel are underway.

Wyoming officials have leased the state's Grand Teton holdings for grazing but took in very little revenue compared to the potential value of the land on the open market. Jackson Hole has some of the highest property values in the western Rocky Mountains.

When negotiations with the Interior Department over a sale or land swap stalled in 2010, then-Gov. Dave Freudenthal and other state officials threatened to auction off the property. The Interior Department then paid \$2,000 for some minor mineral rights for \$2,000 in 2012 and \$16 million later that year for 86 acres of land.

## Bradley 4-H, FFA members compete in the Regional Market Hog Show

4-H and FFA members from Bradley County showed their market hogs at the Eastern Region Market Hog Show Dec. 10, in Knoxville.

The contest was open to youth in the 33 counties in the Eastern Region where more than 500 hogs were shown.

Daniel Cox and Keri Beth Cox, both of Walker Valley High School, showed their pigs in addition to Dustin Barnett and Brianna Wright, of Bradley Central FFA.

4-H members Cole Ledford, Stephanie Bates, Sydney Brady, and Olivia Congdon also showed at the regional competition.

Each participant showed their animal in weight classes, showmanship classes, and completed testing in a Skil-A-Thon learning center.

Results have not been released from the show yet.

These youth will have the opportunity to show again at the Bradley County 4-H and FFA Market Hog Show on Saturday, Dec. 17, beginning at



**OLIVIA CONGDON** shows off her ribbon from her market hog class.

2 p.m.

The show will take place in the back barn at the Tri-State Exhibition Center.

Local sponsors are awarding youth with prizes, plaques, and show equipment.

4-H Programs are open to all youth, grades fourth through 12th, regardless of race, gender,

ethnicity, national origin, handicap, or religion.

For more information on 4-H projects, contact Lynne Middleton at 423-728-7001 or LMiddle2@utk.edu.

For more information on FFA at Bradley Central High School, contact Jamey Haynes at jhaynes@bradleyschools.org.



**DANIEL COX** shows off his hog during his showmanship class.



**KERI BETH COX** shows off her hog.



**DUSTIN BARNETT** gets ready to take his hog into the class.

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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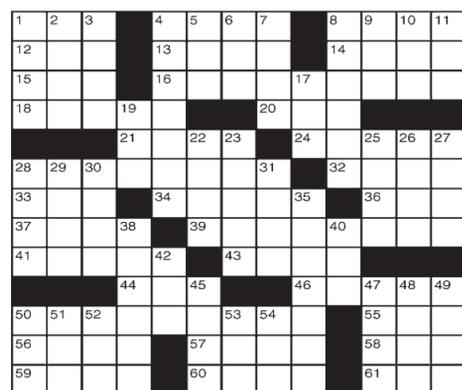


# CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
 1 Actress Taylor  
 4 Pharmaceutical  
 8 Run off  
 12 Undivided  
 13 Teeny bit  
 14 Billie — King  
 15 Egypt's cont.  
 16 Captain's right  
 18 Sponge  
 20 "It's c-c-cold!"  
 21 Raw materials  
 24 Photo-shop maker  
 28 Dried by solar heat  
 32 Overconfident  
 33 Away from WSW  
 34 Bottled spirit?  
 36 Gun lobby org.  
 37 Greek vowels

**DOWN**  
 1 Rich soil  
 2 Data  
 3 Goose egg  
 4 Plate cleaner  
 5 Hogwash  
 6 Actress Hagen  
 7 Attire  
 8 Norwegian inlets  
 9 Meadow  
 10 Listener  
 11 Conclude  
 17 Bikini half  
 19 Corn core  
 22 Stretches (out)  
 23 Man of La Mancha  
 25 Hotel chain  
 26 Duelist Aaron  
 27 "Zounds!"  
 28 Feeder  
 29 Golden rule  
 30 Close  
 31 Actress Merrill  
 35 Incited  
 38 Elevated road  
 40 Fella  
 42 Bro or sis  
 45 Conspiracy  
 47 Satchels  
 48 Way out  
 49 Takeout order?  
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 54 Born



Solution time: 25 mins.



Yesterday's answer 12-14

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHEN ANYBODY ASKS ME TO DESCRIBE ASTRONOMERS' CAREERS, I ALWAYS SAY THAT THEY DO STELLAR WORK.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals T

## ASTROLOGY

by Eugenia Last

**THURSDAY, DEC. 15, 2016**  
**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Adam Brody, 37; Julie Taymor, 64; Don Johnson, 67; Tim Conway, 83.

**Happy Birthday:** Stick to simple and affordable changes this year. Don't let anyone talk you into something that makes you feel uncomfortable. Remain

focused on accomplishing your own goals, not goals set by others. Personal changes will benefit you professionally as well as motivate you to entertain diverse ideas and plans for the future. Romantic gestures will improve your personal life. Your numbers are 2, 10, 18, 27, 33, 38, 46.

## Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

### The long-term view

South dealer.  
 North-South vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
 ♠ 6 2  
 ♥ A J 7 4  
 ♦ A 9 3  
 ♣ 10 9 6 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q J 9 7  
 ♥ Q 8 5 2  
 ♦ 6  
 ♣ K Q 7 4

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 10 8 5 4  
 ♥ K 10 9 3  
 ♦ 7 4  
 ♣ 5 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A 3  
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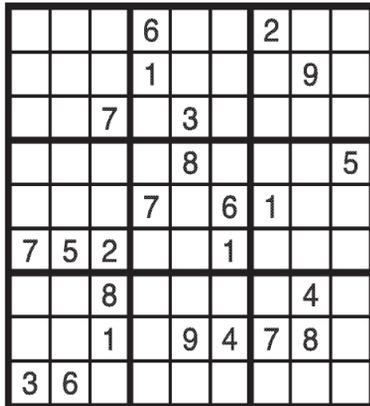
The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass  
 3♦ Pass 4♦ Pass  
 5♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.  
**From the time dummy appears** in today's deal, declarer should be concerned that West might have both missing club honors and that the contract will go down if he (South) relies strictly on two club finesses.  
**South should then seek a way** to overcome that possibility if it exists. Further analysis should lead South to conclude that his best chance is to try for an elimination play that will

assure a favorable outcome regardless of where the K-Q of clubs are actually located.  
**Accordingly,** he wins the opening spade lead with the ace, plays a heart to the ace, ruffs a heart, enters dummy with a trump, ruffs another heart, leads a second trump to dummy and ruffs the jack of hearts.  
**When South next exits** with the three of spades, the defenders are helpless. If West wins the trick, he can do no better than return a club, automatically limiting South's losers to one spade and one club. If West returns a spade instead, South ruffs in dummy and discards a club from his hand to hold himself to one club loser.  
**Alternatively,** if East wins the spade lead, declarer simply plays low on the club return. After winning the trick, West then has the choice of returning either a club or a spade, handing South the contract.  
**By adopting this line of play,** South can guarantee a favorable outcome as soon as the missing trumps divide 2-1. But to attain the desired result, declarer must begin to lay the groundwork for the prospective end-play from the very outset, making sure to trump a heart in his hand at every opportunity.

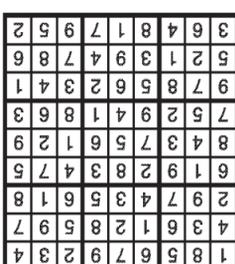
Tomorrow: Sylvia.  
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# SUDOKU



**Fun By The Numbers**  
 Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**  
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!



ANSWER:

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stay in control. Don't make rash moves based on hearsay. Moderation will be necessary when asked for donations or hand-outs. Don't allow anyone to play on your emotions or take advantage of you. Be smart and offer suggestions, not cash.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look for alternative routes if you face a roadblock. Controversy will rise up if you disagree with someone who can influence your life at home or at work. Take action and show how reliable and responsible you can be.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Delve into something that interests you. The people you encounter will enrich your life and give you something to think about. Do your own research to find out how to improve your standard of living. Share your feelings and make suggestions.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make innovative changes that will brighten your life. Look back at some of your past accomplishments and failures and you will find alternative ways to use your experience to better your position and make financial gains.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Situations will be difficult to control. Try not to let your emotions or your ego get in the way of making a good decision. Overreacting will not help you win support. When in doubt, it's best to pause and take a deep breath.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't make unnecessary alterations to the way you handle your money. Keeping a close tab on your bank account will help you avoid being overdrawn or unprepared. Play it safe and avoid undue stress.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Stay focused and intent on the goals you set. Letting someone change your direction or interfere in your progress will lead to loss or failure. Be true to yourself and stick to your game plan. Success is within your reach.  
**Birthdays Baby:** You are balanced, generous and determined. You are proactive and forthright.





**CAROLYN STANSBERRY WILLIAMS** took this photo in Benton after the tornado. "God bless them all. Restore and rebuild."



**KELLY HIXSON WELLS** noted, "I took this photo at my candle light service at Heritage Fellowship Church of God in McDonald. Here is a quote from Leo Tolstoy to go along with the picture. 'Just as one candle lights another and can light thousands of other candles, so one heart illuminates another heart and can illuminate thousands of other hearts.'"



**JENNIFER HARDISON** provided the photos of the two tail feathers from the common flicker. "This is one of the reasons this bird is so special to me. The colors are so vibrant."

## Pregnant orangutan's gift list: Bubble bath, Dolly Parton CD

WACO, Texas (AP) — A Texas zoo has set up a gift registry for an expectant orangutan couple, complete with bubble bath and a Dolly Parton CD.

The Cameron Park Zoo in Waco is requesting several items for Mei and KJ on the Target registry, which also includes the movie "Zootopia," stuffed animals, a musical crib mobile, SpongeBob SquarePants bubble bath and books. All are under \$25, and several have already been purchased. "When Mei first got here, she was young, 10 years, she loved the movie 'Jungle Book,'" Zoo curator of exhibits and programs Terri Cox said. "That was the one thing that would bring her up to the front until she got used to her surroundings."

Cox said each of the items on the gift registry was selected to help provide enrichment for the

new arrival and other zoo animals. Enrichment items are for determining successfulness in stimulating the animal mentally and physically, and are tracked per animal.

Mei is due in late January. Her trainer, Emily Ellison said staff will be on 24-hour baby watch beginning mid-January. With the endangerment of wild orangutans and the death of Mei's first baby in 2014, the zoo's goal is to help save the species from extinction. The baby's gender won't be revealed until birth.

"These are magnificent animals. To encourage people to develop a connection to them, that's the role of zoos," Cox said. "In a perfect zoo we'd love for everything to live in their natural habitat. But in order to save the species, we have specific survival plans."

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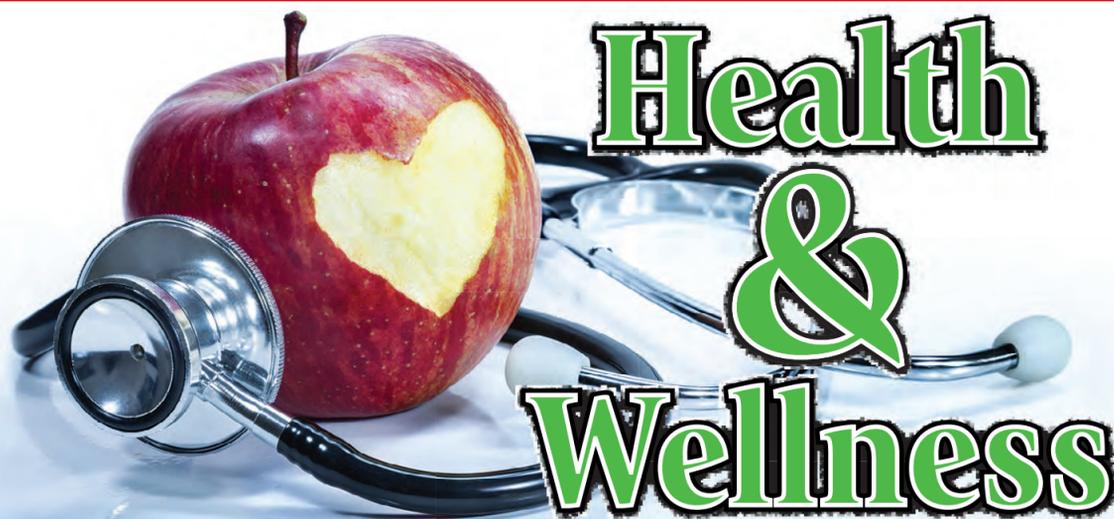
**KELLY HIXSON WELLS** took this photo in the spring at Harrison Bay State Park. "I was walking to raise money for youth to go on a mission trip to Belize."

## Wonder Woman dumped as a special U.N. ambassador

NEW YORK (AP) — The comic book heroine Wonder Woman has been abruptly fired from her honorary ambassador job at the United Nations following protests from both inside and outside the world organization that a white, skimpily dressed American prone to violence wasn't the best role model for girls.

Rheal LeBlanc, head of press and external relations, said Tuesday the appointment of Wonder Woman as an Honorary Ambassador for the Empowerment of Women and Girls would end this week, a move that came less than two months after a splashy ceremony at the U.N., which attracted actresses Lynda Carter, who played Wonder Woman in the 1970s TV series, and Gal Gadot, who has taken on the role in the forthcoming "Wonder Woman" film.

Critics said the appointment was tone deaf at a time when real women are fighting against sexual exploitation and abuse, and that there were plenty of real heroines that could be the face for gender equality.



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One of the many things the medical community can say with certainty regarding cancer is that treatment is most effective when the cancer is found early. Melanoma skin cancer, for instance, can be easily removed if it's detected early and has not grown into the skin. In fact, the five-year survival rate, which indicates the percentage of people who live at least five years after diagnosis, for those whose melanoma skin cancer is detected early enough to remove the melanoma is nearly 100 percent. However, if that melanoma has already spread to other parts of the body by the time it's detected, the five-year survival rate is below 20 percent.

While the disparity between survival rates is not as severe for all cancers as it is for melanoma skin cancers, early detection is still imperative when it comes to beating cancer. Part of the reason cancer is not always detected early is that it doesn't always make its presence felt until it has already reached an advanced stage. Pancreatic cancer, for instance, does not usually cause any noticeable symptoms in its early stages. Instead, the first noticeable signs of pancreatic cancer can be back or belly pain. At this point, the cells in the pancreas have grown and begun to press on nearby nerves and organs. While these might be the first signs of pancreatic cancer, by this point the cancer is typically at an advanced stage.

Still, knowing the signs and symptoms of cancer is a great way for men and women to catch the disease early when it's most treatable. Though the following signs and symptoms are not always indicative of cancer, their presence should be enough for adults to consult their physicians.

\* **Fatigue:** Extreme tiredness that does not improve even with ample rest could be a sign that cancer is growing. In certain cancers, including leukemia, this happens in the early stages. In addition, some colon or stomach cancers cause blood loss, which can result in fatigue.

\* **Pain:** Early on, bone cancers or testicular cancer often manifest themselves through pain. Back pain can be a symptom of ovarian cancer or cancer of the colon or rectum. Unfortunately, when pain is a result of cancer, the cancer has already begun to metastasize.

\* **Unexplained weight loss:** One of the first signs of cancer might be the unexplained loss of 10 pounds or more. This is most common with cancers of the pancreas, stomach, esophagus, or lung.

\* **Skin changes:** Cancers of the skin and other cancers can cause certain changes in the skin. Jaundice, when the skin and eyes turn a yellowish color, is one such change. The skin can also redden, itch or darken, a condition known as hyperpigmentation. Excessive hair growth on the skin is another skin change that might indicate the presence of cancer.

\* **Fever:** A common side effect of cancer, fever most often happens after the cancer has metastasized. Cancers that effect the immune system often cause fever as the body finds it more difficult to fight infection. In certain blood cancers, including leukemia or lymphoma, fever is an early sign of cancer. Should any of the aforementioned signs or symptoms appear, men and women should consult their physicians immediately.

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- 1 tbsp dried rosemary, crushed
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tsp coarse ground black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds baby new red potatoes, quartered
- 1 pound carrots, peeled and cut in diagonal 1-2 inch chunks
- 1/2 cup beef broth

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Rub top and sides of roast with mustard; sprinkle evenly with salt, black pepper and rosemary. Wrap in plastic and refrigerate 6 hours, overnight preferred.
2. Preheat oven to 450°F. Unwrap roast and place on a rack in roasting pan. Roast uncovered for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 325°F. Add potatoes, carrots and beef broth around roast, in the bottom of the pan. Roast an additional 40 minutes. Cover with foil and roast an additional 30 minutes for medium doneness (135°-140°F).
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- 2 tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice or more, to taste
- Zest of one lemon
- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 2 tbsp chopped fresh parsley leaves

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425 °F . Lightly oil 9x13 baking dish or coat with nonstick spray.
2. In a small bowl, whisk together butter, garlic, lemon juice and lemon zest; set aside.
3. Season Tilapia with salt and pepper, to taste and place in the prepared baking dish, Drizzle with butter mixture.
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Convenience Section!

Large Selection of Self Serve  
Bulk Nuts and Snacks



# \$3.99

ea.

Fresh  
Clementines  
3 Lb. Bag

**SAVE  
\$3** Ea.



# 99¢

Dole Classic  
Coleslaw Mix  
14 Oz. Bag

**SAVE  
50¢** Ea.



# \$1.09

ea.

Peeled  
Baby Carrots  
1 Lb. Bag

**SAVE  
90¢** Ea.



# \$2.79

Idaho  
Potatoes  
10 Lb. Bag

**SAVE  
\$1.20**



# 69¢

ea.

Large  
Crisp Celery

**SAVE  
\$1** Ea.



# \$1.89

ea.

Fresh  
Cranberries  
12 Oz.

**SAVE  
60¢** Ea.

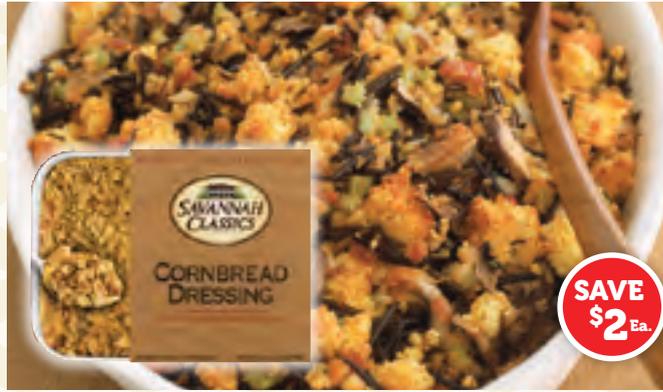
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# Savory Deli Selections



**Holiday Dinners**



Savannah Classic  
Cornbread  
Dressing  
4.5 Lb.  
**\$10<sup>99</sup>**

SAVE \$2<sup>ea.</sup>



Kaukauna  
Cheese Balls  
10 Oz.  
**\$4<sup>29</sup>**



Cooke's  
Own Recipe  
Coleslaw  
**\$2<sup>79</sup>** lb.

SAVE 20¢<sup>lb.</sup>



SAVE \$1<sup>lb.</sup>

Honey or Smoked  
Virginia Ham  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>** lb.



SAVE \$1<sup>lb.</sup>

Yellow  
American Cheese  
**\$4<sup>99</sup>** lb.



Choose from:  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans or  
Macaroni &  
Cheese

**Hot & Ready to Go!**

Cooke's  
Fresh Vegetables  
**\$2<sup>89</sup>** lb.



# Decadent Bakery Favorites



**Holiday Pie**  
Pumpkin, Sweet Potato or Apple  
8 Inch

SAVE \$1

\$4<sup>99</sup> ea.



**Holiday Cupcakes**  
12 Ct.

SAVE \$2

\$5<sup>99</sup>



**Bakery Fresh Mini Croissants**  
15 Ct.

SAVE \$1

\$3<sup>99</sup>



**Variety Cake with Caramel, Red Velvet, Chocolate & Carrot**  
All in One Covenant Package, 8 Inch

SAVE \$2

\$11<sup>99</sup> ea.



**King's Hawaiian Dinner Rolls**  
Selected Varieties  
24 Ct.

SAVE \$1

\$7<sup>29</sup> ea.



**Holiday Pecan Pie**  
8 Inch

SAVE \$2

\$5<sup>99</sup> ea.

# Floral Items



**Christmas Centerpieces**  
8 Inch

\$18<sup>99</sup> & Up



**Twinkling Lights Bouquet**

\$6<sup>99</sup> ea.



**Bi-Color "Gigi" Rose with Decorative Pot Cover**  
4 Inch

\$5<sup>99</sup> ea.



**Evergreen in Holiday Wire Basket**  
4 Inch

\$14<sup>99</sup> ea.



**Assorted Color Poinsettias**  
6 Inch

\$8<sup>99</sup> & Up



**Holly with Decorative Berries**  
6 Inch

\$14<sup>99</sup> ea.

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