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REMINDER

Tree recycling initiative ends on Saturday

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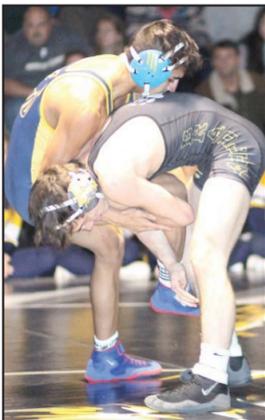
Area families who are still taking down their live Christmas trees are reminded of the 22nd annual Chipping of the Green recycling initiative which concludes Saturday.

Four collection points are still accepting live evergreens: The Bradley County Landfill, open today until 4:30 p.m., Saturday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; the Urbane Road Recycling Center, open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Peerless Road Recycling Center, open today until 5 p.m.; and The Home Depot (designated corral in parking lot), open today until 9 p.m., and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

If the gates at these locations are already closed when an evergreen is delivered, it can still be dropped off and officials will make sure the tree is recycled.

All delivered trees are chipped into usable mulch by a Bradley County Road Department crews, in partnership with Santek Waste Services Inc.

Inside Today



Bears roar

Bradley Central claimed a mat victory over cross-county rival Walker Valley on Thursday, while Cleveland High's matmen won a battle of state-ranked squads in Soddy-Daisy. The Bradley Central Bearettes basketball squad earned its first national ranking in more than two decades. Walker Valley's girls advanced to their bowling regional. See Sports, Pages 13-15.

Forecast

Today's National Weather Service forecast calls for cloudy skies, with a 40 percent chance of snow this afternoon and a high near 33. Tonight calls for a 90 percent chance of snow, with a low around 18. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches, with more in higher elevations, is possible. Saturday calls for a 50 percent chance of snow through midmorning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 32. Saturday night should be mostly clear and cold, with a low around 13.

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'Don't take those shades off yet!' 'State of County' still looks bright

By **BRIAN GRAVES**
Banner Staff Writer

County Mayor D. Gary Davis' message last year for Bradley County was, "The future's so bright, you gotta wear shades."

This year, his message is, "Don't take those shades off yet!"

Davis gave his annual "State of the County" address Thursday afternoon at the weekly luncheon of the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland.

The mayor, who had just left the funeral services of former County Commissioner Bill Creech, said the county "owes a great deal of debt to those who have gone before us and paved the way."

"I often say if you gave me the choice of having more education or more wisdom, I would pick the wisdom," Davis said. "One thing I have tried to do over the years is soak up as much wisdom as I could. Any success I've had I give the credit to the wisdom I have gained from people like that."

Looking back, Davis noted the recent county audit which he acknowledged "made the news a little bit."

"The news media can pick out the things they want to talk about, and the mayor can do the same thing," he said.

"The real important thing was the net position of the county's primary activities exceeded it's liabilities by

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Banner photo, **BRIAN GRAVES**
COUNTY MAYOR D. GARY DAVIS gives his annual "State of the County" message at the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland on Thursday afternoon.

A BIG YEAR FOR SCHOOLS

Bradley County Year-In-Review:

SECOND OF 2 PARTS

By **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**
Banner Staff Writer

If Bradley County Schools had an eventful year in 2016, it was perhaps the latter part of the year which saw most of those events occur.

When the school system kicked off its 2016-17 in August, Director of Schools Dr. Linda Cash predicted a good year.

"This will be our best year yet," said Cash. "I can feel it."

Whether or not it will shape up to be the "best year yet," the first part of the school year definitely had its share of notable events.

Aug. 4, 2016, was a big day for the county school system, as that is when four new board members received their seats.

Three challengers unseated incumbent members of the board, while 6th District board member Amanda Lee won her first election after having perviously been



Banner file photo, **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**

THE FOOTBALL TEAMS from Bradley Central High School and Walker Valley High School surround students in red representing the fight against drug use among youth, during the August 2016 kickoff of Bradley County Schools' student-led anti-drug use campaign, "Stand Out, Stand Strong, Stand United." The campaign was one of the school system's most notable events of 2016, and efforts related to it are ongoing.

appointed to the board by the Bradley County Commission.

First District challenger Nancy Casson defeated incumbent Chris Turner, the board's chairman. Third District challenger Ted Bryson won incumbent Nicholas Lillios' seat. Seventh District challenger Jerry Frazier was chosen over incumbent Charlie Rose.

Later in August, high school student leaders launched a new anti-drug use campaign for the school system.

In a show of solidarity, student athletes and leaders from all three local high schools — Bradley Central, Cleveland and Walker Valley — took to

the field at a Bradley Central-Walker Valley football game to encourage their peers to "Stand Out, Stand Strong, Stand United" against drug use.

Surrounding them were educators, local school board members and representatives from a variety of organizations and businesses, all symbolically showing their support for local youth.

"What we demonstrated is we will stand up with our students to fight drug use," Cash said afterward.

This launched a series of anti-drug use presentations in local schools. This spring, high school students are

expected to continue their campaign in their schools and visit younger students at their schools.

Also in August, the school system received good news about its students' ACT scores.

Bradley County Schools was able to celebrate students receiving highest county ACT exam scores in five years.

The average ACT composite scores from students at the two county high schools — Bradley Central and Walker Valley — rose from 18.8 to 19.4.

"When you see this level of

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Grant of \$1.7M set to benefit new downtown parking area

By **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**
Banner Staff Writer

The Cleveland city government has just received a \$1.7 million Tennessee Department of Transportation grant to help with efforts to improve traffic congestion in the area.

City Manager Joe Fivas announced the receipt of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grant while speaking to the Bradley Sunrise Rotary Club on Thursday.

The grant is expected to be used to create a proposed park-and-ride lot, the "Cleveland-Chattanooga Commute Hub," which would use Cleveland's public buses to allow people to travel between the two cities.

"We are excited about this grant, and

I am preparing to present this more fully to the City Council Monday," Fivas said.

Fivas said adding new parking is just one way the city is looking toward future needs.

Among the other priorities for local improvements Fivas mentioned was the need for revitalization in the downtown area.

"Our downtown is really underutilized," Fivas said. "It has such great potential."

Among the eventual goals are focusing on "streetscaping" to make the area more attractive to businesses and housing developers. There is also talk of further reutilizing the Old Woolen Mill and

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Joe Fivas

Cold temps coming; snow still expected

By **ALLEN MINCEY**
Banner Staff Writer

The threat of accumulating snow led to some school systems adjacent to Bradley County closing or opening on a delay. Officials in Bradley County, however, did not close schools today.

At a special weather briefing held at the Cleveland-Bradley Emergency Operations Center Thursday afternoon, EMA Director Troy Spence said that he would be in contact with local law enforcement, the county school system and

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Education leaders, legislators discuss mutual concerns

By **SARALYN NORKUS**
Banner Staff Writer

Members of the Cleveland Board of Education had the opportunity to sit down and have a valuable discussion with local state legislators on Thursday afternoon.

State Reps. Kevin Brooks (R-District 24) and Dan Howell (R-District 22) were on hand for a lunch meeting, where the two were able to converse freely with board of education members over a variety of issues that will impact education locally and statewide. Sens. Mike Bell (R-District 9) and Todd Gardenhire (R-District 10) were

unable to attend.

"This is the most beneficial way for those of us fortunate to serve to hear directly from our elected school board. Yes, these are elected school board members and the director of schools, but around this table are moms, dads, grandparents, aunts and uncles of Cleveland families," Brooks stated.

"To have this great opportunity to sit at a lunch table and talk about our kids and our future and not just capital funding and school construction, but roads to get to those new schools. And, once those schools

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Brooks



Howell



Dyer



Robinson



OBITUARIES

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



Scott Alsobrooks

Scott Alsobrooks, 54, a resident of Cleveland, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, at his home. He attended First Baptist Church in Cleveland and was an avid sports fan.

He loved the Nashville Predators and the Vanderbilt Commodores. He never passed up an opportunity to tease any Vols fans. He loved spending time with his family and adored his grandchildren. He always had a smile on his face and was a true and loyal friend to many.

He is reunited with his dad, Lloyd Alsobrooks; brother, Gary Alsobrooks and special aunt, Evelyn "Nebbs" Ellis.

He is survived by his loving wife, Jennifer "Jenni" Akins Alsobrooks; mother, Joyce Adams Alsobrooks; children: Tara Davis and husband, Jacob, of Glasgow, Ky.; Ellis Alsobrooks of Memphis and Mack Suits and wife, Sara, of Lawrenceville, Ga.; grandchildren: Madison, Rylee and Hunter Davis, all of Glasgow, Ky.; sister, Tracy DeSirey and husband, Shannon, of Nashville; sister-in-law, Lynette Duke and husband, Alan, of Hendersonville; and niece and nephews: Olivia DeSirey, Drew DeSirey and Ryan Alsobrooks.

A Remembrance Gathering celebrating Scott's life will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.

We invite you to send a message of condolence and view the Alsobrooks family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.



Jimmy Bayham

Jimmy Bayham, of Cleveland, died Sunday, Jan. 1, 2017, at the family residence.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2016, at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel who will announce survivors and funeral arrangements.



Shirley Casteel

Shirley Green Casteel, 72, a resident of Decatur, Texas, and a former resident of Cleveland, passed away Saturday, Dec. 31, 2016.

She was a member of Covenant Baptist Church in Cleveland. She enjoyed gardening and collecting dolls. She also loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Earl Casteel Jr.; her parents, Ruth and Robert Green; brothers: David, Carol and Harley Green; and her son, Robert "Robbie" McCarter.

She is survived by her son, Troy Adams and his wife, Lisa, of Decatur, Texas; daughters: Laura Lay and husband, Benny, of Delano, Loretta McCarter and Treva Stafford, both of Cleveland; stepson, Jimmy Casteel and wife, Sonya, of Florida; siblings: Mary Lou

Reagan and husband, Ronald, of Cleveland, Bobby Green and wife, Carrol, of Cleveland, Kenneth Green and wife, Muriel, of Gainesville, Ga., and Wilma McCarter of Cleveland; grandchildren: Blake Coffman, Taylor Stafford, Ashley Ellis, Cherie Davis, McKayla McCarter, Jonathan Adams, Brittany Adams, Madison Casteel and Jennifer Casteel; great-grandchildren: Braleigh Coffman, Rylee Grace Coffman, Tucker Ellis, Hunter Wilson, and Katie Wilson; and nieces and nephews: Gabriel Green, Daniel Green, Valerie Green, David Reagan, Ronnie Reagan, Craig Green, Ginger Green, Travis Sykes, Tyler Sykes, and Jake McCarter.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home.

Interment will follow in Johnston Cemetery. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 9 p.m. today, Jan. 6, 2017, at the funeral home.

We invite you to send a message of condolence and view the Casteel family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.



Molly Laura Corn

Molly Laura Morton Corn was received into the loving arms of her Savior on Monday, Jan. 2, 2017.

She passed peacefully at her home surrounded by her family.

She is reunited now with her daughter, Laura Taylor Corn Bishop; her four babies lost prematurely; and her husband, James Franklin Corn Jr.; her mother, Gussie Morton; father, Bert Morton; and her sister, Merle Duke.

She is survived by many beloved children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren: daughter, Donna Corn Ziebell; son, Jim Corn and fiancée Leslie Johnston; grandchildren: Jay Ziebell, Molly and Jonathan Jackson, Natalie and Ryan Kendrick, James Ward Corn, Dane and Courtney Johnston, Dylan Johnston, and Sam Bishop; great-granddaughters: Ella Jane Jackson and Adeline Taylor Jackson, as well as a new Kendrick, great-granddaughter due in March; her niece, Sally Stephenson; and many other extended family members, and her loving goddaughter, Janey Patten.

Her first and fiercest love was always her family, and she was proud to be called "Mammy." She was also a true and loyal friend. She will always be remembered by those who knew her for her feisty wit, quick sense of humor, her joy of life, and her striking beauty. She loved her church, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, where she faithfully attended from the age of 18 and enjoyed being one of the oldest living members. She served on the vestry multiple times and was the first female senior warden of the vestry in 1980. She served in many capacities in the church including Altar Guild for more than 25 years, serving as chairman for 10 of those years. She was a member of the ECW, and she contributed her opinions freely on the comings and goings of the church for the 70 years she was a member.

She traveled the world with her family and friends throughout her life, and we all enjoyed hearing her stories of fun and adventure. She was also an avid bridge player and enjoyed golf into her early 80s.

She was a member of the Cleveland Country Club, a founding member of the Cleveland-Athens Cotillion where she served on the board many times, a member of the original Cleveland Garden Club, and a member of the DAR and the UDC. In her later years, her greatest joy was spending time

with her two great-grandchildren: Ella Jane and Adeline Jackson, whom she called the "funniest and smartest humans who ever lived." As Ella Jane said on the morning of her passing, "Mammy now lives in our hearts."

A memorial service is planned for Monday, Jan. 9, 2017, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 320 Broad Street NW in Cleveland with The Rev. Joel W. Huffstetler officiating.

Interment will follow in the church's memorial garden.

The family will receive friends Monday from noon until the 2 p.m. service time in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in her memory to St. Luke's Episcopal Church or to the Patten Scholarship fund at St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

You are encouraged to share a memory of Molly and/or your personal condolences with her family by visiting her memorial web page and guestbook at www.companionfunerals.com.

Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist her family with these arrangements.



Rama Christinia Gonja

Rama Christinia Gonja, 73, a resident of Cleveland, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at the family residence.

The family will receive friends Sunday, from 5 until 8 p.m., at Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Street Chapel, who will announce survivors and funeral arrangements.



Easter Virginia Holder

Easter Virginia Holder, 83, of Old Fort, passed away on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 15, 1933, to the late Sam and Winnie Mantooth.

She was a lifelong resident of Old Fort. She was of the Baptist faith and member of Boanerges Baptist Church.

She loved traveling, but her pride and joy was being Granny and Momma to her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

In addition to her mother and father, she is preceded in death by her husband, Billy Holder; son, Vance Ray Holder; five brothers: Troy, Jerry, Riley, Clyde, and Roy; and three sisters: Carzella, Brenda, and Linda Fay.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory one son, Billy Wayne "Moe" Holder; daughter, Sandra Swallows (Grover Hardin); brother, Claude Mantooth (Connie); sisters: Gayla White and Reathel Mantooth; grandchildren: Terra Caughron (Josh), Linda Holder Hayes (Jon), and Anthony McDowell; great-grandchildren: Xander Caughron, Cooper Caughron, Tucker Caughron, and Allyson Stella Hayes; and numerous extended family members and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at Boanerges Baptist Church, 234 Boanerges Church Road in Old Fort with the Rev. David Disney officiating.

Interment will follow the service in the Boanerges Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5 until 8 p.m. at the church today, Jan. 6, 2017.

You are invited to share a personal memory of Easter or your condolences with her family at her online memorial located at www.companionfunerals.com.

Companion Funeral and Cremation Service and the Cody

family are honored to assist the Holder family with these arrangements.



Hazel Ruth Kidd

Hazel Ruth Kidd, 72, a resident of Cowan and formerly of Maryville, passed away Monday, Jan. 2, 2017, in a Winchester health care facility.

She was born in Maryville on June 17, 1944, and she was the daughter of the late Rena M. Humphrey Kidd and Fred H. Kidd. She was a member of the Cowan Fellowship Church in Cowan.

Survivors include her sister, Wanda Prewhitt of Cleveland; her nephew, Brad Prewhitt; great-nephew, Alex Prewhitt; her great-nieces, Bonnie Moedano and Chloe Tilley; and her husband, Aaron; her great-great-nephew, Dylan Moedano; her special cousin, Sandy Brewer; and her husband Bill; and many special friends in Cowan that were an important part of her life.

The Remembrance of Life graveside service and interment will be conducted Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at 3 p.m. from the Sherwood Memorial Gardens, 3176 Airport Highway, Alcoa, with Dr. Eddie Williams officiating.

Family and friends will serve as casketbearers.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 4 p.m. Saturday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel.

You may share your condolences and your memories with Hazel's family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.



Charles Edward Malone

Charles Edward "Ed" Malone, 87, of Crandall, Ga., died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, in a Dalton, Ga., hospital.

The family will receive friends from 3 until 9 p.m. Sunday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Chapel, who will announce survivors and funeral arrangements.



Dennis Lee McAlister

Dennis Lee McAlister, 68, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2016, in a local health care facility.

He was the son of the late R.L. and Bonnie Louise Ross McAlister. He was also preceded in death by a son, Michael Fields; his granddaughter, Alexandria Marie Cooper; his brothers: Roy Ronald McAlister and Ralph McAlister; and his sister, Bertha Bell.

He was a mechanic and a all-around handy man. He was of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his daughters: Angela McAlister, Stephanie Denny and Helen Ricker Bredwell; his nephews: Heith Gaskill, Derrick Wagner and Roy McAlister Jr.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his special friends: Charlie Martin and Minnie Jeffers.

A Remembrance of Life service will be held Saturday, Jan. 7, 2017, at 3 p.m. at Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Ave. Chapel with Pastor Jimmy Dupree officiating.

The interment will follow in the Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

We encourage you to share your memories and or condolences with the family by going to www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.



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Robert McLaughlin

Robert McLaughlin, of Athens, died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5, 2017, at his home.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Phillip O. Nicholas

Phillip O. Nicholas, 74, of Dayton, died Thursday night, Jan. 5, 2017, at his home.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Jim Ricketts

Jim Ricketts, 62, of Dayton, died Thursday, Jan. 5, 2017, at his residence.

He was a very devoted man of God. He lived to sing about the one he loved and hoped and prayed that just one more soul would be saved.

He was a lifelong resident of Rhea County and a member of Sale Creek Church of God, and well-known through out the area for his gospel singing ministry, sharing the gospel through songs. He also loved to farm and woodwork. He won numerous awards for his singing talent.

He had never met a stranger and was loved by many around the area. He will truly be missed, but his legacy will live on. He would always sing a song that says "I'm A Winner Either Way" and he truly was just that.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Annette Hodge Ricketts in 2012; mother, Oma Ellen Rogers; and adopted parents, Ted and Alina Rogers.

Survivors include two sisters: Nancy (Ronnie) Smith of Pikeville and Connie (Donald) Heath Hampton of Virginia; singing partner and best friend for seven years, Crystal (Lance) Elam of East Ridge; and several nieces and nephews.

The service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, 2017, at Sale Creek Church of God with the Rev. Mack Louallen and the Rev. Jimmy Jewell officiating. Interment will be in Kiuka-Rogers Cemetery.

The visitation will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Coulter Garrison Funeral Home Inc. in Dayton.

Please visit www.coultergarrisonfuneralhome.com to share condolences.

Clarence A. Wooden

Clarence A. Wooden, 63, of Athens, died Thursday afternoon, Jan. 5, 2017, in a local hospital.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Recalling Syria 'red line,' Kerry says U.S. did not back down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Touting his four years as secretary of state, John Kerry on Thursday attempted to explain one of the most contentious moments in American diplomacy during his tenure: President Barack Obama's failure to enforce his "red line" warning to Syria about using chemical weapons.

In a news conference meant to promote his achievements, Kerry said that Obama didn't backtrack in 2013 on his ultimatum to Syrian President Bashar Assad not to attack rebels or civilians with his chemical weapons arsenal. Kerry said this "unfair perception" nevertheless hurt U.S. credibility.

The elaborate explanation of events more than three years ago reflected the lingering importance that many of the Obama administration's critics, as well as some international allies, ascribe to the episode. Even some U.S. officials have grumbled that Obama signaled that he wasn't prepared to use force in Syria or the Middle East, and could buckle under pressure.

Although Obama has rejected such reasoning, it has been harder for him ever since to convince America's friends and foes that the U.S. maintained a credible threat of force in response to aggression elsewhere, such as Russia's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region.

In 2012, Obama said any use or movement of chemical weapons by Assad would cross a "red line" and draw a U.S. military response. A year later, when U.S. officials determined that chemical weapons were used to kill hundreds outside Damascus, Obama sought congressional approval for military action and then pursued a diplomatic solution with Russia.

Kerry noted the shift came after then-British Prime Minister David Cameron failed to get parliamentary approval to join in airstrikes and after many U.S. lawmakers voiced their reluctance to approve the use of American force.

Remember When photo deadline is on Monday

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.

Historic Trail to be topic at historical meeting

From Staff Reports

The Bradley County Historical and Genealogical Society will hold its quarterly meeting and program at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, in the community room of the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library.

Darlene Goins, executive director of the Hiwassee River Heritage Center, will present information about the activities and progress of the National Park Service's recognition and plans for the Trails of Tears and the Fort Cass location in Charleston and northern Bradley County.

Fort Cass covered an area 4 miles wide and 12 miles long which was located along the Hiwassee River and housed a garrison of U.S. troops who watched over the internment camps of the Cherokees in the summer of 1838.

Society President Bryan Reed said, "Fort Cass is one of the most important historic areas in this part of the United States. We look forward to hearing about Fort Cass and the future plans to tell the important story about The Trail of Tears in this area."

Sunday's meeting is free and open to the public.



ABOVE IS AN ARCHITECT'S rendering of how Charleston's Historic Trail will appear when completed. Charleston and historic Fort Cass, the departure site of the Trail of Tears, will be discussed by Cultural Center Executive Director Darlene Goins at Sunday's 2:30 p.m. meeting of the Bradley County Historical and Genealogical Society, at the Cleveland Public Library.

Fort Cass was established in 1835 as a site heavily involved in the Cherokee removal known as the Trail of Tears. Nothing remains of the old fort today.

It was located on the Hiwassee River in present-day Charleston and housed a garrison of U.S. troops who watched over the largest concentration of the

internment camps where Cherokee were kept during the summer of 1838 before starting the main trek west to so-called Indian Territory in Oklahoma. The camps stretched for many miles through the valley south of Fort Cass toward present-day Cleveland.

There was a widespread

Cherokee population in Southeast Tennessee. The first stage of the removal was to gather the Cherokee into a fortified encampments or "emigration depots."

Prior to the removal, Fort Cass was the site of the U.S. federal agency to the Cherokee Nation. The Cherokee Agency was situated on the east side of current U.S. Highway 11 (North Lee Highway), near its intersection with Walker Valley Road.

The fort was named for Secretary of War Lewis Cass, who served in that capacity from 1831 to 1836.

Between the end of August and early December, 1838, the Cherokee at Fort Cass — and at other locations throughout the region — were organized into 12 groups and began the march west. The last Cherokee left Fort Cass on Dec. 5, 1838.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn Thursday:

Tennessee
Cash 3 Evening: 3-9-2, Lucky Sum: 14
Cash 3 Midday: 9-3-2, Lucky Sum: 14
Cash 3 Morning: 6-9-9
Cash 4 Evening: 4-7-7-0, Lucky Sum: 18
Cash 4 Midday: 5-7-3-9, Lucky Sum: 24
Cash 4 Morning: 4-3-7-4
Cash4Life: 05-18-42-44-46,

Cash Ball: 4

Georgia
5 Card Cash: JH-QH-3C-3D-7S
All or Nothing Day: 01-04-06-07-09-14-15-16-17-19-20-24
All or Nothing Evening: 03-04-07-12-14-15-16-17-18-21-23-24
All or Nothing Morning: 01-02-03-04-05-06-08-10-12-14-18-20
All or Nothing Night: 03-10-11-12-14-15-17-19-20-22-23-24
Cash 3 Evening: 1-2-8
Cash 3 Midday: 4-2-3
Cash 4 Evening: 1-2-8-4
Cash 4 Midday: 8-8-1-1
Fantasy 5: 11-12-16-17-19
Georgia FIVE Evening: 6-1-9-5-2
Georgia FIVE Midday: 6-6-8-1-3
Jumbo Bucks Lotto: 18-21-26-28-39-46

IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Jenna Bryson, Alesha McPherson, LeAnne Stinnett, Bobby Baker, Cindy Shaw, Ronald Moore, Catlin McKenney, Jill Taylor, Randy Strickland, Carol Carson, David Eaves, Scott Grisham, Jennifer Smith, Nick Hayes, and Carolyn Pettit, who are celebrating birthdays today ... Bryson Buckner, who turns 10 ... Ruthie Forgey, Katie Quinn, Amy Moore, Dawn Kimball and Matt Trentham, who will celebrate birthdays Saturday ... Ayda Voyles, who will turn 6 on Saturday.

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PEOPLE SLED at Tantra Park, Thursday in Boulder, Colo. A winter storm dropped several feet of snow in the Colorado high country, and over a foot in Front Range communities.

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Winter storm: South braces for snow, sleet and freezing rain

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Panicked shoppers emptied shelves of bread and milk, road workers began working 12-hour shifts, and governors in Alabama and Georgia declared states of emergencies ahead of a winter storm stalking the South.

In Cary, North Carolina, Stuart Hall's regular run for groceries looked like something out of the just concluded holiday shopping season.

Hall said the parking lot of the store near his home in Cary, North Carolina, is usually fairly empty when he shops so late in the week. But across the South, many were stocking up on eggs, bread, milk and other staples ahead of the storm's expected arrival late Friday amid threats of snow, sleet and freezing rain across the Southeast.

"Today, it was like mall shopping during the holidays. People going up and down the lanes looking for a spot," he said Thursday. "As I walked in, I jokingly asked if there was any food and the clerk just laughed."

Sherrill Suitt Craig went shopping at a store near her home in north Raleigh, but she had to leave for a grocer in nearby Wake Forest because her initial stop was too crowded.

"I have no idea why, but people are acting like complete jackasses when they hear that there is snow in the forecast," Craig said. "I was just doing my regular shopping."

The National Weather Service issued a winter storm warning for part of Friday and Saturday from eastern Alabama through north Georgia, including Atlanta, and into the Carolinas and part of Virginia.

Schools canceled classes in several states and Alabama and Georgia issued emergency declarations ahead of the storm, which already was being blamed for one road fatality Thursday in Kentucky.

Daniel Noble, 55, died after he rounded a curve in his pickup truck and slid off into a rail fence about 14 miles south of the city of Jackson, authorities said, adding there was about an inch of new snow on the road.

School districts in Kentucky, Tennessee and West Virginia either closed or called off classes early as snow began falling there Thursday and more cancellations were planned Friday, including

by school systems in central Alabama amid the threat of up to 3 inches of snow and sleet.

In Georgia, a mix of rain and sleet was expected Friday afternoon, with 2 to 4 inches of snow covering the ground in much of the state by Saturday morning, forecasters said.

Snow-removal trucks and dozens of road workers from south Georgia were moved to the northern part of the state to help clear roads, the Georgia Department of Transportation said. Many of the workers began working 12-hour shifts on Friday.

Alabama Gov. Robert Bentley issued a state of emergency that will open its emergency operations center Friday morning and put 300 Alabama National Guard soldiers at the ready to help if needed.

In North Carolina, Saturday's ceremonies formally marking the inauguration of Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper have been canceled. Activities scheduled for Friday will go on as planned.

Snowfall across North Carolina was expected to range from about 1 inch around Lumberton to as much as 9 inches around Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Durham and Raleigh. As much as 7 inches could fall from Asheville to Charlotte, forecasters said.

In South Carolina, up to 7 inches of snow could fall in the Greenville-Spartanburg area.

The warning for central North Carolina called for a mixture of snow and sleet with up to 5 inches locally and as much as 7 inches from the central piedmont to the northern coastal plain.

Mike Schichtel, lead forecaster at the federal government's Weather Prediction Center in College Park, Maryland, said the storm threat is significant for the Southeast.

"If you have a four-wheel-drive vehicle and you think you're safe, you're not," Schichtel said. "Take it very seriously and adjust your travel plans accordingly."

To the west, heavy snow and strong winds have raised the danger of avalanches in the Colorado high country. A storm tracking across central California is dumping significant snow on the mountains, while a winter storm has already coated northern Utah with 9 inches of snow, forcing officials to cancel or delay classes Thursday.

The National Weather Service said snow accumulating for several weeks in Boise, Idaho, reached 15 inches Thursday and broke the previous snow-depth record of 13 inches set twice in the mid-1980s.

Ski resorts in the West used their social media accounts to spread the news of the snow and to lure skiers who have been anxiously waiting to hit the slopes.

But some encountered problems, and the storm proved to be deadly.

A skier was rescued Wednesday after dangling from a Colorado chairlift after his backpack got caught. Luckily, a professional slackliner — a type of tightrope walker known for acrobatic tricks — climbed the lift tower and slid across the cable to reach him.

Mickey Wilson was able to cut the strap, sending the skier falling about 10 feet into the snow below, where a paramedic and ski patrollers waited at the Arapahoe Basin Ski Area. He was taken to a hospital and released.

"Just seeing a person get the life sucked out of them. I kind of stopped thinking and just starting acting," Wilson, who works as a part-time ski instructor for the resort, told The Denver Post about the rescue that was captured in images posted online.

On Thursday, one of two missing backcountry skiers found in the central Colorado mountains died while he was being treated for hypothermia.

The Lake County Office of Emergency Management posted on its Facebook page that Brett Beasley and a boy he was skiing with were found near Turquoise Lake west of Leadville. The boy, whose name and age have not been released, was uninjured and was taken from the area on a snowmobile to be reunited with his family. Beasley was treated for hypothermia but did not survive.

The two had not been heard from since Wednesday.

According to The Denver Post, Beasley was a U.S. Forest Service ranger who managed recreation projects for the San Isabel National Forest.

"He was an all-round generous guy. He was a very, very good guy and a friend. Whenever you saw him, it was always fun," Shawn Gillis, one of Beasley's friends, told the newspaper.

I SEE BY THE BANNER

The Cherokee Hiking Club will meet Sunday at 2 p.m., at the Family Resource Agency's conference room, 3680 Michigan Ave. This will be a planning meeting for 2017 hikes, meetings and other events. Non-members are welcome, and for more information, call 479-7511.

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Festive take on risotto creates special New Year's Eve dish

By ELIZABETH KARMEI
Associated Press

Even though risotto is a simple rice dish, I associate it with special occasions.

A northern Italian rice dish cooked in broth to a creamy consistency, risotto is most often served as a first course. But in the U.S., we serve it as a side or a main course.

It most always includes butter, onions and wine. I have made white wine risotto with spring peas and crab meat and red-wine risotto with caramelized shallots and mushrooms. But I never thought about making Champagne risotto until my friend and fellow chef, Bob Blumer mentioned it to me. I immediately knew that Champagne risotto would have to become my New Year's Eve staple — it's comforting on a cold night and easy to prepare while talking and drinking with friends. And it's the perfect choice for an at-home New Year's Eve celebration.

Bob makes his risotto with asparagus which is out of season right now. I opted to make mine with my one of my favorite ingredients, mushrooms — any kind of mushrooms work, or a mixture of wild mushrooms. The combination of garlic, shallots, butter, Champagne, Parmesan and thyme is so rich that this recipe is excellent with button mushrooms and only gets better with more interesting mushrooms. My favorite two mushrooms are meaty morels and chanterelles. And since it is New Year's Eve, why not spurge with Champagne and chanterelles?

The key to risotto is setting up two pots, one for the chicken stock and the other for making the risotto itself. Keep the chicken stock warm so that it is absorbed quicker and doesn't "shock" the risotto as you stir it in, little by little.

CHAMPAGNE RISOTTO
Serves: 2 dinner portions or 4 side dishes
Start to finish: 45 minutes
2 large shallots, chopped



THIS PHOTO shows Champagne risotto at the Institute of Culinary Education in New York. This dish is from a recipe by Elizabeth Karmel.

- (about 1/3 cup)
- 2 large cloves of garlic, chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- 4 ounces mixed chopped mushrooms (A generous cup of cooked mushrooms)
- 1 cup Champagne
- 32 ounces unsalted chicken stock
- 6 sprigs of fresh thyme, divided

- 1 generous cup Arborio rice
- 1 generous cup Parmesan Cheese, grated
- In a heavy-bottomed medium-size (about 6 quarts) pot over medium-high heat, add olive oil and 2 tablespoons of butter. Immediately add shallot and garlic and stir for 3-4 minutes, or until the shallot is translucent and beginning to brown around the edges.
- Add rice to the shallots and garlic and stir vigorously for

about 30 seconds until all of the rice grains are coated in oil. Let rice toast in the pan for about 3 minutes, stirring frequently.

In a medium saute pan, add the remaining 2 tablespoons of butter and let melt. Season butter with salt and add mushrooms. Let cook down until lightly sauteed and set aside.

In a second pot (about 4 quarts), warm chicken stock and 1/2 cup of Champagne over medium-low heat. Add about 4 whole sprigs of thyme to infuse the stock.

Add Champagne to the rice mixture and reduce heat to medium. Add in the sauteed mushrooms. Stir for 2 to 3 minutes, until most of the liquid is absorbed.

Use a ladle to add 1/2 cup of the hot chicken stock to the rice. Stir frequently. Each time the stock is almost fully absorbed, add another 1/2 cup. Continue stirring and adding stock until

rice is creamy yet still a little firm to the bite. (It may not be necessary to use all of the stock.) The total cooking time, once the rice has been added, should not be more than about 25 minutes. To keep the rice slightly creamy, don't wait until the last ladle full of stock is totally absorbed before pulling it off the heat and serving.

Remove from the heat. Stir in the reserved thyme (leaves only) and the Parmesan cheese. Continue stirring until the cheese is completely melted. Season with a touch of white pepper and salt if desired. You shouldn't need to use much salt, if any.

Serve in flat bowls with a sprig of thyme.

Nutrition information per serving: 343 calories; 174 calories from fat; 19 g fat (8 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 37 mg cholesterol; 475 mg sodium; 31 g carbohydrate; 2 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 12 g protein.



Hints from Heloise

Color guard for printer paper

Dear Heloise: My school PRINTER can accommodate a large amount of paper, which I'm not used to. I was constantly checking the tray to see if I needed to add more. So to limit the number of times I checked for paper, I came up with this plan — or, as you would call it, a hint.

After each ream of paper I put in the printer, I place a colored sheet on top. I try not to put more than two reams at a time so that I can keep track of how many are in there. I will then place about 10 sheets behind the second colored paper as my final warning.

This helps me plan my printing jobs better, especially if I have class-size materials that I'm making. — P.W. in Montana

when placed in a holder, cap down, the ink leaks out? Some of my purple pens (my all-time favorite color) do this.

Here are two hints for fixing this problem: You can lay them in a drawer to prevent them from dropping globs of ink. On the other hand, mine sit in a glass holder. In the holder, I simply placed a sheet of tissue inside before placing my pens on top, without the caps.

Now when they leak, it's on the tissue, and when I do use them, the first mark isn't a blob of ink either. Tissue at the bottom of my pen jar — I can live with that! — Heloise

Stained brown paper

Dear Heloise: Like many of your readers, I love coffee, but I find throwing away coffee filters to be wasteful! My "hint" is that when I am finished making coffee, I carefully throw away the grounds and then set the filter on the windowsill to dry in the sun. I then save the filter, which is now a beautiful brown color, to use for future craft projects! — Vivian D., Tempe, Ariz.

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Check the weather

Dear Heloise: Here's a travel hint for anyone new to it! I know because my son learned this the hard way! When planning a traveling excursion, check the weather status during your stay so that you can pack appropriately. My son took a trip recently and packed like a true Texan!

When he got to his destination, it was chillier, and he came home with an extra coat, shoes and socks! — Kimberly Y. in San Antonio

Ink-blob hint

Dear Readers: Do you have pens that write nice and dark but

Repairing a baseball cap

Don't throw away a baseball cap just because the plastic snap in the back is broken. Go buy 3/4-inch elastic and then find a crafty person who also happens to have a sewing machine.

Kindly ask that person to measure, fit and sew the elastic to the cap, and that will fix the problem! Any crafty person who knows how to sew will know how to do this! — Heloise

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German minister: ban names such as 'vegetarian schnitzel'

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's agriculture minister has leapt to the defense of meat lovers, calling for a ban on names such as "vegetarian schnitzel" for meat-substitute products, which he said were misleading consumers.

Among the "wurst" offenders is "vegan curry sausage," a meat-free take on a heavily spiced pork dish born of post-World War II necessity and now considered a delicacy in Berlin — though largely unknown outside Germany.

"These terms are completely misleading and unsettle consumers," Agriculture Minister Christian Schmidt told Germany's Bild daily.

"I favor them being banned in the interest of clear consumer labeling," he was quoted as saying.

Schmidt has already contacted the European Union's executive branch to discuss extending rules that govern the use of the terms "milk" and "cheese" to apply to meat as well, his spokesman said Wednesday.

Regulators changing fishing rules to protect endangered tuna

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — The federal government is changing some of the rules about how fishermen harvest tuna in an attempt to protect one of the species.

The National Marine Fisheries Service has said the rule change is designed to steer fishermen who catch yellowfin tuna and

swordfish via longline away from bluefin tuna.

Globally, Atlantic bluefin tuna are listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Domestically, the U.S. government considers the species to be overfished. Fishing boats some-

times catch them incidentally while targeting other commercial fish species.

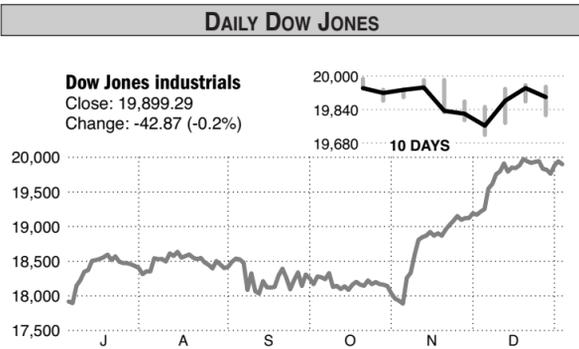
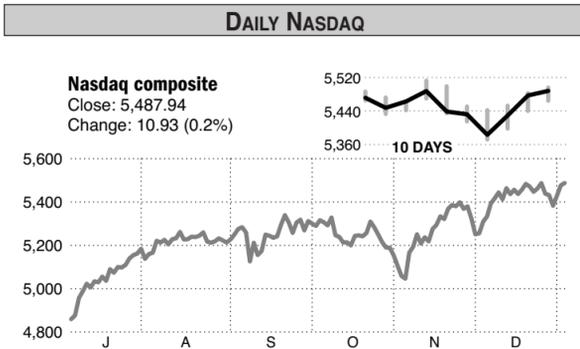
The fisheries service said the new rule will modify the way the agency handles the distribution of quota transfers in the longline tuna fishery. The service said flexibility will improve fishing

opportunities while limiting the number of bluefin tuna that are incidentally caught.

The rules will also assist with the goal of accounting for all bluefin tuna that do get caught, the service said.

The new rules go into effect Jan. 28.

THE MARKET IN REVIEW



MONEY RATES

	Last	Pvs Wk
Prime Rate	3.75	3.75
Discount Rate	1.25	1.25
Federal Funds Rate	50-75	50-75
Treasuries		
5-year	1.86	1.96
10-year	2.35	2.48
30-year	2.95	3.08
Gold (troy oz., NY Merc spot)	\$1179.70	\$1154.90
Silver (troy oz., NY Merc spot)	\$16.584	\$16.163

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

CURRENCIES

	Day Ago	Pvs Day
Australia	1.3637	1.3767
Britain	1.2408	1.2314
Canada	1.3240	1.3315
Euro	.9443	.9554
Japan	115.62	117.60
Mexico	21.4972	21.5407
Switzerland	1.0110	1.0231

STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
19,987.63	15,450.56	Dow Industrials	19,899.29	-42.87	-0.21	+69	+20.50
9,490.29	6,403.31	Dow Transportation	9,051.76	-63.96	-0.70	+09	+29.40
723.83	569.12	Dow Utilities	659.85	+5.7	+0.9	+04	+14.26
11,688.45	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,247.70	+1.16	+0.1	+17.3	+16.55
5,512.37	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,487.94	+10.93	+0.2	+19.5	+17.03
1,007.01	809.96	S&P 100	1,004.14	+2.7	+0.3	+12.8	+16.16
2,277.53	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,269.00	-1.75	-0.8	+13.5	+16.77
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P MidCap	1,683.38	-12.45	-0.73	+13.7	+26.90
23,820.42	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,748.62	-52.30	-0.22	+13.8	+18.21
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,371.94	-16.01	-1.15	+10.9	+28.87

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	
AT&T Inc	1.96	4.6	17	42.65	-12	+3	Lowes	1.40	2.0	19	71.07	-74	-1	
AMD	...	...	...	11.24	-19	-9	Macys	1.51	4.9	12	30.86	-498	-13.8
BB&T Cp	1.20	2.6	17	46.73	-61	-6	NorfolkSo	2.36	2.1	20	110.29	-35	+2.1	
BkofAm	30	1.3	18	22.68	-27	+2.6	Olin	80	30	37	26.43	-38	+3.2	
BIPVxST rs	22.40	-08	-12.2	PaneraBrd	35	208.53	+1.14	+1.7
ChesEng	...	...	...	7.18	+18	+2.3	Penney	...	...	...	7.86	-61	-5.4
CocaCola	1.40	3.4	25	41.75	+10	+10	RegionsFn	26	1.8	19	14.43	-19	+5	
CntyHlt	...	...	...	6.27	+04	+12.2	S&P500ETF4.13	1.8	...	...	226.40	-18	+1.3
CSVInVNG	...	...	...	4.10	-21	+35.3	Scotts	2.00	2.1	25	95.93	-15	+4
DrGMBll s	8.74	+180	+56.6	SiriusXM	0.1	39	4.64	+11	+4.3
DxGBull s	...	...	...	10.32	+156	+35.1	SouthCo	2.24	4.6	16	49.14	+15	-1
DukeEngy	3.42	4.4	16	77.75	+10	+2	SPDR Fnc	4.6	2.0	...	23.46	-24	+9	
Eaton	2.28	3.4	15	67.35	-82	+4	SunTrst	1.04	1.9	15	54.90	-124	+1	
FstHorizon	2.8	1.4	22	20.11	-22	+5	Target	2.40	3.3	12	72.56	-125	+5	
FordM	60	4.7	6	12.77	-40	+5.3	UtdCmbks	32	1.1	21	29.51	-39	-4	
FrpMcm	...	...	...	14.62	-21	+10.8	VanE JrdGld	12	5	...	23.20	+128	+10.9
FrontierCm	42	11.3	...	3.73	+06	+0.4	VanE JrdGld	...	...	...	37.10	+290	+17.6
HomeDp	2.76	2.1	22	139.90	-180	-1	WalMart	2.00	2.9	15	69.21	+15	+1	
ISHMkts	84	2.3	...	36.09	+39	+3.1	Weatherlnt	...	...	...	5.78	+03	+15.8
ISHR2K	1.77	1.3	...	136.19	-159	+1.0	Whrpl	4.00	2.2	13	185.98	+56	+2.3	
Kroger s	48	1.4	15	33.21	-03	-3.8	Xerox	3.1	4.4	9	7.12	-03	+23.8	

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	Total Assets		Total Return/Rank				Pct Load	Min Invt
	Obj	(\$Mlns)	NAV	4-wk	12-mo	5-year		
American Funds AmBaA m	MA	55,402	25.03	+1.8	+10.7/A	5.75	250	
American Funds CapIncBuA m	IH	68,603	58.43	+3.4	+9.1/B	+7.6/A	5.75	
American Funds CpWldGrIA m	WS	50,654	44.72	+3.5	+10.4/B	+10.2/B	5.75	
American Funds FnlwA m	LB	47,333	55.08	+2.4	+15.6/B	+14.2/B	5.75	
American Funds GrthAmA m	LG	74,236	42.86	+2.3	+12.8/A	+15.0/A	5.75	
American Funds IncAmerA m	AL	74,107	21.93	+2.8	+12.6/A	+9.5/B	5.75	
American Funds InvCoAmA m	LB	58,432	36.71	+2.4	+17.5/A	+14.0/B	5.75	
American Funds NewPerspA m	WS	34,999	36.00	+2.8	+6.0/D	+11.2/A	5.75	
American Funds WAMutInVA m	LV	52,895	41.34	+2.5	+15.7/D	+13.2/C	5.75	
Dodge & Cox Income	CI	46,289	13.64	+0.9	+5.9/A	+3.9/A	NL	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FB	54,169	39.27	+5.4	+14.4/A	+8.5/A	NL	
Dodge & Cox Stock	LV	61,149	187.32	+2.0	+25.2/A	+16.8/A	NL	
Fidelity 500IdxPr	LB	61,231	79.42	+3.1	+15.0/B	+14.5/A	NL	
Fidelity Contra	LG	73,241	100.62	+2.8	+7.9/C	+13.6/B	NL	
Fidelity MidCap	LG	32,158	16.57	+2.5	+10.0/B	+8.9/B	NL	
FrankTemp-Franklin IncomeA m	CA	45,222	2.32	+3.1	+17.9/A	+7.7/A	4.25	
Harbor IntlInstl	FB	31,240	59.85	+2.8	+5.1/C	+5.1/D	NL	
T Rowe Price GrowthStk	LG	36,280	54.59	+3.2	+6.4/C	+15.3/A	NL	
Vanguard 500Adml	LB	181,512	209.41	+3.1	+15.0/B	+14.5/A	NL	
Vanguard DivGr	LB	30,720	23.72	+2.0	+9.9/E	+12.5/D	NL	
Vanguard HlCrAdml	SH	33,299	80.41	+4.5	-4.8/B	+17.4/C	NL	
Vanguard IntlStkAdml	FB	46,083	25.29	+4.1	+9.8/A	+5.8/C	NL	
Vanguard MidCapAdml	MB	29,853	165.88	+2.1	+14.5/D	+14.4/B	NL	
Vanguard MultAdml	MI	45,313	13.94	+1.5	+0.2/B	+2.9/B	NL	
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Classified report on Russia, election hacking going to Trump

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's top intelligence officials are making their most detailed and persuasive case yet to President-elect Donald Trump that Russia interfered in this year's U.S. political process.

The officials — Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, CIA Director John Brennan and FBI Director James Comey — are preparing to point to multiple motives for Moscow's alleged meddling as they brief Trump on their classified report Friday in New York. President Barack Obama received a briefing on Thursday, and a declassified version of the report is expected

to be released at some point.

Since winning the election, Trump has repeatedly questioned intelligence officials' assessments that Russia was behind the hacking of the Democratic National Committee and individual Democrats like Hillary Clinton campaign chairman John Podesta.

Trump remained dubious about the assertion even on the eve of his intelligence briefing, asking how officials could be "so sure" about the hacking if they had not examined DNC servers.

"What is going on?" he wrote on Twitter.

A senior law enforcement offi-

cial said the FBI repeatedly stressed to DNC officials the importance of obtaining direct access to the servers "only to be rebuffed until well after the initial compromise had been mitigated." The official said the FBI had to rely on a "third party" for information, but did get access to the material it needed.

The Washington Post, citing anonymous U.S. officials, reported Thursday that intelligence agencies have identified parties who delivered stolen Democratic emails to WikiLeaks. The officials also said there were disparities between efforts to infiltrate Democratic and Republican net-

works, and said the U.S. intercepted communications in which Russian officials celebrated Trump's victory. It was not clear which of those details were included in the classified report.

Sean Spicer, whom Trump has chosen as White House communications director and press secretary, said the billionaire business will go into Friday's meeting "prepared to listen and understand how they got to the conclusions." Asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" if Trump would have an open mind, Spicer replied, "100 percent."

"The president-elect, I think, has a healthy skepticism on everything," the spokesman said, adding that "a rush to judgment is not in the country's best interest."

"I think the idea that he's approaching this in a very logical, very methodical way ... is the right way to go about it," Spicer added.

Ahead of the briefing, Trump moved to fill out his own intelligence leadership team, tapping former Indiana Sen. Dan Coats to lead the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, according to a person with knowledge of the decision.

Coats served as a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee before retiring from Congress last year. If confirmed by the Senate, he would oversee the umbrella office created after the 9/11 attacks to improve coordination of U.S. spy and law enforcement agencies. The person with knowledge of Trump's decision, as well as others who spoke to The Associated Press about intelligence matters involving Trump, were not authorized

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to discuss the matters publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Coats, a 73-year-old Capitol Hill veteran, served eight years in the House before moving to the Senate in 1989 to take Dan Quayle's place when he became vice president. He stayed in the Senate until 1998, then left to become a lobbyist. After a stint as ambassador to Germany under President George W. Bush, he returned to Indiana for a Senate comeback bid in 2010. He did not seek re-election last year.

Coats was a harsh critic of Russia and pushed the Obama administration to punish Moscow for its annexation of Crimea in 2014. When the White House levied sanctions, the Kremlin responded by banning several lawmakers, including Coats, from traveling to Russia.

Coat's nomination is likely to quell concerns that the president-elect is seeking a sweeping overhaul of intelligence agencies. Trump's transition team has also been considering ways to restructure agencies to streamline operations and improve efficiency. Transition officials have been looking at changes at both OONI and the CIA, but those plans are said not to be aimed at gutting the intelligence agencies or hampering their capabilities.

The person with knowledge of the discussions said they reflected the views of intelligence offi-

cial who have told Trump's team that there is room for streamlining within the multi-agency intelligence community.

The Wall Street Journal first reported Wednesday night that Trump was considering changes at the intelligence agencies. Trump transition spokesman Sean Spicer disputed the report Thursday morning.

"There is no truth to this idea of restructuring the intelligence community infrastructure. It is 100 percent false," Spicer said.

The scope of the changes discussed by some in Trump's transition team was unclear. But the prospect of a sweeping overhaul still created blowback, contributing to former CIA Director James Woolsey's decision to step aside as a senior adviser to the president-elect.

A person with direct knowledge of Woolsey's decision said the former CIA chief had not been significantly involved in the Trump team's discussions on intelligence matters and became uncomfortable being labeled as an adviser. In an interview on CNN, Woolsey said he did not want to "fly under false colors."

In other recent television appearances, Woolsey — he was CIA director under President Bill Clinton — said he believed Russia was involved in the election-related hackings, though he also said others may have been as well.



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DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL Intelligence James Clapper, left, talks with National Security Agency and Cyber Command chief Adm. Michael Rogers on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday at the conclusion of a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing: "Foreign Cyber Threats to the United States."

GOP has Trump's back as he questions U.S. intelligence

WASHINGTON (AP) — A few years ago President Barack Obama came under conservative fire for choosing, at times, to read his daily intelligence briefings, rather than receive them in-person. Republican Rep. Paul Ryan was among those piling on.

"I have a hard time comprehending that, because the primary job of the commander in chief is to keep the country safe," Ryan said in an October 2014 interview on Fox News Channel. "And you need to get from your intelligence community, your defense community — especially when we have troops in harm's way — what's going on."

Yet now, as President-elect Donald Trump refuses daily intelligence briefings, questions U.S. spy agency conclusions about Russia interfering in the 2016 presidential election, praises Russian President Vladimir Putin and appears to side with WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, Ryan and other Republicans have Trump's back. Far from strongly defending the U.S. intelligence community, they're siding with the new leader of their party, even when he makes comments or takes stances that would seem anathema to the GOP.

It's a remarkable turnaround for a political party that cheered President Ronald Reagan's hard-line stance against the "evil empire" of the Soviet Union, unflinchingly supports the military and joined with European allies in blistering Putin after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

Asked at a press briefing Thursday whether he had full confidence in U.S. intelligence agencies, now-Speaker Ryan offered a tepid endorsement that began and ended on a note of criticism.

"Well, they don't always get everything right. We've seen that clearly," Ryan said. "But I do have faith that our men and women in our intelligence community are doing an incredible job, sacrificing for our country. But there's always room for improvement."

Earlier Thursday, in an interview with WTAQ radio in Wisconsin, Ryan passed up the chance to distance himself from Trump's elevation of Assange in a tweet earlier this week, when Trump cited Assange's claim that Russia had not been the source of Democratic Party documents that WikiLeaks revealed.

Instead, even while criticizing Assange, Ryan defended Trump, saying that what the president-elect is "rightfully concerned about is partisans are trying to use the Russian hacking incident to ... call into question the legitimacy of his victory."

And Ryan endorsed Trump's claim, disputed by intelligence officials, that intelligence leaders had delayed a briefing for Trump on the hacking issue. In dismissing the intelligence on Russia, Trump highlighted a glaring intelligence failure — the claims that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in the lead-up to the 2003 invasion and war.

With a couple of exceptions — most notably Sens. John McCain of Arizona and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina — other GOP lawmakers and leaders have also stayed largely quiet as Trump lauds Putin and derides U.S. intelligence.

During a hearing Thursday with intelligence agency officials on the alleged Russian election meddling, Republicans on the panel largely avoided making comments that would contradict Trump's well-publicized skepticism that Russia had anything to do with hacking Democratic emails. The exceptions were McCain and Graham.

Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas even appeared to try to build the case for Trump, ticking off several Trump proposals, from increasing defense spending to accelerating nuclear weapons modernization, to challenge the notion that Putin would favor Trump over Hillary Clinton.

"There is some contrary evidence, despite what the media speculates, that perhaps Donald Trump is not the best candidate for Russia," Cotton argued.

The hearing provoked an angry outburst from Democratic Sen. Claire McCaskill of Missouri.

"The notion that the soon elected leader of this country would put Julian Assange on a pedestal compared to the men and women of the intelligence community and the military ... no matter whether you're a Republican or a Democrat, there should be howls," McCaskill said. "And mark my word, if the roles were reversed, there would be howls from the Republican side."

Trump on border wall: Mexico will pay us back

WASHINGTON (AP) — President-elect Donald Trump on Friday tweeted that Mexico will reimburse American taxpayers for a new border wall and that U.S. money spent will be for the "sake of speed."

His tweet came as congressional Republicans and his top aides consider a plan to ask Congress to ensure money is available in U.S. coffers for the wall without passing any new legislation. Instead, they would rely on existing law that already authorizes fencing and other technology along the southern border.

The potential approach was disclosed Thursday by two congressional officials and a senior transition official with knowledge of the discussions; all spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter publicly.

Trump said in a tweet early Friday: "The dishonest media does not report that any money spent on building the Great Wall (for sake of speed), will be paid back by Mexico later!" Mexico's president and other senior officials have repeatedly insisted that Mexico won't pay for a wall.

VP Biden to Trump: 'Grow up'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Joe Biden told President-elect Donald Trump Thursday to "grow up."

Biden dismissed Trump's complaint on Twitter about how the Obama administration has handled the transition. The vice president told "PBS NewsHour" in an interview that it's time for Trump "to be an adult."

Biden said to Trump: "You're president. You've got to do something. Show us what you have."

The vice president also said that Trump as president will have to propose legislation that Congress and the public can then assess. He said that it'll be "much clearer what he's for and against" once he's in the position of governing.

Vice President Joe Biden says it's "dangerous" for President-elect Donald Trump to publicly criticize the U.S. intelligence community.

Biden also said it's "absolutely mindless" for a president not to have confidence in or listen to the intelligence agencies. The vice president said it would be legitimate to question intelligence and ask for more detail or disagree. But he said that's different than Trump claiming he knows more than the intelligence agencies.

Biden said that's like saying, "I know more about physics than my professor." He says that's worrisome, but he assumes Trump's behavior will change. He said that Trump is surrounding himself with "very smart people" like retired Marine Corps Gen. James Mattis, the billionaire businessman's pick for defense secretary.

During his campaign, Trump repeatedly told voters if elected he would build a wall along the U.S. southern border and make Mexico pay for it.

But Trump never settled on a mechanism for how Mexico would pay. He floated various options, including compelling the country to cover the cost through higher visa and border crossing fees and threatening to target billions of dollars in remittances sent home by immigrants living in the U.S.

Trump transition spokesman Sean Spicer said putting U.S. money up-front "doesn't mean he's broken his promise." In an interview Friday on ABC's "Good Morning America," Spicer said: "I think he's going to continue to talk to them (the Mexican government) about that."

The approach could also stage off a legislative fight that Trump might lose if he tried to get Congress to pass a measure authorizing the kind of border wall he promised during the campaign.

It's not clear how much could be done along the 2,000-mile border without additional actions by Congress. Lawmakers passed the Secure Fence Act of 2006, but most of those 700 miles have already been built. Some areas

are in much better shape than others, though, and long stretches are made up of fencing that stops vehicles but not pedestrians.

But whatever steps might be taken without Congress' approval would be likely to fall short of the extravagant new wall on the border that Trump repeatedly said Mexico would pay for during his campaign for the White House. And despite Congress' involvement in approving any spending, such an approach might also open Trump to charges of circumventing the House and the Senate to take unilateral actions, something he repeatedly criticized President Barack Obama for doing. A spending bill including money for border construction could also provoke a legislative showdown given potential opposition from Senate Democrats.

Still, several lawmakers and congressional officials said the administration could have significant flexibility in taking additional steps without Congress' approval.

"There's a lot of things that can be done within current law," said Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., a longtime proponent of comprehensive immigration reform, though he emphasized that a

lasting solution on immigration would take action by Congress. "You cannot minimize the potential impact of the administration doing what they can do under the law," he said.

However, some immigration hard-liners have already expressed the desire to see Congress take a vote, given how prominent the wall was during Trump's presidential campaign, and their desire to act on the issue.

Trump's vow to build an impenetrable, concrete wall along the southern border was his signature campaign proposal. "Build the wall!" supporters would chant at his rallies. "Who's going to pay for it?" Trump would ask them. "Mexico!" Trump often promised the wall would be built of hardened concrete, rebar and steel as tall as his venues' ceilings, and would feature a "big, beautiful door" to allow legal immigrants to enter.

Most experts viewed such promises as unrealistic and impractical, and Trump himself sometimes allowed that the wall would not need to span the entire length of the border, thanks to natural barriers like rivers. After winning the election, he said he'd be open to stretches of fencing.

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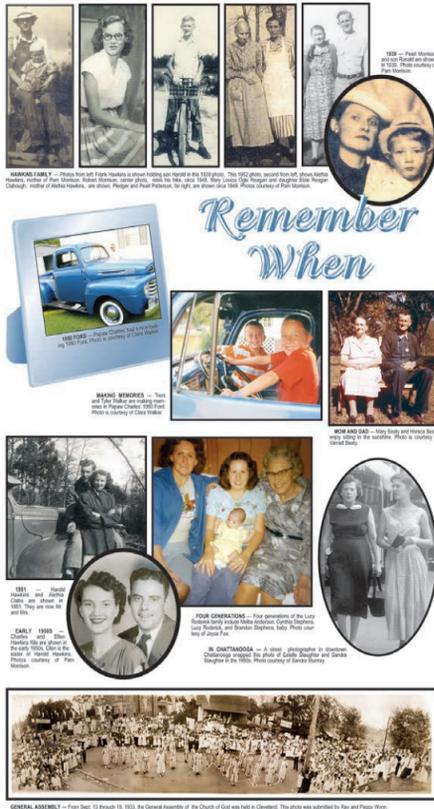
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THE BROWERS will be singing in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, Jan. 15, at South Cleveland Church of God, located on Volunteer Drive off APD-40. The family has had several top album and single hits, including "Stand Up for Jesus," "Praise You in this Valley," "He is Alive," "Message of the Cross" and "Land of No Goodbyes." They received the Absolutely Gospel Music Awards "Music Video of the Year" in 2016. Pastor Edwin Lipsey invites the public to attend.

Hines, Norman to lead New Life Bible Church Healing Seminar

Dr. Tim Hines and Dwayne Norman will be leading a Healing Seminar, beginning Sunday and continuing through Wednesday at New Life Bible Church.

Hines has taught Old Testament and New Testament

Survey, Basic Bible Doctrines, the Blood Covenant, the Life of Christ, Parables of Christ and varying other subjects. He has a bachelor's and master of theology from International Seminary in Plymouth, Fla. His ordination is

through Norval Hayes Ministries, where he received his doctorate in ministry.

Norman is a graduate of Christ for The Nations Bible Institute in Dallas, Texas. He has taught evangelism classes at the Norval Hayes Bible School.

Norman "ministers powerfully on Supernatural Evangelism, and how the Lord wants to use all believers in demonstrating His Kingdom in the Spirit and power of God."

The seminar will be held on Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; and Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.

New Life Bible Church is located at 155 S. Ocoee St. in downtown Cleveland.

For more information, call 479-5434 or www.norvellhayes.org.

Pope appeals for humane prisons after Brazil prison riot

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis has prayed for those who were killed in this week's Brazil prison riots, saying penitentiary conditions must be 'worthy of human persons.'

Francis invited faithful at his weekly Wednesday audience at the Vatican to pray for the 60 who died in gang fights in the Brazil Amazon region prisons

and their families, as well as inmates and prison workers worldwide.

He said he was "pained and concerned" about what happened in Brazil. He renewed his appeal so that prisons would be "places of re-education" and "not overcrowded but places for re-insertion" in society after sentences are served.

Running the race with patience

If you're contemplating on how you can improve your life in 2017, I found just what you need in Romans 12. Paul gave practical guidelines for Christian daily living and shows how righteousness should be put into practice in every relationship.

First of all in verses 1 and 2 — and this is most important — he tells believers what their relationship with God should be — giving oneself completely to God is a "reasonable" service.

Next, in verses 3 through 8, Paul talks about the person in the mirror — you. What do you think of yourself? This new year is a great time to examine that person who is looking back at you.

To look at oneself honestly is to admit that a person needs God, and next, people need each other. We have no business thinking ourselves better than another. In the Greek text, the word, "hyperphroneo," is used which means "overmuch, i.e. be vain or arrogant." In 1 Thessalonians 5:13 (KJV), Paul says that if you're going to think highly of anyone, let it be your brother.

To be successful and to please the Lord, Christians should live a life of fellowship, service and love — not a life of prohibitions, but a positive



Lifelines

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life through Christ who saved us.

Fellowship with the saints means interdependence, a right view of oneself in the Body of Christ and spiritual responsibility.

Service through the Spirit means the diversity of spiritual gifts to the edification of the saints — not to elevate oneself.

Love makes it all work. Paul said, "Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work" (2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17 KJV).

Finally, the Apostle wrote, "Pray for us "that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you:" (2 Thessalonians 3:1 KJV).

There are things (and opportunities) in a Christian's life that contribute to the "free course" of the Word in our lives: love

without pretense, abhor evil and cleave to good, honor, esteem, fervency, rejoicing, hospitable, caring, not gloating, sympathy, honesty, peace, giving good for evil ... and so forth.

Other things hinder the "free course" of the Word, such as pride, financial problems, exalted opinions, self-exultation, unholy living, un-Christlike personality, comfort-seeking, uncaring, negative attitude and so forth.

Christians are to be the "light" of the world and "salt" of the earth. The child of God is meant to be: 1. Consecration of entire self to God — a living sacrifice given to holy service. 2. Not conformed to this world, but sanctified, spirit-filled with a new nature and new goals. 3. Surrendered life of humility and grace.

A runner in a race can't negotiate the course if it has been clogged with junk, trash or other items that block the way. Anything that could hinder has to be taken out of the way. And you certainly can't carry your baggage along.

"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1).

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Haslam seeks road funding increases

JACKSON (AP) — With just over three weeks remaining until he presents his annual Tennessee spending plan to lawmakers, Gov. Bill Haslam is still trying to find what he calls a comfort level with lawmakers on his efforts to boost transportation funding.

Haslam argues that Tennessee doesn't bring in enough money to meet its road building and maintenance needs through its 21.4-cent gas tax. The governor says there's a \$6 billion backlog in state road projects awaiting funding.

A study by state Comptroller Justin Wilson has found

Tennessee's fuel tax collections have remained essentially flat since 2000 amid improving fuel efficiency and decreasing miles driven.

The purchasing power of the state's gas tax collections has fallen by about half since the last time the tax was increased in 1989, according to the report.

But lawmakers are wary about voting for hiking the gas tax, despite arguments that paying the tax at the pump is akin to a fee for using state roads.

"We obviously have to do something that can get passed," Haslam said. "I think everybody

agrees we have to do something. The question now is what."

Haslam, who's expected to deliver his budget address Jan. 30, declined to say how much the gas tax would have to increase to become the backbone of a new road program.

A Chattanooga newspaper this week quoted Senate Republican Caucus Chairman Bill Ketron as saying that the Haslam administration has "kicked around" a 9-cent increase in the tax on gasoline and a 12-cent hike on diesel to bring in about \$400 million in new revenue a year.

Several lawmakers have argued

that any gas tax increase should be offset by decreases in other taxes, such as the sales tax on groceries or franchise and excise taxes charged to businesses. Haslam said his administration is "looking at everything," but cautioned that he doesn't want to undercut the state's revenues in poor economic times.

The governor said he is trying to establish a "comfort level that we're proposing the right thing for the state to do and also something that we think there's enough buy-in from the legislators and helps our communities enough."

TENNESSEE BRIEFS

Detective charged with perjury appeals to oust prosecutor

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — The only adult still facing charges in a rape case involving Tennessee high school basketball players plans to appeal a judge's decision allowing a local prosecutor to remain on the case.

The attorney for Gatlinburg Police Department Detective Rodney Burns said Hamilton County District Attorney Neal Pinkston should not be allowed to prosecute the case because of a civil defamation claim Burns has filed against Pinkston, news outlets reported.

Burns faces two counts of aggravated perjury regarding his testimony about a 15-year-old freshman Ooltewah High School basketball player who prosecutors said was sexually assaulted by his teammates in an apparent hazing incident.

Judge Tom Greenholtz ruled in October that Pinkston can prosecute the case. On Wednesday, Greenholtz allowed Burns to ask the Tennessee Court of Appeals to review his decision.

"The court believes it has applied the right standard," Greenholtz said, according to the Chattanooga Times Free Press (<http://bit.ly/2j9nFvI>). "But I am never under the opinion that I am the one that has all the answers."

If the higher court chooses not to reverse Greenholtz's decision, a jury trial is scheduled to begin June 27.

The perjury charges against Burns stem from his testimony at a Feb. 15 preliminary hearing for three school officials.

Burns testified during the hearing that the assault had been blown out of proportion and was "something stupid that kids do."

According to the indictment in Hamilton County, Burns testified there were no "screams of anguish" during the incident, even though his written police reports noted that one witness told police a "victim yelled out in pain."

The freshman needed emergency surgery after being assaulted with a pool cue in a Gatlinburg cabin, police said. Four freshman players were assaulted during the December 2015 trip, authorities said.

Police: Man with gun shot dead by officers in Tennessee

MONTEAGLE (AP) — Investigators say a man with a gun may have fired at officers before he was shot and killed in Tennessee.

Tennessee Bureau of Investigation spokesman Josh DeVine says the shooting occurred Thursday afternoon after a man called 911 saying he was in the woods in Franklin County with a gun.

DeVine says six officers tried negotiation but the situation escalated. TBI is working to veri-

fy that the man fired at the officers, resulting in up to five officers returning fire.

He was rushed to a hospital and died. TBI identified him as 40-year-old Randy Wayne Cole.

The officers were from Franklin County Sheriff's Office, Monteagle Police Department and Sewanee Police Department.

TBI won't identify officers involved.

McCord steps down as chief clerk of Tennessee House

NASHVILLE (AP) — The chief clerk of the Tennessee House is stepping down after six years on the job.

Speaker Beth Harwell said in an email to members that Joe McCord is leaving the position to pursue what she called a "new opportunity."

The Maryville Republican served six terms in the House before retiring as a lawmaker. Harwell named him clerk of the House, where he served as chief parliamentarian and managed the flow of legislation and helped settle disputes in committee hearings.

Harwell is promoting Tammy Letzler to chief clerk, and she will be assisted by Daniel Hicks and Kim Cox.

A former lawmaker last year called for an investigation into McCord, claiming he had called a staffer obscene names and made a lewd gesture at her grandchild.

Tennessee mayor wants FBI investigation into courthouse hack

ANDERSON (AP) — A Tennessee county's mayor wants the FBI to investigate who hacked into the courthouse's server five months ago.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reports that Anderson County Mayor Terry Frank made the request in a letter to U.S. Attorney Nancy Harr before Christmas. A county commission panel asked the sheriff and district attorney general to seek outside assistance in the case in letters this week.

County officials say they discovered a system-wide security breach on Aug. 4. The server contained Social Security numbers, addresses, payroll info, banking details and veterans benefits info for up to 1,800 county employees, retirees, elected officials, school workers and board members, veterans service members and county contractors.

Frank wrote that the county sheriff's department is working hard, but lacks the resources and technical expertise needed.

Nashville's Music City Center set for \$20M upgrade

NASHVILLE (AP) — Nashville's \$623 million convention center is expecting a \$20 million upgrade 3 1/2 years after it opened.

The Tennessean reports that officials are moving forward with Music City Center plans to build

a food and beverage outlet and expand the building's exhibit hall and concourse space.

The Nashville Convention Center Authority's board approved the project Thursday.

Construction will begin immediately and is scheduled for completion at the end of the year.

The project had not been previously announced by Mayor Megan Barry's administration.

The expansion will add more than 11,000 additional square feet to the facility.

Nashville criminal homicides most in more than a decade

NASHVILLE (AP) — Criminal homicides in Nashville in 2016 rose to their highest levels in more than a decade.

The Tennessean reports that there were 84 criminal homicides in the city last year, five more than 2015's total and the largest number since 97 people died in 2005.

At the same time, the year saw a 40 percent drop in youth killings over 2015, when 20 youths were slain. Twelve juveniles were killed in 2016.

Metro Police Chief Steve Anderson lamented the violence but says the city's recent Youth Violence Reduction Initiative has been working and its strategies should be expanded upon.

More than 80 percent of 2016's homicide victims were killed with firearms and more than 60 percent of the victims were African-American.

Nashville's all-time high for homicides was 112 in 1997.

3 killed, 1 injured in Murfreesboro crash

MURFREESBORO (AP) — Three people were killed and a child was injured in a head-on crash in Murfreesboro.

News outlets report the crash happened Wednesday evening along Highway 99, and claimed the lives of 59-year-old Ronald E. Smith, 44-year-old Michael L. Collins and 34-year-old Susan E. Collins.

A Tennessee Highway Patrol report says Smith was driving an SUV when he crossed the center line and hit an SUV driven by Michael Collins. Suzanne Collins was also a passenger in the vehicle. Neither Michael Collins nor Susan Collins was wearing a seatbelt.

A 6-year-old boy in Collins' vehicle survived the crash and was taken to a local hospital. His condition was not immediately clear.

Prominent GOP donor Miller moving to Kansas

NASHVILLE (AP) — Republican donor Andy Miller Jr., who has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to Tennessee candidates for state and federal offices, is moving to Kansas.

WSMV-TV reports that Miller announced on his Facebook page that he was relocating to a 1,000-acre property in Comanche County, Kansas. In Miller's

Green 1st with formal step toward the Tennessee governor's race

NASHVILLE (AP) — Republican state Sen. Mark Green is the first potential gubernatorial candidate to take a formal step toward entering the race to succeed term-limited Gov. Bill Haslam in 2018.

Green met a key requirement for candidates seeking to raise or spend campaign money by naming accountant Bob Yates as his political treasurer in a state Registry of Election Finance filing on Wednesday.

Shortly after Green was elected to his second Senate term in November, the former Army physician from Ashland City announced a 60-day listening tour as he pondered a bid for higher office.

That tour is scheduled to end

on Tuesday — the same day a fundraising ban starts for sitting lawmakers during the legislative session — so the timing of his filing opens a narrow window for donations.

Other Republicans considering gubernatorial bids include U.S. Rep. Diane Black of Gallatin, state economic development commissioner Randy Boyd of Knoxville, state House Speaker Beth Harwell of Nashville and state Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris of Collierville.

Potential Democratic candidates include former Nashville Mayor Karl Dean, real estate investor Bill Freeman of Nashville and state House Minority Leader Craig Fitzhugh of Ripley.

Green sponsored legislation

last year seeking to do away with handgun-carry rules, arguing that more people need to be armed to defend against "lone-wolf terrorists."

"The armed citizenry is really the only last defense we have," Green said before his bill was defeated in a Senate committee in March.

About 582,000 Tennesseans have met the background check and training requirements to hold current state-issued permits to carry handguns in public, according to the state Safety Department. The state denied nearly 3,300 permit applications last year, and suspended or revoked about 2,400 permits because of criminal charges or orders of protection.

Petra: A Hiding Place

When foretelling the future holocaust brought on by the Great Tribulation, Christ told the Jews that when a certain thing happens, flee to the mountains.

What mountains did our Lord have in mind? Surely not the ones of the Holy Land, the country so populated, there is no place to hide.

Here is what Christ said: "When you see standing in the holy place 'the abomination that causes desolation' spoken of through the prophet Daniel — let the reader understand — then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains" (Matthew 24:15, 16).

The Lord must have had in mind Petra (pronounced PETra), a nearly inaccessible ancient city 50 miles south of the Dead Sea in southern Jordan and the surrounding mountainous area.

One enters ancient Petra through a long, narrow gorge with cliffs 250 feet high on either side. Both sides of the gorge are decorated by nature with variegated colors of red, brown, purple, and yellow sandstone.

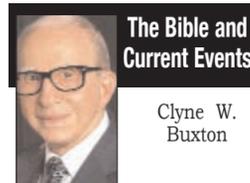
Then the scene widens to an ancient multistoried city hewn out of sandstone. Though now covered with much sand and fallen rock, the architecture hewn in the sandstone cliffs is still indeed remarkable.

Petra is located in biblical Edom, and that ancient country is discussed at length (not Petra) in Scripture. Esau, son of Isaac, was the father of the Edomites.

By the seventh century A.D., Petra had ceased to exist as an occupied city and no longer appeared on maps. However, at its height of development, 30,000 people lived there.

With an annual rain fall of only six inches, the ingenious people had contrived pools and dams in the cliffs to hold enough rain water to last throughout the year.

Petra, a popular site on Holy Land tours, is one of the striking archaeological ruins of the world. When Christ spoke of the beleaguered Jews rushing out of Israel to the mountains, He probably had in mind the many square



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miles of mountainous area around Petra.

There the Jews would exist three and a half years (the last half of the worldwide Tribulation) until Christ's Second Coming, when the Jews will wholeheartedly accept Him as Messiah.

The apostle Paul spoke of that event: "Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction.

"He opposes and exalts himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, and even sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God" (2 Thessalonians 2:3, 4).

Notice that Paul said the Antichrist will seat himself in the Jewish Temple, the place of worship which Israel highly reveres. This godless man will be brashly proclaiming that he is God.

This gross sacrilege will fulfill the prediction of the "abomination of desolation," which is a desecration of the Temple by a Gentile entering the Holy Place, a section of the Temple that only an authorized priest was allowed to enter.

Jesus, addressing the Jews, said that when they see the Antichrist desecrate the Temple, "let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains" (Matthew 24:16). Of course, the reason for fleeing will be to escape the wrath of the Satan-directed Antichrist.

Petra is located in Biblical Edom, and the Scriptures state that the land of Edom "will be delivered from his [Antichrist's] hand" (Daniel 11:41).

The Lord will assist the Jewish people with their escape to the mountains (Revelation 12:6, 13, 14); and when Antichrist sets out to destroy them, a great earthquake will wipe out that portion of his forces (v. 16). This is another example of God protecting His chosen people.

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THE BACK DECK offers space for a barbecue grill. A privacy fence separates the deck from the neighbors. Downstairs, a door leads to the unfinished basement.

THE FACADES OF THE townhouses on Weeks Drive feature low-maintenance vinyl siding and stacked stone. Cream-colored accents and black shutters are also featured.

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Open house showcases Weeks Drive townhouses

From Staff Reports

The newly constructed townhouses on Weeks Drive offer convenience, upscale amenities and plenty of space.

Built by D&S Custom Homes, the luxury townhouses will be shown Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m., in an open house. There will be several homes open for viewing, including 1352 Weeks Drive N.E.

The 1,400-square-foot townhouses feature two bedrooms, two full baths and a half bath. There is possible living space on three levels.

The exterior is low-maintenance with a mix of vinyl siding and stacked stone. Cream-colored accents and black shutters are offered. A small porch lets you stand out of the weather while accessing your home.

While the layout of each house is the same, the amenity colors for kitchen counters, cabinets and faucets differ, depending on whether it a gray or tan style dwelling.

Through the front door is a nice-sized living area. Beautiful hardwood flooring is featured. Lighting is provided through a single window and a fan/light fixture.

The dwelling features beautiful woodwork throughout with wide baseboards, crown moldings and classic styled window and door case headers.

Separating the living room from the kitchen is a granite-topped bar, which can easily accommodate several stools for an eating area. Two frosted pennant lights not only brighten the bar, but offer a touch of elegance. Inset lighting has been selected for the kitchen to keep it bright.

There is also an eat-in breakfast area adjoining the kitchen. Off the dining area, which has a window and a windowed door, is a



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THE KITCHEN FEATURES plenty of custom-made cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops. The differences in the townhouses featured in the open house Sunday are in the color of the cabinets, granite, faucets and walls coloring.

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THE LAUNDRY ROOM has hookups for a washer and dryer as well as a wire shelf for laundry accessories and clothes hanging.



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THE KITCHEN PANTRY is separate from the other cabinetry, but easily accessible for the family cook. The beautiful ceramic tile floors are used in the kitchen, laundry and bathroom areas.

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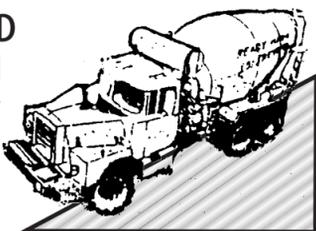
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A GRANITE-TOPPED bar between the kitchen and living room offers convenient eating space. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER



THE LIVING ROOM features crown molding, wide baseboards, classic case headers on the window and doors and beautiful hardwood floors. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER



THE UNFINISHED basement has plenty of natural light flooding the areas. It can be used for storage, or when finished an extra bedroom or family room. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER



AN EAT-IN dining area adjoins the kitchen. Natural light floods the area from a large window and windowed door. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER

House

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nice deck perfect for entertaining or just enjoying a quiet time outside. A privacy fence separates the deck from your neighbors.

The kitchen has plenty of custom-designed cabinets that offers efficient utilization of space. A cabinet pantry is located for easy access. The floors are done in large rectangle-ceramic tile, which makes them easy to clean and beautiful to observe.

The kitchen counters are of granite. Stainless steel Whirlpool appliances — dish washer, microwave and glass-topped electric range — have been selected for the kitchen.

Adjoining the kitchen area half bath and a separate laundry room.

A door across from the laundry room opens to a stairway to the basement. The basement is a large unfinished area that could be used for storage as it, or finished as a den, playroom or even a third bedroom. A backyard access has a windowed door and two windows, which make the area inviting to possibilities.

Access to the bedroom floor is a stairways, which starts with wood treads and switches to carpet as it nears the top floor.

Upstairs are two bedrooms, both with bathrooms, walk-in closets, fan/ceiling fixtures and carpeting. The back bedroom has a single window and the front two.

The bathrooms have a modern design with tub/shower features, ceramic tile flooring and furniture-style vanities with marble tops.

Realtor Cindi Richardson with Keller Williams is handling the sale of the luxury townhouses. The prices begin at \$139,900.

The dwelling features central air and heating.

The townhouses are zone for Mayfield Elementary, Cleveland Middle School and Cleveland High School.

Directions: From the Ocoee Street and 25th Street intersection, go north on Ocoee Street and turn right onto Weeks Drive N.E. The townhouses face Weeks Drive on the right.

If you are coming from APD 40, take the ramp at 20th Street N.E., turn left onto Shady Lane N.E. for approximately .4 of miles and right onto Weeks Drive. Townhouses will be approximately half a mile on left.



THE MASTER BATH has a single sink vanity in a furniture style. It also has a tub/shower fixture and ceramic-tile flooring. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER



THE MASTER BEDROOM has two large windows to flood the room with natural light. A ceiling/light fixture, carpeting and a walk-in closet are also provided. Banner photo, GWEN SWIGER



THE STAIRS to the upper level have hardwood treads as they start up, but change to carpet to match the upstairs flooring.



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A CLOSE-UP VIEW shows the granite countertops and stainless steel sink. At left, is the bar from the living room side.



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Lawmakers rebuke U.N. for 'anti-Israel' resolution

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House overwhelmingly approved a bipartisan measure Thursday that rebukes the United Nations for criticizing Israeli settlements as Republicans used the debate to accuse President Barack Obama of turning his back on the Jewish state.

Lawmakers voted 342-80 for the non-binding resolution that declares unwavering support for Israel and insists that the United States reject any future U.N. actions that are similarly "one-sided and anti-Israel."

"Our government abandoned our ally Israel when she needed us the most," said House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis. "It is time to repair the damage done by this misguided hit job at the U.N."

The measure divided Democrats. Nearly 80 opposed the measure because they said it contained inaccuracies and distorted the complexities of the Middle East peace process. They also accused Republicans of attacking Obama unfairly in the waning days of his presidency.

"The point of the measure seems to be to bash Obama on the way out," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., who along with many other Democrats still voiced strong support for Israel. They said Obama deserved credit for engineering last year's new, long-term security agreement that gives Israel \$38 billion in U.S. military aid, including \$5 billion for missile defenses.

A similar bipartisan measure to reprimand the U.N. has been

introduced in the Senate. "Israel is always the bad guy in the eyes of the United Nations," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., one of the measure's co-sponsors.

Attention from the move by the U.N. last month could provide fuel for pro-Israel initiatives favored by conservatives on Capitol Hill. For example, a small group of Republican senators is proposing to withhold 50 percent of the State Department's 2017 budget until the U.S. Embassy in Israel is moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. During the campaign, President-elect Donald Trump promised to shift the embassy.

But a spokesman for Jordan's government told The Associated Press on Thursday

that the embassy move would be a "red line" for Jordan and "inflammable the Islamic and Arab streets." Jordan serves as custodian of a major Islamic shrine in east Jerusalem and the Palestinians seek a capital there.

Israel and its supporters lashed out at Obama for his decision to abstain and allow the U.N. Security Council to approve in December a resolution calling Israel's settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem "a flagrant violation under international law."

Although the U.S. is opposed to the settlements, it has traditionally used its veto power as a permanent member of the Security Council to scuttle resolutions that condemn Israel. Disputes between Israel and

the Palestinians must be resolved through direct negotiations, according to longstanding practice and policy.

Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, accused Obama of a "shameful ambush" and said he was looking forward to working with Trump, whom he described as his friend.

But Secretary of State John Kerry said in a late December speech that the U.S. was standing up for a two-state solution when it abstained on the resolution. He criticized Israel for settlement building and blamed Netanyahu for dragging Israel away from democracy.

Kerry said expanding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and east Jerusalem are leading to an "irreversible one-state reality."

The Palestinians seek the West Bank and east Jerusalem, territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war, for an independ-

ent state. They say that Israeli settlements in these areas, now home to about 600,000 Israelis, are threatening their plans for independence by taking in lands where they hope to establish their state.

The U.N. resolution, along with Kerry's speech, essentially endorsed the Palestinian position by calling for the pre-1967 lines to serve as the reference point for a final border.

Netanyahu, who opposes a return to the 1967 lines, has condemned the moves as "skewed" and "shameful."

Rep. Ed Royce of California, the Republican chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, and Rep. Eliot Engel of New York, the panel's top Democrat, sponsored the House measure. The U.N. resolution "undermines the prospect for Israelis and Palestinians resuming productive, direct negotiations," according to their legislation, and should be "repealed or fundamentally altered."

Grant

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turning the Cleveland Summit Apartments into a hotel, "which would involve moving residents into a better housing situation."

Fivas said the idea of pouring more money into downtown still has its skeptics, but he said the area is "ripe for redevelopment."

He also outlined a variety of goals for the city of Cleveland which encompassed three different areas: economic development, infrastructure and education.

While the city has its own government, Fivas stressed the importance of Cleveland and Bradley County government leaders discussing ways to make improvements in and around the city. Though city and county officials do not agree on everything, he believes all wish to improve their community.

"Whether you live in the city or not, we're all on the same team," Fivas said.

He noted he, Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland and the Cleveland City Council believe the city is "on the verge of great things."

Making mention of the area's rapid growth in recent years, he said the city is having to keep an eye on the future while being careful to preserve what makes the city special.

"We are growing, and it's no surprise," Fivas said. "But we've done an incredible job

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keeping our hometown feeling."

Fivas also said city officials want the community's help as they narrow down a list of priorities for the city. While they could make the plans on their own, he noted it is important for city residents to be supportive of the projects taking place.

The city is currently conducting a survey to get a feel for how local residents feel about the city. Fivas also noted county residents are welcome to take the survey as well, as many county residents spend a great deal of time in the city.

The survey can be accessed online at <http://clevelandtn.gov> by searching for "Citizen Community Survey" at the top of the page. The deadline to complete it is Feb. 24.

Though the survey is still underway, Fivas said he is already noticing some trends.

"Infrastructure is very high on the list," he explained.

Many of the survey's respondents so far have mentioned the need for road and intersection widenings as traffic grows in the growing city.

Fivas said the city is looking into several projects and

researching how they could be funded, as city officials agree there is a need.

He added discussions are ongoing with the Tennessee Department of Transportation about the proposed widening of Highway 60. This is of particular concern because it is the road on which a new city elementary school is soon to be built.

With the growing population, he said there are concerns about "falling behind" in providing the infrastructure to accommodate more people.

"Once you fall behind on infrastructure, it's hard to get back," Fivas said.

Among the other needs survey respondents have mentioned is the need for better broadband internet access.

Fivas said this is something the city is also hearing about from business owners regularly. He told the story of one technology-related business which was once located in downtown Cleveland but moved to Chattanooga because of the internet speeds.

"We have companies that are actually leaving the area because of download speeds," Fivas said.

County

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\$44,321,327, which was a \$7 million increase over last year," Davis said. "If the county was your business, this is what you look for — an increase in net position or profit."

He also noted the county's long-term debt decreased by \$4,401,300.

"Yes, we are continually paying down our debt," Davis said.

The mayor noted the four findings which were in the recent audit and called them "opportunities to improve."

"As always, corrective action to improve has already been taken, Davis said. "When it makes the newspaper, you can be assured the findings have already been addressed and are old news as far as I'm concerned."

The mayor said the county has maintained the highest bond rating possible for a county the size of Bradley — AA.

"We finally achieved that rating a couple of years ago and are maintaining that," Davis said. "That is a huge challenge we have."

Three more EMS ambulance stations were located at the county's fire stations in 2016.

"This will improve emergency response times for EMS with six stations now throughout the county," Davis said.

The official opening of Wacker is playing a big part in the success of the previous year and the hopes for the years ahead.

"After four years of construction and thousands of construction workers in our community, the \$2.4 billion Wacker project was finally completed," Davis said. "A lot of people said it would never happen and it now employees 650 people just as they said they would."

"In the same year, they announced a \$150 million expansion adding another 50 good paying jobs in our com-

"I often say if you gave me the choice of having more education or more wisdom, I would pick the wisdom. One thing I have tried to do over the years is soak up as much wisdom as I could. Any success I've had I give the credit to the wisdom I have gained from people like that."
— Mayor D. Gary Davis

munity," he said.

Davis said work is now halfway complete on the new work release addition to the Justice Center.

"It will add more than 100 beds to the facility and is a less expensive way of adding to the jail and the Commission was convinced that was the kind of expansion we needed to do," he said.

Davis said a new Lake Forest Middle School "had been talked about for years."

"They have now broken ground on this \$16.5 million project," he said. "At the same time, there is a \$16.5 million energy project throughout the county replacing HVACs, windows and all kinds of things."

"Together, you have \$33 million of school improvements going on as we speak," Davis said.

The completion of the new Spring Branch Industrial Park looms on 2017's horizon and Davis said that is going to bring more good news.

"Completion is expected very soon on the new interchange on APD 40," the mayor said. "This is a project we have been working on with TDOT for 18 years."

Davis said the new park will open up hundreds of acres for commercial development.

"Once developed, the new industrial park will help bring more industries and thus, more jobs to Bradley County," the mayor said. "This is probably the biggest thing to happen in Bradley County since Wacker."

The mayor noted the county's unemployment rate is down to 4 percent.

"We have been a lot higher over the years, but we never got as high as some surrounding counties or even today," Davis said. "We have come a long way getting it down to 4 percent."

He said the Cleveland Metropolitan Area is now ranked second in the nation for job growth.

"I don't think many people realize that is not just Cleveland, that includes all of Bradley County and a little bit of Polk County," the mayor said. "But, to have second in the nation job growth for the year. Hopefully I'll be able to say that again next year. That is a huge accomplishment by our community."

Davis said there were other achievements "we've come to expect."

"They are not necessarily automatic and not always easy, but I like to brag about them," he said.

Those included:
■ Receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the eighth year.

■ Receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 11th year.

■ Receiving The Governor's Award for Performance, Accountability and Efficiency.

"Bradley County's future continues to look very bright," Davis said. "It is an honor and a privilege to serve the most wonderful people in the world, right here in Bradley County, as your county mayor."

He also said local schools and colleges have expressed the desire for better internet access, so they can have better internet speeds in their buildings and so students can have better internet access at home.

Fivas then made mention of how Cleveland and Bradley County both have "very good" school systems, but education needs to continue to be a priority for the community.

He also touched upon the importance of economic development, which can also help the community improve.

Mentioning the Spring Branch Industrial Park and an area being prepared for development at Interstate 75 Exit 20, he said he is optimistic there will continue to be good business growth in the area.

Fivas summed things up by saying he sees as the city's biggest priorities right now economic development, infrastructure and education. While making improvements in those three categories involves a lot of different things, he noted all three are vital to having a good community.

"We need to keep it all strong," said Fivas.

Kenya's Senate gives OK to electoral law changes

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Kenya's Senate on Friday approved changes to election laws that would allow manual counting of ballot results, which the opposition calls a back door to rigging this year's presidential vote.

President Uhuru Kenyatta is running again for the August election. He is now expected to sign the amendment bill into law.

The opposition coalition, led by former Prime Minister Raila Odinga and former Vice Presidents Musalia Mudavadi and Kalonzo Musyoka, said legislators of the ruling coalition in the Senate have "committed a great betrayal on the people of Kenya." The opposition also accused the ruling coalition of casting fraudulent votes in Friday's session.

Both parliament and the Senate held emergency meetings during the holiday break to pass the amendments to sections of the electoral law that

had been reformed with bipartisan support just months ago, in August. Those reforms came after weeks of street protests by the opposition in which more than five people were shot dead by police.

This East African nation attempted to digitize its 2013 general elections in an effort to prevent the vote-rigging in 2007 that sparked violence killing more than 1,000 people. But voter identification kits to scan people's fingers didn't work properly and a server handling voting results crashed, resulting in the 2013 process being completed manually.

Odinga unsuccessfully petitioned the Supreme Court challenging Kenyatta's 2013 win, claiming the system was set up to fail to allow the more easily manipulated manual system. Kenyatta received a majority of votes to avoid a runoff with Odinga, by 4,099 votes out of more than 12.3 million cast.

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PEOPLE WALK THEIR DOGS on a frosty Reigate Heath in Reigate, south England, on Friday as temperatures across southern England dropped below freezing.

Blizzards, icy weather grip parts of Europe

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Blizzards swept parts of eastern Europe on Friday, causing at least five deaths, closing roads and resulting in traffic accidents, travel delays and 1 medical evacuations.

In Poland, the cold snap caused five deaths in 24 hours. Three people died from hypothermia while two people died from carbon monoxide poisoning caused by malfunctioning heaters they used when the cold weather set in, the government Security Center said Friday.

In Romania, one of the worst affected areas, authorities said main highways in the south and east were made impassable due to the heavy snow.

More than 40 trains were not running due to snow on the track.

Senior emergency situations official Raed Arafat said authorities evacuated 622 people who needed dialysis and 126 pregnant women.

Serbia's state television reported that 17 people, including six children, were injured in a pileup caused by the wintry weather on the outskirts of the southern city of Nis.

Heavy snow and strong winds disrupted traffic in southern

Serbia and snow piled up to two-meters (6.6 feet) high, closing several roads. Local official Dragan Dimitrijevic said emergency crews were "helpless against the wind."

"New piles form almost immediately after we clear up," he said.

Turkey's national carrier, Turkish Airlines, canceled 192 domestic and international flights that were scheduled for Saturday after heavy snow, icy conditions and strong winds were forecast for Istanbul.

Bulgarian authorities said some 650 villages across the country were without electricity due to high winds and heavy snow, while the national road service said that snow plows were unable to operate due to the conditions.

Temperatures are forecast to drop to minus 20 C (minus 4 F) at the weekend and Bulgarian authorities issued a severe weather warning for 20 out of the country's 28 regions, telling people to stay indoors.

In Croatia, the temperatures dipped below freezing even along the country's Adriatic coast where high winds halted some ferry traffic to the islands and over the bridges along the coast-

line.

In Montenegro, bad weather caused traffic delays and authorities urged people to stay indoors. Villages were virtually cut off in the worst-hit northern part of the country.

In Poland where temperatures dropped to minus 25 degrees Celsius (minus 13 F) early Friday in the southern mountainous region, winds whipped up to 90 kph (56 mph), and more than 2,000 households were without heating in the southern Rybnik area, after a major pipeline malfunctioned in the frigid weather.

Elsewhere, temperatures in Germany plunged as low as minus 25 degrees Celsius (minus 13 Fahrenheit) overnight, after storm "Axel" sucked in icy air from the Arctic.

In northern Europe, which is accustomed to subzero temperatures, it was bitterly cold but sunny, plummeting to minus 23 C (minus 9.4 F) Friday morning in Helsinki, Finland, the same temperature recorded in Latvia.

Strong gales off the coast of western Norway caused the cancellation of a ferry, and on a major rail section west of Copenhagen, Denmark, there were delays due to the icy weather.

New DEA office, top-level visit showcase China drugs concern

SHANGHAI (AP) — The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration is opening a new office in southern China and sending its top administrator to visit next week for the first time in more than a decade, signs of growing U.S. concern about China's role in the global drug trade.

The DEA said acting administrator Chuck Rosenberg will visit Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong Monday through Thursday, at the invitation of China's Ministry of Public Security.

The last time the head of the DEA visited the country was 2005.

China's National Narcotics Control Commission told AP the invitation had been extended to further strengthen cooperation between the countries.

The new office in the city of Guangzhou will be staffed with two special agents.

DEA and others point to China as the top source country for synthetic opioids like fentanyl and its precursors, which have been fueling the deadliest drug abuse epidemic in U.S. history. China is also emerging as a laundering hub for drug money, according to a U.S. Justice Department indictment unsealed in 2015.

"Intelligence and investigative information have shown that Guangzhou has strong ties to international drug trafficking organizations operating in China and elsewhere," Russell Baer, a DEA special agent in Washington, said in an email. "These criminal groups in



IN THIS AUG. 9 FILE PHOTO, a bag of 4-fluoro isobutyryl fentanyl which was seized in a drug raid is displayed at the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Testing and Research Laboratory in Sterling, Va.

Guangzhou utilize trade-based money laundering schemes to legitimize drug profits, use the port facilities as a transit point to ship illegal narcotics, and purchase synthetic drugs along with precursor chemicals."

Chinese officials dispute claims that China is the main source of fentanyl and precursors, noting that the U.S. has produced little supporting data. Nonetheless, Beijing has taken significant steps to crack down on the production and export of synthetic drugs, even though these substances are not widely abused within China.

China already controls fentanyl, a painkiller up to 50 times more potent than heroin, along with 18 related compounds and is considering blacklisting four

more.

U.S. officials have been pressing China to control additional opioids, which can be easily purchased online from vendors in China. China, meanwhile, has been seeking U.S. support to place ketamine, an anesthetic widely abused in China, on a U.N.-maintained list of internationally controlled substances.

"We believe Mr. Rosenberg's visit will improve both sides' understanding and trust. It will help to improve cooperation in cracking down on drug crimes," China's National Narcotics Control Commission told AP, noting that Hu Minglang, then Director General of China's Narcotics Control Bureau, already visited Washington in September.

Israeli police question Netanyahu again over suspicions of graft

JERUSALEM (AP) — Police questioned Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday for the second time over allegations that he improperly accepted gifts from wealthy supporters, pressing ahead with a probe that has threatened to challenge his long leadership of Israel's government. Netanyahu has adamantly denied wrongdoing.

Police said investigators went to Netanyahu's official residence in Jerusalem in a case that local media say arose from allegations involving high-profile figures in international business and Hollywood.

Police said investigators questioned Netanyahu for five hours about suspicions that he "allegedly received benefits" as well as about another undisclosed affair. His questioning on Monday lasted more than three hours.

Few details of the allegations against Netanyahu have been officially released, with Israel's Justice Ministry revealing only that the prime minister was being questioned "on suspicion of



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receiving benefits from business people."

But Israeli media have reported that Netanyahu accepted "favors" from businessmen in Israel and abroad, allegedly including billionaire Ronald Lauder and Hollywood producer Arnon Milchan. Israeli Channel 2 TV has said Netanyahu is the central suspect in a second investigation that also involves family mem-

bers.

Netanyahu has repeatedly denied wrongdoing, portraying the accusations as a witch hunt against him and his family by a hostile media opposed to his hard-line political views.

He has pointed to previous suspicions raised against him, none of which resulted in any criminal proceedings, as a sign that he has done nothing wrong in this most recent allegation as well. "There won't be anything because there is nothing," Netanyahu has said frequently.

Serving his third consecutive term with a stable coalition government, Netanyahu is on track to become Israel's longest-serving leader, should he complete his full term in office in 2019. He does not appear to have any serious foreseeable challenger to his rule.

While the probe is still in its infancy, a mounting investigation could put pressure on Netanyahu to step down. His predecessor, Ehud Olmert, did so in 2008 just months before he was formally indicted on corruption-related charges.



THIS 1949 PHOTO taken by British mystery author Agatha Christie shows a statue of a lamassu, a winged bull from Assyrian mythology who guarded the royal court from evil, at the ancient site of Nimrud, near modern day Mosul, Iraq.

Agatha Christie helped in uncovering Iraq's ancient Nimrud site, famous ivory

NIMRUD, Iraq (AP) — Her diligence and face cream cleaned Nimrud's most famous ivory. She captured the archaeological dig in Iraq on celluloid and Kodak film, developing the prints in water painstakingly filtered from the nearby Tigris River.

And every day, after she balanced the books and arranged for the next day's meals, Agatha Christie sat down to write.

The British mystery writer's second husband, Max Mallowan, was an archaeologist — respected in his field, but with nowhere near the renown of his older wife. But Christie set aside her career for months each year to accompany Mallowan into the field.

Mallowan built his career on digs in the 1950s in Nimrud, the remains of the ancient Assyrian city that survived 3,000 years only to be blown into rubble by Islamic State group conquerors last year.

And Christie, then in her 60s, was there to document his work, in photo and film.

Every winter, according to her grandson Mathew Prichard, "they disappeared into Iraq or Syria and returned in May or June. To her it was just as important as writing. Her role, and she was quite old-fashioned about this ... Her role in the 1950s was to go

on these digs with her husband and help him with the photography and dealings with the local labor force," he said.

Famed for her detective characters Mrs. Marple and Hercule Poirot, Christie had a longtime fascination with archaeology that showed up in novels set in the Mideast, including "Death on the Nile" and "Murder in Mesopotamia."

Christie's non-fiction book "Come Tell Me How You Live," about a series of digs in Syria in the 1940s, is testament to her love for adventure, travel and the ancient sites of civilization.

"Inshallah, I shall go there again, and the things that I love shall not have perished from this earth," she wrote in conclusion in 1944.

But seven decades later, one of her favorite places — Nimrud — is in danger as never before.

Islamic State fighters took over the site near the city of Mosul in 2014, and in 2015 smashed the winged bulls guarding the entrance and blew up the Northwest Palace where Mallowan made his most significant discoveries.

The site, though liberated last month from the extremists, is reduced to rubble, largely unguarded and vulnerable to

looters.

Among Mallowan's finds were a series of ivories, including one of a woman's face dubbed the Mona Lisa of Nimrud, which was extracted with great difficulty from a muddy well.

"She spent hours drying it and cleaning it off, with her face cream," said Georgina Herrmann, a British archaeologist who worked there with Mallowan.

Other ivories were discovered smashed, and Christie delighted in assembling them, Herrmann said.

"Agatha was a passionate solver of jigsaw puzzles and crossword puzzles. She laid all these pieces out — there must have been hundreds of them — and put them together."

Christie and Mallowan would be dismayed to learn what has become of the site, according to Prichard, who recalled his grandfather teaching him the basics of cuneiform writing as a boy.

"To say they would have thought it was a tragedy is an understatement," he said. "If my grandparents could somehow be alive again and see the newspapers for a week, they would not have recognized the places where they had been and lived and worked."

Pope treats homeless to lunch as he marks Epiphany

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis treated a few hundred homeless people and refugees to a simple sandwich lunch on Friday, and urged the faithful to find God in the peripheries of society, not its palaces.

Francis celebrated Mass marking Epiphany, the biblical tale of the three wise men who set out to

find the infant Jesus and offer precious gifts.

At the end of the service, homeless people and refugees joined volunteers to hand out 50,000 booklets with biblical tales of God's mercy to pilgrims gathered in a frigid St. Peter's Square.

Francis said he too wanted to give the faithful the gift of God's

mercy for the coming year.

He then offered some 300 needy people a simple lunch of a sandwich and drink, the Vatican said, part of his long-running outreach to the poor and homeless who live around the Vatican.

During this Christmas season, Francis has emphasized the humble setting of Christ's birth.



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local road crews before determining the fate of school today.

He then passed that information along to Dr. Linda Cash, Bradley County director of schools, for the ultimate decision on the county schools today.

"Our concern is with the kids on the road, and kids on buses," Spence said Thursday. "There was a decision not to close school because it is not supposed to snow until tonight [Friday]."

It was noted by the National Weather Service on Thursday that temperatures will drop dramatically around 4 p.m. today, but snowfall amounts will likely total less than half an inch through today. The cold weather was the biggest concern, with temperatures Sunday morning forecast to fall into the single digits.

The NWS office in Morristown did point out that snow accumulations through 7 p.m. Saturday could reach 1.7 inches in Bradley County, and possibly as much as 3.7 inches in eastern Polk County, around Ducktown.

Updated totals predict around 2.4 inches of snow in Bradley County, and 2.7 inches in McMinn County. Two inches of snow are expected in Rhea County, and around 3.5 inches in Polk County.

"Trends have been increasing for a significant snowfall for the mountains of East Tennessee and potentially as far west as the I-75 corridor," said Dave Hotz of the National Weather Service. He added that the main time frame for the heaviest snow will be from 4 p.m. today through 4 a.m. Saturday. Meanwhile, in anticipation of winter weather and its associated hazards, the Southeast states of Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina have all declared states of emergency.

Local road departments are prepared for inclement weather. Jeff

Tilly of the Cleveland Public Works Department said Thursday that the city is prepared to keep traffic delays and accidents at a minimum by taking care of the roadways in Cleveland.

Bradley County Road Superintendent Sandra Collins said earlier this week that the county department is also ready for the snow.

"We have plenty of salt in stock, and have spreaders and plows ready to go," she said. "Employees are on standby for call-ins and overtime."

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is also prepared for snow throughout the state.

"Tennessee Department of Transportation maintenance crews are stocked and ready to keep Tennessee roadways free of ice and snow during the 2016/2017 winter season," according to TDOT. The state department of transportation and the Tennessee Highway Patrol are also reminding drivers of the best advice for driving in winter weather:

"In Ice and Snow: Take it Slow – meaning slower speeds, slower acceleration, slower steering and slower braking," TDOT noted.

In the 24 Southeast Tennessee counties covered by TDOT, there are 178 salt trucks ready, with nearly 78,000 tons of salt to use on roadways. TDOT reported that they have 148 snow plows to go into use should they be needed, and 319,000 gallons of salt brine.

TDOT's 24 Southeast counties covered includes 7,651 miles on interstates and state routes.

Officials also stressed the importance of having their vehicles ready for the cold temperatures, as well as preparing their homes for snow and for frigid temperatures.

"Wind chills across the valley will drop to 5 to 15 degrees this weekend," Hotz said.



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BRADLEY COUNTY Board of Education members and County Commissioners pose during the ceremonial groundbreaking for the new Lake Forest Middle School, one of the most notable events of 2016. From left are Commissioner Charlotte Peak, Trustee Mike Smith, Commissioner Bobby Goins, board member Amanda Lee, Commission Chairman Louie Alford, Commissioner Johnny Mull, board chairman Rodney Dillard, Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis, Commission Vice-Chairman Jeff Yarber, Director of Schools Dr. Linda Cash, Commissioner Terry Caywood, LFMS Principal Ritchie Stevenson, board members Ted Bryson, Nancy Casson and Vicky Beauty, Commissioner Mike Hughes, board vice-chairman Jerry Frazier, board member Diana Calfee, and Commissioners Milan Blake, Robert Rominger, Thomas Crye, Bill Winters and Howard Thompson.

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improvement, you know it is a system change, a mindset change," said Cash. "Our teachers should be reaffirmed that what they do on a daily basis matters."

Still, Cash said the school system was committed to continued improvement, as scores were still below state and national averages.

At the time, Tennessee students had a statewide average ACT composite score of 19.9 out of a possible 36, according to

ACT Inc. Nationally, the average composite score was 20.8.

In September, the county school system was recommended for reaccreditation by its accrediting organization, AdvancED.

Representatives from AdvancED visited local schools and conducted numerous interviews to gauge the state of the school system.

The system's overall Index of Educational Quality score was 311.38 out of a possible 400. This assessment judges school systems' "teaching and learning impact," "leadership capacity" and "resource utilization."

"Your work and your professionalism have been very evident," AdvancED team lead Dr. Drew Moore said while presenting the results to the school board and administrators.

The average Index of Educational Quality score among AdvancED institutions was 278.03 at the time, meaning the county scored above average.

September saw Bradley County Schools hosting a "green shovel event" to kick off a new series of energy-saving building renovations. The \$16.2 million project was expected to affect every county school building, including the system's administrative offices.

A company called Energy Systems Group is overseeing renovations ranging from HVAC equipment replacements to the installation of new windows.

While the changes are expected to affect the school buildings' aesthetics, Cash said it will make the schools more comfortable. She recounted how some schools struggled to keep classrooms at the right temperature when it was really hot or cold.

"Students will learn better if the buildings are comfortable," Cash said at the kickoff event. "This is more than just an energy-saving project. ... It will help schools provide a feeling of comfort and safety."

Progress on the lengthy list of renovations is still ongoing

through the end of the 2017-18 school year.

In October, Taylor Elementary School hosted an event to celebrate it finally being able to obtain one electronic device per student.

It was the first Bradley County school to reach the school systems one-to-one technology goal.

"We are the first school in Bradley County to have that," said Elizabeth Kaylor, principal of Taylor Elementary. "That, all in all, is a truly amazing accomplishment."

In May of 2016, the school had received nearly \$50,000 from the Leonore Annenberg School Fund for Children grant.

In the fall, those devices were placed into the hands of students, and teachers began exploring new, creative ways to incorporate technology into their lessons.

Cash said the school system is continuing to look for ways to provide one-to-one technology to students, and more funding for that could be included in the proposed 2017-18 budget.

In December, the board also awarded the bid for a new academic building at Lake Forest Middle School, effectively giving the green light for construction to begin.

The county board unanimously chose the lowest of five bids for the project, a bid for \$17,245,000 from Tri-Con Inc. of Cleveland.

"That's been long coming, and it's very exciting," board Chairman Rodney Dillard said after the vote.

It was "exciting," in part, because the new wo-story, 137,000-square-foot structure will replace multiple pod-style classroom buildings. That means students will no longer have to go outdoors to go from class to class.

With Tri-Con bidding on a proposed contract length of 550 days, the building is supposed to be ready for students at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.

December once again saw the school system receiving good news about its students, as it was announced students had beaten state averages in English and math testing.

The Tennessee Department of Education's release of its annual Report Card for schools

Though technological hiccups led to Tennessee students in grades 3 through 8 not completing all their state tests during the 2015-16 year, local school officials say they are happy with how high school students did.

The high schoolers' end of course exams led to the county school system receiving high marks on the state Report Card.

"I am very pleased to report that we have scores of level 5 in all areas of our District-Level Composite," Cash said. "A score of '5' is the most effective where there is significant evidence that students are making substantially more progress than the standard for academic growth."

The state Department of Education measures school systems' performance with the Tennessee Value-Added

Assessment System, or TVAAS. Looking at students' state-level test results, the system assigns scores ranging from 1 to 5 in each of the following areas: Overall, Literacy, Numeracy, Literacy/Numeracy, Science and Social Studies.

Bradley County Schools received a score of 5 in every area at the end of the 2015-16 year, despite the scores only being based on the high school tests. The system also received all 5s from its 2014-15 scores, which included results from students in grades 3 through 12.

Cash said her goals for 2017 include supporting all students as they continue to make progress in their studies.

The county school system also has plans to continue promoting existing initiatives like Read 20, which encourages students to read or have someone read to them at least 20 minutes per day.

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principal amount of tax-exempt bond obligations for the university, and will not impact city assets in any way.

Presenting the proposal to the city board was David Ringelstein II, a partner with Balch & Bingham of Birmingham, Ala., representing Lee University — a Tennessee non-profit.

Lee's Deacon Jones Dining Hall has been a popular location for many years for university functions, regular dining opportunities for students and staff, and a site for a number of community events. The annual mentoring banquet for the 100 Black Men of Bradley County Inc. has been held there for a number of years.

The dining hall is located in the central portion of the campus, at 1280 Church St. N.E. The Math/Science Building in at 1200 North Ocoee St.

The funds will provide about \$4 million for construction and equipping of dining hall improvements. The remaining \$3.5 million will be used to refinance debt previously incurred to finance the construction, renovation and equipping of approximately 73,000 square feet of space for the Math-Science facility, as well as the additional plans.

Improvements to the dining hall are expected to include outdoor seating space.

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an economic impact on the community, encompassing building, equipment, land purchase(s) and site development. It is expected to create nine to 10 new jobs at the dining hall, while maintaining what employment is already in place.

Dining hall improvements are expected to provide a higher level of dining experience for the university's students and staff, and the community.

The purchaser of the bonds will be Regions Capital Advantage Inc., or other subsidiaries of Regions Bank.

It is anticipated the funds will be issued in March, with the expected completion time of construction a

year later.

Obligations and transactions taken included confirmation of a number of documents, including the financing and loan agreement, the guaranty agreement, construction deed of trust, tax certificate and agreement, and any and all mortgages, security agreements, pledge agreements, notices, financing statements and others.

— In other action, the board approved a resolution ratifying and confirming the election of officers from the board's November meeting.

— Buchanan, the board's attorney, provided board members with a report on debt obligation for a housing improvement project approved at the Nov. 1 meeting.

The collateralized multifamily housing bonds (series 2016) were for the renovation of the Springbrook Apartments on Buchanan Road in South Cleveland.

The board approved the issuance not to exceed \$4.5 million for proceeds of the sale of the bonds to be loaned to Alco Springbrook Partners. The funding is to finance the acquisition and rehabilitation of an existing 96 units in the complex, located at 2360 Blackburn Road S.E.

Berkeley Burbank of Alco Springbrook Partners, and attorney Mark Mamantov, addressed the board at their earlier meeting.

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are built, what they teach and how much testing [they will hold]. Hearing directly is probably the most beneficial way a person who is in service can relate to the needs of their community."

The lunch took the place of the school board's trip to Nashville in February for the TSBA Day on the Hill. Due to scheduling conflicts, the educators rarely have the opportunity to meet with the legislators. In order to be fiscally responsible, the board decided to invite local state legislators to a lunch prior to their return to Nashville for the General Assembly.

"There was no point in our board going to Nashville to talk to our local legislators when they were not going to be there," CCS Board of Education chairperson Dawn Robinson stated.

Brooks urged the board to not just wait until Day on the Hill to meet with them, but to call them whenever an issue needed to be discussed.

"I think the best part of the day was really just having the chance to dialogue and to have a face-to-face conversation — that's so much better than doing it either by email or phone call. When you sit down, get to talk to people and know them on a personal level, I think it helps our school system and the state legislators both know what we're going to prioritize for the future," said Director of

Cleveland City Schools Dr. Russell Dyer.

Both Brooks and Howell stated that they would like to have more of these lunch meetings and the group decided that January before the General Assembly reconvened and in May after schools had finished for the year would be ideal times to meet.

"It's always helpful for me as a legislator to have input from the local leadership. It helps define how we view certain bills that come before us, knowing how they feel about issues and what those issues and problems are and whether or not legislation that comes across our desk might impact them in a negative or in a positive way," Howell said.

The group talked about a number of things, but the ones that were discussed the most were the Highway 60 construction project, seat belts on school buses and vouchers/charter schools.

With the school board looking toward construction of the new Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary School, the importance of the widening of Highway 60 in a timely manner was stressed to the legislators.

While Haslam has expedited the project, some in the room mentioned that it seemed to have actually slowed things down.

Both state representatives ensured the

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board that the project was a top priority to them and that it was on the list for construction funding, not just the planning list.

"Thankfully, it's at the top of the RPO priority list and has been expedited by Nashville. The funding has been voted on to be budgeted and funded for 2018 and we are continuing to pray and support that and raise awareness. Representative Howell and I, Senator Bell and Senator Gardenhire, continue to make sure the folks in Nashville know that we appreciate their support of Cleveland City Schools, but we desperately need this

highway to be enlarged to get this school up and running in 2019," Brooks said.

Howell added that the road situation had gotten to a critical situation and was impacting Bradley County's Hopewell Elementary as well as Cleveland Middle School. He added that the transportation funding bill would be very important this year, because if they don't have proper funding, they can't build any roads.

Seat belts on school buses will most assuredly be a hot topic in Nashville, with the Woodmore Elementary bus wreck in Chattanooga still weighing heavily on the minds of the legislators and public alike.

CCS believes that adding seat belts to buses might not be the best route when taking student safety into consideration. Board member Krista McKay said she is worried that seat belts on buses might give a false sense of security and stressed that the state should consider a safety bill that is more tailored to safety, starting with the drivers and training processes.

Dyer agreed, adding that the state should look at coming up with the funds needed to make full-time drivers with benefits a reality.

"I was particularly interested in their comments about seat belts in school buses, because that is going to be a big

issue. We will be bombarded on both sides, for and against, but it's helpful to know how the local leaders who live this day to day, who run the school buses, buy the school buses and take care of our kids feel on this issue," Howell stated.

The topic of vouchers and charter schools was brought up by Robinson and other board members.

"Vouchers are a big issue because the lobbyists that are in Nashville are mostly from out of state, for-profit companies, and they get to spend a lot of time with the legislators. We, our teachers and school board members, are working like everyone else for a living and we can't spend a whole legislative session over in Nashville fighting private interests. I think it was very important to have that conversation with them over here," Robinson said. "I believe that they heard us and our concerns, but I like on the other side of that we heard from them and their concerns, and how we can help them. We all are working together."

The school board will be writing a resolution to send to the state legislators concerning vouchers, asking that if they are considered, to make them county-inclusive so that the funds stay in the county.

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No. 1 Blue Raiders topple yet another state power

By PATRICK MacCOON
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Having a young lineup is not anything that Cleveland wrestling considers a handicap, in fact, its youthful edge has helped shape perhaps the state's top power on the mats.

With eight of its starting 14 either being freshmen or sophomores, the Blue Raiders once again proved tough beyond their years in a matchup of undefeateds, as they rolled Soddy-Daisy, 42-16, on the road Thursday night.

Cleveland (16-0) is now 5-0 against team's ranked in the Top 12 in the latest Tennessee High School wrestling poll, which is voted on by coaches. Soddy-Daisy (15-1) came in ranked No. 6 overall in the state and third in Class AAA.

"I would definitely put our freshmen and sophomores above any other teams' underclassmen," said first-year CHS head coach Josh Bosken, whose team ranks first in the Class AAA poll by pin-tn.com and second in the coaches' poll. "We told them if

you make this lineup, you are not allowed to wrestle like a freshman or sophomore. Everybody is the same age."

After posting a solid month of December with a pin to help Cleveland defeat Bradley to win the Cleveland Duals and advancing to the finals individually in the McCallie Invitational, sophomore 170-pounder Dylan Jones continued his strong wrestling with a 9-4 decision.

Jones figures to be one of many Blue Raider underclassmen with a chance to make a run at a state championship this season, but turned the spotlight to his coach after he displayed his strength and strong takedown ability through three periods.

"Coach Bosken is the best coach in the Southeast region, in my opinion," Jones said. "When we knew he was going to be our head coach we knew we would be strong and an even better team since we (sophomores) have been with him since we were about 6 years old. There are not a lot of coaches that will put their shoes on and wrestle with you in practice. Our staff has really made us

the best in the state."

While Cleveland has a solid influx of young talent this season, one of the team's three seniors has continued to add on to a strong legacy.

Also remaining undefeated in the impressive takedown of the Trojans, who the Blue Raiders will likely see again in the four-team region duals, was multiple time state placer Colton Landers.

The top ranked wrestler in the state at the 132-pound class improved to 25-0 as Landers landed a pin at 2:43 to give CHS a 16-3 lead. Its biggest lead came at 36-9 after Jason Strickland's 13-9 decision at 195.

"Every match we just tell them to have fun, smile and score points," Bosken said. "They fight for each other and love each other. When you love your teammates and you understand you have to score points to win, everything else basically takes care of itself."

Second-ranked Jack Hicks (182) and sixth-ranked Titus Swafford (285) along with Caleb

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BRADLEY CENTRAL'S "Double-H Duo" of junior Rhyne Howard, left and Halle Hughes (1) not only lead the team offensively, averaging more than 18 points a game each, but are also key defensive players. The Bearettes added a No. 17 ranking in the USA Today national poll, as well as fourth in the Southeast, this week to their unbeaten resume, which already included them as the top Class AAA team in the state for "strength & success" in the CoachT.com list.

Bearettes ranked nationally

By JOE CANNON
Banner Assistant Sports Editor

Being ranked on the state level is nothing new for the Bradley Central basketball Bearettes.

Making it into a prestigious national ranking by USA Today is something that hasn't happened for a couple of decades.

That is, until now. When the national paper's computer rankings came out Thursday, Coach Jason Reuter's unbeaten squad was listed at 17th nationally and fourth in the South Region, which includes all high school teams in Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Tennessee and Louisiana.

"This is quite an honor. I didn't know about it until a coaching friend texted me to congratulate us. I thought he was talking about the state ranking, but when I opened the link he said it was for USA Today," stated Reuter, whose squad has won its first 16 games of the season, claiming championship trophies in both the Holiday Inn Express Thanksgiving and Andrew Johnson Bank Christmas Classic tournaments.

"We are honored and proud to get the recognition, but this doesn't get us any wins. We still have to continue to do what we've been doing on the court. Our success so far has been a culmination of our work in the offseason, the weight room and the way we practice."

The last time the Bearettes were ranked nationally was Jan. 25, 1995, when they were listed 14th with current assistant coach Amy (Proffitt) Tinsley as a senior standout on Coach Paul Cretton's club.

While the first Associated Press prep polls aren't due out until Monday, Bradley has been ranked atop the CoachT.com "strength & success" Class AAA poll all season.

With the eighth-toughest schedule (according to the website), the Bearettes have faced and defeated

10 ranked teams so far this campaign, eight of which were double-digit victories.

Led by the "Double-H Duo" of senior Halle Hughes and junior Rhyne Howard, both of whom are averaging more than 18 points a game, Bradley is scoring at a 67 points per game clip, while their stifling pressure defense is holding opponents to an average of less than 39 points an outing.

The USA Today computer rankings are based on strength of schedule, offense, defense and power rankings. The Bearettes showed a 35 SOS and 30 Power numbers, plus a 75 offense and 25 defense ratings.

Bradley has put five opponents in a "running clock" situation so far this season, and nearly did so to defending state runner-up Oak Ridge in a 63-32 victory over in the Greenville tournament title game their last time on the court.

Weather permitting, the Black-and-Gold is scheduled to make a trip up Cumberland Mountain Saturday evening to face their toughest opponent so far this season.

When state-ranked Stone Memorial visited Jim Smiddy Arena back in early December, it took a 12-foot, turnaround jumped by Howard at the buzzer to pull out a 48-46 victory.

The only other team to come within single digits of the Bearettes was Maryville, who put them to a strong road test with a 56-52 outcome.

Along with defeating Oak Ridge and fellow 2016 TSSAA State Tournament participant Morristown-West (73-47), Bradley also owns a 10-point victory over Flowery Branch, the No. 2 ranked team in Georgia Class AAAAA.

Bradley was one of three teams from the Volunteer State in the USA Today's Super 25, with Riverdale 13th and Hamilton Heights one behind the Bearettes at No. 18.

The reigning state AAA champs from Murfreesboro are unbeaten in 11 games so far this

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UNDEFEATED SENIOR Colton Landers improved to 25-0 with a second period pin to help Cleveland improve to 16-0 in dual meets this season. The Blue Raiders are ranked first in Class AAA in one poll, and second in the state in another.

Top-ranked Bears corral Mustangs on Alumni Night

By JOE CANNON
Banner Assistant Sports Editor

Bradley Central took time to celebrate its storied wrestling history Thursday evening and then took care of business on the mat, blasting cross-county rival Walker Valley.

"This was a nice win on a very emotional night," proclaimed Bear head coach Ben Smith after the 66-10 victory in front of around 1,500 fans, including more than a 100 former Black-and-Gold wrestlers gathered for Alumni Night at Jim Smiddy Arena.

After the recognition of the former Bear grapplers, Smith made a special presentation to the family of the late Matt Keller, Bradley's only four-time state champion, who went on to be an All-American at Nebraska and UT-Chattanooga.

"Matt meant a lot to our program and to our wrestlers," Smith said before presenting the Keller family with a framed collage, one of which like it will be hung in the Bradley wrestling facility.

"We put one of Matt's sayings, 'Train to Dominate,' on our practice shirts to remind us of what he instilled in our wrestlers," related Smith, a former Bear state champion himself and teammate of Keller.

"I was a senior when he was a freshman, but I assure you



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BRADLEY CENTRAL sophomore DJ Gibson, top, turns Walker Valley senior Cody Duggan to his back just before getting the pin at the 3:49 mark of the 220-pound match in Thursday evening's cross-county rivalry tilt at Jim Smiddy Arena. The top-ranked Bears were able to notch a 66-10 win over the Mustangs on "Alumni Night" for the Black-and-Gold.

nobody in that room wanted to face him in practice. He practiced like he wrestled in matches — all out."

Thursday's victory improved top-ranked Bradley's season record to 14-1, with the lone loss coming to archrival

Cleveland in the championship match of the Cleveland Duals in mid-December.

The Bears and Blue Raiders, each of whom are ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in the two state polls, will meet again next Thursday at the new Raider Arena.

"We've got a tough weekend ahead and tough match next week," Coach Smith said of his Bears traveling to Nashville to participate in the Father Ryan Invitational before the rematch with Cleveland.

Bradley is No. 1 in the state

coaches' poll and ranked second by PinTN.com, while the Raiders are the reverse.

Walker Valley opened and closed Thursday's meet with victories, but Bradley took 11 of the 12 matches in between, including eight by pin.

"When eight of your 11 victories are pins, that's pretty good," praised Coach Smith, whose team also accepted a trio of forfeits from the Mustangs to round out the winning score.

"It always feels good to get a win over Walker Valley," commented the Bear coach. "They are a quality program that are very well coached. We have a lot of respect for them."

"We were a little flat in a couple of places, but they (WV) fought us hard and made us pay for those."

Walker Valley's Chandler Davis started the meet with an upset of fourth-ranked Wesley Devaney, with an 10-1 major decision.

The Bears answered with seven straight pins to put the score out of reach.

Two-time state champion and top-ranked TJ Hicks "stuck" his 113-pound opponent in 84 seconds to get the ball rolling.

Stepping in for injured fourth-ranked Trey Hicks, Gavin Hughes got the referee to slap the mat at the 3:33 mark of the 120-pound match.

Second-ranked Ethan Anderson matched TJ Hicks' time, putting his 126-pound opponent's shoulder's to the mat in 1:24.

The quickest pin of the evening went to second-ranked

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SCOREBOARD

ON TAP

Friday, Jan. 6
WRESTLING
 Bradley Central in Father Ryan Invitational, 11 a.m.
Saturday, Jan. 7
BASKETBALL
 Valdosta (Ga.) State at Lee University, 2
 Wallace (Ala.) State-Hanceville at Cleveland State, 3
 Bradley Central at Stone Memorial, 6 (JV, 3:30)
 Soddy-Daisy at Walker Valley, 6 (JV, 3:30)
WRESTLING
 Bradley Central in Father Ryan Invitational, 11 a.m.
 Cleveland in Soddy-Daisy Invitational, TBA
 Walker Valley at Chattanooga Christian Invitational, TBA

ON AIR

Sports on TV
Friday, Jan. 6
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 6:30 p.m.
 CBSN — W. Michigan at Akron
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Rhode Island at Dayton
 ESPN — Iona at Monmouth
 9 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Oakland at Valparaiso
 ESPN — Kent St. at Ohio
COLLEGE HOCKEY
 7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Michigan Tech at Notre Dame
GOLF
 6 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, SBS Tournament of Champions, second round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MOTOR SPORTS
 6:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Dakar Rally, Stage 4 (San Salvador De Jujuy, Argentina to Tupiza, Bolivia) (taped)
NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — New York at Milwaukee
 10:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Memphis at Golden State
RUGBY
 2:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Newcastle vs. Bath
SOCCER
 2:30 p.m.

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 ESPN — Memphis at Golden State
RUGBY
 2:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Newcastle vs. Bath
SOCCER
 2:30 p.m.

FS1 — FA Cup, West Ham vs. Manchester City
Saturday, Jan. 7
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Noon
 CBSN — DePaul at Seton Hall
 FOX — Butler at Georgetown
 1 p.m.
 ESPN — Michigan St. vs. Penn St., at Philadelphia
 ESPN — TCU at West Virginia
 NBCSN — Massachusetts at VCU
 SEC — Missouri at Georgia
 1:30 p.m.

CBS — Texas A&M at South Carolina
 2 p.m.
 CBSN — Creighton at Providence
 2:30 p.m.
 FS1 — St. John's at Xavier
 3 p.m.
 ESPN — Clemson at Notre Dame
 ESPNNEWS — Oklahoma at Kansas St.
 NBCSN — St. Joseph's (NY) at Fordham
 3:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Maryland at Michigan
 3:30 p.m.

SEC — Mississippi St. at LSU
 4 p.m.
 CBSN — S. Illinois at Missouri St.
 5 p.m.
 ESPN — Illinois at Indiana
 ESPNNEWS — South Florida at SMU
 NBCSN — George Mason at St. Bonaventure
 5:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Tennessee at Florida
 6 p.m.
 CBSN — UNLV at Utah St.
 SEC — Mississippi at Auburn
 7 p.m.

ESPN — Vanderbilt at Alabama
 ESPNNEWS — Oklahoma St. at Baylor
 7:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Texas Tech at Kansas
 7:30 p.m.
 FS1 — Marquette at Villanova
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — NC State at North Carolina
 8:30 p.m.
 SEC — Arkansas at Kentucky
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Cincinnati at Houston
 9:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Texas at Iowa St.
 11 p.m.
 ESPN — San Diego St. at Boise St.
 11:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Nevada at New Mexico

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
 Noon
 ESPN2 — NCAA FCS Championship, Youngstown St. vs. James Madison, at Frisco, Texas
COLLEGE HOCKEY
 7 p.m.
 NBCSN — Michigan Tech at Notre Dame
FOOTBALL
 1 p.m.
 NBC — High school, U.S. Army All-American Bowl, at San Antonio
GOLF
 6 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, SBS Tournament of Champions, third round, at Kapalua, Hawaii

MOTOR SPORTS
 10 p.m.
 FS1 — AMA, Monster Energy Supercross, at Anaheim, Calif.
NFL FOOTBALL
 4:35 p.m.
AFC Wild-Card Game
 ESPN — Oakland at Houston
 8:15 p.m.
NFC Wild-Card game
 NBC — Detroit at Seattle
RUGBY
 10 a.m.
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Saracens vs. Exeter Chiefs
SKIING
 6 a.m.
 NBCSN — FIS Ski World Cup, Women's Giant Slalom, at Manorb, Slovenia and Men's Giant Slalom, at Adelboden, Switzerland

SOCCER
 7:30 a.m.
 FS1 — FA Cup, Manchester United vs. Reading
 10 a.m.
 FS1 — FA Cup, Sutton United vs. Wimbledon
 FS2 — FA Cup, Barrow vs. Rochdale
 12:30 p.m.
 FS1 — FA Cup, Preston North End vs. Arsenal
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Noon
 BTN — Michigan at Ohio St.
 2 p.m.
 BTN — Northwestern at Miami
 4 p.m.
 BTN — Rutgers at Illinois

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association				
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
Atlantic Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	24	11	68%	
Boston	21	14	60%	3
New York	16	19	45%	8
Philadelphia	9	24	27%	14
Brooklyn	8	26	23%	15½
Southeast Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Atlanta	20	16	56%	
Charlotte	20	17	54%	½
Washington	16	18	47%	3
Orlando	16	21	43%	4½
Miami	11	26	29%	9½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	26	8	76%	
Milwaukee	18	16	52%	8
Indiana	19	18	51%	8½
Chicago	18	18	50%	9
Detroit	17	21	44%	11
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	29	7	80%	
Houston	28	9	75%	1½
Memphis	22	16	57%	8
New Orleans	14	23	38%	15½
Dallas	11	25	30%	18
Northwest Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Utah	22	15	59%	
Oklahoma City	21	16	56%	1
Portland	16	22	42%	6½
Denver	11	22	33%	13
Minnesota	11	24	31%	14
Pacific Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Golden State	31	5	86%	
L.A. Clippers	24	14	63%	8
Sacramento	15	20	42%	15½
L.A. Lakers	13	26	33%	19½
Phoenix	12	25	32%	19½
Thursday's Games				
Indiana 121, Brooklyn 109				
Detroit 115, Charlotte 114				
Toronto 101, Utah 93				
Atlanta 99, New Orleans 94				
Houston 118, Oklahoma City 116				
Phoenix 102, Dallas 95				
San Antonio 127, Denver 99				
Portland 118, L.A. Lakers 109				
Friday's Games				
Houston at Orlando, 7 p.m.				
Minnesota at Washington, 7 p.m.				
Cleveland at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
New York at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.				
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 8 p.m.				
Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.				
Miami at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.				
Saturday's Games				
New York at Indiana, 7 p.m.				
New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.				
Denver at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.				
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				

Atlanta at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.				
Charlotte at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.				
Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m.				
Sunday's Games				
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, 12 p.m.				
Washington at Milwaukee, 2 p.m.				
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.				
Houston at Toronto, 6 p.m.				
Utah at Memphis, 8 p.m.				
Cleveland at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.				
Golden State at Sacramento, 9 p.m.				
Orlando at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.				
Monday's Games				
New Orleans at New York, 7:30 p.m.				
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.				
Oklahoma City at Chicago, 8 p.m.				
NBA Leaders				
THROUGH JANUARY 5				
Scoring				
G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Westbrook, OKC	37	382	326	116.3
Davis, NOR	35	360	263	100.2
Cousins, SAC	34	327	257	97.1
Harden, HOU	37	303	327	104.7
Thomas, BOS	31	265	249	86.1
DeRozan, TOR	35	346	253	95.8
Lillard, POR	33	287	226	86.6
Durant, OKC	36	329	203	93.0
James, CLE	31	297	149	86.0
Butler, CHI	36	282	301	90.7
Curry, GOL	36	284	169	87.1
Leonard, SAN	34	267	215	81.7
Antetokounmpo, MIL	34	293	204	81.4
Irving, CLE	29	260	106	69.4
Wall, WAS	32	273	169	75.2
McCole, POR	38	328	134	86.6
Walker, CHA	36	298	140	83.5
George, IND	30	235	136	67.7
Lowry, TOR	35	252	167	78.9
Hayward, UTA	30	215	180	66.6
FG Percentage				
G	FG	FGA	PCT	
Jordan, LAC	173	259	66.8	
Gobert, UTA	159	239	66.5	
Capela, HOU	151	236	64.0	
Howard, ATL	177	277	63.9	
Adams, OKC	179	301	59.5	
Jokic, DEN	173	295	58.6	
Gortat, WAS	173	300	57.0	
Plumlee, POR	173	306	56.5	
Kanter, OKC	195	349	55.9	
White, MIA	247	452	54.6	
Rebounds				
G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
White, MIA	34	441	475	14.3
Jordan, LAC	38	332	382	13.4
Drummond, DET	37	149	348	10.7
Howard, ATL	32	150	268	11.8
Gobert, UTA	37	124	328	10.2
Davis, NOR	35	82	338	10.2
Carroll, WAS	34	110	297	10.2
Grant, PHX	29	127	245	11.6
Towns, MIN	35	125	281	11.6
Love, CLE	30	74	253	10.9
Assists				
G	AST	AVG		
Harden, HOU	11	37	441	11.3
Westbrook, OKC	37	382	10.3	
Wall, WAS	32	320	10.0	
Paul, LAC	31	294	9.5	
James, CLE	31	264	8.5	
Teague, IND	37	291	7.9	
Green, GOL	38	34	259	7.6
Rubio, MIN	38	308	134	7.1
Rondo, CHI	29	245	206	7.1
Lowry, TOR	35	246	7.0	

NCAA Men's Top 25 Fared				
Thursday				
1. Villanova (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Saturday.				
2. Baylor (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.				
3. Kansas (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.				
4. UCLA (15-1) beat California 81-71. Next: vs. Stanford, Sunday.				
5. Gonzaga (15-0) beat San Francisco 95-80. Next: at Portland, Saturday.				
6. Kentucky (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Saturday.				
7. West Virginia (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.				
8. Duke (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Saturday.				
9. Louisville (12-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Saturday.				
10. Creighton (14-1) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.				
11. Virginia (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.				
12. Florida State (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Virginia Tech, Saturday.				
13. Wisconsin (13-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Purdue, Sunday.				
14. North Carolina (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. N.C. State, Saturday.				
15. Oregon (14-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Saturday.				
16. Xavier (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Saturday.				
17. Arizona (14-2) beat Utah 66-56. Next: vs. Colorado, Saturday.				
18. Butler (13-2) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Saturday.				
19. Saint Mary's (13-1) beat BYU 81-68. Next: at San Francisco, Saturday.				
20. Purdue (13-3) beat Ohio State 76-75. Next: vs. No. 13 Wisconsin, Sunday.				
21. Virginia Tech (12-2) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Florida State, Saturday.				
22. Cincinnati (12-2) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.				
23. Notre Dame (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Saturday.				
24. Florida (11-3) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.				
25. Indiana (10-5) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.				
26. Southern Cal (15-1) beat Stanford 72-56. Next: vs. California, Sunday.				

Women's Top 25 Fared				
Thursday				
1. UConn (14-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 South Florida, Tuesday.				
2. Baylor (14-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.				
3. Maryland (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Saturday.				
4. Mississippi State (16-0) beat Arkansas 59-51. Next: at Tennessee, Sunday.				
5. South Carolina (12-1) beat Auburn 73-47. Next: at Florida, Sunday.				
6. Florida State (14-2) beat North Carolina 90-77. Next: vs. No. 15 Duke, Sunday.				
7. Notre Dame (14-2) beat Wake Forest 92-72. Next: at No. 14 Miami, Sunday.				
8. Louisville (14-3) beat Virginia 86-81, OT. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Sunday.				
9. UCLA (11-2) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Friday.				
10. Stanford (12-2) did not play. Next: vs. Oregon, Friday.				
11. Ohio State (13-4) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan, Saturday.				
12. Washington (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Friday.				
13. Duke (14-1) beat Georgia Tech 75-68. Next: at No. 6 Florida State, Sunday.				
14. Miami (13-2) beat N.C. State 65-64. Next: vs. No. 7 Notre Dame, Sunday.				
15. Texas (9-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.				
16. Oregon State (13-1) did not play. Next: at No. 20 California, Friday.				
17. West Virginia (13-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 Oklahoma, Sunday.				
18. Virginia Tech (14-0) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Sunday.				
19. Arizona State (10-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.				
20. Oklahoma (12-3) did not play. Next: at No. 12 West Virginia, Sunday.				
21. California (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Oregon State, Friday.				
22. South Florida (12-1) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Saturday.				
23. SuperPaul (12-4) did not play. Next: at Seton Hall, Sunday.				
24. Kentucky (10-5) beat Missouri 64-62. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Sunday.				
25. Kansas State (11-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Saturday.				

HOCKEY						
National Hockey League						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Montreal	39	24	9	6	54	119
Ottawa	37	20	13	4	44	94
Boston	41	20	17	4	44	98
Toronto	37	17	12	8	42	113
Tampa Bay	40					



AP file photo/Joe Mahoney

FOR AS many similarities as there are between Houston's Jadeveon Clowney (90) and Oakland's Khalil Mack as the two edge defenders taken in the top five of the 2014 draft, there are the stark differences as well. The pair will be a highlight of Saturday's NFL playoff opener in Houston.

Without Thomas, Seahawks' vaunted 'D' looking vulnerable against Lions

RENTON, Wash. (AP) — Until a month ago, the Seattle Seahawks never knew what it was like without Earl Thomas on the field.

Now they're finding out how much Thomas means to everything they try and accomplish defensively.

"Earl's a unique player. He's an extraordinary player, he's proven that," coach Pete Carroll said. "No matter what position a guy plays, you miss that unique quality."

Since Thomas was injured early in Seattle's Week 13 win over Carolina, the Seahawks have become vulnerable against the pass.

In the final four games of the regular season, the opponent passer rating against the Seahawks was 105.0. In the first 12 games, it was 77.9. And while that final four-game stretch included stellar games by Aaron Rodgers and Carson Palmer in a pair of Seattle losses, it also included performances by Jared Goff, Case Keenum and Colin Kaepernick that didn't lead to wins against Seattle but were probably better than most expected.

Now come the pass-happy Detroit Lions in the NFC wild-card round on Saturday.

"I wouldn't say vulnerable, you know, they're a heck of a defense," Detroit quarterback Matthew Stafford said. "They do a great job. Obviously, Earl brings a mentality to them. He's an extremely aggressive player. Trusts his eyes probably more than any safety I've ever seen and you know, the young guy they've got filling in for him doesn't as much, but I mean they've got a great defense."

Bearettes

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season and are just above the Bearettes in third place in the South Region poll.

Meanwhile, HHHS, the Chattanooga private school that seemingly specializes in nationally ranked basketball programs, is 12-1, with its lone loss coming in the Title IX Classic in Washington, D.C. last week. The

Steven Terrell has been the one asked to step in for Thomas, even if there is no way to properly replace one of the best free safeties in the NFL. It's the most Terrell has played in his brief NFL career. Before this season, Terrell had one career defensive tackle in his two seasons with the Seahawks.

"Just the experience, learning through the good, the bad, the indifferent, whatever. It's just getting better and seeing where I'm at," Terrell said. "You kind of see where you're at in the preseason but playing this year in the regular season it's been a good opportunity."

The experience Terrell is getting appears to be coming at a cost to Seattle's defense.

In the first 11 games of the season, the Seahawks allowed 10 passing touchdowns. In the final five games, including the Carolina game when Thomas was injured early in the second quarter, they allowed six. Perhaps more telling is the lack of interceptions. Seattle's last interception came on the first play of its 40-7 win over Carolina. Since Thomas was hurt, the Seahawks have zero picks.

The breakdowns have been noticeable: Ted Ginn Jr. getting deep for a 55-yard touchdown in the minutes after Thomas was injured; Davante Adams getting open for a 66-yard TD; J.J. Nelson running free through Seattle's secondary, once for an 80-yard touchdown. They're the kinds of big plays the Seahawks secondary simply has not allowed in the past.

Not all those plays are on Terrell. He's made mistakes, but at the same time quarterbacks

have appeared more aggressive in challenging Seattle's secondary with Thomas not there.

If anything, the past month has highlighted how much Thomas' presence has impacted Seattle's defensive success.

"The thing I've been focused on is not trying to be Earl because I can't be Earl. I can only be the best version of me," Terrell said. "That part hasn't been too hard because I've been who I am and my teammates have been giving me good feedback. Just be you, be the best you that you can be and that helped out a lot. When you replace an All-Pro player it's definitely something you don't do every day. It's a great opportunity though."

The challenge for Seattle may not be so much this week, but what lies ahead should it get past the Lions. Detroit averages 37 pass attempts per game but only 7.3 yards per attempt. But a Seattle victory sets up a matchup with Atlanta and the third-best pass game in the NFL.

That's down the road. The Seahawks have enough to worry about with Detroit.

"Earl is Earl, and now it's Steve's opportunity," Seattle cornerback DeShawn Sheard said. "And Steve is a great player as well but you can't ask Steve to be Earl. Steve is Steve and he does a great job."

Lady Vols

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in a single quarter this season.

Tennessee forced 21 turnovers on the evening, which led to 20 points for the Lady Vols. Two other key defensive stats were UT's eight steals and eight blocks.

Mercedes Russell continued to impress on both ends of the floor, as she finished with 15 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks, tying a career high for her (6 vs. Tenn. State, 12/17/13).

After falling behind 5-2 to begin the game, Tennessee went on an 18-2 run to finish the first quarter and gain a 13-point lead over the Commodores. UT also

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state champion Ryan McElhaney at 132, taking just 37 ticks to end his match.

At 138, Bradley's Andy Robinson was trailing Dillon Clark 5-2 in the third period before he was able to turn the tide with a reversal and get the pin at the 5:22 mark.

Top-ranked Knox Fuller was taken to the second period by Zeth Haynie before the three-time state champion was able to get the ref to smack the vinyl at 2:43.

Third-ranked Austin Mathews finished off the Bear pin streak, needing just 56 seconds to corral his Mustang opponent.

In the night's only matchup of state-ranked wrestlers, Walker Valley state-medalist Mikel Gregory, currently the top-ranked 160-pounder in the state, squared off against No. 2 rated Caleb Adkins.

Gregory scored a takedown in the opening period and an escape in the second for the match's only points and a 3-0 decision in the meet's closest battle.

After the visitors had to forfeit the next three weight divisions, the meet finished with the teams splitting the two "big boy" matches.

Mack, Clowney take center stage of NFL playoff opener

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — For as many similarities as there are between Jadeveon Clowney and Khalil Mack as the two dominant pass rushers taken in the top five of the 2014 draft, there are the stark differences as well.

Clowney burst onto the scene as the No. 1 overall high school recruit who went on to dominate the high-powered SEC and become the top pick in the draft. Mack's ascension was far slower as the overlooked two-star high school player who was forced to go to low-profile Buffalo, where he developed into an NFL prospect who seems to get better by the week.

While Clowney entered the NFL with far more hype as the No. 1 overall pick in Houston, Mack has been the far more productive pro ever since being drafted fifth by the Oakland Raiders.

He was a first-team All-Pro last year at both linebacker and defensive end, leads the NFL with 26 sacks the past two years and is a leading contender for Defensive Player of the Year.

"The guy's a walking Hall of Famer, the best in the business," teammate Bruce Irvin said. "I'm blessed to be able to suit up with him week in and week out."

Clowney and Mack will share the big stage Saturday in Houston in the wild-card opener between the Raiders (12-4) and Texans (9-7). With both teams dealing with injuries at quarterback that have forced Oakland rookie Connor Cook into his first career start and previously benched Brock Osweiler back for his first playoff start, the defenses could well decide this game.

Clowney has taken more time to develop into a star with the Texans as injuries limited him to

four games as a rookie, his season was cut short last year by another injury that kept him out of the Texans' playoff game and he has delivered only 10 1/2 sacks in 31 career games — fewer than Mack has had in each of the past two seasons.

But Clowney has developed into one of the top run defenders in the league and Oakland coach Jack Del Rio singled him out as the primary reason the Raiders ran for a season-low 30 yards in 20 carries in the first meeting between the two teams.

"You can say he's grown, but you could tell he has that kind of capability," Mack said. "Just watching him last year, he was amazing against the run and came up just shy of all those sacks and all those different things. With time, you can tell that he's been blossoming and he's a hell of a player."

Clowney's lack of pass-rush production, especially compared to Mack, led some skeptics to question whether the Texans erred in which pass rusher they took first overall even though his 16 tackles for losses on run plays are one off the league lead this season.

For Clowney, it's only served as motivation.

"All the criticism kind of built me up," he said. "It really helped me off the field with pushing and getting better. Just to come back and prove to them that what they were saying was wrong. It kind of helped me."

Mack followed up last year's breakthrough season when he had 15 sacks, including five in one game in Denver against Osweiler, with perhaps an even better year.

While his sacks were down with only 11, Mack led the NFL

with 96 quarterback pressures, according to Pro Football Focus, sealed a pair of victories over Carolina and Buffalo with strip sacks that he recovered and returned an interception against Cam Newton for a touchdown.

He did all that as well as developing into the emotional leader of the defense following Charles Woodson's retirement with his mantra of "By any means" becoming a team slogan.

"Khalil is never surprising," defensive coordinator Ken Norton Jr. said. "The kid is amazing. He's fast. He's strong. He's that basketball player that fills out the stat sheet. Everybody just sees the sacks, but he's in meetings early. He's a leader. He's a guy that the young guys can really lean on to teach. He's always improving. He practices hard. He's the player that everyone loves to coach."

And the player no offense wants to face.

"He's a stud," Osweiler said. "He's one of the best pass rushers this game has to offer, and there are a lot of good ones out there. He's right at the top of the list. What he's able to do is truly special. He's a very strong player, he's a very athletic player, he's fast, he can bull rush you, he can speed rush you, he has a very high motor, he never takes a single play off."

NOTES: Raiders LT Donald Penn, who has played 160 consecutive games, missed his second straight practice with a knee injury and might not be able to play. RT Menelik Watson would likely take Penn's spot and Austin Howard would replace Watson on the right side. ... S Nate Allen (concussion) also did not practice for Oakland but has not been ruled out of the game.

Bowling

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the day for Walker Valley with a season-high 232 against Rhea County. Womble also had an impressive 225 high game.

"This is a big day for me and Jon," Word said. "I've been working for this ever since I started bowling three years ago. I only really started bowling because my dad told me he would buy me some bowling shoes. I have been

in here almost every day since then working my butt off to make state. I am proud of myself for getting to where I am at."

Womble looks forward to the days to come as he and two teammates prepare for the state tourney.

"This is my first individual trip to state and I am really excited about it," Womble said. "It will be nice to compete with the big dogs and the top bowlers in the state. I loved the experiences from making it with our entire team before."

Despite bowling on separate sides of the lanes, the Walker Valley trio looks forward to its upcoming days preparing to make its program proud at state. Haro will also try to help Walker Valley make a memorable run in the region tourney this coming week.

"Our coaches have helped me a lot to get where I am as well as the coaches in Chattanooga that have helped me," said Haro, whose season average was 202.28. "We will all support each other and we will work hard to prepare for the state tournament and we want to win a region championship as well."

While the state tournament advancement for Walker Valley's trio was not a major surprise, Bradley Central is thankful to land a program's first.

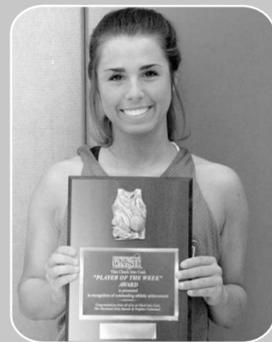
"It was a big surprise to me because I wasn't expecting it at all," White said. "I have been working really hard to get to this point. It will be memorable to share this experience with my dad and be the first girl to advance to state for our bowling team."

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106 — Chandler Davis (WV) major dec. Wesley Devaney (BC), 10-1; 113 — TJ Hicks (BC) pinned James Jur (WV), 1-24; 120 — Gaven Hughes (BC) pinned Mario Acevedo (WV), 3-33; 126 — Ethan Anderson (BC) pinned Cameron Dwyer (WV), 1-24; 132 — Ryan McElhaney (BC) pinned Ethan West (WV), 3-7; 138 — Andy Robinson (BC) pinned Dillon Clark (WV), 5-22; 145 — Knox Fuller (BC) pinned Zeth Haynie (WV), 2-43; 152 — Austin Mathews (BC) pinned Joey Vecchione (WV), 5-6; 160 — Mikel Gregory (WV) dec. Caleb Adkins (BC), 3-0; 170 — Henley Headrick (BC) won by forfeit; 182 — James Elkins (BC) won by forfeit; 195 — Kevin Gentry (BC) won by forfeit; 220 — DJ Gibson (BC) pinned Cody Duggan (WV), 3-49; 285 — Koby Hooker (WV) dec. Christopher Cash (BC), 10-3.

I must confess, I had a glimmer of hope

(Wednesday, 8 a.m.)

Almost a year ago, I wrote about how I expected to win the historic \$300 million Powerball drawing.

I said that as soon as I finished writing the column I was going to go buy my winning ticket.

Of course, I didn't buy one. I knew I wasn't going to when I said I was. I take a little poetic license every now and then to make the story more interesting.

You wouldn't read it if I didn't. Come on, if The Partridge Family had owned a Roto-Rooter franchise in Peoria would anyone have watched? Of course not.

But today is different. I really do have two Powerball tickets for tonight's drawing. In a peculiarly uncharacteristic move, my mother-in-law gave them to me on Christmas.

I'm not sure which is more unusual: the fact that she bought lottery tickets in the first place or the fact that she

STORIES OF A WORLD GONE MAD

Barry Currin



gave them to me on Christmas Day, which was on a Sunday no less. It may be time to have her seen about, but I cannot worry myself with that today.

All I am concerned with today is passing the time until 10:59 p.m., because that's when the good folks at Powerball draw the numbers. I fully expect to win.

There is only one problem. The jackpot is only \$60 million.

When I saw that number on a lottery billboard yesterday, I was genuinely a little disappointed.

Sixty million paltry dollars. Before taxes!

I wanted to win \$300 million, remember? That's what the jackpot was a year ago.

This is a mere 20 percent of that. I wonder if the big check they will present me at the press conference will be 80 percent smaller than the check they gave those nimrods last January who won \$300 million?

Even if I do win it, there is no guarantee it will be all mine. I may have to share it with someone else whose mother-in-law also bought them tickets for Christmas.

I'm an only child to begin with, so sharing is not an activity I partake in with much gusto, but the thought of having to split a measly jackpot like \$60 million two ways is unthinkable.

I'm not even sure third cousins would come out of the woodwork for a share of \$30 million.

Plus, I believe I told my mother-in-law I would give her back her \$2 if I

won. I was joking, but if she holds my feet to the fire about it, there go two more bucks up in smoke.

I suppose I could survive on my take, but don't get me wrong, I would much prefer the cushion — and the multiple Ferraris — that \$300 million would provide.

(Wednesday, 11 p.m.) Well, guess whose 2001 Dodge truck is still in the driveway where his Ferrari belongs?

When I said I fully expected to win, I guess I was exaggerating again. But, I must admit I did have some glimmer of hope that those bouncy-bouncy little Ping-Pong balls would have my numbers on them.

The next time someone calls me a cynic, I am going to whip out a copy of this column.

To make myself feel better, I did some research and learned the odds of winning the Powerball jackpot are

approximately 1 in 292,201,338.

The odds of someone being struck by lightning twice in their lifetime are 1 in 9 million, which is 32 times more likely than winning Powerball.

Nobody won the jackpot last night, by the way. I didn't hear about anyone getting struck by lightning either, so I guess it's a wash.

I'm usually pretty realistic when it comes to things like this. So don't look for me in line to buy a lottery ticket.

If someone gives me one, I will happily take it.

But if I win, you'll never see me out in the middle of a field dancing around on the hood of my Ferrari, if a dark cloud is approaching.

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Viewpoint

So many resolutions have a tragic history

If your New Year's resolutions crash and burn, don't despair.

According to an article in "Forbes" magazine, only 8 percent of people achieve their New Year's goals of losing weight, de-cluttering the house, learning a new language or whatever. Coincidentally, Green Party candidate Jill Stein has demanded a recount of the survey. ("Did you in fact forget all your friends' birthdays last year, or were you instead terrified that Donald Trump would track them down and deport them all back to Switzerland?")

Pledges come to naught because of factors such as inadequate planning, unreasonable goals, bad influences, "you meddling kids," etc.

But I think the biggest factor is that notable figures down through history have failed spectacularly and left our confidence shaken, prompting half-hearted vows.

What about Humpty Dumpty? After his pledge of, "This year, I'm being less introverted and coming out of my shell," the irony has echoed down through the ages.

Some of the cases have been just sad, like Alexander Graham Bell's resolution of, "This is 1876 and I intend to do something to stop that confounded ringing in my ears!"

And let's not forget explorer Marco Polo's optimistic plan, "Maybe this is the year I'll find a public swimming pool where no one knows my name!"

Oh, and let's not overlook the king of Troy, who declared, "No, I've decided to swear off re-gifting."

Some resolutions are just ahead of their time, like Confucius announcing, "Forget fortune cookies! I'm getting my sayings distributed in pinatas!"

Some long-ago resolutions remind us of modern anxieties, such as Thomas Jefferson freaking out and saying, "I'm not making any more Louisiana purchases until someone can protect me from identity theft."

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Sometimes human nature gets in the way of resolutions. Take, for instance, Russian Tsar Peter the Great. ("I really want to be more humble this year, but I already have those rubles invested in business cards.")

Sometimes one door closes but another opens. Take Charles Dickens, who boasted, "This is the year I write a classic that forever links my name with the holiday of ... Arbor Day."

The first drafts of some resolutions were a little rough around the edges because the speakers got carried away. Yes, you nailed it. I'm talking about Hippocrates, the "Father of Medicine."

(After watching one mixed martial arts contest too many, he threatened, "First, we gonna do some harm. Bring it on.")

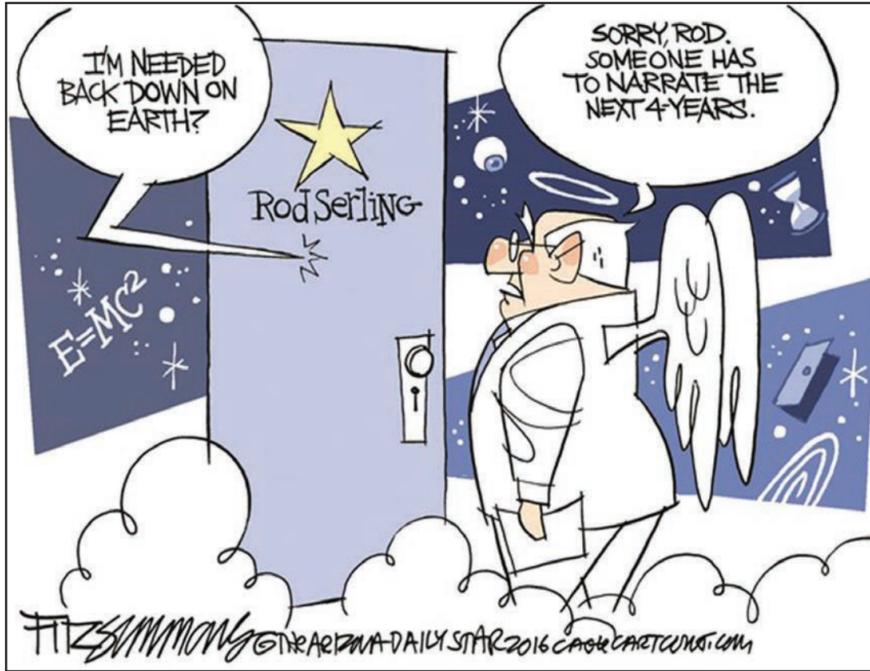
Thank goodness some of the resolutions didn't work out, or we would be living in quite a different world. Teddy Roosevelt musing, "I've found a megaphone. Now I just need a teeny, tiny stick. Look out, world?" I don't think so.

We really dodged a bullet with Winston Churchill. In the 1930s, he toyed with a commitment to stop talking about icky things in mixed company. ("Dash it all, who needs to hear about things like blood, toil, tears and sweat?")

We'd all be poorer if Sigmund Freud had acted on his first impulses. ("There! I've gotten all the loose change out of the couch. Time to call the garbage collector. What other use could I have for a couch?")

Make resolutions, don't make resolutions. It's a free country. I'm just going to live vicariously through the fact that Frank Sinatra eventually decided not to croon, "Let the record show, I took the blows and did it the focus group's way."

Tyree



Agency orders TransUnion, Equifax to pay \$23M due to false advertising

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators have ordered credit-reporting agencies TransUnion and Equifax to pay about \$23 million for falsely advertising that the credit scores they sell consumers are the same ones lenders use to make credit decisions.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau announced Tuesday that TransUnion and Equifax must pay fines totaling \$5.5 million and return about \$17.6 million to wronged consumers. The agency also said the two companies lured consumers into payments of \$16 or more per month for credit scores and related products such as credit monitoring.

TransUnion, based in Chicago, and Atlanta-based Equifax Inc. are two of the three major credit-reporting agencies in the U.S., along with Experian. The credit scores they generate are used to determine whether consumers can qualify for a mortgage, a car loan, a cellphone plan and a range of other loans.

The reporting agencies base the scores on a consumer's history of paying off debt, how much debt they carry and other factors.

The CFPB said the scores sold to consumers by TransUnion and Equifax were not typically used

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— TransUnion statement

by lenders to make credit decisions.

The alleged violations occurred between July 2011 and March 2014, according to the agency.

TransUnion and Equifax agreed to clearly inform consumers about the nature of the

scores they're selling and to provide an easy way to cancel products and services.

TransUnion said in a statement it continues to believe that its advertising has been clear and has complied with laws.

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Equifax noted that the CFPB's investigation continued for nearly three years, and said it made changes to address the agency's concerns soon after the investigation began. "While Equifax does not believe it has violated any laws and has not admitted any liability, Equifax determined it was in its best interest to resolve the matter with the CFPB," the company's statement said.

TODAY IN HISTORY

(AP) — Today is Friday, Jan. 6, the sixth day of 2017. There are 359 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 6, 1967, U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops launched Operation Deckhouse Five, an offensive in the Mekong River delta. The 10-day operation reportedly claimed the lives of 21 Viet Cong fighters along with seven Americans.

On this date: In 1017, Cnut the Great was crowned King of England at Old St. Paul's Cathedral in London, just over a month following the death of his predecessor, Edmund II.

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1759, George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County, Virginia.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1919, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, died in Oyster Bay, New York, at age 60.

In 1945, George Herbert Walker Bush married Barbara Pierce at the First Presbyterian Church in Rye, New York.

In 1950, Britain recognized the Communist government of China.

In 1974, year-round daylight saving time began in the United States on a trial basis as a fuel-saving measure in response to the OPEC oil embargo.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate voted 88-4 to establish an 11-member panel to hold public hearings on the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack. (Harding denied knowing about plans for the attack.)

In 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the

bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

Ten years ago: At a Baptist church in Fort Worth, Texas, the Denver Broncos filed past the open casket of Darrent Williams, the promising cornerback who had been gunned down in a drive-by shooting on New Year's Day. A large avalanche pushed two cars off the heavily traveled road at Berthoud Pass in Colorado, but no deaths resulted.

Five years ago: A bomb exploded at a busy Damascus intersection, killing 25 people and wounding dozens in the second major attack in the Syrian capital in as many weeks. The Obama administration expanded the FBI's more than eight-decades-old definition of rape to count men as victims for the first time and to drop the requirement that victims physically resisted their attackers. Roger Boisjoly, a NASA contractor who had repeatedly voiced concerns about the space shuttle Challenger before it exploded in 1986, died in Nephi, Utah, at age 73. New England Patriots offensive coordinator Bill O'Brien agreed to become Penn State's new football coach.

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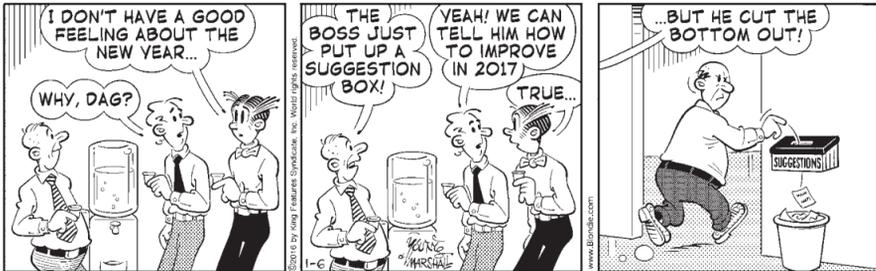
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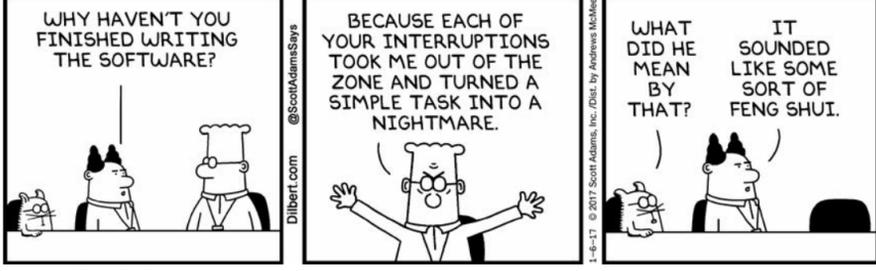
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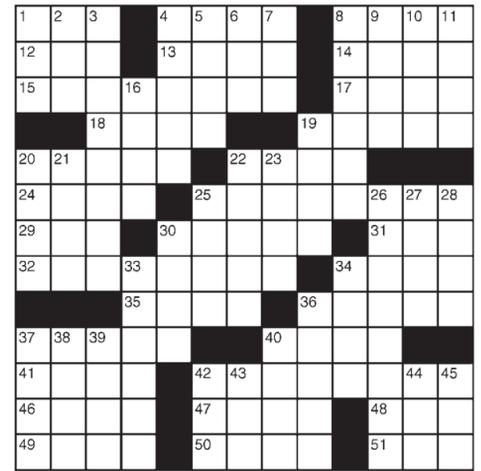
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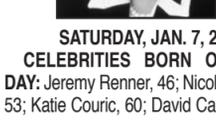
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ASTROLOGY

by Eugenia Last



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jeremy Renner, 46; Nicolas Cage, 53; Katie Couric, 60; David Caruso, 61.

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Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker



Bidding quiz

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Listen to what your peers and insiders have to say and you will have a much clearer picture of what you can do to prepare for the changes heading your way. Keeping up with technological changes is a good place to start.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): An emotional moment can be turned into a plan for the future. Don't hide your feelings. Speak up and let people know how you feel and what you propose. A kind gesture will bring you closer to someone you love.

1. Double. The best way to show the strength of this hand is to double. A simple overall of two clubs would not adequately address the game possibilities and might lead to missing a good contract in spades, diamonds, clubs or even notrump. It is true that a takeover double of one major suit tends to imply good support for the other, but this does not mean that such support is absolutely guaranteed. The more important consideration is to show the general strength of a hand, and the double in this case serves that purpose best. You plan to bid two clubs next over partner's anticipated one-spade response and in that way show the true nature of your hand.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use your intelligence and experience to bypass someone who is trying to make you look bad. An open and honest confrontation will help you resolve issues that have been lingering too long. Don't let anyone hold you back.

2. One notrump. The choice here lies between a double and an overall of one notrump. The notrump bid is preferred because it shows your point count and balanced distribution in one fell swoop.

3. Five diamonds. This is not the type of hand with which you leave the opponents room to exchange information at a low level. The leap to five diamonds is a tactical measure from both an offensive and defensive standpoint, and as such serves as a two-edged sword. For example, if the opponents have a good fit in spades, they will have a tough time finding it at the five-level. Also, if the opponents pass or double, it may well turn out that five diamonds will make or go down a trick or two, while the opponents could have made four or five hearts or spades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Plan to participate in something you believe in or attend a cultural event that interests you. Doing things with someone you love will improve your relationship and could lead to plans that will give you the incentives you need to excel.

4. Pass. Lacking adequate support for spades and diamonds, it would be wrong to double, and it would be equally dangerous to overcall in clubs with such a shabby suit. The best action is to pass and hope the opponents go overboard.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Revisit plans that will affect your personal life, where you live or how you get ahead. Go over personal paperwork and make changes that will bring fair results or help you close a deal. Cut your losses if that's necessary to move forward.

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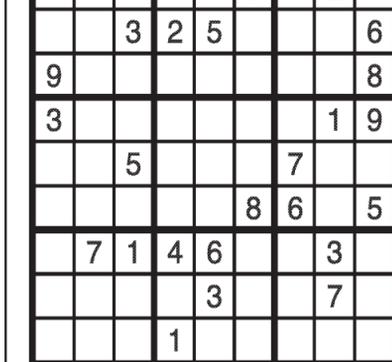
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A day trip, retreat or cultural event that offers alternative lifestyles will change your life. Make love and romance a priority. If you can share something special with someone you love, it will bring you closer together.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Home improvements can be put into play as long as you stick to a financial plan you can handle. Getting together with people who owe you favors will help you keep your costs down. Don't fold under pressure.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Share your feelings and you will be able to move forward with a plan that may be unconventional but necessary for you to reach a personal goal. Finding an alternative way to boost your income by doing something you love looks promising.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's best to listen, absorb information and consider your options thoroughly before you make a gesture, promise or move. Know what you are getting into before you say yes. Problems will arise due to false information or misrepresentation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Let experience and insight help you make wise choices. Moderation and careful plans will ensure that you don't make a mistake. Don't let impulsive people talk you into doing something you are unsure about. Romance is highlighted.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Reconnecting with people from your past will remind you of your past dreams and how you want to live your life. An emotional situation is best put to rest so that you can move forward with a clear conscience.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Pull in help from someone who owes you a favor or can contribute to what you are trying to achieve. Your productive attitude will separate you from anyone who is trying to compete with you. Reconnect with someone from your past.

Birthdays: You are practical, organized and intuitive. You are loyal and trustworthy.

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1980 nuclear threat triggered by wrench explored

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — For about 10 hours in 1980, the United States faced a nuclear threat of its own making after an airman performing maintenance on a Titan II missile dropped a 9-pound socket 70 feet, ripping a hole in a fuel tank and leading to an explosion that propelled a 9-megaton warhead out of the ground.

Using decades-old U.S. Air Force training footage, re-enactments and drone-shot video from a mothballed silo, director Robert Kenner recalls the tense time that began beneath the northern Arkansas landscape. His documentary, "Command and Control," airs Tuesday on PBS as part of its American Experience series (9 p.m. EST).

"The real story is how close we came to blowing up a quarter of the country," Kenner said in a telephone interview. "The warhead going off would have changed history."

In the heat of the Cold War, the U.S. placed nuclear warheads atop 54 Titan II missiles and spread them evenly among Arizona, Arkansas and Kansas. The U.S. Air Force never confirmed their presence, but it was common knowledge that they dotted the Arkansas hills, said Skip Rutherford, then an aide to Sen. David Pryor.

On the night of the accident, airmen who had previously raised concerns with Pryor about missile safety called Rutherford — interrupting him while he was

having dinner with a friend — to say that a volatile mix of rocket fuel and oxidizer was sure to blow.

"We don't know what that means," Rutherford said this week. "We don't know what the missile does — is there a radiation leak, a nuclear explosion? Something is going to happen and it's not going to be good. It's just what degree of bad it is."

The vapors exploded in the middle of the night, killing one airman and injuring 21 others. The force of the blast cast the warhead out of the eight-story underground bunker; searchers found it later, in a ditch 200 yards away.

"If the system worked properly, someone dropping a tool couldn't

send a nuclear warhead into a field," Eric Schlosser, who wrote the book "Command and Control" in 2013, says in the documentary.

With the Arkansas rockets, plus those in the other states, the U.S. intended to show the Soviet Union and the rest of the world that the nation was ready for a fight. They were dismantled by 1987, and their silos left open so the Soviets could use satellite imagery to verify their removal.

As they stood, airmen didn't want to push the button to launch a missile but knew the day might come when they had to, said Allan Childers, a member of a missile combat crew.

"You had to be prepared to destroy an entire civilization," he says in the film. "As heartless as it sounds, I never had a problem. I was doing it for my country. ... Deterrence is worthless if you don't demonstrate that you're willing to do it."

Schlosser and Kenner, who share screenwriting credits, make a point that every weapon built for use elsewhere also poses a threat at home, in one way or another.

In Damascus, Arkansas, about 45 miles north of Little Rock, the human error involved an airman using a socket wrench in a missile silo rather than a torque wrench called for in an updated checklist.

"Luck is a bad policy," Kenner said, paraphrasing a theme from the documentary, which is on the 15-film short list for Best Documentary at this year's Academy Awards. "This is a story about human beings making mistakes, but the consequences of making a mistake with this missile and warhead are tremendous."

Online: <http://www.commandandcontrolfilm.com/>



THIS IMAGE released by sony Pictures Classics shows Sandra Huller, left, and Peter Simonischek in a scene from "Toni Erdmann."

REVIEW:

'Toni Erdmann' cringes, smiles, sings through life

By LINDSEY BAHR
AP film writer

"Toni Erdmann" is a hard film to love, but that might be the point. The German movie from the clearly talented and incisive writer/director Maren Ade seems like it should be a comedy — the lightly plotted character study is about a father trying to introduce some chaos into his adult daughter's overworked life — but it's far too cutting and uncomfortable to generate much joy.

It all hinges on how you view the father, Winfried, played by actor Peter Simonischek. Winfried is a hearty-looking man, likely in his 60s, who has a mop of unruly gray hair and a penchant for what might generously be described as pranks. He

keeps a set of fake teeth in his shirt pocket which he'll pop in from time to time when he wants to take on one of his personas. He'll do this with delivery people, strangers, his mother and his extended family. But those on the receiving end never seem all that amused by Winfried's antics. Strangers don't quite know what to do with him, and his family just kind of disregard his oddities through clenched teeth. Both kinds of interactions can be almost painful to watch and even after two viewings I can't get a handle on how the movie wants us to see him, especially once he decides to concentrate all of his efforts on his 30-something daughter, Ines (Sandra Hüller).

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AP Photo/US Air Force via American Experience-WGBH

IN THIS UNDATED PHOTO, Allan Childers, second right, poses with others on a Titan II missile crew at Damascus, Ark. Childers was deputy commander of the crew in 1980, when an airman performing maintenance in the missile silo dropped a socket that pierced the rocket's fuel tank. The accident triggered an explosion 10 hours later, throwing a 9-megaton nuclear warhead into a ditch 200 yards away. PBS' American Experience series will show the documentary "Command and Control" on Tuesday.

Friday Best Bets

8 p.m. on (WRCB) Grimm

It's the beginning of the end for this fantasy-drama series, as its sixth and final season opens with "Fugitive." Capt. Renard (Sasha Roiz) is more determined than ever to get rid of Nick (David Giuntoli), but Hank and Wu (Russell Hornsby, Reggie Lee) are equally determined not to let that happen. Monroe and Rosalee (Silas Weir Mitchell, Bree Turner) weigh family considerations in deciding where they want to be. Eve (Bitsie Tulloch) starts showing side effects of her healing.

8 p.m. on (WDEF) MacGyver

Though real-life themes inform the new episode "Screwdriver," leakers of top-secret government information usually don't have MacGyver (Lucas Till) on their trail. That's the case here, and the Phoenix Foundation may be no more if the given leak can't be stopped. The mission reunites both MacGyver and Jack (George Eads) with former flames, played again by guest stars Tracy Spiridakos and Amy Acker. Sandrine Holt also stars.

9 p.m. on (WRCB) Emerald City

"The Wizard of Oz" is revised by this new fantasy-drama series, which takes its Dorothy (played by Adria Arjona) to a darker Oz. There, the land's ruler ("Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" alum Vincent D'Onofrio) makes enemies of witches by banning magic — but even larger forces may cause bigger problems for him in the two-hour premiere, "The Beast Before/Prison of the Abject." Filmmaker Tarsem Singh ("Mirror Mirror") is the show's director.

9 p.m. on (WTV2) Sleepy Hollow

The series begins its fourth season with its 50th episode, "Columbia." In the wake of Abbie's death, Crane (Tom Mison) ends up in Washington, D.C. There — not unlike others who inhabit that city — he makes some surprising alliances as he tries to locate the next Witness. Lyndie Greenwood continues her role as Jenny, and Jeremy Davies ("Saving Private Ryan") and Janina Gavankar ("The Mysteries of Laura") join the regular cast.

11:20 p.m. on (WNGH) Movie: In Jackson Heights

A recipient of one of the latest honorary Oscars, esteemed documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman ("Tiptop Follies") turns his attention to the Queens, N.Y., community named by the title of this 2015 portrait. The population there is quite diverse ethnically and culturally, but an influx of New York-bred newcomers makes the Jackson Heights residents quite protective of what they've established. Their society incorporates elements of their respective homelands.

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WELF/TBN	4 John Hagee Unqualified	Praise Ⓢ	John Gray	Creation	Supernatural!	Potters	Praise Ⓢ	Hal Lindsey End/ Age	Perry Stone Watchman	Praise Ⓢ	F.K. Price	Spirit						
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WTVC/ABC	9 Dr. Phil ◊ Ⓢ	News	News	World News	World News	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Last-Standing (:31) Dr. Ken	Shark Tank (N) ◊	(:01) 20/20 ◊ Ⓢ	News	News	Jimmy Kimmel Live ◊	(:37) Nightline				
WTCI/PBS	10 Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Arthur ◊ (E)	World News	Business Rpt.	PBS NewsHour (N) ◊ Ⓢ	Wash	Charlie Rose	Willie Nelson: The Library of Congress	Workin' Man	Rick Steves	World News	Charlie Rose (N) ◊ Ⓢ				
WTV2/FOX	11 Harry (N) ◊ Ⓢ	Family Feud	Family Feud	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang	Big Bang	Rosewood (N) Ⓢ (DVS)	Sleepy Hollow "Columbia"	News at 10	Seinfeld ◊	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Paid Program	2 Broke Girls			
WDEF/CBS	12 The Dr. Oz Show (N) Ⓢ	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News 12 at 6	CBS News	Prime News	Andy Griffith	MacGyver "Screwdriver" (N)	Hawaii Five-0 "Ka 'aelike"	Friday Night Beauty Ⓢ	News	Late Show-Colbert	Corden					
QVC	13 Mally: Color Cosmetics	Jewelry Clearance Ⓢ						HairMax: The Science	Happy New You Celebration	With Amy (N) Ⓢ								
CSPAN	14 (3:00) Public Affairs Events ◊										Politics and Public Policy Today ◊ Ⓢ							
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HSN	16 Winter Solutions (N) Ⓢ	Home Solutions (N) Ⓢ	Kitchen Solutions (N) Ⓢ	First Friday with Amy and	First Friday with Amy and	Home Solutions (N) Ⓢ	Winter Solutions (N) Ⓢ	Diane Gilman Fashions (N)	Diane Gilman Fashions (N)	Diane Gilman Fashions (N)								
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LIFE	25 Grey's Anatomy ◊ Ⓢ	*** "Selena" (1997) Jennifer Lopez, Mexican-American singer skyrocketed to fame.						*** "Tyler Perry's Good Deeds" (2012) Tyler Perry. Ⓢ	Paranormal Lockdown Ⓢ	Paranormal Lockdown (N)	Alaska Haunting	Alaska Haunting	Alaska Haunting	Alaska Haunting				
TLC	26 Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Paranormal Lockdown Ⓢ	Paranormal Lockdown Ⓢ	Paranormal Lockdown Ⓢ	Paranormal Lockdown (N)	Alaska Haunting								
TBS	27 Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld				
TNT	28 Castle "Hunt" Ⓢ (DVS)	Castle "Scared to Death" ◊	Castle "The Wild Rover" ◊	Castle "The Lives of Others"	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam				
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FX	30 Two Men	Two Men	** "Oblivion" (2013, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise, Morgan Freeman. ◊ Ⓢ					** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Battleship" (2012) Taylor Kitsch. Earth comes under attack from a superior alien force. ◊ Ⓢ				
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SEC	34 (3:00) The Paul Finebaum Show (N) (Live) Ⓢ							College Gymnastics Georgia vs. LSU. (N)	SEC Now Ⓢ	College Football Playoff Bowl: Teams TBA. (Taped) Ⓢ	SEC Now Ⓢ	SEC Now Ⓢ	SEC Now Ⓢ	SEC Now Ⓢ				
GOLF	35 PGA Tour Golf	Golf Central Pregame (N)	PGA Tour Golf	SBS Tournament of Champions, Second Round. (N) (Live)														
FS1	36 FA Cup Soccer	Speak for Yourself	Garbage	UFC	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters	UFC 200 Greatest Fighters							
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WEA	38 (3:00) Weather Center Live (N) Ⓢ	(5:59) Weather Underground (N) Ⓢ																
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MSNBC	40 MSNBC Live (N) Ⓢ	MTP Daily (N) Ⓢ	With All Due Respect (N)	Hardball Chris Matthews	All In with Chris Hayes (N)	The Rachel Maddow Show	Hardball Chris Matthews	11th Hour	Hardball	The Rachel Maddow Show								
CNN	41 The Lead With Jake Tapper	Situation Room With Wolf	Situation Room With Wolf	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				
HDLN	42 Forensic File	Forensic Files "See No Evil"	Situation Room With Wolf	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)				
FNC	43 Your World With Neil Cavuto	The Five (N) Ⓢ	Special Report	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	The O'Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N) Ⓢ	Hannity (N) Ⓢ	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	Hannity (N) Ⓢ	The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File	Hannity (N) Ⓢ					
HIST	44 The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊	The Curse of Oak Island ◊				
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DISC	47 Gold Rush "Watery Grave"	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush "Record Gold"	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ	Gold Rush ◊ Ⓢ								
NGC	48 Southern Justice Ⓢ	Southern Justice Ⓢ	Explorer Ⓢ	The Next Mega Tsunami	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ	Expedition Unknown Ⓢ				
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FOOD	50 Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive	Diners, Drive				
HGTV	51 Hunters	Hunters	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home	Dream Home				
ANPL	52 Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ	Treehouse Masters Ⓢ				
FREE	53 The Middle	** "The Notebook" (2004, Romance) Ryan Gosling, Rachel McAdams. ◊ Ⓢ	** "A Walk to Remember" (2002) Shane West, Mandy Moore. ◊ Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ	** "Knowing" (2009, Science Fiction) Nicolas Cage, Rose Byrne. Ⓢ				
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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Deputy: Man stole work tools, then accidentally called boss

FAIRMONT, W.Va. (AP) — Authorities say a man stole tools from his workplace at an auto repair shop and then accidentally called his boss as he tried to sell them.

Citing an arrest report, the Times West Virginian says the owner of the repair shop in the community of Millersville told deputies that one of his employees recently called him about tools he was selling. The owner said the employee immediately hung up after he realized who he had called.

Deputies say they recovered the stolen tools after they obtained a warrant to search the vehicle and home of the worker, identified as 37-year-old Shawn Nelson Furner of Fairmont.

Furner is charged with felony breaking and entering, as well as conspiracy to commit a felony.

It is unclear whether Furner has an attorney.

Competency hearing set for Ohio man suspected of killing women

ASHLAND, Ohio (AP) — A man suspected of killing several women in Ohio is scheduled for a competency hearing as his attorneys argue that he's not guilty of murder and other charges because he's insane.

The hearing via video conference was scheduled Friday in Ashland County court for 40-year-old Shawn Grate.

Lawyers pursuing the insanity defense recently asked the judge to order an evaluation of Grate to determine if he is competent to stand trial.

Police arrested Grate in September, when they found two bodies in an abandoned Ashland home where another woman had called 911 and said she'd been held captive. Grate is also accused of raping her.

Investigators say he admitted killing at least two other women elsewhere.

A judge's order blocks defense attorneys and prosecutors from **Report: 3 kids watched movie as parents lay dead outside SUV**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Authorities in Florida say there were no signs of trauma or foul play on the bodies of a couple found dead outside their SUV parked on the side of Interstate 4 with three young children watching a movie inside.

Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood tells the Daytona Beach News-Journal that 32-year-old Daniel Kelsey tested "presumptive positive" for drugs, and had a "presence of weed" in his urine. He says toxicology reports may find other substances on Kelsey and his 30-year-old wife Heather Kelsey.

It's unclear how they would up stopping along the interstate.

A Florida Highway Patrol trooper found the boys in their car seats early on New Year's Eve. Spokeswoman Kim Montes says the SUV couldn't have been there more than 30 minutes because a trooper was patrolling the area.

Dead sharks dumped at Florida park under investigation

TITUSVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Wildlife officials are trying to determine who has been dumping dead sharks at a park in central Florida.

Florida Fish and Wildlife officials tell WESH-TV that they received a tip about someone dumping sharks next to the Indian River at Kennedy Point Park in Titusville.

Officers removed three dead sharks from the shore there Thursday. Each one was about 2 feet long.

Officials say the animals will be taken to a lab where they'll determine what kind of sharks they are and how old they were. It's unknown exactly how long the carcasses had been left there.

Recreational fishing regulations allow a catch limit of just one shark per person per day.

Yahoo deletes tweet that included racial slur

(AP) — Yahoo Finance says it accidentally tweeted out a racial epithet when promoting a story about the cost of President-elect Donald Trump's plans to increase the size of the U.S. Navy.

The headline for the story on Yahoo Finance is, "Trump Wants a Much Bigger Navy: Here's How Much It'll Cost." But when it was tweeted Thursday, the word "bigger" had an 'n' as its first letter instead of a 'b.'

The tweet was deleted and Yahoo Finance tweeted an apology, chalking up the mishap to a spelling error.

The company didn't immedi-

ately respond to a request for further comment from The Associated Press.

Yahoo's mistake quickly became a trending topic on Twitter.

Officials to probe train's erratic speed just before crash

NEW YORK (AP) — Federal investigators will be looking into why a packed Long Island Rail road commuter train was traveling erratically at twice the speed limit when it crashed at a rail terminal, injuring more than 100 people.

National Transportation Safety Board investigator Ted Turpin said Thursday the train had been traveling at least 10 mph when it train slammed into the end of a platform at Atlantic Terminal in Brooklyn on Wednesday morning; the terminal's speed limit is 5 mph.

A U.S. official briefed on the investigation said the train had erratically changed speeds in the three minutes before the crash, accelerating and decelerating between 2 and 10 mph.

The official, who was briefed on the investigation but was not authorized to speak publicly about it and spoke on the condition of anonymity, said the train was traveling at allowable speeds as it approached the station.

Federal investigators also will test the train's engineer for sleep apnea because he exhibited "typical risk factors" for the disorder, the official said, describing the engineer as overweight and adding his wife had complained he snores at night.

The 50-year-old engineer, whose name wasn't released, told investigators he has no memory of the crash and wasn't using a cellphone at the time, Turpin said.

"The engineer was unable to recall striking the end of the track," Turpin said. "He does recall entering the station and controlling the speed of the train."

The engineer was given a drug test, Turpin said, but the results are not yet known.

Florida mom pleads not guilty in crash that killed 2 sons

YULEE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida mother has pleaded not guilty in a suspected DUI crash that killed her two boys.

News outlets report Tonya Capallia-Eason waived her appearance in court Thursday, but her attorney entered the plea on her behalf. She's charged with two felony counts of causing death while driving under the influence.

The Florida Highway Patrol says Capallia-Eason had alcohol in her system when she failed to negotiate a curve and struck a utility pole last October.

Police say the SUV she was driving overturned, killing 8-year-old Nehemiah Capallia-Bird and 9-year-old Nicholai Capallia.

Authorities say five other children, ages 7 to 15, also were injured and taken to the hospital.

Capallia-Eason could face four to 15 years in prison for each charge. Her next court date is set for Jan. 26.

Prosecutor: Durst poses threat to witnesses in murder case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Multimillionaire Robert Durst is a "menace to society" and a danger to several witnesses in his murder case, prosecutors said in an effort to preserve their testimony in case they get killed.

Durst has killed two people who had information in the mysterious disappearance of his first wife and was prepared to kill others who might have stopped him, Deputy District Attorney John Lewin said in court papers before a hearing Friday in Los Angeles Superior Court.

"Defendant is a menace to society," Lewin wrote. "He has demonstrated a willingness to use deadly force to escape justice — killing two people and arming himself with deadly weapons to kill anyone who stood in his way of escape."

Defense lawyers have blasted the request, saying it's absurd that the frail 73-year-old who is behind bars is a threat to anyone. They also said it was premature, coming before the scheduling of a preliminary hearing to determine if Durst faces trial, as well as a violation of his right to a fair trial.

"There is simply no factual basis upon which one could claim that Mr. Durst has the ability to harm anyone," attorney Donald Re wrote in court documents.

The defense also is fighting the prosecutor's request to keep from disclosing the names of at least two "secret witnesses" until shortly before their testimony.

Prosecutors want to keep their identities under wraps for their safety. The testimony will be videotaped and used at a possible trial only if they can't appear in court.

Live grenade found in box at central N.Y. consignment shop

WESTMORELAND, N.Y. (AP) — Authorities say employees at a central New York consignment shop found a live World War II-vintage hand grenade as they unpacked a box of items from a building contents sale.

Oneida County Sheriff Robert Maciol (MAY-shee-uhl) says deputies were called to the shop in the town of Westmoreland Thursday to check out the grenade, which employees had taken to a safe location outside.

The sheriff says the grenade was believed to be a 1930s to 1940s vintage, and the safety pin, spoon and original fuse appeared to be intact.

The State Police Bomb Disposal Unit deemed the grenade to be live and removed it for detonation.

Editor: Man trying to hide arrest buys 100s of newspapers

PALMYRA, N.Y. (AP) — The owner of a weekly upstate New York newspaper says a man bought hundreds of copies in an unsuccessful effort to keep people from reading about his drunken-driving arrest.

State police arrested Joseph Talbot on Dec. 29 in Wayne County and charged him with driving while intoxicated.

Police also charged him with refusing to be fingerprinted or photographed. They say he told troopers he didn't want his mugshot in the newspaper.

The 12,000-circulation Times of Wayne County says it obtained a mugshot from the county jail. It says it printed the mugshot and a story on New Year's Eve and published them online.

Newspaper owner and editor Ron Holdraker says Talbot bought nearly 1,000 newsstand copies at \$1.25 each.

A telephone message left at a number listed for Talbot hasn't been returned.

Cat that fell from moving car on highway is found alive

BOSTON (AP) — A cat that fell from a moving car on a Massachusetts highway on Christmas Day has been found alive.

Owner Erin McCutcheon was taking 6-year-old Juno from Boston to her mother's house in New Hampshire when it slipped out of its carrier. McCutcheon's boyfriend, James Norton, opened and re-shut their rattling van door, and the cat tumbled onto Interstate 93.

The couple spent days searching for the cat.

The Boston Globe reports electricians doing maintenance work at I-93 on Wednesday found the cat crouched and hiding 80 feet up in the air on a steel girder that runs under the highway in

Charlestown.

A worker lured the cat with food before grabbing it and taking it to safety. The electricians recognized the cat from a poster McCutcheon and Norton had put up and contacted them.

Coast Guard: Fire extinguished on platform in Gulf of Mexico

(AP) — A fire broke out on an oil production platform in the Gulf of Mexico early Thursday, forcing four workers to evacuate by lifeboat before the blaze was extinguished. There were no injuries and inspectors found no sign of pollution, authorities said.

The blaze was reported about 2:30 a.m. on a platform about 80 miles south of Grand Isle, Louisiana, and was extinguished nearly four hours later, the Coast Guard said in a statement.

The four workers were rescued by the crew of the 130-foot Mary Wyatt Milano, a supply vessel, the Coast Guard said. They were flown to a hospital in Houma to be evaluated, the Interior Department's Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement said in a statement.

The company that owns the platform, Renaissance Offshore LLC, has suspended oil production on it and a second platform it owns, the statement said, adding that 17 oil wells associated with the two platforms were similarly "shut in" before the workers were evacuated.

Company and government inspectors confirmed that no oil is leaking into the water from either the platform or the wells, said Renaissance spokesman Oliver Marsh.

"Initial efforts were made by the crew to extinguish the fire, (but) the decision was made to discontinue those efforts and abandon the platform due to heavy smoke," Marsh wrote in an email.

Crew members aboard the Mary Wyatt Milano and three other vessels battled the blaze. An HC-144 Ocean Sentry airplane from Mobile, Alabama, also responded, said Coast Guard Petty Officer Third Class Travis Magee.

Police: Man who escaped from detention facility is captured

BOSTON (AP) — A man who climbed through razor wire to escape from a detention center in Rhode Island, stole a car and may have tried to rob two banks was captured in Massachusetts on Thursday by a state police trooper who chased him and grabbed him as he tried to leap over a fence, authorities said.

Massachusetts state police and the U.S. marshal in Rhode Island said James Morales was captured in Somerville, about an hour's drive north of the privately run Wyatt Detention Facility in Central Falls, where he escaped five days earlier.

Earlier Thursday, authorities said they were investigating whether Morales was the man who tried to rob a bank in Cambridge, Morales' hometown.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debts and obligations secured by that certain Real Estate Deed of Trust for Tennessee executed on May 16, 2008, by Tonya Carlton, Unmarried to Mary Ruth Tackett, Trustee, as same appears of record in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee in Book 1836, Page 827-833, ("Deed of Trust"); and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed(s) of Trust is the United States of America, acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture ("USDA"); and WHEREAS, USDA, the current owner and holder of said Deed(s) of Trust appointed Don Harris as Substitute Trustee by instrument filed for record in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed(s) of Trust; and NOW THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed(s) of Trust by USDA, and Don Harris as Substitute Trustee, or duly appointed agent, pursuant to the power, duty, and authorization in and conferred by said Deed(s) of Trust, will on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, commencing at 10:00 a.m. at the east door of the Bradley County Courthouse Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest bidder either for cash (must be in the form of a cashier's check) or 10 per cent of the high bid price as a non-refundable deposit with balance due within ten (10) days of sale, (and if such balance goes unpaid, USDA will retain the deposit and re-foreclose) the following described property lying and being in the Second Civil District in Bradley County, Tennessee to wit:

LOT THREE (3) of the WILLIAM PIERCE ESTATE, a plat of which is recorded in Plat Book 14, Page 103, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee Map 45 Parcel 45.04
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 183 Bettis Avenue, Cleveland, TN 37311
BEING the same property conveyed to Tonya Carlton, unmarried, by Warranty Deed dated May 16, 2008 from Matthew S. Eller, unmarried, of record in Book 1836, Page 825 in the Register's Office for Bradley County, Tennessee.

CURRENT OWNERS: Tonya Carlton, Unmarried
The sale of the above-described property shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or setback lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; and any matter that an accurate survey of the premises might disclose. All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed(s) of Trust, and the title is believed to be good, but the undersigned will sell and convey only as Substitute Trustee. The right is reserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time, and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.
Publication Dates: 12-30-16, 1-6-17, 1-13-17
Don Harris
Substitute Trustee
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December 30, 2016; January 6, 13, 2017

2. Special Notices

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LOST YOUR pet? Check daily at the Cleveland Animal Shelter, 360 Hill Street.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

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Notice to Creditors

Estate of Karen Faye Parker Fisher, Docket No. 2016-PP-242. Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd day of December, 2016 Letters Testamentary (or of Administration as the case may be) in respect of the Estate of Karen Faye Parker Fisher who died Sept. 10, 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 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 (or posting), as the case may be 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 posting); 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 (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death, This 23rd day of Dec. 2016. Richard A. Fisher, Personal Representative. Richard A. Fisher by R. McCoin, Attorney for the Estate. Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk, January 6, 13, 2017

Review

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After seeing Ines, serious, stressed and tethered to her phone at a family gathering, Winifried decides to surprise her with a visit to Bucharest, where her consulting job has stranded her recently. He waits for Ines in the lobby of an office building, and when she walks in with clients, he pops in the teeth and puts on a pair of sunglasses and walks up close to the group of business people. Ines doesn't break her stride, going right into the elevator complex. Did she see him? Did she not? It turns out she did, she just chose to ignore him. Her assistant runs out soon after to catch Winifried and say hello on behalf of her boss and invite him to a reception later that day. You can probably guess how that goes.

These two might as well be strangers, and Winifried's presence is a disruptive one in Ines' highly structured life. As he tries harder to get her to lighten up, she seems to get even more tense and stressed.

Eventually Winifried tells Ines he's leaving, only to come back and surprise her once more, this time as Toni Erdmann — fake teeth, crazy black wig and all. He tells one of her co-workers that he's a life coach. He tells a woman at a party that he's the German zmbassador. And Toni becomes Ines' companion, from the club to the countryside and at the random places he gets invited to.

The everyday relationship

between adult parents and their adult children is one that the movies don't often explore, unless there's some reason for everyone to be together — an illness, a death, a fraught holiday. It's refreshing to just have that reality be the basis for a character study, minus the tragedy, and clocking in at 162 minutes "Toni Erdmann" certainly gives this experiment room to breathe, and then some. And there's a freedom in going through this ordeal with two actors whom most American audiences don't know. But, goodness, can it be difficult to embrace most of the time.

And yet, amid all the discomfort, there are two genuinely transcendent sequences that close out the movie. One involves Whitney Houston's "Greatest Love of All" and the other, a final, legitimately hysterical release for Ines. What it all amounts to is for the individual to decide. The revelations aren't big, but "Toni Erdmann" is not that kind of movie.

"Toni Erdmann," a Sony Pictures Classics release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong sexual content, graphic nudity, language and brief drug use." Running time: 162 minutes. Three stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of R: Restricted. Under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian.

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**LEGAL PUBLICATION
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having been made in the terms, conditions, and payments provided in a certain Deed of Trust dated FEBRUARY 27, 2003, executed by CHARLES L. BURGER JR & PATRICIA A. BURGER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to FMLS, INC., HAMILTON COUNTY, A RESIDENT OF COUNTY, TENNESSEE, Trustee, of record in BOOK 1294, PAGE 926, for the benefit of AMSOUTH BANK in the Register's Office BRADLEY County, Tennessee and to J. PHILLIP JONES AND/OR JESSICA D. BINKLEY, either of whom may act, appointed as Substitute Trustee in an instrument of record in the Register's Office for BRADLEY County, Tennessee, to secure the indebtedness described, the entire indebtedness having been declared due and payable by REGIONS BANK SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO AMSOUTH BANK, being the present owner/holder or authorized agent, donee or servicer of the holder/owner of said indebtedness, has requested foreclosure proceedings to be instituted; and as provided in said Deed of Trust, I, J. PHILLIP JONES/JESSICA D. BINKLEY, will by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2017 AT 11:00 A.M. (LOCAL TIME) AT THE FRONT (EAST) DOOR OF THE BRADLEY COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN CLEVELAND, BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, sell to the highest bidder for cash, free from the equity of redemption, homestead, and dower, and all other exemptions which are expressly waived, and subject to any unpaid taxes, if any, the following described property in BRADLEY County, Tennessee, to wit:

PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF BRADLEY, TENNESSEE:

LOCATED IN THE SECOND CIVIL DISTRICT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE:

LOTS THIRTY-FOUR(34) AND THIRTY-FIVE (35), CUMBERLAND HILLS SUBDIVISION, A PLAT OF WHICH IS RECORDED IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, IN PLAT BOOK 11, PAGE 142, TO WHICH REFERENCE IS MADE FOR A MORE SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION.

FOR PRIOR TITLE, SEE WARRANTY DEED OF RECORD IN BOOK 1010, PAGE 434, FROM JAMES E. SHARP AND WIFE, ALMA SUE SHARP TO CHARLES L. BURGER, JR. AND WIFE, PATRICIA A. BURGER, DATED 10-7-99 AND RECORDED 10-7-99, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

THIS CONVEYANCE IS MADE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

ANY GOVERNMENTAL ZONING AND SUBDIVISION ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS IN EFFECT THEREON.

RESTRICTIONS AS SET OUT IN INSTRUMENT RECORDED IN BOOK 1009, PAGE 1006, IN THE REGISTER'S OFFICE OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE.

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THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

This is improved property known as 3296 CUMBERLAND HILLS CIR, CLEVELAND, TN 37312 (A/K/A 3296 CUMBERLAND HILLS CIR NW, CLEVELAND, TN 37312).

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HUBER ENGINEERED MATERIALS

Spacewalking astronauts tackle battery work outside station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Astronauts went spacewalking Friday to hook up fancy new batteries on the International Space Station's sprawling power grid.

Before venturing out, Commander Shane Kimbrough and Peggy Whitson got a hand from a robot that took care of most of the grunt work.

Remotely using robotics aboard the 250-mile-high lab, flight controllers in Houston spent the past week replacing decade-old, nickel-hydrogen batteries with better charging lithium-ion ones. Handling all those batteries — each about half a refrigerator in size — was cumbersome and time-consuming.

On Friday, it was up to Kimbrough and Whitson to wire up the three new lithium-ion batteries, delivered last month by the Japanese. Spacewalkers will plug in three more next Friday, part of a long-term effort to energize the station's aging solar power system.

NASA expects it will take two to three years to change out all 48 nickel-hydrogen batteries that make up the solar power system.

The lithium-ion batteries are so efficient, only 24 will be needed altogether, saving space for other items during supply runs.

The space station's robotic handyman, long-armed Dextre, removed the old batteries and popped in the new ones in a series of maneuvers that began on New Year's Eve. Dextre — short for dexterous — also loosened bolts holding down special metal plates that were launched with the new batteries. Installing these plates, along with power and data cables, fell to Kimbrough and Whitson.

NASA's chief astronaut, Christopher Cassidy, said from Mission Control that sticky bolts often stymie astronauts, so everyone was grateful to hand over the chore to Dextre. Riding on the end of the station's robot arm, Dextre and its 11-foot arms also made easy work of the battery transfers from one end of the station to the other, a distance spanning approximately half a football field.

"Most of that's behind us," Cassidy said as the spacewalk got underway, "and we're looking

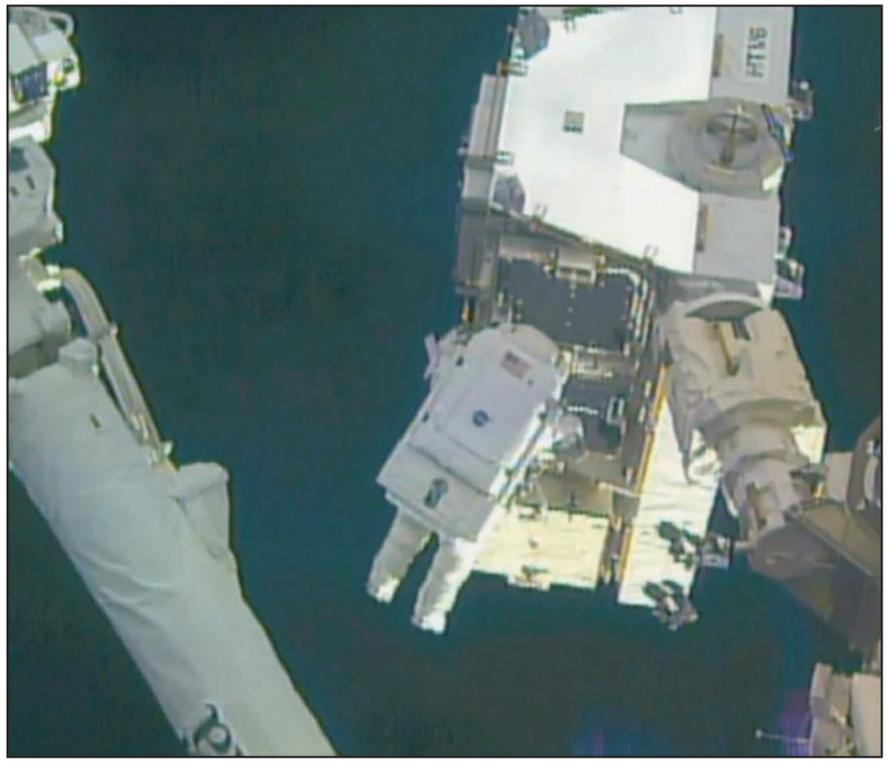
forward to a relatively, hopefully, I don't want to jinx us, but a smooth day of battery operation."

Spacewalks are high-risk activities, NASA managers noted, and so reducing crew time outside is always preferable. In fact, almost as a reminder, Mission Control's main contact for the spacewalkers was Italian astronaut Luca Parmitano, who nearly drowned in 2013 when his helmet flooded with water from his space suit's cooling system. He directed Kimbrough and Whitson's every move.

Most of the old batteries will be junked along with other station trash, burning up in the atmosphere later this month in the Japanese supply ship that delivered the new batteries. More lithium-ion batteries will arrive on future cargo craft.

Whitson, meanwhile, now ties the record for most spacewalks by a woman — seven. At age 56, she's the world's oldest and most experienced spacewoman ever.

Online: NASA: <https://www.nasa.gov/mission-pages/station/main/index.html>



NASA via AP

IN THIS STILL image taken from video provided by NASA, astronaut Peggy Whitson takes a spacewalk outside the International Space Station on Friday. Whitson and Commander Shane Kimbrough went spacewalking to hook up fancy new batteries on the International Space Station's sprawling power grid.

Traditional end to quirky presidential election

WASHINGTON (AP) — The end of the 2016 presidential election is at hand.

A joint session of Congress is set to count the Electoral College votes on Friday, a traditional ending to a most unconventional presidential election.

Barring something bizarre happening, Republican Donald Trump will be declared the winner and will be sworn in at his inauguration on Jan. 20. Vice President Joe Biden will preside over the vote count in his role as president of the Senate.

All 538 electors met in their respective state capitals in December to cast their votes. Trump finished with 304 votes and Democrat Hillary Clinton with 227, according to a tally by The Associated Press. It takes 270 Electoral College votes to win the presidency.

Trump won even though Clinton received nearly 2.9 million more votes. His election has generated much angst among Democrats and others who oppose the billionaire businessman. But they have been powerless to change the outcome.

Despite rumblings of a revolt, only two Republican electors — both from Texas — cast protest votes for someone other than Trump. Clinton lost four Democratic electors in Washington state and one in Hawaii.

The secretary of state's office in Washington said the four "faithless" electors would be fined \$1,000 apiece.

Friday's vote count marks the last chance for Democrats and other anti-Trump forces to disrupt Trump's election. But even if they are successful, the most Democrats could do is slow the process. They don't have the votes to overturn the outcome.

Under federal law, if at least one senator and one House member object to the vote from any state, the House and Senate would meet separately to decide the merits of the objection.

Several House Democrats have talked about filing an objection, but no senator has publicly backed the idea. Regardless, with Republicans controlling both chambers, any objection would have little chance of affecting the outcome.

Rep. Ed Perlmutter, D-Colo., considered objecting but said, "This is not about trying to stop Donald Trump from becoming president."

Perlmutter said he wants to register his objection to Russia after U.S. intelligence community findings that Moscow engaged in computer hacking to sway the election in favor of Trump. America's top intelligence official told Congress on Thursday that Russia undoubtedly interfered in the 2016 presidential election.

"We cannot allow a foreign nation to ever influence our elections because it harms our liberty, freedom and independence," Perlmutter said in a statement. "This is bigger than just one election, and for the sake of our democracy, we must remain vigilant."



SENIORS HAVE LEAGUE OF OWN



AP Photos/Chris O'Meara

IN THIS PHOTO, 97-year-old Winchell Smith takes a swing at the ball during a Kids & Kubs softball game in St. Petersburg, Fla. The Kids & Kubs is a Depression Era creation, beginning in the 1930s. All players in the league are over 75 years of age.

WAYNE HILL, left, and Gus Tijerino share a laugh after turning a double play during a Kids & Kubs softball game in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Florida softball league is 87 — many players are even older

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Irwin Ableson runs to catch a softball and puts on his glasses before throwing the ball to second base. Ableson's arm is strong, and the man in his 80s on the opposing team is out.

"My doctor said recently, 'I'd never guess that you were 91 years old,'" shrugs Ableson, a former life insurance salesman and a player for the Kids & Kubs senior league in St. Petersburg. To be eligible, players must be at least 75 — so it's often called the "three-quarters league."

Ableson is one of five active players over 90, and in the scheme of things, he's something of a youngster. One player is 97.

Kids & Kubs is a Depression-era creation. It began in 1930 and quickly drew crowds. In the 1940s, some 5,000 people packed the bleachers. Black-and-

white newsreels highlighted the "energetic grandpas." (The 70-member league is now co-ed; a few women play).

The 97-year-old player, Winchell Smith, says: "The place was mobbed then. They didn't have anything else to do."

Today, only a handful of people watch. St. Petersburg was once known as the mecca of "the newly wed and the nearly dead," but now that hipsters have moved in with their craft beer, kombucha and indie markets, few relics of the past survive. Kids & Kubs still has an office next door to the city's shuffleboard club, but young people have claimed that, too.

Kids & Kubs is a holdout of old Florida. Players arrive before 9 to stretch and practice in the warm winter sun. Most are veterans, with many having served in com-

bat in World War II. Dugout talk often consists of hospital visits and arthritis. Some topics are more serious: One longtime player lost his wife recently. Each year, two or three teammates die.

But they don't dwell on the inevitable. While they've updated their dress white uniforms — they wear shorts and polo shirts and no longer are required to don bow ties — they still play robust doubleheaders three days a week.

"Play ball," calls out Don Osborn, the 90-year-old announcer. He's the league's scorekeeper, announcer and website manager. He's also the only one who still wears a bowtie when the Kids & Kubs play.

The origin of the league name is unclear. Player Clarence Faucett, 89, thinks it has something to do with when the team

used to fundraise for a local children's hospital, decades ago. The players were the kids; the children in the hospital were the "kubs."

"We don't know that for sure," Faucette said. "That mystery will probably never be solved."

Smith, a team captain who played second base when he was younger, is now a Kids & Kubs catcher. He credits his longevity to healthy eating and playing ball.

And while exercise and clean eating clearly help people stay healthy, longevity experts say friends and camaraderie are important, too.

Relying on others, and knowing others rely on you, gives life meaning, said Nick Buettner, who works for the Blue Zone Project in Minneapolis and who has studied longevity and aging.

"A reason to get up in the

morning," he said. "I'm guessing for a lot of these people, the softball team gives a strong sense of purpose."

Smith said the league "keeps me going, the only thing really," he said. "If I didn't have this, I'd be sitting in a rocking chair ready to die."

Wayne Hill, a 75-year-old who splits his year between Michigan and Florida, said he'd been waiting 30 years to join the league. He's had a triple bypass, aortic valve surgery and a hip replacement but says playing ball is the best thing he can do for his body — and mind.

"The challenge of still playing. The challenge of going after a ball, throwing a ball, hitting a ball. It's unbelievably great," he said, grinning. "It's just the thrill of the game. I'm not in it to win or lose, I'm in it to play."

How mobile video is changing the way we witness crime

NEW YORK (AP) — Mobile video is changing the way we witness crime, from live footage of a mentally disabled man tortured by four assailants, to a recording that led to the manslaughter conviction of an Israeli soldier, to the body cameras designed to keep police accountable.

We're all still wrestling with the implications.

In theory, such videos should make it easier to hold criminals, including police officers who violate the law, accountable. In practice, that hasn't always worked out the way proponents had hoped, although smartphone video played a big role in elevating public awareness of police violence.

And sometimes the presence of a camera might actually encourage criminal activity, or at least deter bystanders from helping victims.

SCENE OF THE CRIME

It's not clear how any of that might have played out in an incident on this week, when attackers used Facebook Live to stream the

beating and torture of a man with mental health problems. They threatened him with a knife, cut off his clothing and forced him to drink from a toilet.

The assault went on for up to two days, according to police, though it's unclear how much of it was streamed on Facebook Live. Police have arrested four people in connection with the crime.

Last year, an Ohio woman plead not guilty to charges of rape, kidnapping and other crimes for live-streaming the rape of a friend on Periscope, Twitter's live-streaming app. Prosecutors said Marina Lonina continued to film the assault despite the victim's cries for help, caught up in the attention the livestream was getting. Lonina's attorney said she was recording the attack as evidence.

During a Thursday press conference about the Chicago assault — itself live-streamed on Facebook — Chicago Police Cmdr. Kevin Duffin noted, "I can't understand why anyone puts anything on

Facebook."

FACEBOOK'S ROLE

Facebook says it does not allow people to "to celebrate or glorify crimes" on its site. It has already removed the original video of the Chicago incident for that reason.

But the social network does allow crime video when people share it "to condemn violence or raise awareness about it," the company said in an emailed statement.

That can lead to tricky assessments of intent. Facebook, for instance, wrote in a blog post that it would allow a violent video posted by someone who used it to help find the shooter, but would remove it when posted by another person who mocked the victim or celebrated violence.

Facebook generally tries to avoid making such judgments, preferring to rely on algorithms that automatically filter out banned content such as pornography. When it makes exceptions, it often wades into difficult territo-

ry — such as the time it was forced to restore the Pulitzer Prize-winning "napalm girl" photo after removing it because it features a naked child, blind to the photo's historical context and significance.

"We understand the unique challenges of live video," Facebook wrote in its July blog post after footage of a dying Philando Castile, bleeding inside a car after he was shot by police, went viral. The social network says it keeps a team on-call 24 hours a day to respond to reports of inappropriate video — though its reactive approach means that some material could easily go unreported.

Facebook Live is an important product for Facebook, and in recent months the company has gone to great lengths to promote it with notifications, sidewalk ad displays and TV commercials. The vast majority of live streams don't involve crime, and Facebook is unlikely to rein back the product just because of a few difficult situ-

ations.

It's "unfortunate" that acts of violence and terror have come to represent live streams, said Benjamin Burroughs, a professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas focused on emerging media, in an email to The Associated Press.

More civic-minded streaming lets people "bypass traditional media and connect directly with their social networks and the general public," he said. Live streaming is powerful, he added, because it "produces really strong emotions in viewers, which can be used to unify or divide people."

READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP

Online crime footage has been around much longer than live streams. While live broadcast gives them a sense of immediacy, many live videos only go viral well after the fact. So it may not really matter whether a video is live or not, just that it's a concrete record of a crime that happened, visible to all who dare to click.