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Loves to paint

Michael Ivey retired as a pastor in 2012, giving himself some extra time to spend on one of his loves, painting. He calls his style "realistic and naturalism." His work can be viewed through Feb. 26 at Reflections Gallery in Chattanooga. See Lifestyles, Pages 29-30.

Community needs

The United Way of Bradley County has completed its Community Needs Assessment which gives an indication of what the public feels are the most pressing problems in the area. It will be presented Monday at the Bradley County Commission work session. See story, Page 5.

Veterans get quilts

The First Baptist Church Quilting Club recently presented quilts to the Aid-a-Veteran organization and to the Vietnam War veterans. The three-year-old club's "Covering His World" has created quilts that have not only helped locally, but to many in other countries and service men and women at Fort Hood. See story, Page 45

Forecast

Sunny skies and temperatures on the lower to mid 50s are forecast for today. Tonight skies should be mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and snow showers after midnight. Monday's outlook calls for rain showers in the morning then rain and snow showers in the afternoon. Light snow accumulation is possible. Temperatures are expected in the lower to mid 40s.

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Board fires city schools director

Ringstaff has option to appeal termination

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

Cleveland Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff was fired from his position Friday in an emotional called session of the Cleveland Board of Education. The vote to take the action was 5-2.

The action means the Ringstaff era has ended for the Cleveland City School System, and probably in Cleveland altogether.

But, there is still the possibility Ringstaff could appeal the board's decision.

School board members will now move on with the completion of the 2015-16 school year. They must first select an interim director of schools, and then name a replacement for the future.

Although the school board has not yet openly discussed its selection of an interim (or permanent) replacement, a possible candidate — at least, for the finish of this school year — could be the city school system's assistant director, Cathy Goodman.

The choice is expected to be made in a special called meeting of the board at 7:30 a.m.



Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS

IT WAS A VERY GLUM atmosphere at the Cleveland City Schools central office Friday as Board of Education members met with Tennessee School Board Association attorney Charles "Chuck" Cagle to consider the termination of Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff. At the head table, prior to the deliberations, were from left, administration assistant to Ringstaff and Communications Supervisor Andrea Beyerly, attorney Cagle, Board Chair Dawn Robinson, and board members Dr. Muri Dirksen and Peggy Pesterfield.

Monday.

The board probably will then launch an extensive search for its next city schools director.

Board members have expressed a desire to look ahead, but Friday's vote to dismiss Ringstaff could continue to dwell on the minds of school system personnel — administrators, teachers, students, and parents, as well as the Cleveland and

Bradley County community.

At Friday's emotional session, two board members who did not vote for the immediate termination of Ringstaff, without any compensation, were Dr. Muri Dirksen and Peggy Pesterfield. They favored an earlier motion by the vice chairman (Dirksen), which called for Ringstaff to vacate his office by the end of the day Friday, submit his resigna-

tion, and be paid accrued vacation pay for 17.5 days.

It was later confirmed Ringstaff had already vacated his office.

Board members voting for Ringstaff's immediate dismissal included board chair Dawn Robinson, chairman pro-tem Steve Morgan, Charlie Cogdill,

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Letter disputes a cause for termination

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

The Cleveland Board of Education was tossed into a cauldron of emotion this week over alleged actions of its former Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff.



Ringstaff

Board members offered support early in the situation, until additional information surfaced. The board continued with somewhat of a supportive stance, laced with sympathy for his family,

until Friday's decisive termination.

That termination came with an

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Cash: Vouchers are not solution for at-risk kids

'Teachers in the building make a huge difference'

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

Educators with the Bradley County Schools say they are already helping those at-risk, low-income family students which the school voucher bill to be voted on in the state House of Representatives on Monday claims to serve.

The bill has gained wide disdain from educators across the state who say the idea of giving vouchers to public school students in order to allow them to attend private schools would take away from the abilities of the public schools to make the improvements necessary to educate those students.

For those here in Bradley County, the argument is not about any professional benefits.

For them, it's personal and comes from the heart.

"I want to talk about what we can do for our kids that are in those situations versus taking public money to take them out [of public schools]," said County Director of Schools Dr. Linda Cash.

Cash said having had the experiences of teaching and working in high-poverty schools and very affluent schools, it is her firm belief the leadership in the building makes a huge difference.

"The teachers in the building make a huge difference," she said. "Are they qualified? Do they love those kids? And, do we not make excuses because of where they come from and hold high standards?"

Cash said she has seen three low-performing schools as described in the voucher bill make complete

turnarounds after change in leadership and changes in teachers who "weren't on board with us."

"What we actually did was reach out to those families and opened up the doors of our schools a little longer, gave no excuses for poor performance and changed the environment."

"Before I would back any voucher, I would want to know the answers to those questions," Cash said. "What have we truly

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Surveys to give parents voice in reaccreditation

By CHRISTY ARMSTRONG
Banner Staff Writer

Officials with Bradley County Schools are asking parents to help as they work toward the school system's next accreditation review.

For the past two weeks, officials have been asking students, parents, teachers and support staff to fill out online surveys about the state of the school system.

Next year, the school system will go through its next five-year review by its accrediting organization, AdvancED (formerly known as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on Accreditation and School Improvement).

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New kiosk increases educational opportunities along the Greenway

AUSTIN BURNETTE, left, and Aayla Bates point to their favorite birds featured on the information kiosk at the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway.



By JOYANNA LOVE
Banner Senior Staff Writer

A walk on the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway is not just good for the body, but also good for the mind.

Now the learning opportunities along this popular linear park have expanded, thanks to an information kiosk made possible by the Cleveland Rotary Club and the nonprofit Men and Women of Action.

"Donations for the materials were funded by the local club, and Ron Heil (an MWOA volunteer) built the structure in his workshop," said Cameron Fisher, chairman of the Greenway board and a member of the Cleveland Rotary Club. "Heil was assisted by

fellow MWOA members who delivered and mounted the 10-foot tall kiosk between the big yellow chair and the pavilion."

Located in Greenway Park, the kiosk features four panels displaying information about area wildlife, as well as community events.

"He did a fantastic job," Rotarian Peggy Pesterfield said. "We love it. ... We are excited to give people an opportunity to recognize what they see on the Greenway and learn something."

The design chosen matches the stacked stone look of existing structures in Greenway

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Debbie Melton to serve as 2016 Great Strides chair

Walk planned April 2
Special to the Banner

The sixteenth annual "Great Strides: Walk Today. Add Tomorrows." will be held Saturday, April 2.

Cleveland business leader Debbie Melton will serve for a second year as chairperson for the Cleveland/Bradley 2016 Great Strides Walk and 65 Roses 5K road race for the Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Foundation.

"We are thrilled that Debbie Melton has agreed to lead our Great Strides community effort for a second year," said Dr. Paul Conn, president of Lee University. "She was such an effective and enjoyable person to work with. It's easy to see why

she is such a popular young leader in our community, and we at Lee look forward to working with her again this year."

Lee University and a group of community volunteers sponsor the Cleveland Great Strides walk. Last year, over 450 runners and 200 walkers, 28 teams of walkers, individuals, companies, and volunteers raised over \$74,000 locally to fund cystic fibrosis research. The CF Foundation uses Great Strides as its staple fundraising event to increase awareness.

"I am humbled and honored to be asked for a second term to be the community chair for Great Strides cystic fibrosis foundation," said Melton. "My dad has always told me that you are rich if you have your health.

Watching from the sidelines on how much effort and determination it takes for a person to live with this disease, I find my dad's words of wisdom so surreal. I want to be a small part of supporting the efforts of all to find a cure for cystic fibrosis. My heart has been changed forever! God bless these children."

CF is a genetic disease which damages and eventually destroys the lungs of its patients. The proceeds from Great Strides go directly to support research and drug development for those affected by the disease.

"We have had such an incredible past year for our cystic fibrosis community," said Leigh

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Contributed photo
DEBBIE MELTON, right center, leads the charge at the 2015 Great Strides Walk, and will hold the same voluntary leadership role in the coming event for 2016.

OBITUARIES

Anita L. Flatts

Anita L. Flatts, 84, of Rossville, Ga., died on Saturday morning, Feb. 6, 2016 at Hutcheson Medical Center.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Companion Funeral Home.



Nelson 'Artie' Goldston

Nelson Armad 'Artie' Goldston, 28, of Cleveland, died Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at his home.

He attended 2nd Street Church of Christ in Cleveland, attended Cleveland High School and graduated from Nashville Diesel College.

He enjoyed spending time with his daughter and his family. He enjoyed hunting and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his father, Nelson Goldston; great-grandmother, Blanche Woods; grandparents: Willis and Pauline Goldston; uncles: James Woods and Robert E. Mack; and aunts: Betty Mack and Willette Goldston.

Survivors include his mother, Rebecca Woods; daughter, Kaylin Milner and her mother, Malanie Milner; grandmother, Mary Ellen Woods; brother, Stephon (Keisha) Woods; one uncle, William (Sonya) Goldston; five aunts: Sherry Smith, Bertha Goldston, Faye Goldston, Kaye (Ronald) McClure and Elise Goldston; three nieces and a nephew; special cousins: Brandon Goldston and Wesley Goldston; three special friends: Jamie Thompson, Leann Sharp, and Juddson Dawson; and a host of family friends and classmates.

The funeral will be held Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at 1 p.m. at the 2nd Street Church of Christ in Cleveland with Brother Ronald Simmons delivering the eulogy.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 1 to 6 p.m. at the church and one hour before the service at the church on Tuesday, from noon until 1 p.m.

Interment will follow the service at Fort Hill Cemetery.

Services of loving memory are entrusted to M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home.

Words of comfort may be submitted at www.dotsonfh.com



Sue Gail Hughes

Sue Gail Hughes, 52, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at Erlanger Medical Center.

She was born in Cleveland on Jan. 7, 1964. She was of the Christian faith. She worked for many years at Shaw Industries. She enjoyed scrape booking, crafts, puzzles and spending time with her family.

She was preceded in death by her father, Chess Franklin Denton.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughter, Martessa Hughes; her mother, Susan Hall; two grandchildren: Hailey Hughes and Shiloh Denton; sisters: Carolyn Taylor (Joe), Velda LaBar (Gary), Jamie Hamba (John), Annette Newby and Jeannette Blair (Jimmy); brothers: Jerry Denton (Robin), Clay Hall, Mike Whittle and Paul Whittle (Sheila); lifelong companion, Eddie Hughes; special cousin and caregiver, Angela Barbee; several nieces, nephews and

other extended family members.

A celebration of her life is planned for Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the Echoes of Mercy Baptist Church, located at 535 Durkee Road S.E. with the Rev. Daniel White officiating.

The family will receive friends on Monday at the church from 5 to 7 p.m. service time.

The interment and committal will take place on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016, at 12 p.m. in the Lee Cemetery with David Barbee, Jason Burke, Craig Cook, Joe Taylor, Jerry Norman and Clint Hutto serving as pallbearers. The funeral procession will leave the Echoes of Mercy Baptist Church parking lot on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family request the memorial donations be made in Gail's honor to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Companion Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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



Mary Elizabeth Lane

Mary Elizabeth Lane, 80, of Cleveland, passed away on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016.

She was born on June 4, 1935, to the late William Horace and Louise Elizabeth Coker. She was a lifelong resident of this area. She was an avid gardener and loved cooking, fishing, and all kinds of sports. Above all things, however, she loved her family and spending time with them.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Jack Lane; daughter, Elizabeth Louise Eller; brother, Charles Coker; and longtime companion, Pete Whitted.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory one son, David Greene (Kathy); three daughters: Gail King (G.L.), Jane McAmis (Keith), and Linda Hubbard (Travis); brothers: Bill Coker and Tom Coker; sisters: Julia Tinsley, Catherine Rollins, and Ann Groves; grandchildren: Robin Thomas, Jennifer Aaron, April Humphrey, Tim Presley, Jason Odom, Sommer Maynor, Jaclyn Willis, Andrew Howard and Kayla Matthews; and great-grandchildren: Logan, Morgan, Landon, and Lexi Aaron, Rebekah Peek, Joshua Cofer, Olivia Odom, Emma Kate Maynor, Alie and Tori Howard, Dillon and Dakota Thomas.

A funeral will be held at 3 p.m. on today, Feb. 7, 2016, at Companion Funeral Home, 2419 Georgetown Road, with Pastor Travis Hubbard officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. prior to the service.

Interment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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



Glenna Martin

Glenna Martin, 65, of Cleveland, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at a local hospital.

Arrangements will be announced by Grissom-Serenity Funeral Home & Cremation Services.



Janette Cheek McClure

Janette Cheek McClure, 83, of Delano, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016, at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born on July 6, 1932, to the late William F. and Stella Lou Cheek.

She was a lifelong resident of Polk County, where she served as a teacher in the Polk County School System for 42 years. She

was also an avid reader and a member of Wetmore Baptist Church.

In addition to her mother and father, she was preceded in death by a nephew, Todd Cheek; and brother-in-law, E.L. Bowers.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her husband of 45 years, Charles McClure; brother, Garvin Cheek (Sharon Roberts); sister, Margie Bowers; brother-in-law, Clarence McClure (Patsy); sisters-in-law: Mary Finley (Robert) and Ruth Ann Kersey (Jackie); and several nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

The funeral was held at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, at Wetmore Baptist Church, 9801 US 411, Delano, TN 37325.

Interment will be held today at 2 p.m. at Benton Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to Wetmore Baptist Church Building Fund, American Cancer Society, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or Hospice of Chattanooga.

The family would also like to give special appreciation to Janette's caretaker, Patty Rucker.

You are invited to share a personal memory of Janette 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 McClure family with these arrangements.



Edna Nance

Edna Nance, 89, of Cleveland, died Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016 at a Chattanooga hospital.

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



Douglas Ray Shelton

Douglas Ray Shelton, 59, son of Winston and Irene Shelton of Delano, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2016, at an Athens hospital.

He is survived by his parents; brother, Woodley "Button" Shelton; and nephews, niece, great-nieces, great-nephew and several other relatives.

The funeral will be held at 3 p.m. today, Feb. 7, 2016, at Higgins Funeral Home in Benton, with the Rev. Johnny Moore officiating.

Interment will follow in Delano Cemetery with military honors.

A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.

Serving as pallbearers: Steve Hawkins, Johnny Russell, Charles Ferry, Zeb Shelton, Nathan Swafford and Jeffery Sneed.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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



Jessie Ledford Taylor

Jessie Ledford Taylor, 82, of Calhoun, passed away, Thursday evening, Feb. 4, 2016, at Tennova Healthcare of Cleveland.

Born April 17, 1933, to the late Rev. L.V. and Eula Mae Cunningham Ledford, she lived most of her life in the Bradley and McMinn counties and was a member of Unity Church of God.

She retired from Hardwick Clothes with over 20 years of service and enjoyed singing, reading her Bible and spending time with her family and friends.

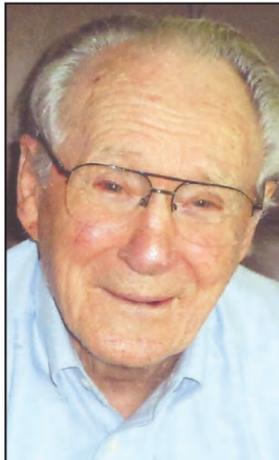
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Taylor; grandson, Michael Kirkpatrick; and brothers: Leroy Ledford and Gene Ledford.

She is survived by her children: Bobby Taylor and wife, Teresa, of Sweetwater, Charlotte Taylor of Cleveland, Brenda Taylor of Harrison, and Donnie Taylor of Calhoun; grandchildren: Ray Taylor and wife, Jessica, of San Antonio, Texas, and Brian Rose and wife, Ronnie, of Polk County, and David Taylor and wife, Tiffany, of Sweetwater; sisters: Alice Wheeler and husband, Robert, of McDonald, and Frances McIntire of McDonald; brothers: Larry Ledford of Cleveland and Rev. Winston Ledford and wife Louise of Cleveland; 11 grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family members.

The funeral was conducted at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016, from the chapel of Grissom Serenity Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Family and friends will meet at 1:30 p.m. today at the funeral home and proceed to Cofer Cemetery for the 2 p.m. committal service.

Online condolences may be sent to www.grissomserenity.com.



James Wesley Vaughn

James Wesley Vaughn, 87, of Cleveland, passed away Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016.

He was born on Oct. 3, 1928, to the late Clarence and Dessie Vaughn.

He was a resident of this area for more than 50 years and a member of Lebanon Baptist Church.

He loved camping, gardening, working in the yard, "tinkering," and watching "Gunsmoke" and Westerns. Above all things, he loved spending time with his family.

In addition to his mother and father, he was preceded in death by two wives: Ruby Boring Vaughn and Beulah Mae Vaughn; son, James Gary Vaughn; daughter, Anna Irene Moynihan; stepdaughter, Kathy Gates; and stepson-in-law, Dale Murray.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory two stepsons: Lamar Gates (Irene), and Michael Gates; three stepdaughters: Phyllis Murray, Debbie Farris (Fletcher), and Janie Osborne (Jason); and several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and extended family members and friends.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 8, 2016, at Lebanon Baptist Church, 1411 Old Parksville Road N.E., with the Rev. Fletcher Farris officiating.

The family will receive friends from 2 until 5 p.m. today at the church and from 1 until 2 p.m. prior to the service on Monday.

Interment will follow the service at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

Companion Funeral and Cremation Service and the Cody family are honored to assist the Vaughn family with these arrangements.



Police: girl fatally shot by 3-year-old

IRONDALE, Ala. (AP) — Police say a 3-year-old Alabama boy has accidentally shot and killed his 9-year-old sister.

Irondale police Chief Ken Atkinson tells AL.com that the shooting took place Saturday afternoon at their grandparents' house in a Birmingham suburb.

He says the boy found a loaded pistol on a bedroom nightstand and shot his sister in the head with it.

Atkinson says the incident seems to be a "tragic accident" but an investigation is underway.

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National parks face \$12 billion backlog for maintenance work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Park Service is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year, but the system faces a multibillion dollar maintenance backlog that officials say is no cause for rejoicing.

Long-delayed projects range from replacing water works at the Grand Canyon to making sure the Jefferson Memorial doesn't sink into the Tidal Basin to improving roads at Yosemite National Park.

The bill for deferred work is nearly \$12 billion nationwide — a \$440 million increase over last year. About half the total is for road work. The remainder is for buildings, campgrounds, trails and infrastructure such as water systems and wastewater treatment.

Hoping to take advantage of the Park Service's August centennial, President Barack Obama has proposed spending \$900 million over three years to reduce the backlog, with another \$300 million targeted for restoration projects.

Park Service Director Jonathan Jarvis said the annual bill for maintaining America's national parks is nearly twice as much as appropriated by Congress, with expenses growing every year.

Still, Jarvis said he is encouraged that Congress seems to be getting the message after years of complaints.

Lawmakers approved \$547 million for maintenance in the current budget year, a \$118 million increase over last year. The figure includes spending in the agency's budget and in the five-year transportation law Congress approved in December.

"We have a lot yet to do, but I think everything is moving in the right direction," Jarvis said Friday, adding: "Congress has pitched in."

The Park Service also hopes to

expand a Centennial Challenge project that enables the agency to leverage private contributions to complete important projects that improve visitor services in the parks, Jarvis said. Congress provided \$15 million for projects this year that will be matched by almost \$33 million from more than 90 park partners, Jarvis said.

The centennial project includes \$4 million to support the "Every Kid in a Park" program that provides opportunities for children, especially 4th graders, to experience national parks.

Most of the nation's 409 park sites have a piece of the maintenance backlog.

Alcatraz, the former federal prison in California, has crumbling walls and deteriorating windows. Mammoth Cave in Kentucky needs to have dirt trails replaced for safety.

And a historic hotel at Montana's Glacier National Park needs a new fire sprinkler system and other work. "Failure to rehabilitate this building will pose serious health and life safety threats to park visitors and park and concession employees," the Park Service said in a report to Congress detailing its budget requests.

Emily Douce, a lobbyist for the National Parks Conservation Association, a nonprofit advocacy group, said spending increases approved by Congress "will add up to vital improvements for park visitors across the country."

Still, lawmakers can do more, Douce said.

"Congress can ensure our parks are better prepared for another century by dedicating significant funding for the Centennial Challenge program so it can continue to successfully attract outside funds that will help operate and maintain our parks," she said.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn:

Cash 4 Midday: 5-3-0-8
Georgia FIVE Evening: 5-3-8-8-0
Georgia FIVE Midday: 4-4-5-3-9
(four, four, five, three, nine)

TENNESSEE Saturday

Cash 3 Evening: 4-7-0, Lucky Sum: 11
Cash 3 Midday: 7-3-8, Lucky Sum: 18
Cash 3 Morning: 0-1-7, Lucky Sum: 8
Cash 4 Evening: 6-3-4-8, Lucky Sum: 21
Cash 4 Midday: 6-8-0-4, Lucky Sum: 18
Cash 4 Morning: 0-6-0-9

Friday

Cash 3 Evening: 5-6-6, Lucky Sum: 17
Cash 3 Midday: 4-4-1, Lucky Sum: 9
Cash 3 Morning: 1-0-6, Lucky Sum: 7
Cash 4 Evening: 0-5-5-2, Lucky Sum: 12
Cash 4 Midday: 4-8-4-1, Lucky Sum: 17
Cash 4 Morning: 0-8-3-5, Lucky Sum: 16
Mega Millions: 04-06-23-55-75, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 3
Tennessee Cash: 03-12-20-25-31, Bonus: 4

GEORGIA Saturday

All or Nothing Day: 01-04-08-09-10-12-13-14-17-20-22-24
All or Nothing Evening: 02-03-08-12-15-18-19-20-21-22-23-24
All or Nothing Morning: 01-04-05-08-09-11-12-13-15-19-20-24
Cash 3 Evening: 1-3-2
Cash 3 Midday: 6-2-6

All or Nothing Day: 03-04-05-06-08-14-16-17-18-19-20-23
All or Nothing Evening: 05-06-08-09-10-11-13-15-16-18-21-23
All or Nothing Morning: 01-03-05-07-09-10-12-16-17-18-23-24
All or Nothing Night: 02-06-07-08-10-12-13-15-16-17-18-21
Cash 3 Evening: 6-6-8
Cash 3 Midday: 4-7-8
Cash 4 Evening: 4-0-3-8
Cash 4 Midday: 7-0-2-6
Fantasy 5: 03-23-27-36-40
Georgia FIVE Evening: 1-0-1-8-3
Georgia FIVE Midday: 5-3-6-9-6
Mega Millions: 04-06-23-55-75, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 3

IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Donna Brown, Angie Thornton, Pam Munford, Gary Ellis, Jennifer Ridge, Kelly Osment, Shawn Driscoll, Stephen McAmis and Jennifer Landrith, who are celebrating birthdays today ... Paula Boling, who turns 53 ... Carolyn Dover, who is celebrating her 61st birthday today.

At Ocoee Story Fest

Storyteller Lowry keeps them laughing

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

This year's Ocoee Story Fest had them laughing out loud as Southern humorist Tim Lowry brought his unique brand of humor to lighten up Cleveland's night.

Lowry, who makes his home in Summerville, S.C., grew up in southeastern Kentucky where he learned the art of storytelling from Appalachian folk who spun yarns and told tales to entertain, teach morals and pass along local history.

Judy Baker, program director for the Cleveland Storytelling Guild, said Lowry had students in three local schools — Hopewell Elementary, Arnold Elementary and Park View Elementary — “in the palm of his hand” as he was able to reach into his trove of historical stories to share with students.

“Whenever we start looking at tellers to invite, the first thing we look at is whether they go into schools,” she said. “Especially since we started the partnership with the Allied Arts Council [of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce], that's our number one criteria. They must enjoy it and have a resume that shows they have been in schools.”

“He told the story of Peter Parker and the Battle of Charleston, SC at the opening of the Revolutionary War,” she said. “This was something from the student's backyard. I had never heard it. The kids had never heard it because you think of the Boston Tea Party. You don't think of the Revolution in Charleston. The kids were eating out of there hand and it was American history made entertaining. They will remember



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STORYTELLER TIM LOWRY spins a tale about his childhood during the Ocoee Story Fest held Friday night at First Presbyterian Church in Cleveland. The event was sponsored by the Cleveland Storytelling Guild with assistance from the Allied Arts Council of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

that.”

Baker said Lowry asked before arriving to have the teachers suggest subjects they are studying “and I will do everything I can to match their curriculum.”

“What he has done at every school has been ‘What are you doing in social studies?’” she said. “At one school, it was industrial revolution. Well, he had a story that applied to that. At another school, it was westward expansion. He pulled a story out that went right along with that.”

Baker said she saw “many, many new faces” at the event this year.

“We have reached out far and wide to the community,” she said. “This is great.”

The Guild does “Tellebration” in the fall featuring local storytelling talent and then in the spring, “Warm Stories and Hot Cider,” which Baker says is the Guild's signature event.

In August, plans are for the Crossville Storytelling Guild to come to Cleveland for a joint concert. In April, the Clevelanders will head to Crossville and do a joint concert there.

This year marked the 21st annual Story Fest in Cleveland.

“This is for the community and we keep the admission price affordable so people can come and hear world class storytelling,” Baker said.

She said there are “fabulous storytellers here,” but adds hav-

ing guests come in allow audiences to hear “a different voice.”

“It's somebody who is either a veteran of the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough or someone who is good enough to be on the stage a Jonesborough,” Baker said. “It's not easy for people to get to Jonesborough, so we bring a little bit of Jonesborough here.”

The Cleveland Storytellers Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the Cleveland/Bradley County Public Library at 7 p.m. and the public is invited to join in the fun.

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Obama to seek double funding for clean energy R&D by 2020

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama said Saturday that he'll ask Congress to double spending on research and development into clean energy by 2020. But the request is unlikely to be fulfilled.

Republican lawmakers who rule Congress scoff at the science behind climate change and dismiss Obama's pleas for the issue to be dealt with urgently. In an unusual twist in Obama's final year in office, the GOP chairmen of the House and Senate budget committees have said they will not hold a customary hearing on the president's budget proposal the day after they receive it.

Obama plans to unveil the

spending blueprint public on Tuesday, just as New Hampshire voters head to the polls in the first presidential primary of the race to succeed him.

“Rather than subsidize the past, we should invest in the future,” Obama said in his weekly radio and Internet address, outlining his wish for the increased spending.

Federal spending on clean energy R&D would jump from \$6.4 billion this year to \$12.8 billion by 2020 under Obama's proposal, administration officials said. Spending would increase by about 15 percent in each of the five years of the pledge. If approved, the budget that takes effect Oct. 1 would provide \$7.7 billion for clean

energy R&D across 12 federal departments and agencies for the 2017 fiscal year.

Obama's proposal is part of the “Mission Innovation” initiative he announced at last year's U.N. climate conference in Paris.

Some 20 countries, including the U.S., China, India and Brazil, have committed to double their respective budgets for this type of research over five years.

The White House said earlier this week that Obama wants oil companies to pay a \$10 fee on every barrel of oil to help raise money for spending on clean transportation to combat climate change. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., immediately declared the president's proposed oil tax “dead on arrival.”

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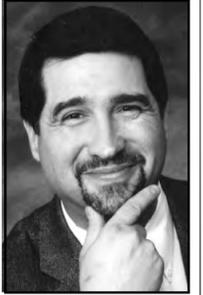
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Black Ministries Awareness event set for Thursday at PTS



Arlene Hall

By JOYANNA LOVE
Banner Senior Staff Writer

Church of God's Multi-Cultural Ministries will be holding its annual Black Ministries Awareness event on Thursday at the Pentecostal Theological Seminary.

The event will celebrate the many contributions members of African descent have made to the Church of God, according to a Multi-Cultural Ministries press release. The theme for this year is "Together We Go."

Kenneth Hill, director of Church of God Multi-Cultural Ministries, said the theme was selected to parallel the Church of God General Assembly theme of "Go."

The event will kick off with a special chapel service at 11 a.m. featuring the Rev. Arlene Hall, a native of Jamaica, is a doctoral ministry student at Pentecostal Theological Seminary.

Lee University Evangelistic Singers will also be participating in the event.

The chapel service will be followed by a luncheon and lecture by Dr. Michael Reynolds, senior pastor of New Life Celebration. The topic of the lecture will be "Cultural Diversity." Reynolds is also the associate dean at Trinity University.

The community is being welcomed to each of the talks. However, a RSVP is required for the free luncheon, provided by

the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Reservations can be made by calling 423-478-1131 before 5 p.m. on Wednesday.

Hill said "it means a great deal to us (to partner with the seminary) because the seminary is a multicultural seminary with several countries around the world" represented there.

"What Black Ministries Awareness does is it shows the relationship with the ministry and the seminary," Hill said.

The partnership between the ministry and the educational institution goes beyond a one-day event. A few years ago, the two came together to establish eight scholarships at the seminary for students of African descent.

The celebration is a part of the monthlong Black Ministries Awareness Celebration. On Feb. 14, Church of God churches are encouraged to "allow time to recognize the contributions Black Ministries have made to the Church of God," according to the press release.

"Since 1909, African-descent members have made many contributions to the Church of God leading back to Revs. Edmond and Rebecca Barr, Church of God ministers of African descent who were the first individuals to take the gospel outside the United States to Nassau, Bahamas," the release states.

The ministry of this couple was commemorated in 2014



Kenneth Hill

with a plaque in the Church of God International Prayer Plaza.



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OFFICIALS OF CLEVELAND'S Habitat for Humanity organization were the guest speakers at this week's Cleveland Kiwanis Club luncheon at the downtown Elks Lodge. Communicating after the program were, from left, Kiwanis President Jaynese Waddell, Chip Willis and LaManda Bowers of Habitat, and Kiwanis Program Chair Traci Hamilton.

Willis: Habitat starting year of activities with Women Build

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

Executive Director Chip Willis, and Volunteers manager LaManda Bowers, of Cleveland's Habitat for Humanity organization were the guest speakers at this week's Cleveland Kiwanis Club luncheon at the Elks Lodge downtown.

The two Habitat officers discussed the growth of Habitat in Cleveland, the fact the organization celebrated its 25-year anniversary last fall, and plans for 2016 and the years ahead.

Willis, who is the new director for Habitat, said he is pleased with his first few months in Cleveland, with the community, and the mission and direction of Habitat.

He touched briefly and fleetingly on some ups and downs of the organization last year, which resulted in his hire.

"I'm the new guy," Willis said to open his talk. He added that he did some research on the Kiwanis Club, and realizes its storied past.

He asked Kiwanis members if they knew how many homes Habitat has given away. The guesses were 150, and 125.

Willis exclaimed 125 was the closest, but added, "You're all wrong."

He said the answer is zero. "We don't give homes away," he added. He then explained that Habitat homeowners enter into a partnership with Habitat, and use sweat equity, and later mortgage payments, to purchase their homes. He also acknowledged it was a trick question.

Willis then asked if anyone knew who founded the Habitat organization. The answer of Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter, was recognized as a good one, because most people connect the

former president with Habitat.

He said Habitat's founders were Millard and Linda Fuller in 1976.

Willis added the Carters are expected to be in Tennessee later this year, at a huge Habitat building event in Memphis.

The Habitat director touched on the time he was employed at the Ringling Brothers museum in Florida. He said members of the circus family were great collectors of rare art. He said they collected so much, they had to have a museum to put it in.

He then told of a life-changing event where his partner was incapacitated by a stroke. He said all the time he spent in hospitals, and care and rehabilitation centers, made him aware of all the people who spend time in the service of others.

Willis said he then realigned his life and decided to help the underserved.

He previously worked with an agency which helped the blind and those with vision deficiencies. He now hopes he came help Habitat provide homes for the homeless.

"We're back to building houses, and we have a number of things planned (for 2016)," he said

Habitat's director then relinquished the podium to Bowers, who opened with the fact Habitat's annual Women Build is ready to kick off for another year.

This program started in 2014. Last year there were 40 teams of women, with up to 10 women on each team. They constructed two homes at the start of the year, which led to four at the end of the year and a total of 124 Habitat homes in the organization's 25 years.

Habitat is planning to build six homes this year, beginning with two Women Build homes.

Bowers emphasized Women Build in a "pay-to-play" project. Each of the participating women pay \$50 for a four-hour shift on one of the two homes. That money goes to the construction project.

Women Build began at the Charlotte, N.C., Habitat organization in 1991, and became a national initiative in 1998. It did not take place in Cleveland until recently (2014).

"It's not about your experience," Bowers added. She said you may be a carpenter, but even if you've never handled a hammer, you can participate.

Bowers went on to talk about Habitat's Hard Hats and High Heels gala, which is connected to Women Build. She also mentioned other projects planned by Habitat.

Willis ended the duo's program by urging Kiwanis Club members to support and volunteer with Habitat.

Other Kiwanis news:

— President-elect Jeff Miller said the club continues to seek additional locations for gumball machines which it sponsors. He said the machines can also have M&Ms, Skittles and other types of candies and treats.

— Kaye Smith reminded her fellow club members that the 4-H Public Speaking competition begins this week. Kiwanis helps with the event, and judging. The county final is scheduled for March 4.

Cleveland man charged Thursday in Polk County bank robbery

From Staff Reports

A Cleveland man was arrested for a bank robbery in Polk County on Thursday.

Corey Wehunt was apprehended and charged with the robbery of the Peoples' Bank in Ducktown soon after the incident occurred.

According to Polk County Sheriff's Department reports, on

Thursday, a man came into the bank wearing a mask and wielding a handgun, demanding money from tellers.

Bank employees quickly called the sheriff's department, who immediately put a bulletin out on the man.

Approximately 20 minutes later, a vehicle fitting the description was seen by Sgt. Brian

Epperson on U.S. Highway 64 and pulled over.

It was confirmed by authorities that the man inside was the suspect in the bank robbery. He was taken into custody. He was identified as Wehunt and has eventually charged with a federal offense in the bank robbery.

Polk County Sheriff Steve Ross said special thanks in the case go out to Epperson, Deputy Michael Cochran, Capt. Keith

Barker, Capt. Brian Fields, Detectives Kevin Cole and Pete Roberts, and communications officers Mike Loudermilk and L'Ene Creasman.

"These folks, along with the rest of the staff here at the sheriff's office do a great job day in and day out, but they really showed out today and I appreciate them very much," Ross said, adding he was very pleased that no one was injured in the ordeal.



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Tennessee, Georgia officials crack down on sex trafficking

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — Authorities say more than 20 people have been arrested on charges related to sex trafficking and online exploitation of children in Tennessee and Georgia.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said Friday that law enforcement officers conducted "Operation Watchful Guardians" this week in the two states. Agents conducted simultaneous operations that investigated and prosecuted people accused of being sex traffickers and online predators.

Agents arrested 16 men attempting to purchase sex from a prostitute and four women who were advertised as prostitutes. Victims of sex trafficking were identified and offered housing, counseling and addiction treatment.

In addition, three men were arrested for attempting to use the Internet to find underage girls for sex.

"Goodnight"

There comes a time in everyone's life when they must say "Goodbye." Instead, I would like to say "Goodnight, see you in the morning." That time has come for me.

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I have had good times as well as bad times; but, the highlight of my life is my Creator, my family, then each and every friend I have made throughout the years. Family, personal friends, neighbors, community, church, Ruritan, business..."All" too many to acknowledge by name. Please do not grieve by my not mentioning each friend's name. Just know each friendship means the world to me. You know if we are friends and how much you mean to me; and, in that I feel honored. Thanks for your friendship. I will keep each one of you in my dreams.

Goodnight, till we meet at the end of you day. Till we start our new journey together at break of dawn.

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Cy Harris will be the speaker Tuesday at 7 a.m. for His Hands Extended Devotional at Garden Plaza, 3500 Keith St.

Mount Zion United Methodist Church, 7223 Georgetown Road N.W. will have a special service for Ash Wednesday, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Central Church of Christ, 200 25th street N. W., will celebrate their 90th Homecoming today. Fellowship with free donuts at 9 a.m., Bible study at 9:30 a.m.

Worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a congregational luncheon and afternoon worship at 1 p.m. Mark Littleton will be the speaker.

The Christian Gospelairens will sing today at Trinity Chapel, 2779 APD 40 S.E. at 11:15 a.m.

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United Way completes Assessment Survey

Special to the Banner

"Identifying and meeting needs isn't just a part of our mission, it IS our mission," said United Way of Bradley County President and CEO Matt Ryerson.

"The most important part of our work is stewarding donor dollars and ensuring that we use those funds to create long-term solutions to our community's most pressing problems."

This process is not new to the United Way. In fact, this is the fourth Needs Assessment the organization has completed since 2005.

For nearly a decade the nonprofit has been using these reports to guide their grant making and allocations process.

"The most visible and successful example of using Needs Assessment data has to be Karis Dental Clinic," reported volunteer Tim Spires.

Spires, who chairs the United Way's Impact Committee that oversees all grants made by the organization, went on to say, "Four years ago, access to adult dental care was our community's highest rated unmet need. At

that point we decided that we could either continue to fund smaller projects here and there, or we could commit to tackling an issue and actually solving it."

In 2013, United Way volunteers made a significant financial investment to solve this problem permanently by supporting a new, reduced cost dental clinic, Karis Dental. In April 2014 the clinic held its grand opening and has gone on to provide more than \$500,000 worth of dental care for families in Bradley County who are living at or below the poverty line.

Those efforts seem to have paid off since, according to this most recent 2-1-1 call data, less than 1 percent of those individuals surveyed said access to specialty medicine was a problem for them.

"Our approach this year was more thorough than that in years past," said United Way's Community Impact coordinator Hailey Wood.

Wood, who was responsible for this year's Needs Assessment, said, "We gathered information from a variety of sources. We did

surveys, hosted focus groups with nonprofit service providers, and used the data from our resource and referral hotline, 2-1-1, to really build a comprehensive picture of what needs existed in the community."

According to Ryerson, the 2-1-1 data provided new insight into the Needs Assessment process.

"By using 2-1-1 data, we get an actual snapshot of what people are looking for help with in real time. It also helps us get a better picture of who is looking for help," Ryerson said.

According to 2-1-1 call data, more than two-thirds of people who called in were either disabled or working at least part-time.

"What this tells us is that it's mostly hard-working people who are looking for help. We should make sure our partners and the programs we fund are designed to help these folks who may be temporarily down on their luck," Ryerson said.

According to this year's Needs Assessment, 76 percent of individuals looking for help through 2-1-1 requested assistance with

their utility bill, food and housing costs like rent.

"I am really interested to see how this information impacts what we do moving forward," Ryerson said. "It's this type of information that will help us ensure that we are not just addressing the symptoms but actually treating the root cause of some of these issues."

Wood will be present the 2015 Community/United Way Needs Assessment during the Bradley County Commission work session on Monday, Feb. 8. An electronic copy of the document will be made available to the community on the United Way of Bradley County website (www.unitedway-bc.com) following the meeting. For questions or more information contact 423-479-2020 or haileywood@unitedwaybc.com.

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Woman jailed on murder charge in death of Marion County boy

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — Authorities say a 30-year-old woman has been arrested on charges of murder and child abuse in the death of her boyfriend's son.

The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation says Holly Rutledge, of Whitwell, was arrested Friday night at her job and booked into the Marion County Jail on \$50,000 bond. It is not clear if she has a lawyer.

The TBI says it began investigating the death of 6-year-old Lucas Michael Dillon on March 29, 2015, a day after authorities found his body in a home in Whitwell. Investigators say the boy died from blunt force trauma.

A grand jury in Marion County indicted Rutledge on first-degree murder and aggravated child abuse charges on Monday.

HUD says tenants at 2 Memphis complexes must relocate

MEMPHIS (AP) — Hundreds of tenants living at two Memphis apartment complexes will have to find new homes in the next couple of weeks following an order by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Media outlets report that HUD officials notified Rev. Richard Hamlet that his nonprofit, Global Ministries Foundation, failed to correct violations "to the satisfaction of the Secretary within 60 days" for the Warren and Tulane apartment complexes, and that tenants will have to relocate. The letter also ended subsidies provided to the apartments.

It's unclear how many families will be relocated, but Warren has 248 units and Tulane has 200 units. HUD will hire a relocation specialist to help tenants find new housing.

Warren and Tulane apartments failed federal inspections twice in the past year.

Hamlet says GMF will try to sell the properties.

Students, professors rally against perceived attacks

KNOXVILLE (AP) — A group of student and teacher organizations at the University of Tennessee are protesting on campus against what they feel are attacks on the school coming from the governor and the state legislature.

The Knoxville News Sentinel reports the groups are rallying against a number of bills being filed by the General Assembly that target the school. They're also protesting Gov. Bill Haslam's plans to move forward with a plan to privatize the management and maintenance of state-owned buildings, including those on the UT campus.

The school's Office of Diversity and Inclusion has drawn scorn from a number of Republican state lawmakers for suggesting the use of gender-neutral pronouns and recommending avoiding religious celebrations during the holiday season. A bill introduced would ban state funds used for the office.

Suspect in bank robbery shot and killed in Iredell County

UNION GROVE, N.C. (AP) — Authorities say the suspect in an Iredell County bank robbery was shot and killed after firing on police officers who cornered him in the woods.

Deputies told media outlets that the man gave employees at

the Capital Bank in Union Grove a note just before closing Friday saying he was armed and wanted money.

Investigators say police dogs tracked the suspect into the woods, finding him near a creek about a mile from the bank.

Authorities say as police went to arrest him, the suspect fired at officers, who shot back, killing him.

Three Iredell County deputies are on administrative leave as the shooting is investigated. The name of the man killed has not been released.

Gun dealer gets 2 1/2 years for selling weapons to felon

ASHEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Prosecutors say a gun dealer has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison for selling guns to a felon who was barred by law from buying them.

The U.S. Attorney's Office said in a press release that 55-year-old Philip Elliott also spoke to the felon about selling him rocket-propelled grenade launchers.

Elliott was sentenced Thursday. He ran Mountain Top Coins, Guns and Ammo in Franklin.

Authorities say when they arrested Elliott, they found about 20 guns that were not registered to be sold under requirements for gun dealers.

Federal law prohibits felons from owning firearms and gun dealers from selling them weapons.

2nd suspect arrested in death of Mercer basketball player

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) — Police say a second suspect accused in the shooting death of a Mercer University basketball player has been arrested.

Deputy John Edgar of the U.S. Marshals Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force told multiple news outlets that 33-year-old Damien Deray Henderson was captured Friday at an apartment in Decatur in the murder of Jibri Bryan. Edgar says 23-year-old Bryan was shot in the head Tuesday afternoon while sitting in a car outside a store in Macon.

Henderson is charged with felony murder. He is being held at the Bibb County Jail. It's not clear if he has an attorney.

Authorities say Jarvis Clinton Miller was arrested Wednesday and charged with felony murder in connection with the shooting. Miller was wounded in the incident and in stable condition at a hospital.

2 women killed in Nashville house fire

NASHVILLE (AP) — Officials say two women were killed and a third person was injured in a house fire in Nashville.

WTVF-TV reports that emergency crews were called to the fire in south Nashville on Friday evening.

Firefighters found two women, ages 60 and 63, in the front of the house. The 60-year-old woman died at Vanderbilt University Medical Center early Saturday. The 63-year-old victim was expected to survive.

Authorities found the body of the third woman in a front bedroom. She died after being taken to the hospital.

Investigators said the accidental fire was caused by a short in an aging electrical box in the basement. Authorities said they were unable to find any smoke alarms in the home.



Photo courtesy Bradley County Sheriff's Office

DEPUTY STEVE MCCOLLUM, right, recently completed classes offered by the Church Planting and Theological Institute at Candies Creek Church. McCollum received all A's in classes such as New Testament Greek, Bible Interpretation and Disciple-Making. The veteran officer currently is assigned to Courts Security. Sheriff Eric Watson, left, said "I'm proud of Steve's accomplishment as he completes these classes at CCCPTI. These are not easy courses. He worked hard for the excellent grades he earned. I'm always happy for members of the Bradley County Sheriff's office to further their education."

Man accused of IS-inspired plot to attack Detroit church

DETROIT (AP) — Authorities have arrested a 21-year-old Michigan man whom they accuse of supporting Islamic State militants and plotting to attack a Detroit church.

Khalil Abu-Rayyan, of Dearborn Heights, appeared Thursday in U.S. District Court in Detroit and remains jailed pending a Monday hearing. He hasn't been charged with terrorism-related crimes but has been investigated since May and faces marijuana and gun charges.

U.S. attorney's office spokeswoman Gina Balaya said Saturday that Abu-Rayyan will have a court-appointed attorney at the hearing, but she doesn't know who it would be. She said Abu-Rayyan had been under constant FBI surveillance recently due to growing concern about threats he made against the church, police officers and others in support of IS.

There's no indication he was acting with others, authorities said.

In a criminal complaint, the FBI says Abu-Rayyan expressed support for IS "propaganda" postings on social media, including videos of its members beheading captives. It also says he made several incriminating statements to an undercover agent, including that he supported IS, had a "desire to commit a martyrdom operation," and that he wanted to behead someone.

According to the complaint, Abu-Rayyan told the undercover officer he planned to "shoot up" a Detroit church but that his father found the gun, bullets and mask he was going to use. He also said he bought a "cowboy gun," but he decided not to go through with the attack because it only held six bullets and he'd have to keep reloading it, it says.

Abu-Rayyan pleaded guilty last month to a pot possession charge, and he faces a Feb. 16 trial on a concealed weapon charge. Both stem from an October arrest.

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Ringstaff

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Tom Cloud and George Meacham.

Charles W. Cagle, attorney for the Tennessee School Boards Association, directed board members through the called meeting, providing them with options.

Cagle also explained with the board's termination of Ringstaff's contract, he has the right of appeal. He would appear before independent counsel, which would determine if the board's action was justified.

Should Ringstaff appeal his termination, his contract states he would be responsible for all related costs.

If counsel ruled in favor of the board, Ringstaff could continue his appeal to Chancery Court, and beyond, Cagle explained.

Information on the alleged transgressions of the director of schools broadened through the week, and came on the heels of the board's renewal of Ringstaff's contract a week ago.

It was first reported that Ringstaff had shared messages of a sexual nature with an unidentified woman, who is not his wife. An unknown person placed the messages and photos on a Twitter account, resulting in Ringstaff reporting the fake Twitter accounts to the Cleveland Police.

He later signed a non-prosecution form, ending the investigation.

The information and rumors spread from there with school board members, at first, offering support. That support vanished through the week, as more and more information was revealed.

That lingering support from

the board completely disappeared Thursday when members received a letter from Ringstaff's attorney, making extensive demands in exchange for his agreement to resign.

School board members expressed their ire during Friday's called meeting.

"We had to go through this as a school family, and with concerns for Ringstaff's family," Robinson said. "But, he lied to us, and then we received this letter.

"I want to fire him," Robinson declared, in her appeal to fellow board members. "We represent the people of this community, and we had to be here today (to do this)."

While facing the Ringstaff controversy this week, Robinson has also had to deal with the unexpected death of one of her sons, with the funeral on Thursday evening.

Morgan, who had been Ringstaff's strongest supporter, made a complete turn-around following an early-week statement.

"We need to terminate him immediately for conduct unbecoming of the leader of our school system, and for insubordination [with no payment]," he said.

Board members accented the fact Ringstaff's alleged actions took place a year ago, and the board just last week renewed his contract.

"He told us all an untruth," Robinson stressed.

Cagle acknowledged he would contact Ringstaff's legal counsel with the board's decision. He also assured the governing body

he would represent the group if Ringstaff should appeal the board's decision.

Cagle also informed the board, following an inquiry, that if they were to pursue the identity of the woman involved in the alleged messages, it should be done in an attorney-client privilege closed meeting.

Dirksen then expressed his appreciation to the school system's administrators, who attended Friday's meeting en masse.

"This board is one, and we all hate this," he said.

Dirksen, and a number of fellow board members, were openly emotional during the session.

Cogdill also expressed his appreciation to administrative assistant Andrea Byerly, who handled most of the communications through the week.

"She was his right-hand person, and it's been tough on her," Cogdill said.

Pesterfield said the board appreciates all the prayers this week.

"I heard them," she said.

"We're saddened and concerned, but we have to move on," said former Chairman Tom Cloud.

Morgan said students in the school system have been exposed to the situation, and to things they don't understand.

"We're sorry," he said to the students, and their families. "We would never condone this type of action."

Dirksen closed the meeting by shaking off his emotion, and saying, "Scores are up, and we have a great new building (the Cleveland High Raider Arena)."



Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS

CLEVELAND SCHOOL administrators, principals, and staff members occupied the central area of the meeting room at the central office Friday during the hearing on the status of former Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff. Ringstaff was terminated at the conclusion of the meeting, ending his five-year tenure with the school system.



Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS

MEMBERS OF THE Cleveland Board of Education were swarmed by members of the media, and Cleveland residents, at the end of Friday's called meeting of the school board. Former teacher Peggy Pesterfield is questioned by the media, left, while former Cleveland coach Charlie Cogdill talks with two residents in the foreground. Dr. Murl Dirksen, who is with Lee University, is shown at the back right.

Kiosk

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Park.

"This is a terrific addition to the Greenway," Fisher said. "Peggy stuck with this concept and pushed it through to fruition, and it turned out exceptionally well. I can't say enough about Ron Heil's craftsmanship on the project. It reflects his talent and skills in furniture building. It functions beautifully and fills a void we didn't even know we had on the Greenway."

Fisher described the design as "an exterior of western cedar, a stacked stone base and green metal roof."

The Rotary Club of Cleveland's involvement in the project actually began in 2013. At that time MWOA was already committed to other projects for the Greenway and the kiosk was put in line after those. Pesterfield said last year, weather also became a factor in delaying the project.

"We wanted to do a project that would be educational and good for the community," Pesterfield said.

Rotary's PR committee decided to develop a project for the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway. David Chaffin, who was a member of the committee at the time, mentioned he had once given a presentation on birds that could be spotted on the Greenway.

"So we started talking about having a kiosk where we could have people identify the birds," Pesterfield said.

Pesterfield said she began research on such projects in other places and found one in a park in King County, Wash., that the committee liked.

The four-sided design appealed to the committee because of all the information that could be presented. The committee was able to contact the park and receive a copy of the plans.



Submitted photo

THIS KIOSK is the newest addition to the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway. Information about crawfish and salamanders in Tennessee is featured.

Information posters on salamanders, crawfish and birds of Tennessee provided by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency are featured on three sides of the kiosk. The information will allow "people to identify those things as they are walking down the Greenway," Pesterfield said.

"The goal is to rotate the posters every few months, and place information on other subjects as they arise," Fisher said.

The fourth side is for posting community events.

To complete the style of kiosk it wanted, the Rotary Club used two years' worth of PR funding. The club partnered with MWOA to volunteer time to building the

project. That organization had completed its other Greenway projects, and members were able to work on the kiosk this year.

Pesterfield said the project received support from each of the Rotary presidents who served during that time. In addition to Pesterfield and Chaffin, Nicholas Lillios, Doug Moore, Hassan Najjar, Hazel Key and Bill Balzano and served on the committee that worked on the project.

Other educational opportunities on the Greenway include historic plaques, interactive art, information identifying the species of trees along the route and the Born Learning Trail in Greenway Park.

HSBC reaches \$470M deal with U.S., states

WASHINGTON (AP) — Banking giant HSBC has reached a \$470 million settlement with the federal government and nearly all states over mortgage lending and foreclosure abuses that officials say helped intensify the country's economic meltdown, the Justice Department announced Friday.

The agreement requires the bank to pay \$100 million and to provide an additional \$370 million in consumer relief to borrowers and homeowners, including by reducing mortgage interest rates as well as the principal on mortgages for homeowners who are at risk of default.

The deal also requires the bank to improve standards for how it services loans and handles foreclosures.

Officials say those changes are intended to discourage past banking practices, such as robo-signing and poor-quality loans, that exacerbated a financial crisis starting in 2007 in which millions of Americans lost their homes to foreclosure. HSBC had already agreed in a separate 2013 deal with Federal Reserve and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency to pay \$249 million to settle federal complaints that its U.S. division wrongfully foreclosed on homeowners who should have been allowed to stay in their homes.

"This settlement illustrates the department's continuing commitment to ensure responsible mortgage servicing," Benjamin Mizer, head of the Justice Department's Civil Division, said

in a statement. "The agreement is part of our ongoing effort to address root causes of the financial crisis."

The settlement involves the departments of Justice and Housing and Urban Development, and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Attorneys general from 49 states plus the District of Columbia signed on.

The \$100 million payment will mostly be distributed among the federal government and an escrow fund administered by the states to make payments to borrowers who lost their homes to foreclosure between 2008 and 2012. The \$370 million in relief to homeowners already is underway, the Justice Department said.

Letter

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abrupt departure from concern, as board members received a letter from an Abingdon, Va., law firm representing Ringstaff.

The attorney, William Moffet, informed the board Ringstaff and his legal counsel do not feel the board has lawful cause to terminate his contract.

The attorney said Ringstaff's alleged action of sending sexually explicit messages and photos to a woman, who was not his wife, is not sufficient cause for dismissal.

Moffet's letter claims this conduct is completely unrelated to Ringstaff's professional conduct.

"Therefore, we believe the board lacks a basis to terminate Ringstaff's contract for cause," the attorney stated.

In the letter, the lawyer said Ringstaff would be willing to resign, but only with certain compensations.

The letter added: In exchange for his resignation and his execution of a voluntary separation agreement, the board must agree to the certain conditions:

Those conditions:
1. In addition to any accrued sick leave, annual leave, vacation leave and the like, Mr. Ringstaff would be entitled to a severance package that will include a salary continuation component for 18 months. (An estimate of that compensation is slightly more than \$210,000.)

This 18-month period would have begun upon the date on which the agreement was executed.

Ringstaff would have agreed to submit his resignation on that same date.

The board could have paid this amount during the usual course, or as a lump sum, at its discretion.

The monetary value of his accrued leave would have been payable within 10 days of execution of a separation agreement.

2. Mr. Ringstaff would also have been entitled to all of his current, customary employee benefits during the salary continuation period, including but not limited to, health benefits, use of an automobile, and retirement related benefits.

3. It added that Ringstaff and the board would agree to prepare a joint press release, noting that his separation from employment arose from his resignation, which was voluntary and consensual on everyone's behalf.

Board Chair Dawn Robinson said in Friday's called meeting that the letter was the last straw.

"I want to fire him," she said with emotion.

Robinson, and others on the board, also questioned their five-year relationship with Ringstaff, all the way back to when they hired him in June, 2011.

They especially questioned the past few months.

"We were paying him while this was going on," said Steve Morgan, who had been one of Ringstaff's stronger supporters.

Robinson asked, "Did we get his moral fiber wrong in the first place?"

The longtime board member and eight-time chair, expressed another question. She wondered if the power and ego of Ringstaff's position turned him into something other than what he really

was.

Board member Peggy Pesterfield had a prepared statement when she came to Friday's meeting.

"These revelations (during the week) have seriously impaired his ability to be an effective school leader," the former Cleveland teacher emphasized.

The conclusion of Ringstaff's service to the Cleveland School System, and its staff and students, is apparently over, and it has been formidable. There have been many accomplishments for the school system over the past five years.

But, there is still the possibility he could challenge the board's decision with an appeal.

If that happens, the school board would be represented by Charles "Chuck" Cagle, attorney for the Tennessee School Board Association.

It's ironic that Ringstaff has worked closely with Cagle, and other state officials and organizations, during his tenure with Cleveland Schools.

The Tennessee Organization of Schools Superintendents (TOSS) had distanced itself from Ringstaff during this week, although he had previously been selected as Tennessee's School Superintendent of the Year.

Ringstaff's photo, and all references from the TOSS website, were removed by Executive Director Wayne Miller, who said the situation Ringstaff put himself in was not up to standards of the organization.

Cleveland's school board apparently felt the same way, severing all relations on Friday.

Great Strides

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Ellington, senior development director for the CF Foundation. "We saw the approval of a second drug, Orkambi, which will target the actual defect of the disease and allow nearly half of our population to control the progression of cystic fibrosis. It is our hope that these patients will enjoy many more tomorrows thanks to this breakthrough."

Orkambi is an FDA-approved combination therapy for treatment of CF. It is a combination of Kalydeco and experimental therapy lumacaftor. The combination of these two molecules helps in correcting the mutating genes in patients with CF, treating the root cause of CF instead of treating the severity of symptoms.

"This would not be possible

without the incredible generosity of our Great Strides participants and sponsors nationally and locally," said Ellington. "We are unbelievably thankful to all of our Cleveland and Bradley County sponsors, team leaders, volunteers, donors, participants, and of course Lee University for supporting Great Strides! Great progress has been made, but we will not rest until we find the cure, so please join us at Great Strides this year!"

Mike Hayes, vice president for student development at Lee, and Vanessa Hammond, CF parent and director of the office of grants at Lee, will serve alongside Melton. Dr. Bill Estes, a department chair in the Helen DeVos College of Education, will direct the 5-kilometer road race.

Volunteer support will be provided by the Student Leadership Council at Lee.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on April 2 in front of the Lee University Student Union. The 5K road race is scheduled for an 8:30 a.m. start, and the walk will begin at 10 a.m. The route starts on Lee's campus and continues through downtown Cleveland and the historic Ocoee Street area.

Anyone can participate in the walk or race. To learn more about the event and to register, visit the local event website at www.leeuniversity.edu/greatstrides.

For more information about the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation team opportunities for Great Strides, contact Leigh Ellington at lellington@cff.org.



Photos courtesy of LYNN RICE
LAKE FOREST MIDDLE School's show choir Revolution was named Grand Champion in the Middle School division of the Albertville Diamond Classic Friday evening in Albertville, Ala. Under the direction of Jeremiah Pritchard and Michelle Johnson, the show was arranged by Mason Brown. Assisting with choreography was Chayse McKenzie, Tori Shults and Jenna Pritchard. The choir performed their show "Invincible" as a memorial to those who perished in the Holocaust. The choir received first place for Best Vocals and Best Choreography. Josie Painter, below, received the award for best female vocalist.



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Chicago officer sues the estate of teen he shot, claiming trauma

CHICAGO (AP) — A white Chicago police officer who fatally shot a black 19-year-old college student and accidentally killed a neighbor has filed a lawsuit against the teenager's estate, arguing the shooting left him traumatized.

The highly unusual suit was filed Friday in the middle of the city's effort to grapple with serious questions about the future of its police force. Those questions include the adequacy of its system for investigating police shootings and how to win back public trust after several cases of alleged misconduct. The U.S. Justice Department is conducting a wide-ranging civil rights investigation, and Mayor Rahm Emanuel has promised a major overhaul of the Police Department and steps to heal its fraught relationship with black residents.

The timing and unusual nature of the suit by officer Robert Rialmo, who is seeking \$10 million in damages, could complicate the department's efforts to demonstrate more sensitivity toward the community in how police shootings are handled. His attorney, Joel Brodsky, said it was important in the charged atmosphere to send a message that police are "not targets for assaults" and "suffer damage like anybody else."

The teen's father, Antonio LeGrier, filed a wrongful death lawsuit days after the Dec. 26 shooting, saying his son, Quintonio, was not armed with a

weapon and was not a threat. His attorney, Basileios Foutris, was incredulous at what he called the officer's "temerity" in suing the grieving family of the person he shot.

"That's a new low even for the Chicago Police Department," he said. "First you shoot them, then you sue them."

The lawsuit provides the officer's first public account of how he says the shooting happened, offering details that differ with the family's version. It says Rialmo, who was responding to a domestic disturbance call with another officer, opened fire after Quintonio LeGrier swung a bat at the officer's head at close range. A downstairs neighbor, 55-year-old Bettie Jones, was standing nearby and was shot and killed by accident. She was not part of the domestic dispute.

"The fact that LeGrier's actions had forced Officer Rialmo to end LeGrier's life and to accidentally take the innocent life of Bettie Jones has caused, and will continue to cause, Officer Rialmo to suffer extreme emotional trauma," the filing says.

When arriving at the scene around 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 26, Rialmo rang the doorbell of the two-story apartment building. Jones answered and directed them to the upstairs apartment. As Rialmo stepped through the doorway, he heard someone "charging down the stairway," the suit says.

It describes the teen coming down the stairs with a baseball

bat in hand and says LeGrier "cocked" the bat "and took a full swing at Officer Rialmo's head, missing it by inches" when the two were around 4 feet apart.

The officer then backed away with his weapon still holstered, according to the suit, while repeatedly shouting at LeGrier to drop the bat.

But the suit says LeGrier kept advancing and swung the bat again. Only when LeGrier cocked the bat again from 3 or 4 feet away, did the officer pull out his 9 mm handgun and open fire, the filing says.

As he began firing, Rialmo did not see or hear Jones behind LeGrier, the suit says. It says one of the bullets went through LeGrier's body and struck Jones, killing her.

An autopsy determined that LeGrier suffered six bullet wounds.

Lawyers for Antonio LeGrier and for Jones have provided accounts that differ from Rialmo's. They say the evidence indicates the officer was 20 or 30 feet away when he fired, calling into question Rialmo's contention that he feared for his life.

Foutris also questions why the teen would attack the officer since he was the one who called 911. The father of the Northern Illinois University student also made a 911 call.

"If you're calling multiple times for help are you going to charge a police officer and try to hit him with a bat? That's ridiculous," Foutris said.

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World War II soldier honored for saving Jews

KNOXVILLE (AP) — For refusing to back down even when staring down the barrel of a Nazi officer's pistol, Army Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds was honored last week by Israel for an act of bravery that saved as many as 200 Jewish Americans during World War II.

Members of Tennessee's congressional delegation think it's time for his own government to officially recognize his heroics.

U.S. Rep. John J. Duncan Jr., R-Knoxville, and the state's two U.S. senators — Lamar Alexander and Bob Corker — have begun looking for ways the U.S. government might be able to formally honor the Knoxville soldier, who died in 1985.

Duncan's office has been working for two years to round up the supporting documentation needed to nominate Edmonds for the Medal of Honor.

It's a huge undertaking. The medal has been awarded to just 3,496 recipients since it was first presented in 1863. Complicating matters further are the eligibility requirements, which state the medal is to be awarded for personal bravery or self-sacrifice above and beyond the call of duty during actual combat with an enemy of the U.S.

Edmonds' defiance against the Germans was an act of personal bravery that went beyond the call of duty. President Barack Obama said so last Wednesday during an emotional ceremony at the Embassy of Israel, where Edmonds posthumously became the first U.S. serviceman to receive the highest honor Israel bestows upon non-Jewish people who risked their lives to save Jews during the Holocaust.

Edmonds' almost unbelievable display of courage happened in 1945, when he was a prisoner of war. One day, the Germans ordered all Jewish POWs in his camp to report the next morning in front of their barracks. Edmonds, the highest-ranking officer in the camp, ordered all of the camp's POWs — Jews and non-Jews alike — to stand together.

An estimated 1,000 servicemen assembled in front of their barracks the next morning, Jan. 27, 1945. Upon seeing the mass of prisoners, the German officer in charge said, "They cannot all be Jews."

"We are all Jews," Edmonds replied.

Some of the men standing beside Edmonds that day remember him standing his ground, even when the German officer pulled out his pistol and threatened to shoot him.

"If you shoot me," Edmonds said, "you will have to shoot all of us, and after the war, you will be tried for war crimes."

The German officer gave up and left.

Edmonds' actions are credited with saving the lives of 200 Jewish American POWs. But Edmonds' act of bravery took place while he was a prisoner of war, not in actual combat. That raises questions about whether he's eligible for the Medal of Honor.

Certain eligibility requirements for the medal have been waived on occasions, although that is rare. But Duncan's office thinks Israel's recognition of Edmonds' heroics might strengthen the case for awarding him the medal.

"After Wednesday's ceremony, President Obama, Steven Spielberg and Prime Minister (Benjamin) Netanyahu now all know Master Sgt. Roddie Edmonds' name," said Duncan's spokesman, Patrick Newton.

Spielberg, who directed the Oscar-winning film "Schindler's List," spoke at the ceremony. Netanyahu offered videotaped remarks.

"We are very hopeful that with this huge exposure and support, it will give renewed effort to award (Edmonds) the Medal of Honor," Newton said. "Congressman Duncan is working with Sens. Alexander and Corker and the Edmonds family, including his son, Chris, to try to make this happen."

Corker and Alexander confirmed after the ceremony that they are exploring ways for the U.S. government to honor Edmonds.

"We're working all angles," said Corker, who described the observance as one of the most moving experiences of his nine years in the Senate. "To be here was a blessing — it really was. I wish every Tennessean could have been here and heard firsthand the story of a great Tennessean and just the way he conducted himself. It's an incredible story and very uplifting."

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY TENNESSEE
AT CLEVELAND

STATE OF TENNESSEE, ex rel
BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
AND THE CITY OF CHARLESTON

Plaintiffs

Nos. 2012-CV-91

vs.

#s Inc.,

And Other Delinquent Tax Payers
As shown on the 2010 Real Property
Delinquent Tax Records of Bradley
County, Tennessee and as more fully
Set out in Exhibit "A" annexed hereto
And incorporated herein by reference and

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Defendants

ORDER FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT AND SALE OF PROPERTY FOR 2010 DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTY TAXES

This cause came to be heard on the 7th day of January, 2016 before the honorable Jerri S. Bryant, Chancellor for Bradley County Chancery Court, upon the Complaint and Exhibits filed herein, the Affidavit of Plaintiffs' attorney and the record as a whole, from all of which the Court finds:

- On or about April 1, 2012, the Complaint was filed against the Defendants by Bradley County and the City of Charleston for the collection of 2010 delinquent real property taxes.
- Service has been attempted upon Defendants by certified mail, return receipt requested and by publication on November 1, 2015, November 8, 2015, November 15, 2015, and November 22, 2015.
- No answer has been filed by the Defendants and no appearance has been filed by Defendants or their counsel.
- Plaintiffs' Motion for Default Judgment is well taken and should be entered against the Defendants.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED:

- A Judgment of Default is hereby awarded to the Plaintiffs.
- Each of the respective tracts and parcels of land listed and described in the Clerk and Master's Report were duly levied upon and assessed for the taxes by the Complaint for tax year 2010.
- The taxes were delinquent, due and owing and unpaid to the Plaintiffs, and the amount of the taxes together with interest, penalties, fees, and costs as shown in the Clerk and Master's Report, are a lien upon and against each and every respective tract or parcel of land as shown.
- All of the tracts and parcels of land shall be sold as provided by law. The Clerk and Master shall advertise the sale and sell such lands to the highest and best bidder for cash, subject to the equity of redemption. Moreover, acting for the state, the Clerk and Master shall bid the debt ascertained to be due for taxes, interest, penalties, and the costs incident to the collection thereof, where no other bidder offers the same or larger bid; provided, that, when then county legislative body determines that the environmental risks are such that it is not in the best interests of the county for a minimum bid to be offered at the tax sale, the Clerk and Master shall not offer a bid on the property at the tax sale.
- The sale shall be held in the Chancery Courtroom at the Bradley County Courthouse at Cleveland, Tennessee on March 4, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. and if the sale is not completed upon the first day of sale, the sale may be continued by the Clerk and Master from day to day until completed.
- The Clerk and Master shall report the results of such sale to the Court as soon as practicable following its completion and until said report is made, all further questions and matters in these causes are reserved.
- This Decree shall be published no less than thirty days prior to the aforementioned sale.

ENTER this 7 day of January, 2016.

JERRI S. BRYANT, Chancellor

Approved for Entry:

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF BRADLEY
I, Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, ex. rel
THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE,

Plaintiff

VS.

No. 2012-CV-81

CHRISTOPHER J. ADAMS and other
Delinquent Taxpayers, as shown on the 2010
Real Property Delinquent Tax Records of the
City of Cleveland, and THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA

Defendants

ORDER FOR SALE OF LAND FOR DELINQUENT TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2010

This cause came on to be heard before the Honorable Jerri S. Bryant, Chancellor, upon the original Complaints, as amended, and the Exhibits thereto, the Default Judgment entered against certain Defendants, and the entire record in this cause, from all of which it appears to the Court; and it is, accordingly,

ORDERED AND DECREED that each of the respective tracts, pieces and parcels of land listed and described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference were duly levied upon and assessed for taxes by the City of Cleveland, Tennessee for the tax year 2010, and that such taxes are delinquent, due and owing and unpaid to the Plaintiff, the City of Cleveland, and that the amount of such taxes, together with statutory interest, penalties, fees and costs, as will be shown in the Clerk and Master's Report, are a lien upon and against each and every respective tract, piece or parcel of said land shown in Exhibit "A", and that in order to satisfy the lien for such taxes, it is hereby ORDERED by the Court that all of the aforesaid tracts, pieces and parcels of land be sold as provided by law, and that the Clerk and Master shall advertise and sell said land according to law to the highest and best bidder for cash, subject to the equity of redemption, said sale to be held at the Bradley Courthouse in the Chancery Courtroom of Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee, on the 4th day of March, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., following proper advertisement of such sale, and if said sale is not completed upon the first day of sale, then, and in that event, the sale may be continued by the Clerk and Master from day to day until completed.

The Clerk and Master will report the results of such sale to the Court as soon as practical following its completion. Until said Report is made, all further questions and matters in these causes are reserved.

IT IS SO ORDERED.
ENTER this 7th day of January, 2016.

Chancellor

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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STATE OF TENNESSEE, COUNTY OF BRADLEY
I, Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court
of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
true copy of Order for Sale of Land
for Delinquent Taxes for the year
2010 and Exhibits consisting of 7 pages.
As same appears on file in my office in Document # 2012-CV-81
Witness my hand and Official Seal, this
Day of Jan, 2016
Sarah Coleman Clerk and Master
Shelly Shampson Deputy Clerk

Notice of Delinquent Property Tax Sale

2010 DELINQUENT BRADLEY COUNTY AND CITY OF CLEVELAND PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

DB/PG	ASSESSED OWNER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	DB/PG	CURRENT OWNER	MAP & PARCEL	BRADLEY BASE AMT	CHARLESTON BASE AMT	CITY OF CLEVELAND BASE AMT
141/60	Arnold, Angela Althea	1040 12th St NE			050 P H 005.00	275.00		
1010/799	Baker, Joseph Eric etux Stephanie	703 Lead Mine Vly Rd SW			073 066.01	173.00		
1632/194	Ball, Ronnie Etux Linda & Donna Ball Thomas	1491 Woodland Cove Dr NE Woodland Cove Dr NE			042 N 1 003.00 042 N 1 010.00	112.00 11.00		93.00 9.00
308/247	Barrett, Romaine Etux Hattie Leola & Moses Jr, Moore	Arena Dr NW			041 D G 003.02	87.00		73.00
1511/650	Beafs Inc, A TN Corp	223 Austin Ln SE	2294/806	DJK Investments Inc.	105 003.00	122.00		
53401	Beavers, Goldie cio Goldie Corbin	865 Church Street SE			057C N 012.00	0.00		98.00
166/75	Blackwell, J F Etux Flora Belle	7578 Blue Springs Rd			097 005.01	413.00		
257/168	Brackett, Elmer & Beatrice	1145 George St NE			050 P C 008.00	268.00		
101/195	Brackett, Elmer & Beatrice	1175 George St NE			050 P E 011.00	250.00		
1216/127	Brantley, Emerson et ux Jerry and Joseph E. Bell	Kelly Street NW	2268/260	Emerson Brantley et ux Jerry E. Brantley	034F C 007.02	0.00		9.00
1922/859	Broglin, Kenneth	410 Climer Rd NE Climer Rd NE			052 I A 007.00 052 I A 008.00	88.00 55.00		
253/70	Bryant, Fred Etux Sally Mae	583 Old Chattanooga Pk SW	2177/733	Bryant, Larry W. Etux Teresa J.	065 B G 007.00	228.00		
194/325	Burchfield, Buddy Etux Margaret	1270 Cocoe St S			057 F D 015.00	219.00		282.00
358/787	Byers, Donny C.	1154 Church Street SE	2160/442	Charles Byers	057F--J003.00	0.00		159.00
1834/367	Carden Investment Partners	Pleasant Gr Ch Rd SW			056 F F 011.00	60.00		
1832/637	Carden Investment Partners	1309 Haur Dr SW			057 F A 017.00	323.00		269.00
1832/636	Carden Investment Partners	1401 South Lee Hwy SW South Lee Hwy SW South Lee Hwy SW South Lee Hwy SW			057 G B 006.00 057 G B 007.00 057 G B 008.00 057 G B 009.00	1120.00 532.00 144.00 102.00		931.00 442.00 120.00 85.00
1832/635	Carden Investment Partners	1007 Smith Dr SW			057 G G 001.00	470.00		390.00
343/712	Carney, Andrew J. Etux Lisa M	3rd St SE			058 H E 020.00	14.00		12.00
1376/84	Centers, Rachel	950 Blythe Ave SE			057 E H 005.00	121.00		101.00
227/433	Chadwick, John M. & Ava M.	980 Forest Dr SE			065 N D 019.00	492.00		
1758/610	Chambers, Thomas Scott	Old Freewill Rd NW (off)			041 053.03	9.00		
226/650	Clayton, Marlon D.	1717 Westside Dr NW			049 B A 012.01	261.00		217.00
1876/711	Clayton, Robert	Elkmont Dr SE Elkmont Dr SE			073 F A 014.00 073 F A 015.00	53.00 77.00		
396/872	Cochran, Jeff C. Etux Karen R	Ridgeview Cir NW			019 A A 014.00	7.00		
1109/540	Colley, Mary L.	Rymer Rd NE			060 041.09	56.00		
1391/124	Conner, Tony W. & Jennifer L.	Van Davis Rd NW			019 A D 016.14	102.00		
1065/679	Cox, Colonel	927 2nd St NE			058 A K 016.00	0.00		124.00
1187/446	Creasman, Joni Lea Brock	Brock Rd NE			043 025.17	104.00		
1456/32	Creasman, Robert Carlton & Creasman, Rhonda Kay	1283 Tunnel Hill Rd SW			079 008.09	55.00		
1697/950	Crenshaw, Brandon Keith	116 Swafford Ln NW			016 A A 003.03	100.00	23.58	
38/173	Crenshaw, Brandon Keith Etux Connie Lois	Swafford Ln NW			011 P A 010.01	96.00		
282/1013	Crenshaw, Brandon Keith Etux Connie Lois	Swafford Ln NW			011 P A 015.00	108.00	25.49	
38/173	Crenshaw, Brandon Keith Etux Connie Lois	Swafford Ln NW			016 A A 003.00	57.00	13.54	
174/13	Crenshaw, Charles T.	11th St SE			057 L J 002.00	7.00		6.00
1055/742	D/G/K Enterprises	Crown Colony Dr NW	2072/201	Kinder, John	033 N F 013.00	13.00		11.00
335/76	Davis, Garland D.	London Dr SE			068 B A 021.00	7.00		
259/662	Disapaine, Howard E. Etux Betty Ruth C/O Cara Haney	1270 Aurora Ave SE			057 E R 010.00	155.00		129.00
386/56	Dunn, Marcia D.	238 Pine Ln NW			016 A C 018.00	160.00		
292/905	Dunn, Marcia D. and Dunn, Rodney L.	Pine St NE			016 A A 021.01	23.00		
292/901	Dunn, Marcia D. and Dunn, Rodney L. Etux Cecilia	Pine St NE			016 A A 023.00	34.00		
25/855	Everhart, Larry Lee & Everhart, James Max. & Brock, Joan E.	Industrial Way SW			065 003.00	21.00		17.00
365/824	Farris, Ressie	162 Farris Rd SE			073 L A 008.00	255.00		
61/545	Felton, Sallie & Beatrice C/O Margaret Simmons	875 Ridgeview Dr NE			058 B G 014.00	198.00		
1784/877	Findley, Jerry	Mouse Creek Road NW			034 B A 036.00	34.00		28.00
196/561	Fowler, James L. & Katherine C.	2019 Eugenia Ave NW			049 C G 002.00	619.00		515.00
1822/612	Freeman, Patricia A.	1080 Ellis Dr SE			065 034.01	70.00		
126/122	Goins, James Edward Etux Ann	Benton Pk NE			051 038.00	91.00		
170/527	Goins, John D. Etux Emma V.	2312 Robin Hood Dr SE			074 A G 002.00	450.00		
367/353	Grady, Arnold Ray	640 Hughes Rd SE			067 112.00	884.00		
1671/96	Green, Richard Lynn Etux Sheila S.	Chatata Valley Rd NE Chatata Valley Rd NE			016 050.06 016 050.07	74.00 76.00		
1648/700	Gregory, Barry	244 Gentry Ln SE	2096/677, 2096/888	McEachron Family Trust, Barry Gregory Trustee	080 004.01	842.00		
87/71	Grissom, Asa M.	1698 Mount Zion Rd NW			008 033.00	1046.00		
345/758	Hamilton, Betty Jo Barnes	Lyles Rd SE 338 Lyles Rd SE			059 104.00 059 104.03	99.00 349.00		
1449/634	Hamilton, Karen	447 Durkee Rd SE			058 K A 013.01	918.00		
1818/650	Harris, Anthony R. Etux Donna R.	2635 Dalton Pk SE			066 I A 012.00	158.00		
1711/258	Harris, Eric S. Etux Danielle M.	275 Austin Ln SE			105 003.12	228.00		
1290/97	Haun, Jason Etux Kristie W.	632 Inman St			057 D K 012.00	1229.00		1,022.00
1807/733	Halsdon, Richard Dean Etux Kelly Ann	2970 Dalton Pk SE			066 P F 003.00	70.00		
1444/642	Hembree, Ron	442 Strawhill Ch Rd SE			098 034.00	342.00		
1818/203	Hicks, David & Bertie Hicks	231 Blue Grass Cir SE			065 J D 010.00	852.00		
1623/637	Hodnett, Roger	3124 Frazier Park Drive NE			050E F 014.00	0.00		835.00
1244/544	Hodnett, Roger M.	3114 Frazier Park Dr NE			050 E F 015.00	900.00		
323/601	Hodnett, Roger M.	New Murraytown Rd NW			040 078.00—001	458.00		
324/667	Hodnett, Roger M.	725 Freewill Rd NW			041 057.06	137.00		
1652/994	Hodnett, Roger M.	315 Northcrest Cir NE			042 G C 060.00	205.00		170.00
1302/616	Hodnett, Roger M. Etux Rhonda	1285 King Edward Ave SE			057 E T 015.00	163.00		135.00
380/164	Hodnett, Roger M. Etux Rhonda M.	1730 Clemmer St NE			050 I J 039.00	263.00		218.00
337/1047	Horvath, Michael T.	Corvin Rd NE			51 005.07	74.00		
2230/611	Howell, Jessica Kay etvir Nathaniel D.	385 Market St NE			016 B E 002.00	0.00	15.65	
325/318	Hughes, Maggie B.	15th St NE			050 P G 004.00	32.00		
384/761	Hunt, Lawrence and Bessie	4025 North Drive NW			042 G A 023.00	449.00		374.00
1689/316	Inman Street Properties, LLC	1040 Inman St			058 H E 002.00	852.00		709.00
1689/318	Inman Street Properties, LLC	3rd St SE			058 H E 016.00	16.00		13.00
1654/89	Ionian Construction, Inc.	Southern Oaks Dr			080 O D 004.00	140.00		
398/453	JJT Development LLC	Shady Hollow Cir SE			067 G B 009.00	11.00		
1431/15	Kastle Home Builders Inc	7471 Mouse Creek Rd NW			015 052.00	655.00		
351/159	Kelley, Dean Etux Linda Darlene	144 Old Chattanooga Ln SW			071 B B 004.00	114.00		
1906/335	Kinder, John H.	Executive Park Dr NW			041 C E 001.00	3843.00		3,196.00
1757/221	Lancaster, Phyllis June	4130 Forest View Drive NW			034 D 022.00	0.00		370.00
181/901	Ledford, Flaura	240 Orlando Dr NE			058 F B 014.00	165.00		
294/659	Lowe, Martha A C/O Dawn Rodgers	5772 South Lee Hwy SW			070 019.00	248.00		
252/414	Marr, Cora Pauline	2602 Pine Dr SE			065 M G 008.00	264.00		
300/405	McCart, Jr, Arnold W.	2232 Spring Place Rd SE			066 G O 008.04	293.00		
383/769	McCart, Jr, Arnold W.	372 Hannah Rd NW			040 F A 008.00	85.00		
1890/584	McCleary, Sonya	147 Mynatt Dr NW			016 A A 017.00	0.00	40.19	
1736/396	McCoy, E. Louise	Glenwood Dr NW			049 C C 029.00	93.00		77.00
105/576	McCurry, Daniel & McCurry, Marjorie	1407 Wilkwood Lake Rd SE	2266/14	Deacon, Jr, Carrol Van Etux K. Bene	058 P A 046.00	23.00		19.00
363/410	Melton, Ivan Demarr	6220 Eureka Rd NW			019 062.00	628.00		
1410/633	Mendel, Kevin L. & Willets, David G. Etux Louise W.	Harper Dr NW			034 D B 010.00	15.00		
345/978	Miller, Polly L.	803 23rd St NW			049 D A 019.00	759.00		631.00
143/321	Moore, Glenn Etux Mildred	Fairview Dr SE			066 I E 008.00	69.00		
1524/839	Moore, Ovie Michael Glenn	241 Fairview Dr SE			066 I E 009.00	473.00		
385/858	Moore, Terry L. etux Terri A.	290 Market St NE			016 G H 005.01	48.01		
1818/502	Morgan, Lisa Custodian For Tanner Morgan	366 Haven Dr SW			056 F D 022.00	1,122.00		
1882/572	Mowery, George Basel	Burris Ln NW			020 040.00	181.00		
1842/897	Mullin, Christopher N. Etux Layla	3852 Old Freewill Rd NW			032 011.03	253.00		
1804/217	Mullin, Christopher N. Etux Layla	Old Freewill Rd NW			032 011.04	323.00		
326/1044	Mundy, Danny Etux Karen	Tasso Rd NE			035 I J 031.00	112.00		
1529/781	P & J Construction, Inc.	Covenant Dr			052 H A 001.00	167.00		
1942/89	Parks, Paula	Mynatt Dr NW			016 A A 015.00	0.00	58.06	
35/93	Partin, Jonathan	182 Swafford Ln NW	2138/427	Crenshaw, B. Keith etux Connie Lois	016 A A 008.01	142.00	33.42	
391/252	Phillips, Clayborne L. & Sophia A	Lower River Rd NW			016 A A 018.00	46.00	10.89	
358/605	Phillips, Clayborne L. & Sophia A	234 Worth St NE			016 G J 001.00	114.00	26.97	
399/233	Piper, Myrtle L.	Stonewood Ct NW			049 G D 003.00	169.00		140.00
1856/115	Pirble, Jr, Grant Etux Danielle C.	Lower River Rd NW			005 P A 014.00	74.00		
360/569	Renner, Jimmy a. Etux Nikki	2230 Upper River Rd NE			030 005.04	1,752.00		
1462/60	Riddle, Angelia Denise	178 Horton Rd SE			075 069.00	129.00		
344/979	Roderick, Mildred N.	540 Montgomery Ave			049 M N 008.00	155.00		129.00
28/280	Rogers, Charle C/O Lasala Webb	281 East St SE			058 H A 007.00	30.00		25.00
198/301	Samples, Herman & R L Etux Edna Cannon	1509 Jacobs Ave SW			057 G D 011.00	239.00		199.00
1853/180	Sherlin, Dustin A. Etux Melissa D.	158 Hunters Run Tr NW			034 B D 004.00	760.00		632.00
345/244	Shook, Billy Joe	1590 Aurora Ave SE			057 L T 008.00	139.00		116.00
1591/269	Smith, John	139 Gilliland Dr SE			073 L D 012.00	214.00		
371/1028	Sneed, Jarrett Garth Etux Jean E.	551 New Hope Rd SE			075 018.02	1,068.00		
1224/68	Sneed, Larry Dale Etux Cherie Ann	2798 Varnell Rd SW			064 077.00	676.00		
334/861	Stephens, William C. Etux Penny A.	985 Horton Rd SE	1967/948	Dunn, Shaunda L.	082 F C 001.00—001	75.00		
1854/792	Strickland, Paige	326 Lower Woods Tr NE			051 I D 009.00	2,413.00		
82/297	Sulton, Millard	1380 Wilson Avenue SE						

EDC told interest expressed in Spring Branch Industrial Park

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

Although completion may be more than a year away, there is interest already brewing in the Spring Branch Industrial Park.

That was the information given to members of the Cleveland/Bradley Economic

Development Council at its quarterly session Thursday afternoon.

Doug Berry, vice president of economic development for the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, reported logging operations had begun on the site last week.

“J.P. Smith Lumber

Company provided a purchase bid of approximately \$155,455 for the available timber,” Berry said. “The contract allows the company to take up to one year to complete the logging operation, and the work is sequenced to allow roadway construction to begin by early summer.”

The park also received permits from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for storm water discharges at Spring Branch on Jan. 15.

Berry said a company’s real estate representative has recently called about a Spring Branch site.

“It is a distribution project that called in and said they were searching the Interstate 75 corridor with an emphasis on the Knoxville area,” he said. “They said they were wholly disappointed in the options available to them.”

Berry said he was asked for options here and then received

the call about Spring Branch. “That park, whether we’re ready for them or not, they are starting to knock on the door and look at it,” he said.

He added the progress being made on funding “is important we get moved through, and construction started sooner rather than later.”

Vouchers

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done to change the culture of that school so we give the kids the opportunities. It’s not that they cannot learn, because they are all very capable of learning — probably at faster rates than we ever thought they could. But, we have to provide that foundation where they can do that. That means when they walk in our doors, that’s the best place in the world to be and we’re going to give it everything we’ve got to do that.”

The director said when thinking of Bradley County, the thoughts are not of poverty as a whole.

“Within our schools, we have true poverty where we have kids that wonder if they will have food when they get home,” Cash said. “We wonder who is feeding them over the weekend.”

The schools, in concert with civic organizations, send home backpacks to these special students to ensure they have some nutrition between the time they leave class on Friday and return on Monday.

“I just think we need to look at things a little differently before we say give them public money to send them to a private school because I think there is a groundswell underneath we are really not looking at,” Cash said. “I am really pro-public schools, pro-culture and the leader makes a difference and the teacher makes a difference and whether or not we are reaching out to those families.”

The Bradley County Schools currently have a student population of 10,099. Of that, 58 percent are ranked as eligible for free or reduced lunches.

“We recently had a field trip for students at Waterville,” she said. “The tickets were free for students in those categories. 92 percent qualified for the free tickets. That’s why I say it’s a cultural piece. Are you willing to get in and dig and not make excuses. I think we have done a fabulous job in Bradley County in recognizing and owning that every school is a little bit different, but we set high standards for every kid.”

Cash said one of the best things the system does is making sure “every kid is valued and important by every teacher.”

“That’s what I believe makes a difference,” she said. “I will tell you I do not support vouchers because I do not believe that’s the answer for those serious problems. I think it’s a band-aid. There are no stopgaps in there to say what is the qualifications for the private schools that would receive them.”

She said if the voucher plan is used, the private schools must be held to the same standards and accountability of the public schools.

Dr. Kim Fisher, principal of Black Fox Elementary, said her faculty visits the homes of each student at the beginning of the school year.

“It works really well,” Fisher said.

She noted a definition of poverty is not having those resources that are valued in society.

“So, I started thinking what is valued in are kids’ society in elementary school,” Fisher said. “I found, hands down, it’s having a parent who loves them and is involved — brings cupcakes or coaches their team. The voucher legislation they have proposed undermines that for kids who are the truest and most impoverished of children. We see that when we visit the homes.”

“You can have a home that may not have a whole lot of money, but they have a mom and dad there who cares and is involved. I’ve been to those homes that are impoverished by most standards, but are good homes,” Fishers said.

“Poverty is the easiest obstacle for us to overcome. This legislation does not in any way address the most difficult things to overcome for children.”

She referred to her colleague, Corey Limburg, principal at Valley View Elementary.

Valley View has one of the highest rates of free and reduced lunch students with 81 percent

meeting the qualifications.

“We spend a lot of time in our schools trying to help every child develop something that is valued by society — some skill — so when they go to middle school they can participate in something and show how great they are in certain areas. They can compete,” she said. “Everything in this legislation undermines the good work we’ve been doing in public schools. It breaks my heart. We have to take the time to explain that.”

Fisher said it bothers her when legislators say they are only hearing from educators on the issue.

“If we were discussing mumps and measles, I would hope you would have a table full of doctors,” she said. “We are talking about an educational issue and the first people you should consult are the best and brightest teachers. They say this is a mistake.”

Limburg agreed with Fisher saying the issue is not about job security for educators.

“This is not about what is best for teachers,” he said. “This is about valuing children as leaders and what they can be. That is what you would find if you spoke to every Bradley County educator and every public educator I have ever met.”

“We have to value the children as people first,” Limburg said. “We have to address the physical, emotional well-being with that child before we address any academic component.”

He said what can be found in the schools are teachers who will take on the challenge of “connecting with kids outside of the academic curriculum.”

“We challenge our teachers to know these students,” Limburg said. “We have specific professional development — dedicated hours and days — to sitting down and knowing which kids do we know the best, which kids have no mentor relationships.”

He said all of the county schools have some form of a mentoring program.

“We connect not only older kids with a pre-K through five school, we’re connecting our fifth grade students with our kindergarten and first-grade students to help them with simple things like what is the lunch program about. How do we get an ice cream? How do we take an AR test in the library?” Limburg said.

“You will also find teachers who day-in and day-out, above and beyond, hours and hours of time, pulling students to the side and talking to them about what to us might be a meaningless basketball game, but a game at the YMCA for some is the Super Bowl,” he said.

“When you take time to talk to a student about that, and you talk about the points he made against Black Fox last night, or you see those kids light up about hitting a home run in a little league baseball game, when you take time to get to know these kids — where they go to church, what they like to eat, what their brothers and sisters are doing at home, what their pets are — those are the connections in which you will find our teachers are all smart, all brilliant educators. But, being an educator is not the same as being a curriculum specialist. We are people who have invested our lives into developing children as leaders.”

He said the voucher bill undermines developing those children and “almost says public schools can’t handle the leadership development part of the curriculum.”

“If any legislator walked into my school, we could show them tangible examples of how every child is being developed as a leader no matter what their socio-economic status is.”

All three educators say the luxury of public schools is a community affair. Educators know the neighborhoods, the back streets, the parents, grandparents and siblings.

It gives them a closer and personal look and understanding of what their students might be having to overcome.

“You do know the communi-

ties,” Fisher said. “And, a problem can be a community at risk or a neighborhood at risk.”

She helped with an evaluation for a school in Memphis. One student told her the best way to help their school would be to have a reading club after school to help earn extra points.

“But, I’m scared to walk home after the guard leaves,” the student told her.

Fisher found the student lived four blocks from that inner-city school.

“He was afraid to walk four blocks. He wanted to stay after school, so it was a community issue and had nothing to do with the school,” she said. “They had great teachers and a wonderful principal. That principal said vouchers remove good teachers instead of investing in the communities with early learning initiatives.”

Cash added the differences in communities can be accomplished, “but you have to reach out to those families.”

“You have to have the outreach and provide the opportunities because those families never had the opportunity,” she said. “If we are going to break the cycle, then we have to do something different within our communities.”

Cash said there are good private schools, but added “there are more great public schools than good private schools.”

“I want to be sure we are looking at what the real root is,” she said. “You might get a few kids that come out of there, but you’re not attacking the whole problem. When you’re not doing that, you’re not changing communities and not changing society. I say find what the real issue is and put your funds into building a difference in those communities.”

Limburg said the mission of the schools can be called a “community development program.”

“We don’t want to be seen as a stopgap. We want to be seen as a community builder,” he said. “The way we do that and provide that foundation starts with us. It starts in our public schools. We have 100,000 taxpayers we are accountable to on a daily basis. We are educating our future taxpayers. We are educating our future mayor, and teachers and principals.”

“I don’t think the public understands quite yet how much of a community development we can be,” Limburg said.

Educators who see the troubled situations of their students find it does tax the emotions and stiffens their resolve in making sure they are provided for in all the ways necessary to have a successful academic career and life beyond.

When asked if seeing what they do makes them want to run into their offices and cry, both responded, “Every day.”

“We had a storm the other night when the power went off for more than two hours,” Limburg said. “I can go light the fireplace in our home if it gets cold. But, I laid there and thought about those kids who do not have that. I thought about it all night.”

Famous LA bridge is coming down

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The end has begun for a downtown bridge that played a supporting role in many Hollywood chase scenes down the concrete-lined Los Angeles River.

Giant jackhammers reduced 220 feet of the 6th Street Bridge roadway to rubble by Saturday morning and were working on bringing down three massive support columns, said Mary Nemick of the city Public Works Department.

“We had taken down the entire top of the bridge. That’s completely gone as of eight this morning,” she said.

Crews worked through the night under floodlights to dismantle the deck, which spans the U.S. 101 freeway and the concrete-lined Los Angeles River.



Banner photo, BRIAN GRAVES

BRADLEY COUNTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS DR. LINDA CASH, left, shares a light moment with Valley View Elementary principal Corey Limburg and Black Fox Elementary principal Dr. Kim Fisher during a discussion about the county’s push to help low-income students and the threat they feel a school voucher bill in Nashville could have on those efforts.

Reaccreditation

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Federal projects director and media supervisor Terri Murray is overseeing the process and trying to get everyone to see its importance.

“We are struggling to get our parents to respond,” Murray said. “We really want to know our parents’ thoughts.”

Part of the accreditation process requires the school system to create a “self-assessment.” The school system is getting a jump start by asking people to fill out surveys.

While the school system’s leaders could evaluate themselves, Murray said the most valuable information comes from the students, parents, teachers and staff who are invested in their individual schools.

Parents have until Friday, Feb. 12, to complete surveys which can be accessed on the school system’s website, <http://www.bradleyschools.org>.

Murray said a little more than 700 parents have responded so far. However, with more than 10,000 students attending the county schools, she said the school system needs “at least a couple thousand” to get a good sampling of parents’ views.

The online survey asks parents to share basic demographic information, including their races, genders and which schools their students attend. However, it does not ask for any names, addresses or other personal information.

Participants are asked close to 40 multiple choice questions where they are told to click if they “strongly agree,” “agree,” “disagree” or “strongly disagree” with various statements.

The statements include things like, “Our school communicates effectively about the school’s goals and activities,” and “All of my child’s teachers meet his/her learning needs by individualizing instruction.”

Other questions touch on topics like the effectiveness of the system’s leadership, the availability of resources like computers and whether or not schools are safe.

Also on the survey are three open-ended questions which

allow participants to type out detailed answers.

The surveys which students and others filled out asked similar questions in more age-appropriate ways.

For example, students in kindergarten through the second grade were asked to answer “yes,” “no” or “maybe” (indicated by images of a smiling face, straight face or frowning face) to statements like, “I am safe at school,” “I use a computer to learn at school,” and “My teacher wants me to do my best.”

The surveys themselves were written by AdvancED and are housed on its website.

Since AdvancED last reviewed the school system and granted its reaccreditation in 2012, Bradley County Schools have gone through numerous changes, including a new director of schools.

Murray said she hopes the survey data will paint an accurate picture of what the school system looks like today — and that it will again be a pretty one.

A report the last AdvancED review team gave to the Bradley County Board of Education on March 7, 2012, indicated the school system had represented itself well.

“We commend Bradley County Schools for being creative and resourceful in providing direction, assistance and resources to align, enhance and support all parts of the system,” lead evaluator Dr. Debra Howe said. “We were extremely impressed.”

The review team interviewed a total of 403 individuals familiar with the school system before making its decision — seven board members, 47 administrators, 141 teachers, 41 support staff, 64 parents, community members and business partners and 103 students.

Bradley County Schools testing coordinator Angie Gill explained the process to the current board members during a meeting on Jan. 12.

In addition to alluding to all the meetings which will be taking place for the review in 2017, Gill also emphasized the importance of the evaluation surveys.

Gill then assured the board members they and members of the general public will once again be invited to serve on committees during the review process.

“Parent involvement is huge in that process,” Murray said. “They [AdvancED] want parents to help guide school systems and make them better.”

Murray explained the school system remaining accredited is important to its reputation in the educational community — as well as for the students graduating from the county’s high schools. She said a high school having the AdvancED accreditation, which is not required by the Tennessee Department of Education, makes it look good on college applications.

She added the data from the “self-assessment” and the subsequent review process will both affirm what the school system is doing right and let officials know if any changes need to be made.

“This gives the community some ‘outside eyes’ to make sure you’re doing everything to make learning accessible to students,” Murray said.

“We want our parents to have a voice in this. Everybody has to work together to make sure this school system is a great one.”

Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey says timeline will stay in real time

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey said Saturday the social media website’s stream of tweets will stay live and in real time, disputing a media report that a change was in the works.

News and entertainment site BuzzFeed reported on Friday that Twitter was going to introduce a timeline based on an algorithm rather than a real-time stream. The report upset some users, who created the hashtag RIPTwitter to debate the change.

But Dorsey took to Twitter on Saturday to dispute the report.

“Twitter is live,” he tweeted. “Twitter is real-time.”

BuzzFeed updated its report with Dorsey’s response.

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Rubio braces for attacks in debate

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — Marco Rubio headed into the latest Republican debate ready for an onslaught of attacks about his experience and readiness for the White House, while a trio of his rivals sought a breakout performance before Tuesday's New Hampshire primary — an election critical to their presidential hopes.

Donald Trump also was rejoicing his competitors in the debate arena Saturday night after having skipped the previous faceoff in Iowa. He finished second in the Iowa caucuses and has spent the past week complaining bitterly about the result.

While Iowa shook Trump's grip on the Republican field, he has led New Hampshire preference polls for months and the state is still seen as his to lose in Tuesday's voting. However, Rubio appears to be gaining steam following his stronger-than-expected third-place finish in Iowa, drawing big crowds across New Hampshire — as well as a flurry of criticism from other contenders who say the first-term Florida senator lacks accomplishments.

"He's a great guy, but he's not a leader," said former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has repeatedly derided Rubio as a "bubble boy" whose staff protects him from having to answer tough questions about his record and what he would do as president.

Bush, Christie and Ohio Gov.

John Kasich have largely staked their presidential hopes on New Hampshire. Those falling short of a standout finish in New Hampshire will face party pressure to quit the race, particularly if Rubio has another strong night.

Bush in particular has struggled in many of the previous GOP debates. While many of his rivals spent Saturday huddled in debate preparations, Bush spoke to an overflow crowd in Bedford, where he thanked people for asking substantive questions.

"The questions on the debate stage will probably be really stupid," he said. "I'm not very optimistic."

Rubio and the trio of current and former governors are fighting to emerge as the more mainstream alternative to Trump and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, the fiery conservative who won Iowa. Cruz is so loathed by GOP leaders that some have openly said they would rather see Trump win the nomination despite his inflammatory comments and sometimes erratic behavior.

For Cruz, New Hampshire is less of a natural fit than Iowa, where he had strong support from the state's many evangelical voters. Still, he sees an opportunity for a strong showing that could send him into the coming Southern primaries in a commanding position.

The Republican field was for months a large and unwieldy collection of candidates seeking to put the party back in the



AP Photo
REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL candidate Donald Trump gestures as he speaks at a campaign rally Friday in Florence, S.C.

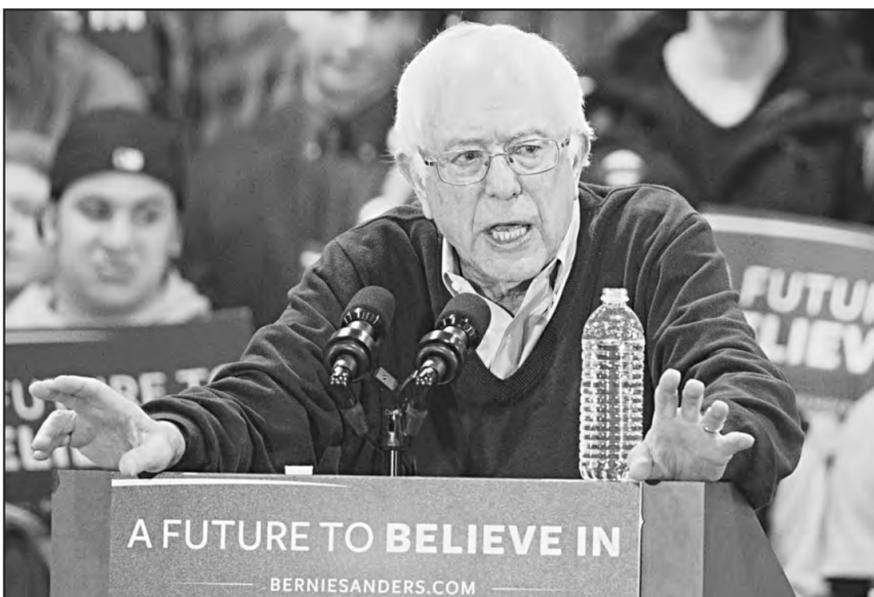
White House for the first time in eight years. But the pack has already started to narrow following the Iowa caucuses, with Mike Huckabee, Rand Paul and Rick Santorum all ending their campaigns.

Retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson is fighting to avoid joining that group. After a disappointing showing in Iowa, he took time off from campaigning and hasn't been a major presence in New Hampshire this

week. With fewer candidates, debate host ABC News scrapped an undercard debate for low-polling hopefuls. But their rules for the main event left businesswoman Carly Fiorina as the only candidate without a spot on stage.

Fiorina, the only Republican woman running for president, has protested her exclusion, and party leaders such as 2012 presidential nominee Mitt Romney have come to her defense.

AP Photo
DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks during a campaign stop at the Franklin Pierce University Fieldhouse, Saturday in Rindge, N.H.



Clinton tries to cut into Sanders' N.H. advantage

HENNIKER, N.H. (AP) — Trailing rival Bernie Sanders, Hillary Clinton sought to summon another New Hampshire comeback on Saturday but faced blunt questions about her trustworthiness and explanation of the deadly 2012 attacks in Benghazi.

Clinton campaigned throughout New Hampshire's voter-rich southern belt in hope of overcoming Sanders' steady lead heading into Tuesday's first-in-the-nation primary. The former secretary of state claimed a razor-thin victory in Iowa earlier in the week but is guarding against a blowout that might reset the race for the Democratic nomination.

"You vet us. You take second, third and fourth looks," Clinton told supporters during a rally in Concord. "And I hope you will look hard at this."

New Hampshire was the setting of Clinton's upset victory against then-Illinois Sen. Barack Obama in the 2008 primary and it remains sacred ground for supporters of her husband, former President Bill Clinton, whose second-place finish in the 1992 primary led to his self-applied nickname of the "Comeback Kid." But Sanders, who as Vermont senator is no stranger to the state, has built a strong advantage here and hopes to push back against Clinton's argument that she would be most electable come November.

Sanders was heading to New York City for an expected cameo appearance on NBC's "Saturday Night Live." Comedian Larry David, who has portrayed Sanders as an impassioned underdog shouting for revolution, was scheduled to be the show's host in an event bound to give the senator a positive spotlight in the days before the primary.

Sanders, campaigning in Rindge, expressed confidence in Tuesday's contest while noting that Clinton prevailed in the

2008 New Hampshire primary. "If we can bring out a decent vote on Tuesday, I am confident we're going to win," he said.

Clinton, meanwhile, faced a tough crowd of voters during an afternoon town hall meeting at New England College in Henniker.

Her first question came from a young man who asked about how she responds to people who distrust her in light of controversies over the Benghazi attacks and her use of a private email server at the State Department.

Clinton said she has had a long history of taking on the toughest issues while many of her opponents try to "sow doubts" about her. "I know that I am viewed as a direct threat to the forces that call a lot of shots in this country," she said.

A woman who said she worked for Clinton's 2008 campaign in New Hampshire told the ex-secretary of state her explanation of the Benghazi attacks "continues to give me some doubts." She also wanted to know why Clinton felt compelled to delete so many personal emails from her private account as secretary of state — "everybody knows you can't write 30,000 emails to your yoga instructor."

Clinton said the attacks in Libya that killed four Americans happened under a "fog of war" and people on the ground had worked hard to understand what was happening as the attacks unfolded. Clinton said she regretted that it had been used as a "great political issue."

When another questioner asked why Sanders had so much momentum, Clinton said she was pleased he had attracted so many young people to his campaign but made the case that her policy proposals on health care and college affordability was superior.

Clinton said she respected the "very strong passion that Senator Sanders brings to his

critique of the economy and his critique of Wall Street. I happen to share it." But she said "that's not the only problem we have in America," and the nation needed to address "all the barriers that are holding people back."

Clinton's top supporters in New Hampshire said the state had a history of unpredictability and expressed hope that a major organizing push in the final weekend would make a difference. Boston Mayor Marty Walsh was dispatching dozens of organizers to the state while a number of veterans of past Clinton campaigns, including many from Arkansas, were knocking on doors and staffing phone banks this weekend.

"We're not giving up at all. We're fighting to the end which is what Hillary does all the time. How it comes out is in the hands of the voters," said Billy Shaheen, a veteran of multiple New Hampshire campaigns and the husband of Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H.

Dozens get inked with free Sanders tat

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — Fans of Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders are wearing their support for him on their sleeves — and on their rib cages, calves, necks and backs.

Several dozen people have flocked to Aartistic Tattoo in Montpelier, Vermont, to get a free tattoo of the senator, complete with his unkempt hair and thick-rimmed glasses.

The Burlington Free Press reports that the promotion began a week ago. Tattoo artist Chad Fay says it will run as long as Sanders does.

Tattoo artist Jessica Andrew tells the newspaper she inked Sanders' image on eight people in two days. Fay says he's done at least 15 tattoos of Sanders in the past week.

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States taking action to keep guns out of abusers' hands

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — More than a dozen states have strengthened laws over the past two years to keep firearms out of the hands of domestic abusers, a rare area of consensus in the nation's highly polarized debate over guns.

Lawmakers and governors of both parties have supported bills stripping gun rights from those who have been convicted of domestic violence-related crimes or are subject to protective orders. The measures have been backed by victims' advocates, law enforcement groups and gun control supporters who see easy access to firearms as a major contributor to domestic violence killings.

Similar proposals are expected to be debated in several states this year.

"Domestic violence is definitely an area where there is the most agreement between the gun lobby and gun-violence prevention advocates," said Allison Anderman, staff attorney with the Law Center to Prevent Gun Violence in San Francisco.

The National Rifle Association has taken a cautious approach toward such bills, opposing the farthest-reaching measures but staying neutral or negotiating compromises on others. For example, the NRA has fought provisions that would require people to surrender their guns before they have a chance to contest allegations made in a request for an emergency protective order.

"There is no evidence that simply taking away people's guns without a fair hearing makes the victims any safer," NRA spokeswoman Catherine Mortensen said.

The push in the states is driven by stories of women and children killed or wounded by known abusers, and by statistics showing that hostile relationships often turn deadly when guns are present.

An average of 760 Americans were killed with guns annually by spouses, ex-spouses or dating partners between 2006 and 2014, according to an Associated Press analysis of FBI and Florida data. Florida's statistics are not included in the FBI's report, which covers all other states and District of Columbia, but were analyzed separately by AP.

The total is an undercount because not all law enforcement agencies report such information, and it doesn't include children and other bystanders who were killed. More than 80 percent of those killed were women.

"The system failed my son, and I am going to do whatever it takes to make sure it never happens to another child or another woman," said Hollie Ayers, 44, a Pennsylvania woman whose 2½-year-old son, Michael, was shot and killed in front of her by her abusive ex-husband in 2013. "Michael's life to me was priceless. If you can at least reduce the amount of homicides, this is a no-brainer to me."

Ayers, who was shot in the face and the leg, said she constantly thinks about her son, who loved tractors and puzzles. Her ex-husband killed himself after the rampage.

Ayers had warned that he had guns and had said that he, his ex-wife and the child "would be better off dead" before she obtained a permanent protection-from-abuse order, court records show. But the judge did not order her ex-husband to surrender his weapons, even after he violated the protective order.

Hollie Ayers is pushing for a Pennsylvania law that would require people to turn over their guns when judges issue protection orders against them.

Kim Stolfer, president of the Pennsylvania group Firearms Owners Against Crime, said his organization isn't on board with the idea yet. He said such legislation could be exploited by vindictive ex-spouses who level false allegations of abuse.

"We need some balance, and it's rapidly going the wrong way," he said.

In announcing executive action on gun control last month, President Barack Obama said protecting domestic abuse victims is one of his goals. His changes include strengthening the federal background check system, which has denied gun sales 120,000 times since 1998 because of domestic violence convictions.

Federal law has long prohibited felons, those convicted of misdemeanor domestic abuse crimes and individuals subject to permanent protective orders from buying or owning guns.

2009 Tenn. law takes guns from abusers

NASHVILLE (AP) — The same year Tennessee's pro-gun Legislature made it legal for some to be armed in bars, lawmakers also took a quieter step toward keeping guns away from domestic abusers.

The 2009 law requires people who have had orders of protection filed against them to turn their guns over to someone else within 48 hours.

"We have a state with a high number of domestic violence shootings, so this was an appropriate step for us," said Republican Rep. Beth Harwell, who sponsored the bill with then-state Sen. Diane Black. "I've had no complaints and a lot of thanks for passing the legislation."

Harwell, of Nashville, has since become speaker of the state House, while Black, of Gallatin, has been elected to Congress. Both Republicans are considering gubernatorial bids in 2018.

An average of 29 Tennesseans were killed with guns annually by spouses, ex-spouses or dating partners between 2006 and 2014, according to an Associated Press analysis of FBI data. About three-quarters of total 258 victims were women.

Tennessee's law predated a recent push in more than a dozen states to strengthen laws on gun possession by domestic abusers, a rare area of consensus in the nation's highly polarized debate over guns. The measures have been backed by victims' advocates, law enforcement groups and gun control supporters who see easy access to firearms as a major contributor to domestic violence killings.

Tennessee's guns-in-bars law was followed by a flood of other measures loosening restrictions on where permit holders could be armed, including in company parking lots, parks, greenways, sports fields and playgrounds. But the domestic violence measure has persevered since its near unanimous passage in 2009.

"It's one step in giving these folks safety," Harwell said. "Domestic violence is serious enough that this is a reasonable course of action."

Critics say the federal law is too weak because it does not apply to dating relationships, does not ban guns during temporary protective orders and does not establish procedures for abusers to surrender firearms.

States have been passing their own laws to match or exceed the federal prohibitions, delighting gun control advocates.

"We've passed them in blue states, red states and purple states," said John Feinblatt, president of Everytown for Gun Safety. "We believe they are absolutely lifesaving."

Some of the strictest state laws create processes for seizing firearms from abusers and extend gun bans to stalkers, abusive dating partners and those who are subject to temporary protective orders.

Studies by public health researchers have generally concluded that such laws, when properly implemented, can reduce deaths.

Gun rights advocates say some of the laws are applied too broadly.

"It encompasses everybody who has a one-time blip in their life, and all of a sudden their gun rights are taken away forever," said Wes Dunbar, an Iowa lawyer who has represented defendants upset over losing their ability to hunt.

South Carolina and Wisconsin are two of the states dominated by Republicans and with a strong tradition of gun ownership that have taken steps to restrict abusers' access to guns.

Valentine's Day dance given special needs adults

By JOYANNA LOVE

Banner Senior Staff Writer

A senior project for Josie Fulgham became an opportunity to serve adults with special needs and give her insight into a future career.

As her senior project, Fulgham developed a prom-style Valentine's Day dance for a group of adults with special needs.

Fulgham attends Grace Academy in Chattanooga and was assisted in developing the idea by Bryan and Betsy Gentry of Cleveland. It was Betsy who initially suggested a prom-style dance.

The event was held recently in Bradley County at the Coffey Barn. The event featured dancing opportunities, a disc jockey, professional photographer and dinner.

Fulgham said the project has helped her learn more about working with those who have special needs.

"She's done a wonderful job," Bryan Gentry said of the event.

Fulgham first met the Gentrys as a volunteer at their monthly Friday Night Lights activities for adult with special needs. Her boyfriend Tyler Wynn, whose sister attended the events, had told her about the group.

"I had never been around people with special needs or anything like that, so I was like, 'OK, I'll give it a try.' And I did and I fell in love with all of them," Fulgham said.

Volunteers from Walker Valley and Bradley Central high schools, Lee University, University of Tennessee Chattanooga and Cleveland State, as well as friends of Fulgham, helped make the dance a success.

Deciding on what decorations to use was a major part of the project. Fulgham said she found inspiration on the social media site Pinterest.

Bryan and Betsy Gentry helped by cooking the meal.

"We just fell in love with Josie," Bryan Gentry said. "She's just wonderful."

Desserts and a candy bar were also enjoyed by the guests.

Friday Night Lights usually has 45 attendees.

"They are like the nicest people I've ever met in my whole entire life ... just being around them just makes me so happy and brings such joy to me," Fulgham said.

Bryan said this was the first prom-style event for the group.

He said it has been a "wonderful experience" helping Fulgham with the event.

While organizing the event and volunteering at Friday Night Lights, Fulgham has decided to pursue a career in special education. She plans to attend Chattanooga State Community College, and then transfer to University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS attendees enjoy a prom-style event thanks to Josie Fulgham.

JESSICA MCFARLAND, from left, David Coffey and Ashley Shoemaker enjoy the Valentine's Day Dance.

Banner photo, JOYANNA LOVE
BRYAN AND BETSY GENTRY of Friday Night Lights enjoy the Valentine's Day Dance.

"I've heard they have a really good special ed program," Fulgham said.

In addition to 30 volunteer hours including the senior project, Fulgham will be completing a

Banner photo, JOYANNA LOVE
KEVIN KINSER, left, poses with Heather Collins at the Valentine's Day prom-style dance.

research paper on how those with special needs relate to others in social situations.

Senate is slow to act on Obama nominees

WASHINGTON (AP) — If you wear combat fatigues to work, then your nomination is almost sure to sail through the Senate. If not, you're likely in for a long wait.

In just a week, senators confirmed Army Lt. Gen. John W. "Mick" Nicholson Jr. to be the next top American commander in Afghanistan. By contrast, President Barack Obama's choices for several other government positions are being held up, including his picks for commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, high-level positions at the State and Treasury departments, ambassadors in 10 countries and myriad other posts.

Delaying the president's nominees gives the candidates who are running to replace him or for

re-election in the Senate a chance to score political points — and both Republicans and Democrats do it.

Democrats have blamed Senate Republicans for what Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., has called a "blatant strategy of obstruction" aimed at undermining Obama's agenda in his final year in office. That's not a bad outcome for many Republicans who view Obama's policies as destructive.

Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., who is running for the Democratic presidential nomination, and two Democrats are blocking Dr. Robert Califf from being confirmed as FDA chief. The agency has been without a commissioner for almost a year.

Sanders, along with Sens. Ed Markey, D-Mass., and Joe

Manchin, D-W.Va., have cited Califf's close ties to the pharmaceutical industry, which they claim hamstrings his ability to deal with the opioid addiction crisis, and a lack of commitment to lowering drug prices as their reasons. The FDA announced steps this week to address opioid addiction, but it wasn't enough for the senators to lift their holds.

Likewise, Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, is holding up Califf's nomination over the FDA's approval last year of genetically modified salmon.

Several of Obama's nominees have been caught up in the grinder of the GOP presidential campaign. Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, placed a blanket hold on all nominees for State Department positions requiring

Senate confirmation, due in part to his opposition to the landmark nuclear deal Obama and other nations brokered with Iran last year.

At least 10 State nominees — including the ambassadors to Mexico, the Bahamas, Luxembourg, Myanmar, Norway and Sweden along with the department's No. 3 official and its legal adviser — are being blocked, most of them by Cruz.

Azita Raji, Obama's choice to be U.S. ambassador to Sweden, was nominated more than 15 months ago — in October 2014.

Though Cruz has been campaigning in New Hampshire, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, came to the floor this week to object for Cruz when several Democrats attempted to try and move the nominations along.



IN THIS PHOTO TAKEN from a drone mounted camera, rescue workers search a collapsed building from an early morning earthquake in Tainan, Taiwan, Saturday. A powerful, shallow earthquake struck southern Taiwan before dawn Saturday.

Over 100 missing, 18 dead as strong quake rattles Taiwan

TAINAN, Taiwan (AP) — Rescuers on Sunday found signs of life within the remains of a high-rise residential building that collapsed in a powerful, shallow earthquake in southern Taiwan that killed at least 18 people and injured hundreds.

The emergency center in Tainan, the worst-hit city, estimated that 132 people were still missing more than 24 hours after the magnitude-6.4 quake struck at dawn Saturday.

Tainan Mayor Lai Ching-te said in TV interviews from the site of the building collapse that life detecting equipment had found signs of life from at least 29 trapped people.

Rescuers had already pulled out at least 247 survivors from the collapsed building. They were among more than 340 people rescued throughout Tainan, where nine other buildings collapsed and five careened, the city government said.

Taiwan's Central News Agency reported that 484 people had been injured, although most of these had been released from hospitals by Saturday night.

The spectacular fall of the 17-story high-rise immediately raised questions about its construction, and Taiwan's interior minister said there would be an investigation.

Rescuer Jian Zhengshun said the work was difficult because part of the building was believed to be buried underground, with the quake loosening the earth. He said rescuers had to clear rubble for passages to reach people who were trapped.

The quake came two days before the start of Lunar New Year celebrations that mark the most important family holiday in the Chinese calendar. The collapsed building had 256 registered residents, but far more people could have been inside when it fell because the population might have swelled ahead of the holiday, when families typically host guests.

Local media said the building included a care center for newborns and mothers, and a 10-day-old infant was among those confirmed dead in the disaster.

Tainan resident Lin Bao-gui, a



RESCUE WORKERS search a collapsed building from an early morning earthquake in Tainan, Taiwan, Saturday. A powerful, shallow earthquake struck southern Taiwan before dawn Saturday.

secondhand car salesman whose cars were smashed when the building collapsed across the street from him, said his house first started "shaking horizontally, then up and down, then a big shake right to left."

"I stayed in my bed but jumped up when I heard a big bang, which was the sound of the building falling," he said.

The operators of Taiwan's high speed rail announced Sunday that the service would resume full operation from noon. The earthquake had damaged power lines near Tainan Station and caused major disruption to the system at a busy time when many people were returning home to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

CNA reported that Madonna offered her condolences to those

affected when she performed Saturday night before thousands of fans on the other side of the island in the capital, Taipei, where the quake was felt as a lengthy, rolling shake.

Following the collapse of the residential high-rise, questions surfaced about whether construction of the 1989 structure had been shoddy. Tainan's government said the building was not listed as a dangerous structure before the quake, and the interior minister, Chen Wei-zen, said an investigation would examine whether the developer had cut corners.

Earthquakes frequently rattle Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage. However, a magnitude-7.6 quake in central Taiwan in 1999 killed more than 2,300 people.

Twitter to actively seek out terrorist supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Twitter is now using spam-fighting technology to seek out accounts that might be promoting terrorist activity and is examining other accounts related to those flagged for possible removal, the company announced Friday.

The announcement demonstrated efforts by Twitter to automatically identify tweets supporting terrorism, reflecting increased pressure placed by the U.S. government for social media companies to respond to abuse more proactively. Child pornography has previously been the only abuse that was automatically flagged for human review on social media, using a different kind of technology that sources a database of known images.

Twitter also said Friday it has suspended more than 125,000 accounts for threatening or promoting terrorist acts, mainly related to Islamic State militants, in the last eight months. Social media has increasingly become a tool for recruitment and radicalization that's used by the Islamic State group and its supporters, who by some reports have sent tens of thousands of tweets per day.

Tech companies are dedicating increasingly more resources to tracking reports of violent threats. Twitter said Friday that it has passed the size of its team

reviewing reports to reduce their response time "significantly." The San Francisco-based company also changed its policy in April, adding language to make clear that "threatening or promoting terrorism" specifically counted as abusive behavior and violated its terms of use.

The White House on Friday said Twitter's announcement was "very much welcome."

"The administration is committed to taking every action possible to confront and interdict terrorist activities wherever they may occur, including in cyberspace, and we welcome constructive steps from our private sector partners," the White House said.

Rep. Adam Schiff of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, called it "a very positive development."

In January, the White House made good on President Barack Obama's promise to reach out to Silicon Valley to tackle the use of social media by violent extremist groups. Those particularly include the Islamic State group, which inspired attackers who killed 14 in San Bernardino, California, last December.

A post on one of the killers' Facebook pages that appeared around the time of the attack included a pledge of allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State

group. Facebook found the post — which was under an alias — the day after the attack. The company removed the profile from public view and informed law enforcement. But such a proactive effort is fairly uncommon.

The Obama administration sent several top officials to San Jose, California, including FBI Director James Comey, Attorney General Loretta Lynch and National Security Agency Director Mike Rogers.

Among issues discussed was how to use technology to help speed the identification of "terrorist content," according to a copy of the White House briefing memo obtained by The Associated Press. "We recognize that identifying terrorist content that violates terms of service is far more difficult than identifying images of child pornography, but is there a way to use technology to quickly identify terrorist content? For example, are there technologies used for the prevention of spam that could be useful?" the memo stated.

Since late 2015, Twitter began using "proprietary spam-fighting tools" to find accounts that might be violating their terms of service by promoting terrorism, sending them to be reviewed by a team at Twitter.

North Korea fires rocket seen as covert missile test

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea on Sunday defied international warnings and launched a long-range rocket that the United Nations and others call a cover for a banned test of technology for a missile that could strike the U.S. mainland.

The rocket, fired from North Korea's west coast and tracked by the governments in South Korea and Japan, came about two hours after an eight-day launch window opened Sunday morning. It follows North Korea's widely disputed claim last month to have tested a hydrogen bomb. Washington, Seoul and their allies will consider it a further provocation and will push for more tough sanctions in the United Nations.

A South Korean defense official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of office rules, said the launch from the North's west coast launching pad was made between 9:30 a.m. and 9:35 a.m. local time, but gave no other details. Japan's NHK broadcaster reported that debris from the launch was believed to have fallen about 250 kilometers (155 miles) off the southwest coast of the Korean Peninsula into the East China Sea about 14 minutes after the launch.

NHK also showed footage of an object visible in the skies from the southern island of Okinawa that was believed to be the rocket.

Japanese chief Cabinet spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters that no debris fell on Japanese territory.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye convened an emergency national security council meeting after the launch.

North Korean rocket and nuclear tests are seen as crucial steps toward the North's ultimate goal of a nuclear armed long-range missile arsenal. North Korea under leader Kim Jong Un has pledged to bolster its nuclear arsenal unless Washington scraps what Pyongyang calls a hostile policy meant to collapse Kim's government.

The global criticism began almost immediately.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called the North Korean rocket launch and the recent nuclear test violations of U.N. agreements.

"We absolutely cannot allow this," he told reporters at the prime minister's residence. "We will take action to totally protect the safety and well-being of our people."

Kim Jong Un has overseen two of the North's four nuclear tests and three long-range rocket tests since taking over after the death of his father, dictator Kim Jong Il, in late 2011. North Korea says its rocket launches are satellite missions, but the U.S., South Korea and others say they are a covert test of ballistic missile technology. The U.N. Security Council prohibits North Korea from nuclear and ballistic missile activity. Experts say that ballistic missiles and rockets in satellite launches share similar bodies, engines and other technology.

The Jan. 6 nuclear test has led to another push in the U.N. to tighten sanctions. North Korea in 2013 also did a nuclear test and then unnerved the international community by orchestrating an escalating campaign of bombast, including threats to fire nuclear missiles at the U.S. and Seoul.

The Korean border is the world's most heavily armed and the rivals' navies occasionally trade gunfire near a disputed boundary in the Yellow Sea.

North Korea has spent decades

trying to develop operational nuclear weapons.

It is thought to have a small arsenal of atomic bombs and an impressive array of short- and medium-range missiles. But it has yet to demonstrate that it can produce nuclear bombs small enough to place on a missile, or missiles that can reliably deliver their bombs to faraway targets.

Still, the North's nuclear tests and steadily improving long-range rocket launches push its nuclear aims further along.

North Korea has said that plutonium and highly enriched uranium facilities at its main Nyongbyon nuclear complex are in operation. The country is thought to have a handful of rudimentary nuclear bombs but there is debate about whether it is capable of building warheads small enough to mount on a missile that could threaten the United States.

North Korea has spent decades trying to perfect a multistage, long-range rocket. After several failures, it put its first satellite into space with a long-range rocket launched in December 2012.

Six-nation negotiations on dismantling North Korea's nuclear program in exchange for aid fell apart in early 2009.

Under Kim Jong Un, a February 2012 deal for the United States to provide 240,000 metric tons of food aid in exchange for a freeze in nuclear and missile activities collapsed after a rocket launch by the North that April.

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After-hours visit to Calgary

bobsled track leads to 2 deaths

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) — Police say two young men died and six others were injured after using their personal sled/toboggan to go down a luge-bobsled track after hours at the Canada Olympic Park in Calgary.

Calgary police said Saturday that emergency crews received a call from an employee at the WinSport Canada facility in northwest Calgary at 1:30 a.m. after a report of several injured people on a closed track.

Insp. Kelly Campbell says that part way down the track the male teenagers hit a large gate that's used to separate the luge and bobsled tracks.

Police are investigating how they entered the property.

WinSport Canada owns and operates Canada Olympic Park, which hosted events during the 1988 Winter Olympics. Several World Cup events are held at the site as well.

Colombia: 3,177 pregnant women with Zika; no microcephaly

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos said Saturday that there's no evidence Zika has caused any cases of the birth defect known as microcephaly in his country, though it has diagnosed 3,177 pregnant women with the virus.

Santos also announced that a U.S. medical-scientific team will arrive in Colombia to help investigate the mosquito-borne virus.

Brazilian officials say they suspect Zika is behind a seemingly unusual number of microcephaly cases, in which children are born with unusually small heads. The link is not confirmed, but it has helped prompt the World Health Organization to declare an emergency over the virus.

Santos says Zika apparently has affected more than 25,600 Colombians overall.

Colombian officials said Friday that three people had died of the paralyzing Guillain-Barre syndrome they attributed to cases of Zika.

To date, the mosquito-borne virus has spread to more than 20 countries in the Americas.

With global concern over the Zika virus growing, health officials are warning pregnant women to be careful about who they kiss and calling on men to use condoms with pregnant partners if they have visited countries where the virus is present.

The flurry of recommendations began in Brazil, where a top health official said that scientists have found live virus in saliva and urine samples, and the possibility it could be spread by the two body fluids requires further study.

El Salvador arrests 4 ex-soldiers in massacre of Jesuits

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Salvadoran police have arrested four former soldiers wanted in Spain for the 1989 murder of six Jesuit priests in the Central American country, officials said Saturday. Five of the priests were Spanish and their killings sparked international outrage.

El Salvador's national police force said in a Twitter post that the four ex-soldiers were arrested at the behest of Interpol in an operation that began Friday night.

They were identified as Col. Guillermo Alfredo Benavides Moreno and soldiers Antonio Ramiro Avalos Vargas, Angel Perez Vasquez and Tomas Zarpate Castillo.

It's up to El Salvador's Supreme Court to rule on the extraditions.

On Friday in North Carolina, a U.S. judge cleared the way for a former Salvadoran colonel to be extradited to face charges in Spain in the case.

Federal Magistrate Judge Kimberly Swank ordered that U.S. Marshals take custody of Innocente Orlando Montano Morales so he can be turned over to Spain, pending final approval by State Department. The step is largely seen as a formality because lawyers for the diplomatic agency already reviewed the case before turning it over to federal prosecutors.

Montano, 73, has denied involvement in the killings.

Court documents say that early on the morning of Nov. 16, 1989, members of the Salvadoran military killed the six priests, their housekeeper and her daughter at a university in the country's capital. The priests had been calling for discussions to end the fighting, with one of them serving as an intermediary between the government and a leftist group.

3 people dead after Toronto fire in seniors' building

TORONTO (AP) — Police say three people are dead, and 15 others are hospitalized for various injuries following a fire at a seniors' building in Toronto.

Paramedic spokesman Peter Rotolo said Saturday that four people were in critical condition after the Friday afternoon blaze. Three people have been pronounced dead.

Rotolo says paramedics and firefighters pulled residents from apartments on the top floor of the five-story building.

A fire department spokesman says some of the seniors were brought down ladders because the hallways were too full of smoke.

Police commander Bob O'Halloran says the origin of the fire remains under investigation.

Somali officials: Suicide bomber may have blown hole in jet

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A suicide bomber is suspected to have set off the explosive that blew a hole in a jetliner, sucked the man out of the plane and forced the aircraft to make an emergency landing on Tuesday in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu, Somali officials said Saturday.

"Experts who were investigating the cause of the blast in the plane concluded that a bomb was the cause," said Ali Jama Jangali, Somalia's transport minister at a press conference in Mogadishu.

"The bomb aimed to kill all onboard the plane. Al-Shabab (Somalia's Islamic extremist rebel group) was behind it," he said of the explosion on a Daallo Airlines Airbus 321. He said the findings are preliminary and the investigation is continuing.

One passenger, Abdullahi Abdissalam Borle, died, according to Somali officials who did not give any details. A man's body was found in the town of Balad, 30 kilometers (about 18 miles) north of Mogadishu, according to police who said he might have been blown from the plane.

The man killed in the incident is suspected to have been a suicide bomber, The Associated Press was told by a senior Somali civil aviation official, who insisted on anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the press.

Turkey under pressure as Syrians mass at border

BEIRUT (AP) — Turkey came under mounting pressure to open its border Saturday as tens of thousands of Syrians fleeing a government onslaught sought entry and the European Union called on Ankara to grant them refuge.

As many as 35,000 Syrians have massed along the closed border, according to Suleyman Tapsiz, governor of the Turkish border province of Kilis. He said Turkey would provide aid to the displaced within Syria, but would only open the gates in the event of an "extraordinary crisis."

The Norwegian Refugee Council said thousands of Syrians have arrived at seven of the main informal camps close to the Turkish border. The group said the camps were already at capacity before the latest influx, and that aid groups are working around the clock to deliver tents and essential items to the displaced.

Filip Lozinski, an NRC supervisor in the area, told The Associated Press that many refugee families were forced to sleep out in the open, some under trees, because they could not find shelter.

At a meeting in Amsterdam between EU foreign ministers and their Turkish counterpart, EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini urged Turkey to open its borders to "Syrians in need for international protection," and said the EU is providing aid to Ankara for that purpose.

EU nations have committed 3 billion euros (\$3.3 billion) to Turkey for helping refugees as part of incentives aimed at persuading it to do more to stop thousands of migrants from leaving for Greece.

Tunisia unveils anti-jihadi fence on Libyan border

BEN GUERDANE, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia's defense minister has visited an anti-jihadi fence that's being built on the country's border with Libya to stop Islamist militants from entering Tunisian territory.

Defense Minister Farhat Horchani inspected the first completed part of the 196-kilometer (122-mile) fence Saturday, which aims to counter the threat from jihadi militants and render the entire border impassable by vehicles. Horchani said the project came about with financial assistance from Germany and the U.S.

Firebrand monks are powerful force in Myanmar

WASHINGTON (AP) — Dark-skinned and bearded men jump a young woman after she prays at a Buddhist shrine. They push her to the ground and rape her. Then they cut off her ear and slit her throat.

A lurid video recently posted online by a firebrand monk in Myanmar purports to re-enact the woman's death at the hands of Muslim assailants. Her killing in 2012 set off widespread violence between majority Buddhists and minority Muslims in the Southeast Asian nation.

Tens of thousands of people viewed the video until Facebook blocked it on Feb. 1, a sign of the continuing reach of Myanmar's Buddhist extremists even as the country moves toward civilian rule after five decades of military dominance.

A new report by U.S. researchers finds that a divisive religious group known as Ma Ba Tha, which counts the hardline monk Wirathu among its senior members, is likely to remain a force for some time to come in Myanmar, also known as Burma. Ma Ba Tha's anti-Muslim prejudices resonate in the broader Burmese society, according to the report.

The conflict and security research group C4ADS spent several months studying hate speech in Myanmar. It focused on Ma Ba Tha, or the Organization for the Protection of Race and Religion, scrutinizing the social media accounts of the group's leading monks and followers.

"We find a decentralized, but still highly organized, group that operates with unrivaled freedom," the report says. It cites the group's activist rallies, legislative campaigns, powerful media network and pressure directed at judges and police to influence legal cases.

The report concludes that the incoming government led by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, or NLD, is unlikely to confront Ma Ba Tha, despite the religious group's support for a rival pro-military party that was trounced in November elections. The new NLD-led parliament convened this week.

"While the (election) defeat is embarrassing to an organization whose key leaders had openly advocated against the NLD, it may prove to have little material impact over the long run," the report says.

Experts say the NLD's victory was driven by support for Suu Kyi and a desire for civilian rule. But the party did not field a single Muslim among its 1,151 election candidates — a sign of the political sensitivities surrounding religion.

Also, there is popular support for Ma Ba Tha's campaign to deny rights to stateless Rohingya Muslims, who have been targeted in the religious violence and live

Anti-Islam groups rally across Europe

DRESDEN, Germany (AP) — Protesters rallied against Islam and immigration in several European cities Saturday, sometimes clashing with police or counter-demonstrators amid growing tensions over the massive influx of asylum-seekers to the continent.

Riot police clashed with demonstrators in Amsterdam as supporters of the anti-Islam group PEGIDA tried to hold their first protest meeting in the Dutch capital. Only about 200 PEGIDA supporters were present, outnumbered by police and left-wing demonstrators who shouted, "Refugees are welcome, fascists are not!"

Dutch riot police detained several people as officers on horseback intervened to separate the two groups of demonstrators. It was not immediately clear how many people were detained.

In Germany, up to 8,000 people took part in a PEGIDA rally in Dresden, according to the independent group Durchgezaehlt, which monitors attendance figures. Up to 3,500 people took part in a counter-demonstration on the other side of the Elbe River that divides the city, it said.

No incidents were reported at the event.

In the northern French city of Calais, police dispersed a rowdy anti-migrant protest with tear gas after clashes with protesters and detained several far-right demonstrators.

Around 150 militants from the anti-Islam, anti-immigration group PEDIGA gathered Saturday chanting slogans like: "We must not let Calais die!"

in apartheid-like conditions in western Myanmar, according to the report.

Ma Ba Tha denies spreading hate speech. "We are not telling anyone to hate Muslims or kill them or anything like that. We are just trying to protect our own race and religion and showing love to our country," central committee member Ashin Parmoukkha told The Associated Press in Yangon, Myanmar's main city.

Yet even the group's more moderate leaders have espoused an ultra-nationalist outlook in which Muslims, who account for about 5 to 10 percent of Myanmar's 52 million people, pose an existential threat to the Buddhist majority.

Ma Ba Tha's vice chairman, the renowned monk Sitagu Sayadaw, organized a peace conference last month with participants from more than 50 countries. He told a visiting U.S. delegation in 2014 that Buddhist countries "are living in constant daily fear of falling under the sword of the Islamic extremists."

The ability of Ma Ba Tha leaders to simplify Buddhist teachings has added to the group's popular appeal. It has a nation-

wide network of offices, oversees newspapers, broadcasts TV sermons and does charitable work.

Wirathu, 47, defended the video in an interview with the Myanmar Times newspaper, saying he wanted to show the incoming NLD government that it "needs to prioritize protecting the race and religion of the country."

Facebook took down the video after complaints from activists, including Myanmar scholar Maung Zarni, who said its portrayal of Muslim men as blood-thirsty and its use of Buddhist symbolism were clearly intended to resonate with Burmese racists.

The NLD and government officials have also criticized the video, but Maung Zarni contended that authorities have "incubated" Ma Ba Tha and allow it to act with impunity.

Tina Mufford, East Asia analyst for the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, said the group has grown rapidly in the past two years and she expected its "warped" anti-Muslim messaging would continue.

"The elections may be over, but Ma Ba Tha's inner workings are still in place," she said.

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Why the Broncos will win

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Peyton Manning wanted to make one thing perfectly clear when he arrived in the Golden Gate City for the golden anniversary of the Super Bowl: "Our defense is what got us here."

Von Miller, Chris Harris Jr., Derek Wolfe, all sideline spectators last time, leading the way.

His boss, John Elway, said something similar 17 years ago before riding off into that orange sunset with a second Super Bowl ring. Manning can do the same Sunday if he musters one more magical

performance out of his 39-year-old body and that quick mind.

Two years ago, Manning brought along the league's top offense — in fact, the highest-scoring team in NFL history — and things didn't work out. This time, he's tagging along with the league's No. 1 defense.

The "Orange Rush" finished first in the NFL in sacks, yards per play, pass defense and total defense. But to earn their place atop or even alongside the '85 Bears or '00 Ravens, Denver's fearsome front-seven and

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Why the Panthers will win

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The Denver Broncos and their top defense haven't seen anything quite like Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers, the No. 1 scoring offense in the league.

The Panthers (17-1) are on a roll, jumping on playoff opponents early. The primary question on Sunday might not be whether they'll win the franchise's first Vince Lombardi Trophy, but if they'll hand the Broncos another Super Bowl blowout.

"I think it's his moment," Panthers coach Ron Rivera said of Newton, "as

well as it's our moment."

Although Broncos defensive end DeMarcus Ware said he's "not really worried about (Carolina's) offense," the potential is there for this one to get away, especially if the Panthers get off to another hot start like they have in their two previous postseason games and force Peyton Manning to become one-dimensional.

The Panthers have feasted on pocket passers all season, the latest example

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Cannon's Corner

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Bradley basketball history book available

A close friend of mine makes no bones about that fact that he bleeds Black-and-Gold.

A 1968 graduate of Bradley Central, which is where I earned my high school diploma from a decade later, Gary Ownbey spends much of waking hours promoting and serving our alma mater, whether he's paid to do so or not.

Ownbey's latest project is a great example of his selfless dedication to Bear and Bearett sports as he has researched, compiled and published a 400-page complete history over the school's basketball programs.

While the exhaustive work dating back to the hoop beginnings in 1921 sells for \$20, none of the money goes to Ownbey, who has spent thousands of hours researching every game played by the Black-and-Gold. Instead the Bradley historian is donating all of the profits to the school's basketball programs.

"I didn't do this to make money. I did it to tell the history of the programs," related Ownbey. "I started broadcasting with Corky (Whitlock) in 1991 and we pretty

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Lee squads down UNA in 'Hoops for Hope'

From Lee Sports Information

Lee University swept visiting University of North Alabama in the teams' annual "Hoops 4 Hope" contests to benefit the Lee University Developmental Inclusion Classroom (LUDIC).

The Lady Flames held off a determined North Alabama squad for a 75-73 victory on Saturday afternoon at Walker Arena, while the Flames out-gunned the Lions 110-97.

Freshman Haris Price led the Lady Flames with 20 points on a perfect 4 for 4 shooting from the 3-point line in the second half.

Price was joined in double-figures by Erin Walsh with 14 while Christina Johnson added 12 to go along with 15 rebounds. The senior grabbed nine offensive rebounds to help keep possessions alive and leads the team averaging 10.4 per game.

The Lions held a 35-30 lead at the break and limited the Lady Flames to just 39 percent shooting in the first two periods. Lee used a big third quarter, outscoring UNA 26-20, to pull ahead thanks in large part to hitting 6 of 8 3-pointers in the second half.

In the final moments of the game, North Alabama grabbed a rebound off a missed free throw and threw up a game-tying heave from the corner but the shot fell short.

Carrie Cheeks added nine points and seven rebounds before exiting the game in the second half with an apparent ankle injury.

"Credit North Alabama they really out played us today and played with a lot more energy and pride than we did," said head coach Marty Rowe. "We are fortunate to come away with the victo-

Wrestling Bears back on top

Win program's 23rd state title

By RICHARD ROBERTS
Banner Sports Editor

FRANKLIN — The Bradley Central Bears are once again on top of the TSSAA Wrestling Duals.

The No. 1-ranked Bears breezed through the first three rounds of the Tennessee State Duals Championships with 34 wins in 42 bouts. Their first title in five years came with 10 wins and a 52-21 victory over runner-up Soddy-Daisy in a rematch of the Region 4 championship between the two programs.

"We just felt like if we got to Franklin healthy, in one piece and made weight, that if we did our job and wrestled the way we trained and our tradition dictates, things would fall into place. That's what happened tonight," said Bears coach Ben Smith, who outwardly showed no signs of stress and admitted he was confident in his team as he watched the Bears warm up before the championship match.

"I'm very relieved. I'm happy for these kids and I'm happy for the program. That's a memory these guys are going to have forever. That's great."

The victory not only puts the Bears again at the top of the 3A wrestling heap, it also brings Smith out of the shadow of legendary Bradley wrestling coach Steve Logsdon — who directed the Bears to 21 state championships — a feat Smith shook off as non-consequential after the



Banner photo, DEBBIE MOORE

THE BRADLEY CENTRAL wrestling Bears captured the TSSAA State Duals Championship title Saturday in Franklin. The crown is the first in five years for the Black-and-Gold grapplers and the 23rd state title in the program's history.

match.

"It's not about me. It's about the team," the coach said matter of factly. "Ten years ago I would have said, 'Yeah, it makes me feel good for me.' But now here's what makes me feel good; it makes me feel good that I had a group of kids who when I took over could have not believed in the program and could have jumped ship. I had a group of kids who stayed with me. A group of coaches who stayed

with me and helped rebuild this thing to where we are now. I'm more happy for them for believing in me to get this thing back where we are. The affirmation is for the program. We're not going anywhere. But, selfishly it feels good."

The Bears sent seven state-ranked wrestlers to the mat (Adams No. 3, Hicks No. 1, McElhaney No. 1, Parker No. 3, Fuller No. 1 Beyer No. 1 and Brown No. 1) but Smith said it

was a total team effort that pushed the team to the title.

"We started at a great weight. That helped, I felt like, but I am more impressed with the fact that after the match all his kids were saying, 'Congratulations coach.' There was no unsportsmanlike conduct. It was complete class. Hats off to coach (Soddy-Daisy head coach Jim) Higgins and his crew. They wrestled tough and he had them prepared. We just kind of got the

ball rolling and kept it going."

The much anticipated rematch between the Bears and Trojans started with T.J. Adams putting the Bears up 6-0 with a pin at 285 pounds. Soddy-Daisy countered with a pin at 106 to tie the match at 6-6. T.J. Hicks (113) And Ryan McElhaney (120) came through with pins that pushed Bradley to an 18-6 lead.

In the 126-pound bout,

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Lee University photo

LEE UNIVERSITY'S Keevin Tyus, right, goes up for two of his 28 points in the Flames 110-97 victory over the University of North Alabama in the annual "Hoops for Hope" contest at Walker Arena Saturday.

Lee men's basketball team put 110 points on the board and held offensive-minded North Alabama to 97 in a fast-paced Gulf South Conference win on Saturday afternoon in Walker Arena.

Keevin Tyus, who had been held in check over the past two to three games, exploded for 29 points and grabbed seven

rebounds to pace the Flames to their fifth conference win of the year. Rico Overall, despite an ankle injury, recorded 23 points and Rantavious Gilbert had his biggest scoring outburst of the season with his second straight double-double, 15 points and 10 rebounds. He also continued to climb in the blocked-shot standings with six.

Lee had five players reach double-figure scoring. Levi Woods hit three 3-pointers and finished with 14 points. He also had five rebounds and three assists. Stephan Burrows rounded out the double-digit scoring with 11. He also had a season-high eight assists.

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CS Cougar hoopsters sweep past Chatt State

From CSCC Sports Information

Cleveland State pulled out a victory in a tight contest at Chattanooga State Saturday.

The Lady Cougars were down two at halftime before putting together enough at the end to pull out an 85-82 win.

"We made a strong surge at the end of the third quarter to give us the lead," said head coach Dan Lumpkin. "It was a great team effort with four players in double figures."

Freshman guard Leisa Butler led the charge scoring a team high 22 points while bringing down 14 rebounds. Sophomore forward Ny'Asia Holmes added 13 points while sophomore guards Keke Smith and Kelsey Ivey each scored eleven.

Despite Chattanooga State (13-9, 6-6) sophomore guards Sydney Sims scoring a game high 28 points and Teondra Crawford putting in 27, the Lady Cougars came together as a team to overcome their individual performances.

Cleveland State (17-4, 10-2) tallied 60 rebounds compared to the Lady Tigers bringing down 31 boards. The Lady Cougars also led the assist category 17-9.

Cleveland State gets back to action this Wednesday at Roane State (16-7, 11-1) in a game where a victory can put them in a tie for second place in the conference. Tip off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Cleveland State picks up their first conference road win since November 20.

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Stingy Bearettes secure top seed; Bears roll

By JOE CANNON

Banner Assistant Sports Editor

Putting together possibly their best games of the season, Bradley Central swept Soddy-Daisy Friday evening at Jim Smiddy Arena as the Bearettes joined the Bears in securing the top seed in the upcoming District 5-AAA Tournaments.

While Coach Jason Reuter's 10th-ranked ladies matched their second best offensive output of the campaign in the 73-30 runaway, it was the Bearette defense that stole the show with 19 steals, including 11 in the opening frame as the hosts raced out to a 25-point advantage by the first buzzer.

"We've been emphasizing defense this year and according to CoachT(.com) we have the third or fourth best scoring defense in the state," Reuter related. "We shot well in the first half and our defense did its job."

The Bearettes have given up just 33.1 points per game so far this season, the best since the 1962-63 campaign when legendary coach Jim Smiddy's squad allowed just 32.6 points an outing while going 24-6 and winning a district championship.

In the early 1960s girls' play was the old 6-on-6, half-court style with four seven-minute quarters, while today's game is full-court, 5-on-5 action with eight-minute periods.

Now 21-3 on the season and 10-0 in district play, the Bearettes have won their last nine straight games by a 65-27.5 average margin of victory. The Black-and-Gold girls have held 10 opponents under 30 points this season, three below 20 and Sequoyah scoreless in the second and fourth periods on Jan. 18.

Just a point under their best tally of the campaign, the



BRADLEY CENTRAL players Julia Gaiter (33), Katie Brown (4) and Rhyne Howard (back) battle with a pair of Soddy-Daisy players for a loose ball during Friday evening's District 5-AAA matchup at Jim Smiddy Arena.

Bradley boys claimed their 10th straight win by an 85-60 margin over visiting Soddy-Daisy.

"This was one of the most complete games we've played all year," praised Bear head coach Chuck Clark. "Our shooting percentage (17-of-29 in front of the arc and 13-for-32 beyond it) was good. Our assists-to-turnover ratio (19-8) was very good, plus we had 19 assists on 30 made shots, which shows we were moving the ball well and getting good looks at the basket."

"It was another good 'team' effort all the way down the line," he added. "We got a lot of good play from our bench again

tonight."

Weather permitting, the Bradley squads will be back at Smiddy Arena Monday as crosstown rival Cleveland High pays a visit to make up the games which were snowed out a couple of weeks ago. "I hope we can get them in," remarked Clark in reference to the weather forecast of possible snow again tomorrow.

Bearettes 73 Lady Trojans 30

Bradley allowed the Soddy girls just one shot from the field while swiping five steals and turning all but one of them into points for a 15-2 advantage in

the first three minutes of the contest.

After the teams traded the next four points, the Bearettes copped five more steals as part of a 12-0 run that put the score at 31-6 at the close of the opening period.

The hosts opened the second frame in similar fashion, netting the first dozen points as part of a 22-6 scoring difference in the eight-minute span.

The Bearettes hit 8-of-12 three-point shots, plus went 10-for-21 from close range and forced 17 turnovers in the opening 16 minutes of play.

Leading 53-12 at the intermission, Coach Reuter left his top

four scorers on the bench for the second half, but the Bearette reserves still outscored the visitors 20-18 during the running clock final two frames.

Bradley won the battle of the boards by a 36-30 margin, forced a total of 22 turnovers, plus dished out 18 assists on 25 made shots in the victory.

The hosts also sank 11-of-14 free throws as they notched their 32nd straight victory over the Lady Trojans (11-14, 2-8). Bradley is 122-14 all time verses the Soddy girls.

Playing just the first half, junior Halle Hughes led all scorers with 22 points and pulled down four rebounds.

Swishing a trio of long-range bombs, Rhyne Howard, a 6-foot-1 sophomore guard, helped out with 15 markers, eight assists, eight caroms and seven steals in the first two frames.

Senior Katie Brown came off the bench for 11 points, four ricochets, plus a trio of thefts.

Freshman Hannah Lombard made the most of some varsity playing time with a half dozen points, six rebounds and a pair of steals.

Also playing just the first half, junior Emma Kate Brown drilled a pair of 3-pointers, swiped four thefts and handed out four "dimes."

Junior Sidney Morgan also drained a pair of shots from beyond the arc, pulled down a half dozen boards and handed off a pair of helps.

Senior Julia Gaiter, who had a three-pointer, took a hard fall diving after a loose ball in the second period and didn't return to the contest.

"She (Gaiter) will go to the doctor Monday to be evaluated but it looks like she's got a concussion," Reuter updated Saturday. "She's questionable for the next two or three games."

Bears 85, Trojans 60

After pulling out a 68-67 overtime victory when the teams met in Hamilton County last month, Bradley (18-5, 10-0) wasn't surprised to find themselves down a basket (15-13) when the opening period horn blared.

A three-pointer and an old fashion three-point play by sophomore Lameric Tucker to open the second frame put the Bears in the lead for good as they built a 43-28 edge at the intermission thanks to 30-point quarter.

Bradley stretched its advantage with a 25-14 run in the third period before Coach Clark emptied his bench for the final eight minutes.

The teams sizzled the nylon from downtown with the Trojans (9-13, 2-8) sinking 13 three-pointers, while the Bears drilled a dozen. Bradley also went 12-for-13 at the free throw line.

Junior Cole Copeland paced the victory with his usual double-double — 20 points, 13 rebounds (seven off the offensive glass) — plus he handed out a half dozen assists, blocked a trio of Trojan shots and copped three steals.

Senior Bradley McCurdy bombed five from "distance" on his way to a 17-point night, plus he dished off a trio of "dimes."

John Brown helped out with 15 points, including 10 straight near the end of the second period. He went 5-of-7 from the field and a perfect 3-for-3 at the charity stripe. The junior also snatched three boards, dished out a pair of helps and swiped two steals.

Tucker finished with eight points and three caroms, while Tyrell Pitner netted five points and handed out four assists. Juniors Ty Beavers and Trevor Cartwright came off the bench to

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Ware duo dismantle Canes

By TYLER WICKMAN

Banner Sports Writer

COLLEGEDALE — Cleveland High School took to the road on Friday night, where they faced two tough East Hamilton teams in district 5-AAA competition.

In the first game, the Lady Raiders were not able to get things going offensively and dropped their contest against the Lady Canes 55-23. As for the boys' matchup, Cleveland ran away with things in the second half with some terrific shooting performances from Dionte Ware and Cantrel Ware to move them to (6-3) in their race for second place in district play.

D. Ware racked up 17 points as he lit it up from beyond the arc, while C. Ware tallied 11 by scoring every way possible on the floor.

East Hamilton's student section made their presence felt, but Cleveland settled down and created some steals as all their points in the first quarter came off

Hawks soar past Paideia

Special to the Banner

The TCPS boys' basketball team played a single game at home Thursday night.

The Hawks took on the Paideia Academy Knights from Knoxville in a game in which Coach Frank Walker was able to give all of his players plenty of playing time with the hosts claiming a 57-15 victory.

The Hawks were lead in scoring by sophomore Evan Gaffney with 13 points.

Junior Zadarus Williams added nine points, while seniors Robbie Davis had eight points and Andy Chase had seven points.

Junior Barrett Pope followed with six, freshman Solomon Smith scored five, while senior Luke Benton and sophomore Peter Armao each added four points. Freshman Niko Daniels scored one point and lead the team in rebounds with nine along with three steals. Pope and Davis had six rebounds each and Gaffney had four rebounds with two blocked shots.

The Hawks are 9-1 in conference play and firmly in second place in the North Division of the SCAA Conference, a half-game behind division leader Knoxville Christian.

TCPS will play Knoxville Christian two times this week, which will be the first meeting for these teams this season.

The first game will be on Monday evening in the Hawk's Nest and promises to be entertaining. The Lady Hawks play at 6 and the Hawks at 7:30 p.m.

turnovers.

Coming into the game, C. Ware led the area in steals averaging 2.7 per game. It's safe to say he will remain number one on the leaderboard after he finished the contest with four steals.

It was a low-scoring first period as East Hamilton led 11-7, but momentum swung to the Blue Raiders in the second stanza due to how their defense proved to be too much for the Hurricanes.

"We came out of the gate playing way too fast offensively, but I thought we played pretty well defensively. We had it charted that we turned them over 14 times in the first half," Cleveland head coach Jason McCowan stated.

Cleveland was able to put up 18 points after they opened the second period on a 7-1 run, but it could have been more due to how their defense just shut the Hurricanes down.

"We weren't turning defense into offense, so we talked about it in the locker room (at halftime) and just talked about slowing it down and executing. I thought our shooters stayed patient in the first half, and in the second half we got it to them in good spots," McCowan explained.

After halftime, it was a whole different story offensively for the Blue-and-White as they outscored East Hamilton 35-17 in the final 16 minutes.

The Ware duo took turns firing it from deep and got the Cleveland crowd on their feet as they combined for 10 of the 19 points

scored by the Raiders in the third quarter.

Cleveland continued to take it right at the Canes, who had no answer for the athleticism of the visiting squad. The Raiders grabbed a double-digit lead with 3:58 remaining until the final period and ended up carrying a 16-point advantage into the fourth.

Pulling away, the Raiders grasped a game high 26-point lead, while holding the Hurricanes to just 14 points in the second half.

"If you look at it percentage wise, we work more defensively than offensively. Our best offense is going to be defense, we are long, quick, and athletic so we have to take advantage of our strengths, which we did in the second," McCowan said.

TJ Constant was just one point shy of securing a double-double as he finished with 10 rebounds and nine points. Constant entered the night shooting 62 percent from the field, which is the second highest percentage in the surrounding counties.

Lady Hurricane 55 Lady Raiders 23

It was East Hamilton eighth grader, Madison Hayes that plagued the Lady Raiders on Friday night. Hayes ended up posting 15 points to lead scoring for both teams, which yielded a 55-23 loss for Cleveland.

A nightmare start for the Blue-

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CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL'S KK Curry (11) anticipates tip-off against East Hamilton's Noah Fager (10) on Friday night, where the Blue Raiders came out on top, 60-36.



WALKER VALLEY'S Cooper Melton (10) looks to pass the ball to an open Josh Jones (24) during Friday's game against McMinn Central.

'Stangs split with Chargers

By SARALYN NORKUS

Banner Sports Writer

Whenever a local team takes on McMinn Central, some electric basketball is sure to follow.

Walker Valley hosted the sharpshooters from Englewood Friday night and wound up splitting with the 5-AA school.

The Lady Mustangs (10-14) faced perhaps the toughest challenge as they took on the Chargerettes (21-2), who are currently the second-ranked 5-AA team in the state, in what turned into a 67-42 loss. The Mustangs (16-8), on the other hand, survived a late shooting spree from the Chargers (15-10) to pick up an 87-82 win.

"Overall I thought that was a good game and that's a solid team (we played). I told the guys that those guards with the way that they shoot the ball, are some of the best guards we'll see," Walker Valley boys coach Bob Williams declared.

Kenny Bunton got the Mustangs off to a 4-0 lead early in the first quarter, but before he could hit another basket, the Chargers sent in a 3-pointer. Bunton gave his team a three-point lead and then Josh Jones sank a 3 ball of his own to make it a 9-3 lead.

McMinn Central picked up a quick five points to cut Walker Valley's lead to just one point.

The turn in momentum came with 2:43 left in the first quarter, as Bryce Nunnely was able to get a two-handed follow up dunk off of a teammate's missed 3-point shot and put the Mustangs up 16-11.

"That was his first dunk in the game and it was a nice one," Williams declared. "He does it in practice a lot, but I think we were all shocked when he did it (Friday night)."

Walker Valley added 10 more points to the scoreboard before the first quarter was over, while allowing Central just five more points.

During the second quarter, Jones sank a trio of treys and Nunnely chipped in a 3-pointer of his own to help the Mustangs build up a 14-point, 50-36 lead over the Chargers by halftime.

The momentum began to sway in favor of Central in the second half, as the visitors outscored their hosts 19-14 in the third quarter.

The Mustangs saw their 14 point lead dwindle down to a nine point one after the Chargers' Dylan Miller sank a 3-pointer at the buzzer to make it a 64-55 game going into the fourth quarter.

As the final quarter got underway, Central was able to thwart any of Walker Valley's attempts to get back firm control of the ball game.

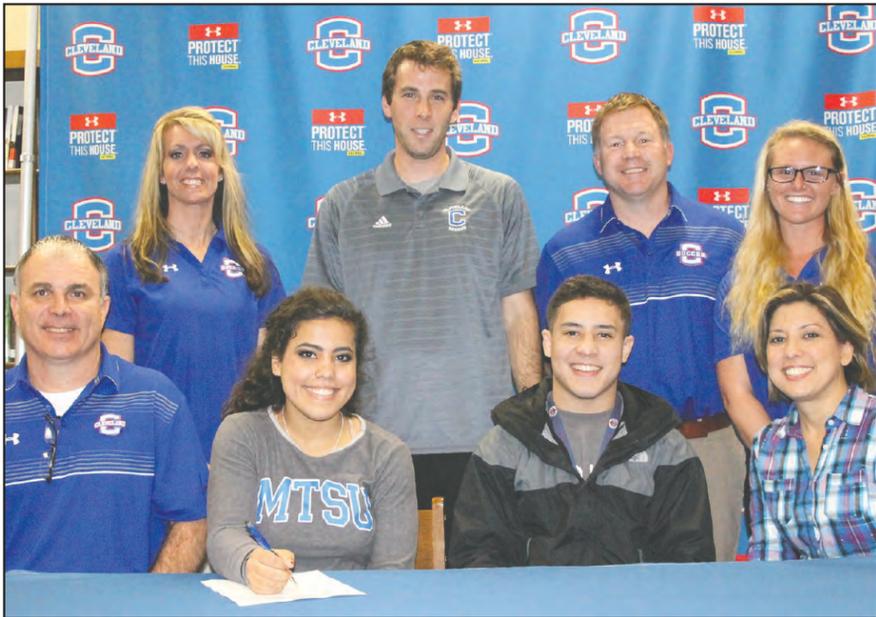
After virtually trading shot for shot, the Chargers sank a trey to move within one point of the Mustangs, 73-72 with 3:26 left in the game.

Well timed baskets and free throws helped ensure the victory for Walker Valley, but the game wasn't entirely locked up until Jones picked up two more points from the charity stripe with 7.3 seconds remaining.

"In the first half we shot the ball great and moved the ball around good. We were up 14 at the half, but I told them that with the way (Central) shoots the ball, 14 points is nothing and we still have to guard and keep moving the ball," Williams explained. "They made a great run there and got back in the game, coming within one point. We were just very fortunate that we made a couple plays down the stretch."

In total, McMinn Central sank 13 3-pointers Friday night to Walker Valley's eight, all of which

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Banner photo, SARALYN NORKUS

SAM DEBIEN will remain a Blue Raider after signing a soccer scholarship with MTSU. Seated, from left, are Cleveland Athletic Director and Sam's father, Eric Phillips, Sam DeBien, Chris DeBien, brother, and Silvia Phillips, mother. Standing, from left, are assistant coach Valerie Capps, assistant coach Luke Medema, Lady Raiders head coach Andy Byrd and assistant coach Hannah Ellis.

DeBien remaining Blue Raider

By SARALYN NORKUS
Banner Sports Writer

Over the past four years, Sam DeBien has been quite a force for the Cleveland High School Lady Raiders soccer team. DeBien will remain a Blue Raider for the next four years as well, as she signed to play for Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) on National Signing Day.

"First I prayed about it and when I went there it just seemed like the perfect fit for me. The campus is beautiful and modern, which I loved. There's a part in the locker room that had pictures of girls on the national team after they went to MTSU and I want to do that — I want to pursue soccer after college," DeBien detailed.

Playing at either forward or attacking mid while at Cleveland, the four-year starter has racked up 58 goals and some 32 assists, despite missing most of the 2015 season with an injury.

"My four years at Cleveland have been amazing. I've enjoyed them so much with all of the different girls and relationships. The relationship part is what I have enjoyed the most. Soccer is something that is fun," DeBien commented.

In her senior season, DeBien received All-State, All-Region and All-District honors. Besides being named her team's MVP, she was also the Region Player of the Year and District Player of the Year. DeBien's accolades also include making the All-State, All-Region and All-District teams in 2014

and the All-Region, All-District team as well as team MVP in 2013.

DeBien also plays club soccer for F.C. Alliance in Knoxville.

"There are three things that really stick out when I think about Sam. No. 1, she pursued a passion. At four or five years old she decided that she really liked soccer and she stuck with it and pursued it 100-percent of the time. She's a wonderful kid and the program has been very fortunate have a player of that caliber in it. I love it when they're here because they produce other players of that caliber, which is what Sam did for us," Cleveland coach Andy Byrd stated.

"Another big thing that comes to my mind when I think about Sam is the fact that she sets goals — she sets goals that are specific, attainable and measurable. The third thing that she does is just working hard all of the time. It's not a magic formula — figure out what you like, set goals and pursue them with a work ethic that is unsurpassed."

The MTSU Lady Raiders, a NCAA DI school and member of Conference USA, finished with an overall record of 10-6-4 last season and were 5-2-3 in conference play.

To be successful at the collegiate level, DeBien knows that she will have to work even harder.

"I definitely have to keep in shape. I just got off of an injury so I have to keep on running. I'm in club soccer right now and will keep on doing that. I have to keep working on and off the field," she added.

Collins signs early with Lee

By SARALYN NORKUS
Banner Sports Writer

Jonathan Collins may have one final season to play for the Cleveland Blue Raiders, but the soccer star will be able to slightly relax, knowing that his career will continue at Lee University next year.

On National Signing Day, Collins made things official with the NCAA Division II Flames, a team that he has followed for quite some time now.

"For the most part I really wanted to stay close to home for the next four years. I always went to Lee games and my brother played there, so I admired and kept up with them," Collins explained. "I was really excited when they went DII, so that kind of sweetened the deal."

Collins plans to major in health care administration at Lee.

Through three seasons with the Raiders, Collins has scored 18 goals and picked up 13 assists. With the 2016 season fast approaching, those numbers are sure to rise.

"He's had a great high school career with us and has certainly been a special player. To say that he's a great soccer player is one

thing, but he's an even better person overall. You couldn't ask for a nicer young man than Jonathan Collins," commented Cleveland head coach John Brose.

"He is our creative force on the team. He's an attacking center mid, can play forward as well and out on the wing. His ability on the soccer ball is just tremendous.

"He can make people look silly, to be honest with you. With the ball on his foot he can do some special things. He was the driving force for our offense last year, and I'll think he'll continue to do so as a senior this year."

In 2015, Collins was named to first team All-District and All-Region and was his team's MVP. The talented player was also named to the Tennessee High School Coaches Association All-State team. The following year, Collins made second team All-District and All-Region.

The humble star was quick to give credit where it was due.

"God first, obviously, and the support of my family and friends has been amazing. God gave me all of my abilities," Collins said.

According to C.F.C Flames coach Mark Pistrang, who has been Collins' club coach since middle school, the decision to

sign with Lee was a great one.

"He's such an amazing kid, first and foremost ... and it's been amazing to watch him grow up and develop as a player," Pistrang stated. "He's going to do great at Lee, I think. He's just got so much talent."

Coach Brose is also pleased that his current player will be continuing his career with Lee, which happens to be Brose's alma mater.

"Obviously, it's close to my heart because I played at Lee University. We're excited for him and his family," Brose declared. "I'm definitely planning on catching some games since he'll be right in town."

While Collins can play in a number of different areas, he prefers an attacking position.

"I really enjoy playing in the midfield, but I also like playing on the wings at the top, striker, any of those positions as long as I'm attacking," the future Flame detailed.

With his final season a month away from starting, Collins hopes to see the Blue Raiders finish out strong.

"For the past few years we've been No. 1 in the regular season, so the goal for my final season is to do better in the postseason."



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CLEVELAND'S JONATHAN COLLINS will be sticking close to home after signing with Lee University for soccer. Seated, from left, are assistant coach Andy Byrd, assistant coach Luke Medema, CFC Flames coach Mark Pistrang, Jonathan Collins, Cleveland head coach John Brose, and assistant coach Tom Halsall. Standing, from left, are Xiomara Collins and Otoniel Collins.



Lee University photo

LEE UNIVERSITY senior hurler Angie Hughes struck out 12 in the Lady Flames' matchup with Midwestern State Friday in the Gulf Shores Invitational.

Flames open with shutouts

From Lee Sports Information

Riding strong pitching and consistent hitting, the Lee University baseball team opened the 2016 season with a pair of shutout victories over Albany State University (Ga.) on Saturday afternoon at Olympic Field.

In the first game, the Flames posted a 12-0 victory. Justin Alleman, making his first start as Lee player, pitched five innings and allowed only three hits to pick up the win. He allowed only one walk and fanned seven hitters.

Logan Campbell worked the final four innings and surrendered only one hit. He fanned six and issued two free passes.

Ben Holland led Lee's 13-hit parade. The senior slugger blasted a pair of home runs and collected three RBI.

Luke Toms and MJ Brown followed with three hits apiece. Toms had a triple, a double and drove in two runs. Brown blasted a homer, a two-base hit and collected six big RBI.

Jeremy Walton had two hits, including a double and scored a pair of runs. Trent Hill also stroked a

double. Tyler Waters got into the extra-base hit explosion with a double.

Trevor Billings had three of Albany State's four hits. DeMarukus Green was the starting and losing pitcher for the visitors.

In the second game, Art Vidrio worked the first five innings and picked up the win for the Flames. He surrendered just one hit, did not walk a man and struck out three.

Tyler Burcham hurled the final two innings. He also did not walk an Albany State player and fanned two.

The Flames made the best of five hits in the second game. Walton, Chris Adams, Hill, Brown and Tyler Payne banded out hits in the win. Adams tripled and scored twice. Hill, Brown and Payne collected RBIs.

John Paul Barnard was the Albany State starter and charged with the pitching loss. He worked 4 2/3 innings. Theodore Smith collected the only hit for the losers.

The Flames will be back in action on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. facing the same Albany State club in a single contest.

Lady Flames split Gulf Shores Invite openers

From Lee Sports Information

GULF SHORES, Ala. - The Lee softball team settled for a split on day one of the Gulf Shores Invitational.

After rolling past Miles College, 11-3 earlier in the day the Lady Flames came up a run short in a 5-4 defeat at the hands of Midwestern State University in the nightcap.

Lee was back on the diamond Saturday against Montevallo. The Lady Flames beat the Eagles on Thursday 18-6 and pounded out 17 hits.

Day two wrapped up with against the University Missouri-St. Louis Saturday evening.

LEE 11 MILES 3

Freshman Halle Davis homered for the second time in as many games as the Lady Flames scored an 11-3 run-rule victory over Miles.

Lee jumped on the board early as Emily Dagnan delivered a sacrifice fly to plate Amanda Lynn in the top of the first.

The Golden Bears would capitalize on a pair of Lady Flames' errors in the bottom of the first to score three unearned runs and take an early 3-1 advantage.

From there it was all Lee. The high-powered offense struck for five runs in the third and five more in the fourth. Davis capped off the five-run third with a three-run homer. Davis finished with four RBI in the game.

Dagnan delivered a two-run double to help put things away in

the fourth inning. The senior catcher finished with four RBI and scored two runs. Lexie Dean added a pair of singled while Rachel Polacek registered a double.

Kendruena McPhereson (0-1) started and worked three innings in the circle for Miles. McPhereson was tagged with 11 runs on seven hits and walked three.

Bri Eichbaum (2-0) tossed four innings and allowed just three unearned runs on three hits while striking out four. Freshman Madyson Stallcup saw her first action in the circle and pitched a scoreless inning.

Swinging the bats well early, the victory marked the third straight run-rule victory for the Lady Flames on the young sea-

son.

**MIDWESTERN STATE 5
LEE 4**

Despite 12 strikeouts from senior Angie Hughes the Lady Flames left the tying run stranded on second in the final frame to fall 5-4 to Midwestern State in Friday's second game.

Trailing by one in the top of the seventh, Lynn started the inning with an infield single. Dean would advance the speedy leadoff hitter to second on a groundout to the pitcher but Erin Knox buckled down to retire Dagnan and Nia Ceasar to seal the victory for the Mustangs.

Knox (1-0) went the distance for the Mustangs and allowed four runs (three earned) on five hits. Knox walked two and struck out three.

Hughes (0-2) worked all six innings and allowed five runs on seven hits. Control proved costly as the hard-throwing righty walked five batters.

Baylee Voight jump started Midwestern State in the first inning with a two-run home run to left. Knox helped her own cause at the plate with two singles and a pair of RBI.

The Lady Flames took a brief 3-2 lead in the top of the third thanks in large part to a pair of errors by the Mustangs.

Lynn finished with two singles and scored a run to pace Lee at the dish. Ceasar added a single and drove in a run while Courtney Crawford and Stevie Baird also recorded one-base knocks to round out the five-hit performance.

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Sunday, Feb. 7

BOWLING

2 p.m.

ESPN — PBA Tour, Tournament of Champions, at Shawnee, Okla.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

CBSN — East Carolina at UConn
1 p.m.
ESPN — Miami at Georgia Tech
BTN — Iowa at Illinois

2 p.m.

NBCSN — Saint Louis at St. Bonaventure
CBSN — SMU at South Florida

3 p.m.

ESPN — Houston at Tulsa
4 p.m.
ESPN2 — Utah at Oregon

GOLF

3:30 a.m.

GOLF — European PGA Tour, Omega Dubai Desert Classic, final round, at Dubai, United Arab Emirates

1 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour, Waste Management Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.

3 p.m.

GOLF — Champions Tour, Allianz Championship, final round, at Boca Raton, Fla. (same-day tape)
NBC — PGA Tour, Waste Management Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.

NBA BASKETBALL

2 p.m.

ABC — L.A. Clippers at Miami

NFL FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m.

CBS — Super Bowl 50, Carolina vs. Denver, at Santa Clara, Calif.

NHL HOCKEY

Noon

NBC — Philadelphia at Washington

SOCCER

8:30 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal at Bournemouth

9:30 a.m.

FS1 — Bundesliga, Köln at Hamburg

11 a.m.

ESPN — Premier League, Manchester United at Chelsea

11:30 a.m.

FS1 — Bundesliga, Darmstadt at Hoffenheim

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

SEC — LSU at Kentucky
1:30 p.m.
FS1 — St. John's at Seton Hall

2 p.m.

ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Louisville
SEC — Auburn at Alabama

3 p.m.

BTN — Minnesota at Northwestern

4 p.m.

ESPN — Tennessee at Texas A&M

ON TAP

Sunday, Feb. 7

BASEBALL

Albany State (Ga.) at Lee University 2

SOFTBALL

11 a.m.

Gulf Coast Invitational
Gulf Shores, Ala.

Monday, Feb. 8

BASKETBALL

Knoxville Christian at TCPS, 6
Cleveland at Bradley Central, 6

Tuesday, Feb. 9

BASKETBALL

Rhea County at Cleveland (CMS), 6
Bradley Central at Sequoyah, 6
TCPS at Mountain View, 6
Oakwood at Cleveland Christian, 5

Wednesday, Feb. 10

BASEBALL

Cleveland State at Roane State, 5:30
McMinn County at Walker Valley, 6

Thursday, Feb. 11

BASKETBALL

University of West Alabama at Lee University, 6
Cleveland Christian at Mountain View, 6

Friday, Feb. 12

BASKETBALL

Notre Dame at Cleveland (CMS), 6
Bradley Central at Ooltewah, 6
Walker Valley at East Hamilton, 6
Polk County at Copper Basin, 6
Calvary at TCPS, 6

Saturday, Feb. 13

BASEBALL

Tiffin (Ohio) University at Lee University (DH), 1

SOFTBALL

Walters State at Cleveland State, 2
University of West Georgia at Lee University, 2
Knox West at Cleveland (CMS), 6

SOFTBALL

University of West Florida at Lee University (DH), 2

WRESTLING

Region Tournament at Cleveland Middle School, TBA

Sunday, Feb. 14

BASEBALL

Tiffin (Ohio) University at Lee University, 1

SOFTBALL

University of West Florida at Lee University, 2

BASEBALL

2016 MLB schedule

Through Feb. 19 — Voluntary reporting hearings, Phoenix.
Feb. 18 — Voluntary reporting date for pitchers, catchers and injured players.Feb. 23 — Voluntary reporting date for other players.
March 1 — Mandatory reporting date.
March 16 — Last day to place a player on unconditional release waivers and pay 30 days termination pay instead of 45 days.

March 30 — Last day to request unconditional release waivers on a player without having to pay his full 2016 salary.

April 3 — Opening day. Active rosters reduced to 25 players.
May 18-19 — Owners meetings, New York.July 15 — All-Star Game, San Diego.
July 15 — Last day to sign for amateur draft picks subject to deadline.July 24 — Hall of Fame inductions, Cooperstown, N.Y.
Aug. 1 — Last day to trade a player without securing waivers.Sept. 1 — Active rosters expand to 40 players.
November TBA — Deadline for teams to make qualifying offers to their eligible former players who became free agents, fifth day after World Series.

November TBA — Deadline for free agents to accept qualifying offers, 12th day after World Series.

Dec. 1 — Collective bargaining agreement between MLB and players' association expires.

Dec. 2 — Last day for teams to offer 2017 contracts to unsigned players.

Dec. 5-8 — Winter meetings, National Harbor, Md.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

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Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	34	16	68.0
Boston	30	22	57.7
New York	23	30	43.4
Brooklyn	13	39	25.0
Philadelphia	6	43	15.7

Southeast Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	30	22	57.7
Miami	29	22	56.9
Charlotte	25	26	49.0
Washington	22	27	44.9
Orlando	20	28	42.9

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	36	14	72.0
Chicago	27	22	55.1
Indiana	27	24	52.9
Detroit	27	25	51.9
Milwaukee	20	32	38.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	42	8	84.0
Memphis	30	20	60.0
Dallas	28	25	52.8
Houston	27	26	50.9
New Orleans	18	32	36.0

Northwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	35	13	74.5
Portland	28	27	48.1
Denver	20	31	39.2
Minnesota	15	36	29.4

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	45	4	91.8
L.A. Clippers	43	7	86.0
Sacramento	21	29	42.0
Phoenix	14	37	27.5
L.A. Lakers	11	41	21.2

Friday's Games

L.A. Clippers 107, Orlando 93
Washington 105, Philadelphia 94
Miami 98, Charlotte 95Atlanta 102, Indiana 96
Boston 104, Cleveland 103
Brooklyn 128, Sacramento 119
Memphis 91, New York 85
Denver 115, Chicago 110
Utah 84, Milwaukee 81
San Antonio 116, Dallas 90

Saturday's Games

Portland 96, Houston 79
Indiana 112, Detroit 104
Charlotte 106, Washington 104
Cleveland 99, New Orleans 84
Philadelphia 103, Brooklyn 98
Chicago at Minnesota, after presstime
Dallas at Lakers, after presstime
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, after presstime
Cleveland City at Golden State, after presstime
Utah at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at Orlando, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 1 p.m.
Denver at New York, 1 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Miami, 2 p.m.

Monday's Games

Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Men's Top 25 Fared

Saturday

1. Oklahoma (19-3) lost to Kansas State 80-69. Next: vs. Texas, Monday.
2. North Carolina (19-4) lost to Notre Dame 80-76. Next: at Boston College, Tuesday.
3. Villanova (20-3) beat No. 11 Providence 72-60. Next: at DePaul, Tuesday.4. Maryland (21-3) beat No. 18 Purdue 72-61. Next: vs. Wisconsin.
5. Iowa (18-4) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Sunday.
6. Xavier (21-2) beat Marquette 90-82. Next: at Creighton, Tuesday.
7. Kansas (19-4) beat TCU 75-56. Next: vs. No. 14 West Virginia, Tuesday.8. Texas A&M (18-5) lost to No. 25 South Carolina 81-78. Next: at Alabama, Wednesday.
9. Virginia (19-4) beat Pittsburgh 64-50. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Tuesday.
10. Michigan State (20-4) beat Michigan 89-73. Next: at No. 18 Purdue, Tuesday.11. Providence (19-5) lost to No. 3 Villanova 72-60. Next: at Marquette, Wednesday.
12. SMU (19-2) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
13. Iowa State (17-6) beat Oklahoma State 64-59. Next: at Texas Tech, Wednesday.14. West Virginia (18-4) vs. No. 15 Baylor. Next: at No. 7 Kansas, Tuesday.
15. Baylor (17-5) at No. 14 West Virginia. Next: at Kansas State, Wednesday.
16. Oregon (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Utah, Sunday.
17. Miami (17-4) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.18. Purdue (19-5) lost to No. 4 Maryland 72-61. Next: vs. No. 10 Michigan State, Tuesday.
19. Louisville (19-4) beat Boston College 79-47. Next: at Duke, Monday.
20. Kentucky (17-6) beat Florida 80-61. Next: vs. Georgia, Tuesday.21. Wichita State (17-5) at Illinois State. Next: at Drake, Tuesday.
22. Indiana (19-4) at Penn State. Next: vs. No. 5 Iowa, Thursday.
23. Arizona (19-5) beat Washington 77-72. Next: vs. UCLA, Friday.
24. Dayton (19-3) beat George Mason 98-64. Next: vs. Duquesne, Tuesday.

25. South Carolina (20-3) beat No. 8 Texas A&M 81-78. Next: vs. LSU, Wednesday.

Women's Top 25 Fared

Saturday

1. UConn (22-0) beat East Carolina 92-46. Next: at No. 2 South Carolina, Monday.
2. South Carolina (22-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 UConn, Monday.
3. Notre Dame (22-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Louisville, Sunday.4. Baylor (23-1) beat Kansas 81-49. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.
5. Maryland (21-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 Ohio State, Monday.
6. Texas (21-1) beat Iowa State 65-49. Next: vs. No. 25 Oklahoma State, Wednesday.7. Ohio State (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 5 Maryland, Monday.
8. Arizona State (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Sunday.
9. Oregon State (19-3) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.10. Florida State (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Sunday.
11. Mississippi State (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Missouri, Sunday.
12. Texas A&M (15-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Sunday.13. Louisville (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Notre Dame, Sunday.
14. UCLA (16-6) did not play. Next: at Arizona, Sunday.
15. Stanford (19-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arizona, Friday.16. Miami (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Sunday.
17. Michigan State (17-5) lost to No. 5 Maryland 85-76. Next: at Iowa, Sunday.
18. Kentucky (15-6) did not play. Next: vs. LSU, Sunday.19. South Florida (16-6) lost to Temple 68-66. Next: vs. Tulane, Tuesday.
20. Oklahoma (16-6) beat TCU 77-64. Next: at Kansas State, Tuesday.21. Missouri (18-5) did not play. Next: at No. 11 Mississippi State, Sunday.
22. Florida (19-4) did not play. Next: at No. 2 South Carolina, Thursday.
23. Tennessee (14-8) did not play. Next: at No. 12 Texas A&M, Sunday.24. Washington (16-6) did not play. N Next: vs. Oregon, Sunday.
25. Oklahoma State (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Sunday.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoff Glance

Wild-Card Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 9

Kansas City 30, Houston 0
Pittsburgh 18, Cincinnati 16

Sunday, Jan. 10

Seattle 10, Minnesota 9
Green Bay 35, Washington 18

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday, Jan. 16

New England 27, Kansas City 20
Arizona 26, Green Bay 20, OT

Sunday, Jan. 17

Carolina 31, Seattle 24
Denver 23, Pittsburgh 16

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 24

Denver 20, New England 18

NFC

Carolina 49, Arizona 15

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 31

At Honolulu

Team Irvin 49, Team Rice 27

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 7

At Santa Clara, Calif.

Denver vs. Carolina, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

AP NFL MVP Voting

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The voting for the 2015 NFL Most Valuable Player selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Cam Newton, Carolina	48
DeSean Jackson, Arizona	1
Tom Brady, New England	1

AP NFL Coach of the Year Voting

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The voting for the 2015 NFL Coach of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

Ron Rivera, Carolina	36%
Andy Reid, Kansas City	6
Bill O'Brien, Houston	2
Gary Kubiak, Denver	1½
Mike Zimmer, Minnesota	2
Bill Belichick, New England	1
Bruce Arians, Arizona	1

AP NFL Defensive Player Voting

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The voting for the 2015 NFL Defensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:

J.J. Watt, DE, Houston	37
Aaron Donald, DT, St. Louis	7
Luke Kuechly, LB, Carolina	4
Josh Norman, CB, Carolina	2

GOLF

PGA-Phoenix Open Par Scores

Saturday

At TPC Scottsdale, Stadium Course

Scottsdale, Ariz.

Purse: \$6.5 million

Yardage: 7,286; Par: 71

Third Round

Danny Lee	67-66-67	-200	-13
Hideki Matsuyama	65-70-68	-203	-10
Rickie Fowler	66-68-70	-203	-10
Brody Molder	67-73-64	-204	-9
Ryan Moore	71-69-66	-208	-5
Patrick Reed	69-71-65	-205	-8
John Huh	69-70-67	-206	-7
Harris English	68-67-71	-206	-7
James Hahn	67-65-74	-206	-7
Matt Every	70-69-68	-207	-6
Kevin Na	68-71-68	-207	-6
Bo Van Poppel	69-71-69	-207	-6
Gary Woodland	67-72-68	-207	-6
Charles Howell III	70-69-68	-207	-6
Blayne Barber	68-71-68	-207	-6
Shane Lowry	65-70-72	-207	-6
J.B. Holmes	73-67-68	-208	-5
Ryan Moore	68-71-69	-208	-5
Zach Johnson	73-69-66	-208	-5
Jon Curran	69-69-70	-208	-5
Chad Knost	69-69-70	-208	-5
Cot Campbell	68-68-72	-208	-5
Robert Streb	70-70-69	-209	-4
Patrick Rodgers	71-69-69	-209	-4
Chris Kirk	72-67-70	-209	-4
Brett Stegmaier	68-71-70	-209	-4
Kyle Stanley	69-70-70	-209	-4
Brendan Steele	72-67-70	-209	-4
Jeff Overton	71-66-72	-209	-4
William McGirt	69-67-73	-209	-4



AP file photo

FORMER GREEN BAY Green Bay Packer quarterback Brett Favre is one of eight elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame Saturday. Also selected are the late Ken Stabler, Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison and Orlando Pace, coach Tony Dungy, contributor Ed DeBartolo Jr., and senior selection Dick Stanfel.

Lee leads Phoenix Open in front of record crowd

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Danny Lee knew there was a huge crowd Saturday at the Waste Management Phoenix Open. He still was amazed when told just how many people packed TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course.

"Two-hundred thousand?" Lee asked, making sure he heard right.

Actually, an estimated 201,003 — the largest crowd in golf history.

"Wow! This is crazy," Lee said.

Lee had some pretty good numbers of his own on a sunny, warm afternoon at golf's biggest party, shooting a 4-under 67 to move three strokes ahead of friend Rickie Fowler and Hideki Matsuyama with one round left.

"Taking slow breath out there really helps," Lee said about the wild atmosphere.

The previous largest crowd at the Stadium Course was 189,722 in 2014. The event also set a day record Friday at 160,415, and has drawn 535,035 for the first six days — close to the weekly mark of 564,368 set last year.

Lee had six birdies and two bogeys to reach 13-under 200. The 25-year-old South Korean-born New Zealander won the Greenbrier Classic last year for his first PGA Tour title.

"Winning at the Greenbrier Classic gave me a lot of confidence," Lee said. "It kind of taught me how to be on the top and what I need to work on and what it takes to win a golf tournament."

He's making his fourth appearance in the event after missing the cuts the last three years.

"I always struggled with my tee-shot game out here," Lee said. "This week, I have been driving it really nicely."

Fowler parred the final five holes for a 70. Matsuyama had a 68.

"I just didn't get much out of the round," said Fowler, at No. 4 the top-ranked player in the field. "Just kind of managed it well and played with what I had to get around."

Second-round leader James Hahn had a 74 to fall into a tie for seventh at 7 under. Tied with Lee for the lead at 12 under after the 11th hole, he dropped five strokes on the next three holes.

Hahn bogeyed the par-3 12th and made double bogeys on par-5 13th and par-4 14th. He drove left into the desert on 13, then hit his tee shot out-of-bounds to the right

on the long, uphill 14th after a fan distracted him at the top of his swing.

Lee birdied Nos. 2-4, making a 21-footer on the par-4 fourth, and holed a 40-foot birdie putt on the par-4 eighth.

After a three-putt bogey on the par-4 11th left him tied with Hahn, Lee got up-and-down for par from the greenside bunker on 12 to pull ahead. Hahn and Fowler bogeyed the hole from the same bunker.

Lee birdied 13, but gave back the stroke with a bogey on the par-5 15th after driving left into the water. The 2008 U.S. Amateur champion got back to 13 under with a 9-foot birdie putt on the short par-4 17th.

Fowler got a break on the 15th when his hybrid from the right rough ballooned short and right and stopped a foot short of the water.

"It came out soft and floated on me," Fowler said. "Got a little lucky there."

He won two weeks ago in Abu Dhabi for his fourth worldwide victory in nine months.

Matsuyama chipped in for birdie on the par-4 14th and two-putted for birdie on 15. The 23-year-old Japanese player tied for second last year, a stroke behind Brooks Koepka.

"I didn't putt very well today," Matsuyama said through a translator. "I didn't drive the ball very well, but I did get it around. I'm happy with that."

Bryce Molder and Boo Weekley were 9 under. Molder closed with an 18-foot putt on the par-4 ninth for a 64, the best round of the week. Weekley birdied three of the last four holes for a 65.

Phil Mickelson was 8 under after 65. The 45-year-old former Arizona State player made an unlikely birdie on 15 when his hybrid from 255 yards went so far right that it crossed the lake and ended up in the 11th fairway. He hit a wedge to 15 feet and made the putt.

"It was the worst shot of the year and I ended up making a birdie," said Mickelson, the tournament winner in 1996, 2005 and 2013.

Bubba Watson had his first over-par round ever at TPC Scottsdale, shooting a 73 to drop to 2 under. He shot par or better in his first 36 rounds in the tournament.

Broncos

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star-studded secondary will have to corral Cam Newton and beat the favored Carolina Panthers.

They're very capable of doing just that.

This is a defense that knocked Aaron Rodgers silly, limiting him to 77 yards in the worst game of his career, sent Andrew Luck into the hospital and ushered Tom Brady into the offseason with a 23-hit beat-down.

The players say that it's hard for them to study film of how other defenses played the Panthers.

What the Broncos (14-4) need to do is keep things close and not let the Panthers (17-1) get off to a fast start — they've outscored their opponents 55-7 in the first half in the playoffs.

Denver knows how a punch to

the gut can ruin great game plans.

The Broncos were ill-prepared for the noise and the nerves two years ago, as the first snap sailed into the end zone for a safety 12 seconds into the Super Bowl.

Denver never recovered in a 35-point shellacking by the Seahawks that prompted Elway to spend more than \$100 million to sign DeMarcus Ware, T.J. Ward and Talib, then draft cornerback Bradley Roby and linebacker Shane Ray.

Even-keeled Gary Kubiak pumped up the jams at practice to prepare for noise.

Should the Broncos find themselves behind, though, they're not going to freak out, Anderson said.

They're the only team in NFL history to overcome two-touch-

Favre, Stabler in 2016 HOF class

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Brett Favre and the late Ken Stabler, a pair of kindred-spirit QBs who each won a Super Bowl, were elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday.

Also voted in for the class of 2016 a day before the Super Bowl were modern-day players Kevin Greene, Marvin Harrison and Orlando Pace, coach Tony Dungy, contributor Ed DeBartolo Jr., and senior selection Dick Stanfel.

The freewheeling Favre, as expected, was a first-ballot entry, a reward for a long and distinguished career, mostly with the Green Bay Packers, that included three consecutive NFL MVP awards from 1995-97 and a championship in the 1997 Super Bowl.

Stabler, a left-hander nicknamed "Snake" for his ability to slither past defenders, goes into the Hall as a senior selection about six months after dying of colon cancer at age 69 — and just days after researchers said his brain showed widespread signs of chronic traumatic encephalopathy.

CTE is a disease linked to repeated brain trauma and associated with symptoms such as memory loss, depression and progressive dementia. It has been found in the brains of dozens of former football players, including one of last year's Hall inductees, Junior Seau, who committed suicide in 2012 at 43.

Stabler was the 1974 league MVP and helped the Oakland Raiders win the 1977 Super Bowl. He was represented at Saturday's announcement by two of his grandsons.

Favre played for 20 seasons, eventually retiring — after famously vacillating about whether to walk away from the game — as the NFL's career leader with 6,300 completions, 10,169 attempts, 71,838 yards and

508 TDs. He never met a pass he was afraid to throw, no matter how ill-advised it might have seemed, and wound up with a record 336 interceptions, the trade-off for his high-risk, high-reward, entertaining style.

Before Green Bay, he briefly was a member of the Atlanta Falcons. Afterward, he had short stints with the New York Jets and Minnesota Vikings.

Five nominees were eliminated in the final vote: coach Don Coryell, running back Terrell Davis, offensive lineman Joe Jacoby, safety John Lynch, and quarterback Kurt Warner.

Earlier Saturday, the selection committee reduced the list of 15 modern-day finalists by cutting wide receiver Terrell Owens, running back Edgerrin James, safety Steve Atwater, guard Alan Faneca and kicker Morten Andersen.

A candidate needs 80 percent of the vote to get in.

The induction ceremony is in August in Canton, Ohio.

Greene was a linebacker and defensive end who accumulated 160 sacks while harassing quarterbacks for four teams across 15 seasons. A three-time All-Pro selection, he broke in with the Rams in 1985 and closed his career with the Panthers in 1999.

Harrison, Peyton Manning's top receiver while with the Indianapolis Colts from 1996-08, holds the record for most catches in a season: a hard-to-fathom 143 in 2002. At the time of his retirement, Harrison ranked second only to Hall of Famer Jerry Rice in NFL history with 1,102 catches and most consecutive games with a catch (190).

Harrison was a six-time All-Pro pick, combining with Manning on 953 comple-

Newton, Watt, Rivera, Berry take NFL awards

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Cam Newton is now a Super Bowl quarterback with an NFL award.

And Ron Rivera is a Super Bowl coach with an honor of his own.

The Carolina Panthers star won The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year honor on Saturday night. Then, Rivera took his second Coach of the Year award.

Newton was not on hand at NFL Honors to accept the award; he is kind of busy preparing for a little game on Sunday against Denver. But just as he has for most of the season, really — Newton still was a dominant figure.

His father, mother and two brothers accepted the award.

"Cam took an unconventional journey to get here and we're just so proud of what has happened, my family and I," said Newton's father Cecil. "So many thanks go out to so many people, from Pop Warner to the Panthers. I don't have time to tell you all, Thank you.' You know who you are."

Newton earned 18 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who regularly cover the NFL. Steelers receiver Antonio Brown was next with 10.

The All-Pro quarterback set an NFL mark for the position with 45 touchdowns this season: 35 passing and 10 rushing. He also ranked sixth in passer rating (99.4), while throwing for 3,837 yards. His 636 yards on the ground easily led all QBs, and the 10 touchdowns rushing were more than All-Pro running back Doug Martin of Tampa Bay scored.

Rivera led the Panthers to an unprecedented third straight NFC South title and two playoff victories. In a season featuring several outstanding coaching jobs, Rivera easily outdistanced the field. He received 36 1/2 votes, far in front of Kansas City's Andy Reid with six votes.

Rivera also won the award two years ago.

Houston end J.J. Watt won his third Defensive Player of the Award in five pro seasons. He also won it in 2012 and last year, when he was a unanimous



AP file photo

CAROLINA PANTHER quarterback Cam Newton's (1) spectacular season has earned him The Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year award.

choice.

This time, in tying Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor as the only players to take the award three times, Watt earned 37 votes.

Watt spoke about playing football in the yard with his brothers while growing up in Wisconsin, pretending to be Packers stars Reggie White or Brett Favre.

Bears

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Joshua LaCoe fought to a major decision over Soddy's Slater Daniel and the Bears led 22-6. At 132, Hunter Parker won a hard-earned 10-8 battle for the Bears. Knox Fuller walked off the mat after a forfeit at 138 that put Bradley on top 31-6. Soddy-Daisy made it 31-12 with a pin at 145.

The Bears recouped with a pin by Donnie Beyer at 152 and another by Caleb Adkins at 160 that gave Bradley a 43-12 lead and ensured a state championship for the Bears with four matches left.

The Bears closed out their return to state championship status with Ed Elkins winning a decision at 182 and Brett Brown earning a pin at 220 to make the final score 52-21.

"I just felt really good. I wasn't nervous. We knew they were going to have to bump weights and beat us and get some upsets. We felt like as long as we wrestled and stayed off our backs we were going to be fine. The guys weren't relaxed, but not too uptight," said the proud Smith.

Bradley began the 16-team tournament Friday with wins over Bartlett (45-27) and Gibbs (34-31) setting up Saturday's semifinal match against Science Hill. That meet resulted in a 42-4 win for the Bears and a berth in their first duals championship since Smith took over the program five years ago.

In the first three rounds of the

tions for 12,766 yards and 112 TDs, all league records for a quarterback-receiver duo.

Pace, like Favre in his first year of Hall eligibility, was an imposing left tackle who blocked for the winners of three consecutive NFL MVP awards during his 13-year career, the first dozen with the Rams. He started all 16 games in seven seasons and was an All-Pro five times.

Dungy coached Manning, Harrison and the rest of the Colts to victory in the 2006 Super Bowl, becoming the first black head coach to win the championship. Indianapolis reached the playoffs during every season he was its coach, from 2002-08. In his previous job, he turned around a woebegone Tampa Bay Buccaneers franchise, taking it to four postseason trips in six years.

DeBartolo was elected, fittingly, in the city where he owned the 49ers for nearly a quarter-century. In 1979, two years after buying the team, DeBartolo hired Bill Walsh as coach and drafted quarterback Joe Montana, leading to an unprecedented run of success that included five Super Bowl titles.

DeBartolo became embroiled in the corruption case against former Louisiana Gov. Edwin Edwards and was suspended for the 1999 season by the NFL after being found guilty of failing to report a bribe. After the suspension, DeBartolo gave control of the team to his sister.

Stanfel, who died last year, was a guard for the Detroit Lions and Washington Redskins for a total of seven seasons, earning first-team All-Pro honors five times. While still at top of his game, he retired at age 31 to pursue a coaching career.

tional story and superb performance on the field earned him 38 votes.

And now, a rewarding night. His teammate, cornerback Marcus Peters, took Defensive Rookie of the Year. Peters tied for the league lead with eight interceptions in helping the Chiefs make the playoffs. He received 45 votes.

Rams running back Todd Gurley took Offensive Rookie of the Year with 27 votes, well ahead of the 17 for Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston, the first overall pick in last year's draft. Gurley missed the first two games of 2015, then went on a tear that included four straight 100-yard rushing performances: 146, 159, 128 and 133 yards. He finished the season third in league rushing and scored 10 touchdowns.

His voice cracked with emotion as he mentioned coming back from his ACL injury. And at the end of his speech, he referenced the Rams' impending move from St. Louis to Los Angeles.

Wade Phillips' work in turning the Denver defense into the stingiest in the NFL got him the Assistant Coach of the Year award. The Broncos ranked first overall and against the pass, third versus the run.

Phillips, who has had a head coach for three franchises and interim for three more, received 16 votes, twice that of Hue Jackson, the Bengals' offensive coordinator in 2015 and now Cleveland's coach.

tournament, the Bears wrestled well enough to put themselves in position to forfeit 13 of 42 matches and still come out winners.

The Bears picked up nine wins in 10 bouts against Bartlett and held a 45-3 lead over Bartlett before forfeiting the final four bouts. Against Gibbs, Bradley held a lead of 34-7 and conceded the last four matches. Bradley Central held a 42-4 lead over Science Hill before handing the final five bouts to the Hilltoppers.

"At this point it is survive and advance. You want to get your kids out there and off the mat as quickly as possible. It limits injuries. It limits exposure to skin issues and it limits your loss and liability. It's just business. It's nothing personal. It is a good spot to be in if you can save four or five guys and keep them fresh and keep them healthy," Smith said after the semi-finals win.

"It is (a confidence builder). We have put in a pretty good body of work and we're just trying to keep moving forward and working toward the ultimate goal of a state finals, which we got. We just wanted to give ourselves a chance to win it."

ROUND OF 16
BRADLEY CENTRAL 45, BARTLETT 27
(Match started at 106)
106 — Bryson Bishop (BC) dec. Matt Bozarth, 4-0; 113 — Thomas Hicks (BC) pinned Cody Longo, 0-49; 120 — Ethan Anderson (BC) dec. Dalton Cockman, 2-1; 126 — David Thomas (Ba) dec. Joshua LaCoe, 7-6; 132 — Hunter Parker (BC) pinned Henry Washburn, 1-58; 138 — Knox Fuller (BC) pinned Sidney Smith, 0-35; 145 — Austin

Mathews (BC) pinned Cody Vick, 0-40; 152 — Donnie Beyer (BC) pinned Jacob Goodrey, 0-43; 160 — Henley Headrick (BC) dec. Christian Cara, 10-7; 170 — Ed Elkins (BC) pinned Tyler Longo, 0-14; 182 — Dawson Johnson (Ba) win by forfeit; 195 — Kevin McHaney (Ba) win by forfeit; 220 — Trevor Cara (Ba) win by forfeit; 285 — Trey Hawkins (Ba) win by forfeit.

QUARTERFINALS
BRADLEY CENTRAL 34, GIBBS 31
(Match started at 113)
106 — Cory Gibbs (G) win by forfeit; 113 — Thomas Hicks (BC) dec. Phillip Maxwell, 4-3; 120 — Landon Adzima (G) dec. Ethan Anderson, 5-0; 126 — Joshua LaCoe (BC) pinned Tyler Ficken, 3-29; 132 — Hunter Parker (BC) major dec. Matthew Maxwell, 12-4; 138 — Knox Fuller (BC) tech fall Noel Leyva, 16-1; 145 — Austin Mathews (BC) Angel Leyva, 1-0; 152 — Donnie Beyer (BC) pinned Christian Cook, 1-46; 160 — Caleb Adkins (BC) dec. Elijah Lawson, 9-2; 170 — Brandon Cook (BC) major dec. Isaiah Brooks, 14-4; 182 — Hunter Fortner (G) major dec. Kevin Gentry, 15-2; 195 — John Lawson (G) win by forfeit; 220 — Dylan Burkhalter (G) win by forfeit; 285 — Cory Fouts (G) win by forfeit.

SEMIFINALS
BRADLEY CENTRAL 42, SCIENCE HILL 34
(Match started at 220)
106 — Bryson Bishop (BC) major dec. Garrett Stiltner, 14-3; 113 — Thomas Hicks (BC) pinned Dorian Butler, 1-22; 120 — Ryan McElhaney (BC) tech fall Cooper Williams, 19-2; 3-55; 126 — Joshua LaCoe (BC) dec. Luke Story, 6-0; 132 — Hunter Parker (BC) pinned William Pridmore, 3-46; 138 — Knox Fuller (BC) pinned William Diehl, 1-11; 145 — Austin Mathews (BC) pinned Joseph Morrell, 5-09; 152 — Arthur James (SH) win by forfeit; 160 — Alexander Hise (SH) win by forfeit; 170 — Denzel Medina (SH) win by forfeit; 182 — Weston Brown (SH) win by forfeit; 195 — Alden Bailey (SH) win by forfeit; 220 — Hunter Bagley (SH) major dec. Devin Gibson, 13-1; 285 — David Adams (BC) pinned Austin Taylor, 0-21.

CHAMPIONSHIP
BRADLEY CENTRAL 52, Soddy-Daisy 21
(Match started at 285)
106 — Charles Wheaton (SD) pinned Bryson Bishop; 113 — T.J. Hicks (BC) pined Chase Payne, 2-32; 120 — Ryan McElhaney (BC) pinned Jacob Kilgore, 0-30; 126 — Joshua LaCoe (BC) major dec. Slater Daniel, 9-1; 132 — Hunter Parker (BC) dec. Tony Wilson, 10-8; 138 — Knox Fuller (BC) win by forfeit; 145 — Andres Gatlin (SD) pinned Austin Mathews, 2-32; 152 — Donnie Beyer (BC) pinned Joshua Stiles, 0-30; 160 — Caleb Adkins (BC) pinned Brent Settles, 2-32; 170 — Tucker Russo (SD) pinned Henley Headrick, 2-51; 182 — Ed Elkins dec. Ty Boeck, 9-5; 195 — Brett Brown (BC) pinned Dylan Aslinger, 3-17; 220 — Thomas Adams (SD) dec. D.J. Gibson, 3-2; 285 — D.J. Adams (BC) pinned Jesse McNew, 3-20.

Editorial

"It is always too late, or too little, or both. And that is the road to disaster."

— David Lloyd George, English statesman (1863-1945)

City manager search should be expansive

Limiting the search for a new city manager — whether locally, in-state or within the surrounding region — is tantamount to the Cleveland City Council saying, "We want the best ... just so it's from somewhere around here."

Hiring from within current city government — that is, relying on an internal promotion based on seniority, experience and familiarity with the community — offers no promise of progressive thought nor forward thinking.

Hiring from within Tennessee — because the successful candidate would be more familiar with current state laws — suggests those residing outside our state are incapable of learning our laws.

Hiring from within the surround of the immediate region — states bordering Tennessee — limits the successful candidate to Southern views and hometown perspectives.

Any of the above options does not mean the right candidate can't be found, but it does limit opportunity, the kind that a nationwide search could offer.

That's why, in our opinion, the Cleveland City Council's quest for a new city manager to succeed the retiring Janice Casteel should not stop at the city limits nor the county line nor the state border ... or even the South.

The search should be nationwide and it should be conducted by a professional agency — most commonly known in the industry as a "headhunter." Such resources are used in private business every day. We see no reason why municipal government should be run as anything less.

Yes, it will cost taxpayer dollars. And it is not cheap. But the city has already paid out large sums in recent legal and consultant fees to undo the wrongs of past mistakes.

Margaret Norris, a management consultant representing the state's Municipal Technical Advisory Service, projected two weeks ago during a gathering of the City Council that such a private search could cost from \$25,000 to \$35,000.

That's a lot of money. But we agree with an assessment by At-Large Councilman Richard Banks who told his city government colleagues, "If we operate like a business, businesses hire headhunters. I think it would be money well spent."

The position of city manager should never — ever — be taken for granted. Arguably, it is the single-most important job in any municipal government. We make that statement with full understanding of the critical roles played by positions like the police chief, fire chief, finance director, school superintendent and director of planning.

All are important, but the focus of each is limited to an individual department.

The city manager is accountable to all and personally responsible for the professional, and efficient, operation of an entire city. Such a workload points to the urgency in hiring the right candidate who brings to City Hall a wealth of experience, vision, responsibility in both the public and private settings, and a people person who values tradition yet who understands the power of progressive thinking.

This is why we encourage the City Council to think outside the box — and outside the state — in finding the right successor to Casteel.

In seeking outside candidates, councilmen should not fear price. The city can afford an experienced leader in this job — one with a degree in public administration and with years of service credentials as a city manager. As reported in January, Casteel's salary is well above the amount commonly

recommended for the city manager in a town our size. Her pay is based on more than 40 years with the city, the last nine of which have come in her current role.

In the sessions of Jan. 25, councilmen debated extensively the need for a headhunter agency, a geographic range for the coming search and the formation of a community committee whose members will be selected by Council members. It will then be the committee's function to review the applications of all candidates.

Each Council member will select a delegate from his district to serve on the committee, and at-large members will be given a selection from anywhere inside the city.

We have no argument with its formation. Such a group's help can go a long way in assuring the City Council is presented with a slate of hopefuls who are good fits for Cleveland. We ask only that councilmen select their respective district delegates for the right reasons, and that the assembled group represent a diverse range of interests — racial, gender, cultural, professional, educational, civic, religious and business, among others.

Any committee imbalance will be bad for the process and worse for the future of Cleveland.

Based on the Council's discussions two weeks ago, some agree with this assessment, especially on scope of search.

One is Bill Estes who represents District 2.

"I don't necessarily think there are any benefits for them being from Tennessee," Estes said of city manager applicants. "There is a huge difference ... in city managers who come from a strong city manager form of government and those who have to report to a council or a mayor."

He added, "To get the best person possible, I think we need to look beyond internally. I think we need to cast a very large net."

Although he favors a national search, Estes is not turning a blind eye to local talent.

"We need to bring in the best possible candidates, and if the best one is right down the street, great," he stressed.

We offer all that to remind Cleveland residents of this: The City Council meets Monday and at that time it is expected the governing body will select a headhunting firm. Also, the community committee — and potential members — are expected to be discussed, as well as a first look at the job description for the new city manager.

All are vital discussions for the future of Cleveland because the talents of a new city manager will influence that future.

Those who follow the headlines of Cleveland government know the last couple years have been among the most tumultuous in our city's history. We'll not recount the chapters. We'll choose instead to use each as a lesson learned.

We urge the City Council to do the same.

Casteel's departure is less than four months away, so there's little time to act. But for the sake of the future, let's not rush through the present. Besides, Casteel's planned retirement has been known by councilmen since her evaluations in August so the hiring process should have started long ago.

In searching for a new city manager, we offer these simple suggestions.

Do it right.

Do it justice.

Do it in full view of those affected the most, the people of Cleveland and the community they call home.

Life itself can spark creativity

Struggling with that dreaded 'writer's block?'

Try some music, take a break, look at others

Sometimes I look at something someone has created and wonder, how did they ever think to make something like that? I find myself thinking this often about instruments. Take, for example, the violin. How did someone think to shape wood the way they did and position the strings to create such a sound?

Although I am yet to take the time to research the history and development of musical instruments, I do know one element that each person who invented them, and probably each musician, possesses — creativity.

I think creativity comes from two places: imagination and a life well-lived. Some may call this a combination of the classic psychological question of nature vs. nurture. Is how creative we are limited to the creativity we are born with, or is it developed purely by what we experience? My view is that each person is born with a bend toward creativity in certain areas. This creativity is developed and fed through what we experience, who we meet and the places we travel.

Everyone is born with an imagination and some level of creativity. One does not have to teach a child to have fun. Children will create fun for themselves if none exists. However, toys and conversation stimulate the creativity that is there, and helps it develop.

Many times imagination becomes a child's tool for imaginary friends or role-playing games. For me growing up, this included playing house, being a worker at an orphanage with my sister and an ongoing saga of being a science-loving high school student. I imagined what each of these things would be like as we went along.

My imagination was fueled by hers. One could say this was our pre-acting days as we expressed emotions, developed plots and imagined what the other characters looked like and how they acted. The picnic table became a pirate ship, sticks became fishing poles, shade became islands and sunshine



JOY WRITING

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became seas.

Each adventure was as complex as we could imagine and was influenced by the things we experienced.

As I grew up I embraced writing as I took more classes and expanded my vocabulary. I never took an acting class, but school plays gave me the opportunity to develop that talent.

Creativity uses both talent and skill. Being able to write is a skill. Being able to enjoy writing and write in a way that evokes a certain emotion or thoroughly explains a point is a talent. Talent is that thing that people look for that is not necessarily on a resume. It's being adaptive. It's being savvy in one's chosen field or subject area. Conceivably anyone can learn to play an instrument, but not everyone will have the talent and determination to make them want to be good at it.

Creativity develops in different ways based on what we are exposed to. A student who has an enjoyable art class may develop visual creativity.

For some, creativity comes through in the form of problem solving. Scientists have to think creatively when pursuing new projects, grants and cures for diseases. Teachers have to be creative in presenting information to students to help them learn. Writers need creativity in order to connect with their audience.

As a person's knowledge grows, so do the ways in which they can be creative. They have a greater range of facts to apply and analyze in creating their end result.

Unfortunately, the rush of life can have a negative impact on creativity. Constantly try-

ing to be creative without new inspiration can lead to frustration. Every idea seems to have been done before.

Everyone has heard the term "writer's block." Unfortunately, writers aren't the only ones who sometimes find themselves at a loss of creativity. Imagination can help break this rut by moving beyond simply the project in front of us to seeing it in a new light not simply for what it is, but for what it could be. When imagination seems sluggish and rusting from inactivity, creativity can be ignited from other sources.

One place to start is looking at what others have done in a similar situation. Teachers often meet and talk about new programs and projects they are a part of in order to collaborate and create more new ideas for all of those involved.

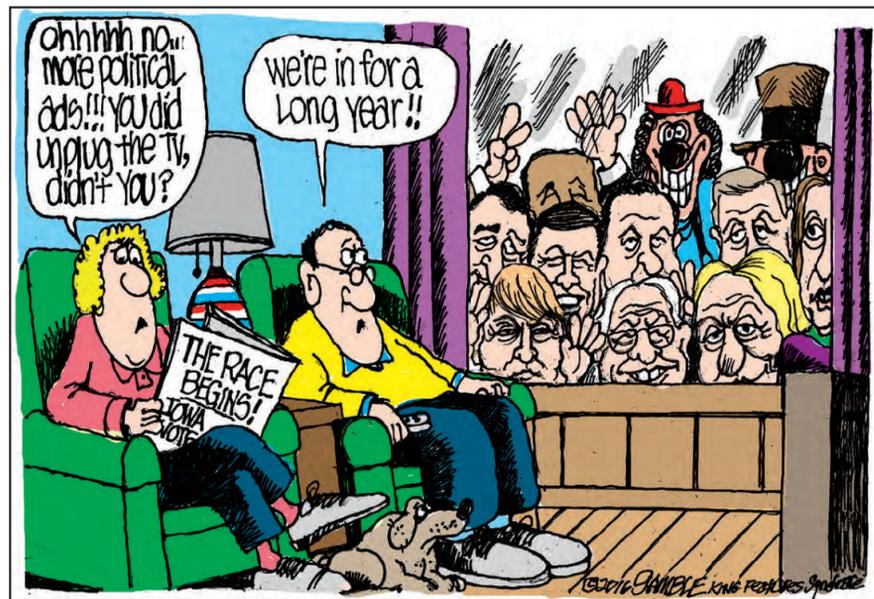
Experiencing new genres of art, new places and new cultures increases creativity by providing new sources of inspiration. Traveling to a new place can also help one see the opportunities and inspiration for creativity in their home area. My husband told me once that after he returned to Tennessee from living out of state for a few years, it was like he was seeing the mountains for the first time.

I find it is very hard to be creative when I am stressed. Listening to music or taking a break can help rejuvenate creativity.

The best advice I ever received about starting a writing project was simply to start. The book called it free writing — writing just whatever comes to mind. It might sound weird, but it has helped me dozens of times. Sometimes this may mean starting in the middle rather than starting at the beginning.

Creativity gives us a way to look at things differently, making life far more enjoyable than it would be if it did not exist.

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A year of 'streaking' on Greenway; and now, let it become your turn!

I run. I'm not fast and I don't go that far, but I try to run often.

Most of my miles are done on the Greenway. When I say most, last year I decided to run a "streak" for the entire year. To better define this challenge, a "streak" in the running world is running at least one continuous mile every 24 hours (fully clothed, by the way).

So, I ran every day in 2015 and during the "streak," I ran over 1,600 miles. So, this most probably means over 250 days and over 1,000 of those miles were completed on the Greenway.

You might be thinking, "That's a lot of the same scenery to look at over the course of 250 days and 1,000 miles."

My response is, "Yes, yes it is." But it is great scenery. It is eight non-stop, uninterrupted miles of scenery, and most importantly, it is OUR scenery. This is home and the Greenway gives us a nice tour of some of the finer parts of our community built just for our peace and enjoyment.

I was recently reminded of this when I had a trip to Washington, D.C. The streak required that I run every day, so no matter where I was, I had to run, which meant I ran around our nation's capital. While this was a historic and very scenic tour of some of our country's most noteworthy monuments, it was also a real-life game of "Frogger." If you never experienced the video game "Frogger" in the 1980s, the game was simple: get a frog across a series of busy roads and walkways without getting squished.

Strangely, Washington D.C., has a very similar feel to that game for a runner. While I enjoyed seeing the sights from



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the Supreme Court to the Lincoln Monument and several others on one run, I was also cursed by a taxi cab driver in a language I did not recognize; yelled at by a police officer to "slow down!" (did I mention that I am pretty slow?); was almost bitten by a camel (I have no idea what that was about); and stopped for directions by a group of retired elderly women on vacation (they were adorable, but chatted for nearly 10 minutes).

I won't even mention that there were crosswalks that seemed to be timed with the sole purpose of stopping my forward momentum.

Granted, Cleveland is not quite as large a metropolis as Washington, D.C., but to have eight (four going and four coming) continuous miles of space committed to the runner, the walker, the stroller, the pet partners or the biking family is truly a privilege for any community.

Take a look around. Most communities don't have such an asset. Sure, they'll claim they have one, but normally it is a mile or two at best. Many times it is just neighborhood sidewalks that they title a "Greenway," nothing compared to what we have in our community.

So yes, yes I have seen a lot of the same scenery, over and over and over again. But it is great scenery. It is continuous, uninterrupted scenery, and most importantly, it is OUR scenery.

Go enjoy the Greenway today; it is an asset we should not take for granted.

Hopefully, I'll see you out on your own "streak."

And by the way, Cleveland Municipal Code dictates that your "streak" be fully clothed as well, just for your own legal well-being.

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: Twenty five years ago, my youngest son, then 18, quit the job he had had for four years. They had promised him an assistant manager job and when he turned 18, but did not follow through. After that, he would not look for a job or even help around the house. His dad told him to leave, but I let him return. Still, my son continued to do nothing, so his father insisted he get out. His father had a terrible temper and we both knew it. We were afraid of him.

I knew my son was sleeping in his car, so whenever I saw him, I would give him food and blankets. I also left the back door unlocked so that when his father wasn't home, he could get into the house, warm up and eat.

I know now that my son was depressed, but I didn't realize it at the time. Over the years, I kept track of his whereabouts, but he would never speak to me except in anger. He married two years ago, and I tried to reconcile through his wife, but she saw only my son's side. She did tell me that he was angry because I didn't leave with him.

I admit I am a weak person with a long history of mental abuse from my husband and I was afraid to leave. I regret a lot of things, Annie, but I love my children. I sent him a card at Christmas, but his wife returned it to me all cut up, along with a vulgar note.

My older children know how things were at home and they

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Reflections on Super Bowls past and Johnny U

"It's ridiculous for a country to get all worked up about a game — except the Super Bowl, of course. Now that's important."

— **Andy Rooney**

American radio and TV writer (1919-2011)

From, *"Baseball haters, but good sports"*
Chicago Tribune, Oct. 1, 1984

Fifty years ago when the Green Bay Packers overran the hapless Kansas City Chiefs in the inaugural AFL-NFL World Championship Game, which somebody later billed Super Bowl I, I don't remember pulling for either team.

That historic headknocker came on Jan. 15, 1967.

At the time, I was a Baltimore Colts loyalist and an avid Johnny Unitas fan. It had been that way for most of my 11 years.

Though I don't remember being draped in a miniature Colts jersey with a No. 19 on the back while awaiting pick-up in the Tippah County Hospital in Ripley, Miss., I am reasonably sure my blanket was blue — perhaps a lighter shade of blue, but blue nonetheless.

Had I a say in the wardrobe, it surely would have been Colts blue, but back in 1955 newborns had little say in their opening-day attire.

Seems wrong, I know. Perhaps even unfair. But times were hard. Yet, given the choice between blue and pink, my preference probably was the former.

Thankfully, I am today more open-minded to trying new things. I even own a pink shirt. Sometimes I wear it. Yes, I live life on the edge.

Here's why I mention it.

For those who make it a daily practice to go nowhere near a newspaper, TV, radio, cellphone, computer, sports bar or water cooler, you might not

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know. It's Super Bowl Sunday, known to most as America's favorite undeclared holiday.

I can't speak for everyone, but the Super Bowl has been part of my life for the life of the game. When the Super Bowl rolls around, I roll in. For years I've paid little attention to the NFL's regular season games, especially those on Sunday afternoon.

Sure, I still watch my share of the gridiron gladiators on Sunday, Monday and Thursday nights, but those mostly serve as predecessors to a good night's sleep that starts on the living room couch and ends in the bed, but not before a slow stagger down the hall fueled by need and anchored in yawns.

And sometimes I scratch my head while en route.

But not on the days and nights of the Super Bowl ... no sireee! I don't miss a minute. Mr. Sand Man takes a hike and I take a chill ... roughly from midway of the 4 1/2-hour afternoon pregame to the final analysis on SportsCenter.

"Seriously?" some might ask. "Here's how seriously," I might answer.

Of the 49 Super Bowls played so far, I've missed only one. OK, I'll say it again. Of the 49 Super Bowls played so far, I've missed only one.

That's right. Since age 11, I've plopped myself down in front of a TV — mostly at home — and watched the Super Bowl telecast in 48 of the 49 games played.

Such a statistic begs this question:

What's the only Super Bowl I've ever missed seeing on TV? Here's the answer: Call Ron Moore, the former general manager of the old Telecab company ... you know, the predecessor to Charter Communications. He'll know.

Or better yet, call Ron and Debbie next Saturday morning on that WOOP radio talk show, "Old Town Cleveland," and say, "Hey Ron, what's this about Rick Norton missing ONLY one Super Bowl in the history of the game? He said you'd know."

I'm pretty sure Ron — with a wince or a grimace, and maybe both — will slowly shake and bow his head in dismay that it ever happened, and softly whisper into the microphone, "Next question."

Here's a hint. It happened Jan. 20, 1985, in Super Bowl XIX ... San Francisco 49ers versus the Miami Dolphins.

I'll let Ron explain the rest.

We just celebrated the 30th anniversary of that ... shall we say, debacle ... about this same time last year.

Those were the bad times.

Super Bowl Sunday is mostly about good times, barring the occasional blowout where the game is pretty much over shortly after it begins ... and even before the really good commercials hit the air.

That could happen this year, as I am told.

It's the Denver Broncos versus the Carolina Panthers ... or, as the media blitz has fashioned it, Peyton Manning versus Cam Newton.

Peyton's the old quarterback. He's been playing 119 years. Cam's the new guy, the one who looks like an overgrown eighth-grader with a world of talent and a smile like polished ivory.

If they were politicians, Peyton would be the conservative ... probably

of Ronald Reagan legend. Cam would be the flashy liberal, the Bernie Sanders of mile-a-minute rhetoric whose only promise is change.

Both are probably good guys though it's Cam's mouth ... and those exotic zebra trousers ... that have captured the imagination, and the camera lenses, of anybody bearing a press card and a Canon.

From what I'm told, Carolina is supposed to break the Broncos. But then, word on the street is this is Peyton's final rodeo. That's inspiration aplenty for an upset.

For me, it's not so much about who wins the Super Bowl. It's more about wanting a good competitive game, one that will keep me glued to my seat even in the face of bowel emergency ... which, at my age, is an inevitability when the chili's too hot or the pizza's too good.

I don't think I've pulled for either Super Bowl team since 2003 when Tampa Bay knocked off the Raiders. Before that, it was ... hmmm, 1985? Yes, I was a devout Dolphin fan whose fish got tanked. But because I was forced to "watch" it from a radio dial, the pain was less.

Probably the Super Bowl that upset me most was No. 3. Technically, it was the first time the AFL-NFL Championship was called the Super Bowl.

It came Jan. 12, 1969. By then I was a mature 13, far advanced from my childhood days of '67.

My Baltimore Colts, and No. 19 Johnny U, were pitted against Broadway Joe Namath and the dastardly New York Jets. By then, Johnny U was entering the twilight of his career so he wasn't even the Colts' starting QB; plus, seems like he was injured.

The starter was a flat-topped fellow named Earl Morrall who looked like an

Army drill sergeant. Earl was a good guy and a talented quarterback, but on this day he was no match for the upset-minded Jets and big-mouthed Joe who promised all along the Jets would beat the Colts.

History records he was right.

The 16-7 shocker broke my heart. Johnny U made it into the game late and he launched a brief Colts comeback, but it was too little, too late. The Colts lost. I kicked the dog, was bitten in return and vowed revenge on Broadway Joe.

I never really got it. But that's OK. At 13, I was taking on a whole new interest. Her name was Wanda. But that's another story for a future Sunday.

This is the Super Bowl.

No time for girls, my wife excluded. She owns half the house though we've never settled on which half.

We'll have Papa John's or home-made turkey chili, and ample beverages to pass the night away. As of this writing (Thursday night), the menu had not been declared.

Folks celebrate Super Bowl Sunday in their own ways.

But most involve food, drink, friends, family, plenty of laughs and lots of love.

There's no magic to Super Bowl Sunday. It's just another game.

But what a game and what a holiday.

Enjoy the experience, folks.

Be happy. Get a little crazy. But be safe.

Like I said, it's just a game. And we want you around for the next one.

For the record, Carolina ... 33-17.

Sorry, Peyton. You've done well by the NFL, but as Dandy Don once crooned, "Turn out the lights, the party's over."

And you Super Bowl revelers? You gotta be at work Monday morning.

From the pages of The Banner

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

The following items were compiled by the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library from old issues of the Cleveland Daily Banner and its forerunners, the Cleveland Banner, the Journal, and the Journal and Banner.

Feb. 9-13, 1975

Salesman honored

Paul Helton of Cleveland was honored as the No. 1 retail salesman in the nation by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co.

Mike Conner who managed the Goodyear Store in Cleveland announced the news.

Helton, recipient of the award, was in competition with salesmen from 1,700 other stores in the Goodyear network.

Conner said Helton's achievement was "quite a distinction." Nobody in the area had ever gotten the honor before.

As part of his national recognition, Helton was featured in the "Goodyear Triangle," the company magazine.

Helton was a native of Maryville and a 1965 graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City. He taught in Maryville City Schools for four years.

While Helton was reaching a personal milestone, the Cleveland Goodyear store was setting some high-water marks of its own.

In 1974, it was the second highest profit store in the Knoxville district, which embraced at total of 42 stores. They showed a 29 percent increase in business over 1973's accomplishments.

In 1974, the Cleveland Goodyear Store was the third highest volume store in the district.

Women's art show

Billie Nipper gave a one-woman art

show the latter part of February in Fort Pierce, Fla.

Mrs. Nipper was a self taught painter, and was invited by Mrs. Leonard Berg, who was director of the Fort Pierce Art Gallery. She was to exhibit her collection of horse portraiture, her specialty.

Mrs. Nipper and an associate, Mrs. Jeanne Turner, were on hand the first day of the 10-day show and were house guests of journalist Sally Latham of the Fort Pierce Tribune. Mrs. Latham was a former writer for a Chattanooga newspaper.

The artist worked in all media, and besides the horse portraits her subjects ran to landscapes, seascapes, still life, and nostalgic scenes. Her Christmas and note cards with reproductions of her paintings and sketches, and were well accepted by the public.

Commissions for Mrs. Nipper included portraits of world champion Tennessee Walkers as well as many other specific horses and riders. Her paintings of horses were reproduced in national and international magazines and newspapers.

In 1970 Col. James F. Corn, author of "Farewell The Hills," commissioned Mrs. Nipper to illustrate the historic John Ross home - in Flint Springs for use in his book that was published in 1971.

Mrs. Nipper was directly responsible for promoting art and art appreciation in Cleveland. As leader of the Cleveland

Creative Arts Guild she sponsored major art festivals each May on the Village Mall.

For many years she headed the Nellie Bipper Clothesline Art Show each autumn in the woodlands of Bradley County. She was one of a group of artists and craftsmen who owned and operated The Night Gallery, Cleveland's first art gallery.

Her paintings hang in private collections in some 32 states. She showed her works for many years at the National Celebration of the Tennessee Walking Horses in Shelbyville. She also exhibited in Nashville, Columbia, Chattanooga and Jackson, Miss. She also participated in a show in Montgomery, Ala.

Billie Nipper won wide recognition in the Southeast U.S., taking many first-place ribbons in oil, pastel, mixed media and special awards. Her painting, "Ballerina," was awarded Best-in-Show in CCA's annual spring art festival in 1972. She won first-place cover design for "Searching 70," a yearly anthology published by the Byliners of the guild.

She served as chairman of the arts guild department and taught beginning and advanced classes in oil painting.

Mrs. Nipper and her family lived to Dalton Pike. Her husband, J.L., was a widely known trainer of Tennessee Walkers; their children are Joel and Jeanna.

Governor unveils budget in annual State of the State

By **STATE REP. KEVIN BROOKS**

24th Legislative District
and

STATE REP. DAN HOWELL
22th Legislative District

Gov. Bill Haslam delivered his annual State of the State Address to a joint convention of the Legislature last week, unveiling his budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

Haslam addressed multiple issues during the State of the State, the most prominent of which include job recruitment and workforce development, a continued push to make government more efficient and effective, and major investments in both K-12 and higher education.

Among the key points in the governor's speech was a focus on a balanced budget, low taxes, fiscal responsibility and the proposal of \$261 million in new dollars for Tennessee public education, including \$104.6 million for teacher salaries — the largest investment in K-12 education without a tax increase in state history.

As Washington, D.C., and other states are mired in partisan gridlock, the governor emphasized that Tennessee has made responsible decisions that will continue to ensure the state is positioned to be a top leader in the country on jobs.

Haslam's \$34.8 billion balanced budget proposal builds up state reserves, puts Tennessee on the path to catch up on long-deferred maintenance of buildings, reinvests in the state workforce, and focuses one-time dollars on reduc-



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Howell

ing the state's ongoing costs.

Including the current fiscal year's appropriation, state government will invest more than \$414 million in Tennessee schools. Additionally, Haslam proposed funding the 12th month of health insurance for teachers and doubling the state's recurring contribution for technology needs at schools.

The governor's proposal puts \$100 million into the state's Rainy Day Fund, bringing it to an estimated \$668 million on June 30, 2017, \$60 million for salary increases for state employees, and another \$36 million for market rate adjustments for state employees making less than \$50,000 annually.

Haslam proposed significant investments in higher education and the Drive to 55 initiative, the state's effort to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary credential to 55 percent by 2025, including:

— \$50 million for the Complete

College funding formula for higher education;

— \$20 million for the Drive to 55 Capacity Fund to help community and technical colleges meet the growing demand for degrees and certificates; and

— \$10 million for the Labor Education Alignment Program helping communities align degree and course offerings with the needs of the local workforce.

The proposal invests \$581.6 million in state and other funds to build new buildings and fix existing higher education and general state government facilities. This includes the top recommended capital projects for both the University of Tennessee system and the Tennessee Board of Regents:

— \$85.5 million for a new Tennessee Tech University laboratory science building;

— \$39 million for a new dentistry building at the UT Health Science Center in Memphis;

— \$38.8 million for Tennessee State University's new health science building; and

— \$36 million for renovations to UT Chattanooga academic buildings.

Other notable budget investments are:

— \$130 million from the General Fund to repay the Highway Fund;

— \$24 million in state funds for the Employment and Community First CHOICES program to allow the state to serve more people currently on the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities' waiting list and others eligible for services;

— \$12.8 million for facilities and homeland security upgrades for the Military Department;

— \$10 million for the Department of Economic and Community Development's Rural Development Initiative; and

— \$1.27 million to increase the number of drug recovery courts from 41 to 50 and for two additional veterans courts.

The complete text of the governor's speech, an archived video and budget documents will be available at <http://tn.gov/governor/topic/state-of-the-state>.

Legislation introduced to help cancer patients in state; Brooks co-sponsors

I (state Rep. Kevin Brooks) am co-sponsoring SB2091/HB2239, the Cancer Treatment Fairness Act, to ensure that cancer patients are able to get the most medically appropriate treatment, as decided between the physician and patient.

Traditional treatments are usually given through an IV or injection and are covered under health care benefits resulting in a small co-pay or no cost at all to patients. Oral treatments are usually part of the health plan's pharmacy benefit and result in high out-of-pocket costs for patients. This disparity is a result of our laws not keeping up with scientific advancements, which can negatively impact patients taking their medication as prescribed.

As lawmakers, we should do our part to support medical advancements that can save lives in leveling the playing field for patients when it comes to cost.

Scientists are finding more innovative

Annie

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don't blame me. They can't do anything about their brother's attitude. I am 72 years old. I don't have to be invited to my son's house. I just want to know that should I run into him, he will speak to me without anger. What can I do? — Florida Mother

Dear Florida: Abusive home situations are complicated. Your son blames you for not protecting him from his angry father, but you felt helpless and, like too many abused women, chose to remain with your husband. Many kids live independently at age 18, but due to depression, your son was not ready and ended up in his car — a risky situation and one that made him feel abandoned and unloved.

You cannot change the past. Until your son is ready to move forward, there is little you can do. Ask your other children to let their brother know how sorry you are and that you crave his forgiveness while there is still time. Unfortunately, there are no guarantees. We hope you can find solace in your other children.

Dear Annie: "Stuck in San Francisco" said his wife is overly dependent on her parents. That makes them part of the problem, so they should be involved in the

counseling you recommended.

When I needed counseling to help me cope with my father-in-law, my mother was staying with us. Because she was part of our household, she had to be at one of the counseling sessions and it made a big difference. I learned that my mother also wanted too much of my time, but I did not let that happen. I put my husband first.

"Stuck's" in-laws may not be aware of the depth of their daughter's problem, and they need to understand the damage they are doing by preventing her from maturing. — Wife of 50 Years

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MINNIE IS A very sweet and playful 2-month-old Feist mix puppy looking for a wonderful home. She enjoyed some playtime with Animal Control Officer John Bivens. You can visit her Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, at the Cleveland Animal Shelter, 360 Hill St. Violet is a 2-year-old black, brown, and gray female tabby searching for her forever home. She also enjoyed some time with Bivens.



DENISE OAKEY visited The Ark looking for a new furkid to play with her two current rescue dogs. She wanted a dog who was healthy and had already received vetting. After they all spent time on a walk and in a bonding area, their choice was unanimous to make Pixie, a 6-month-old Chihuahua mix, a family member. After Denise reviewed Pixie's veterinary records, including important follow-ups, she completed the adoption contract. They posed for a new beginnings photo before heading to Petco with Pixie's "Think Adoption First" voucher.



ALICIA RHODES visited The Ark several times during the past two weeks, with her current canine furkid. She wanted his participation in the selection of a new family member. Alicia's sister adopted a dog this past year from The Ark so she knew the dog she adopted would be healthy. After several visits, Tanner, left, immediately began playing with Leo, right, a Papillon cross. The dogs spent about two hours on walks and playing together in a bonding area. Alicia reviewed veterinary records, and completed the adoption contract. The trio posed for a farewell photo before heading to Petco with Leo's "Think Adoption First" voucher.



FERNANDO, a Lab/Shepherd pup, approximately 7 weeks old, was surrendered to the SPCA Shelter along with four siblings. All five puppies were given names beginning with the letter "F". Fernando was adopted two days later by Amy Triplett. Another one of the siblings, a female named Francesca, was also adopted the same day. Unfortunately, a photo of Francesca and her adopter is not available.



FRANKLIN AND FRANCINE, two more of the 7-week-old sibling Lab/Shepherd pups, also found a "forever" home with the Feathergill family. While these two adorable puppies were separated from their siblings as a result of the adoptions, they hit the jackpot when they gained four, two-legged siblings. Judging from the smiles of the children, Franklin and Francine have a lot of loving coming their way.



SILVINA, a Staffordshire bull terrier, approximately 3 years old, was brought in as a stray. She waited patiently for 124 days before she finally found someone to give her belly rubs for the rest of her life. She is now being spoiled by Taylor Lange, left, and her friend.



FREDERICK, another one of the five sibling Lab/Shepherd pups was also adopted the same day in an odds defying chain of adoptions. Frederick poses with his new owner, Willie Bess, who couldn't be more excited to get his first puppy.



THE SCOTT OLIVER family lost their senior boxer canine companion in September, due to health issues. After grieving for several months, they felt the time was right to bring a new furkid home. Their next-door neighbor adopted a chocolate Lab from The Ark last year. They searched The Ark's AdoptaPet.com site and felt Millie, a 1-year-old mountain cur, might be a good fit. They visited her at The Ark and knew she would be a great new family member. Scott reviewed veterinary records and completed the adoption process, he, Amy, Daniel, Amy and Scott posed for a new beginnings photo with Millie.

Dogs, like people, will need surgery to repair cleft palates

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dogs, like people, can be born with cleft palates. Some die from pneumonia or malnourishment. Some with the defect, which is basically a hole in the mouth, are euthanized.

But the same techniques that repair cleft palates in children can be used with dogs — even in challenging cases like Mr. Moo, a 9-month-old mixed breed puppy who was eating through a tube because of a cleft palate.

Usually soft tissue from the same area of the mouth is used to build a flap to cover the hole. But there was no soft tissue near Mr. Moo's defect. Dr. Bryden Stanley, chief of surgery for small animals at Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in Lansing, wasn't sure how to solve the problem.

Then she met Dr. John Giroto, director of craniofacial surgery at Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Giroto told Stanley he would do for the puppy what he does for children with no soft tissue — take it from the inside of the cheek.

In May, Mr. Moo underwent the surgery. It was believed to be the first time that technique was ever performed on a dog. Mr. Moo is doing fine and has healed nicely, Stanley said. The dog's owners did not want to be interviewed.

"One in 700 children will be born with either a cleft lip or a cleft palate, which makes it a fairly common birth defect," Giroto said.

There are no statistics on how common the defect is in dogs.

But one study suggested cleft palate was more prevalent in purebreds and flat-nosed dogs. Dr. Danika Bannasch at the University of California, Davis, has published two papers on the topic with a focus on Labrador retrievers, whippets and boxers.

Cleft lip occurs when the lips do not grow together in the front. Stanley especially likes to repair cleft lips in dogs. "I love correcting those, they are so obvious. They are the cutest little puppies ever and well worth repairing," Stanley said.

Stanley and Giroto are working with two MSU geneticists who are investigating what causes the defects with help from eight of Stanley's four-legged patients. Results from genetic research on dogs is often available much more quickly than research on humans because dogs age faster.

There are some differences in treating dogs and humans. Dogs normally get two surgeries and they're done, Stanley said. Dogs don't need braces for smiling or a speech therapist for talking.

But children with cleft palates are seen by a craniofacial surgeon, plastic surgeon,

dentist, orthodontist, speech therapist, and ear, nose and throat doctor, plus, often, a social worker and geneticist, Giroto said.

"It takes a multidisciplinary team. We put a whole group of support around that family and that child because in different stages of life, different things become important," he said.

Stanley and Giroto plan to have the dogs they treat for cleft palates trained to help kids having the same surgery.

Breeders who don't want to keep dogs with the defect should "send them to Lansing," where doctors will repair their faces and turn them into therapy dogs, Giroto said.

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Retirees deciding whether new lifestyle will include new pets

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Denise and John Stevens have had pets their whole lives — then they retired.

"After our last dog passed away, we decided not to get another one. We like the freedom from worrying about her," Denise Stevens, 63, said of the Long Island, New York, couple whose Jack Russell terrier died last year. "We tend to treat these dogs like children."

Baby boomers are retiring in record numbers, and many wonder whether a dog or cat belongs in their golden years. Some seniors want the companionship, but others worry about declining health, failing to outlive a new pet, moving to a facility that doesn't allow animals and tighter budgets. Some, like the Stevenses, just want a break from the responsibility of owning a pet.

For retirees who want a dog or cat — at least sometimes — there are unique programs to help connect older people and pets, said Kristen Levine, a pet living and lifestyle expert who works with those over 50.

Organizations are toying with pet rentals, having senior citizens foster animals, arranging for several families to share a pet, or bringing therapy dogs to homes instead of just hospitals.

A nonprofit program in Colorado helps low-income elderly and disabled people in Larimer County keep their pets as long as possible. Pets Forever is sponsored by Colorado State University and partners with local companies and organiza-

tions to provide in-home animal care and dog walking, said Lori Kogan, program director and founder.

While retirees are making decisions about their lifestyles, rest homes, assisted living centers and retirement communities are looking at how to accommodate seniors over the next two decades, Levine said.

Officials at A Place for Mom, the nation's largest senior living referral service, which is based in Washington state, say more than 40 percent of those seeking a housing referral ask whether pets are permitted.

"The aging industry is receptive to working with the pet industry," Levine said. Both will make money, "but ultimately the pet lover is the winner."

Even those who have spent their lives working with animals have to decide whether their future will include pets.

"I'm edging up to that moment — I'm just about 60 and retired. We lost our dog of 15 years last year. We are thinking about what to do next," said Stephen Zawistowski, who was a science adviser for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and was with the group for nearly 27 years.

Much has been written about how pets help people, but it's not the same for everyone, he said.

"The idea that pets are the panacea for stress and loneliness is not necessarily true for everybody," Zawistowski said. For some, it might be painting or playing an instrument, he said.

He believes money is the

biggest obstacle to keeping a pet. He and his wife have two elderly cats and know how much it can cost to keep them.

"I am taking my cat now for weekly acupuncture at \$125 a week," Zawistowski said. "That's probably more than the planned food budget for many people."

Despite the costs, he said the couple likely will get another dog after they move from Pennsylvania to Michigan. And Denise Stevens says it's just a matter of time before a pooch catches her eye.

"Dogs are constant companions, full of unconditional love — it doesn't matter what you do or what kind of day you had," said Stevens, who works part time and whose 70-year-old husband is a volunteer firefighter. "They look at you, they keep you going, keep you active. It's wonderful."

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Book

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well knew the history of how we'd done against local teams, but when we'd go play off in a tournament, we didn't have any record if had ever played those teams or not."

Owney dedicated his book to Whitlock, the "Voice of Bradley County Sports" for more a half century.

A labor of love, Ownbey's writings not only gives a history of high schools in Bradley County, but also the development of the game of basketball through the Tennessee Secondary School's Association, before offering accolades for outstanding coaching and player performances.

After a section on "Glorious Wins and Bitter Losses," as well as

team nicknames, the author then takes the programs through each decade with a complete list of game-by-game results at the conclusion of each section.

"It has the scores of more than 5,400 games, including postseason," Ownbey explained.

"I started last March and through October I was in the library most every day looking games up in old newspapers or annuals. I found the results for all but about a dozen games back in the 1920s."

The center of the book features nearly 60 pages of old photographs, dating from a 1919 Bear squad coached by legendary football coach Jimmie Lovell that competed against local industries

and business teams all the way through "Twin Towers" Rebecca Reuter and Brooke Copeland, who dominated the local girls' hoop scene just a couple of years ago and are currently in their sophomore seasons at Middle Tennessee State University and the University of Florida respectively.

The book concludes with a complete year-by-year account of each program, as well as the individual career and game scoring records, retired jerseys and Hall of Fame members.

Owney's next project is to compile and publish a similar book for the Bear football program, which enters its 100th season this fall.

The "Look Back At The History of Bradley Central High School Basketball" can be purchased at Bradley home games the next two Mondays, as well as Friday evening.

It is also available at The Town Squire, Bradley County Trustee's office and Bradley Central Book Store or by contacting Ownbey or one of the Bradley coaches.

The author intends to update the book after each season.

Although Christmas has already passed, take it from Santa Joe a copy of the book would make a nice romantic Valentine's Day gift for the Bear/Bearette fan in your life.

Another great gift idea is George Starr's book, "How Tall is a Giant," the biography of Coach Bill Talley. It can be secured by contacting Starr at Lee University or at Pathway Book Store.

Panthers

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being Carson Palmer, who committed six turnovers in Carolina's 49-15 win over Arizona in the NFC championship.

Carolina's defense, which led the league in takeaways, quickly shifts from good to great when the offense gives them a lead.

They have nine takeaways and eight sacks in the postseason.

Luke Kuechly, one of three All-Pro players on defense, has two interception returns for touchdowns in the playoffs.

But the trigger for Carolina is establishing the running game.

"Mike Tolbert and Stew (Jonathan Stewart) make their play-action game go," said Broncos defensive back T.J. Ward. "So if we stop the run, we stop the beginning of what they do, that helps the rest of their offense."

That's a good plan, but executing it has proven to be a little more difficult.

The Panthers have run for at least 100 yards in 31 straight

games, including the playoffs. To put that in perspective, no other team has a streak longer than six games.

Newton is a big part of that, rushing for 636 yards and 10 touchdowns, tying Steve Young's record for career TDs by a quarterback.

The game's most versatile player, Newton shattered the myth that he's just a running quarterback long ago. But he's taken his passing to a whole different level this season, improving his accuracy and throwing for a career-high 35 touchdowns.

He's been lights out in the red zone, throwing 24 touchdowns with no interceptions.

"He's like a combination of two quarterbacks that were great quarterbacks in this league," said Broncos defensive end Antonio Smith. "He's got the escape ability of a Michael Vick and a body frame like Ben Roethlisberger where people are bouncing off of you left and right."

Carolina's passing game

ranks near the bottom of the league, but that's more a reflection of the team's balance on offense. The Panthers are the only team that runs the ball more than they throw it.

"Cam transitioned this year where he's not going anywhere until he has to," said Young. "It's a whole mindset that the mastery of the pocket, the mastery of the data. Now he can enter in and say I don't need to run. I can. I can run over you. But I don't have to. I think he's starting to see just the possibilities of what you can do from the pocket."

The Panthers may be a small market team and unfamiliar to some, but make no doubt it — they're no fluke.

They've won 22 of their last 24 games, including a 3-1 mark in the post season.

In those 24 games Carolina has outscored its opponent by a whopping margin of 735-427 — or by an average score of 31-18.

So why not play the odds? Prediction: Panthers 31, Broncos 18.

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In the men's action, the Cougars traveled to Chattanooga State and left with a 78-64 victory this afternoon.

"I thought it was probably our most complete game of the year on both ends," said head coach Lee Cigliano.

Cleveland State (8-10, 6-6) got out to an early lead and headed to halftime up 43-29.

The team's leading scorer, sophomore guard Darrion Leslie, led the way again putting in a game high 27 points along with grabbing eight rebounds.

Sophomore forward Lawrence

Castor had a bounce back game as today's second leading scorer with 23 points after being shut out in the Cougars last matchup.

The win puts Cleveland State two games up on Chattanooga State (16-8, 4-8) for sole possession of fifth place in the conference. The Cougars and Tigers split their season series.

Cleveland State is on the road again this Wednesday heading to Roane State (8-12, 4-8). Tip off is set for 5:30 p.m. The Cougars won their first matchup of the season against the Raiders at home in overtime.

Ware

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and-White forced them to play behind all night long as the Lady Hurricanes jumped out to a 19-0 run in the first period.

The rough start included a scoring drought that lasted until the 2:59 mark, which came to an end after a made free throw by Jordan Thompson.

Trailing 23-1, Cleveland still hadn't hit a single shot from the field until Braylee Franklin found the bottom of the nylon with 4:49 remaining until halftime.

Things improved for the Lady

Raiders in the second half offensively, but with such a young inexperienced team it wasn't enough to overpower the (21-6) Lady Hurricanes.

Franklin was the leading scorer for Cleveland with six points, while both Emma Flowers and Sofia Stamatiadis finished with four.

Lady Raiders head coach knows it has been a disappointing season that has been devastated by injuries, but she also points to how tired her players are by play-

ing minutes they are not used to seeing.

"We have played three really close games and we are extremely tired right now. We have had some young people play extended minutes and I think we looked very tired tonight," she explained.

She added, "We turned it over, we couldn't hit a field goal, and we got beat in transition. Those were the three things that we talked about specifically before the game."

GAME SUMMARIES	
GIRLS	
Cleveland	1 8 9 5 — 23
East Hamilton	23 13 9 10 — 55
LADY RAIDERS (23) — Franklin 6, Flowers 4, Stamatiadis 4, Stutzman 3, Dasher 2, Mastin 2, Langford, Thompson.	
LADY HURRICANES (55) — Madison Hayes 15, Destyne Black 11, Maleiah Moon 11, Candle 6, Gray 6, Zeh 4, Lacy 2.	
3-POINTERS: Cleveland 1 (Stutzman); East Hamilton 2 (Moon, Black).	
FREE THROWS: Cleveland 9-of-17; East Hamilton 11-of-19.	
RECORDS: Cleveland 1-19, 0-9 District 5-AAA; East Hamilton 21-6, 9-2.	

BOYS	
Cleveland	7 18 19 16 — 60
East Hamilton	11 11 6 8 — 36
RAIDERS (60) — Dionte Ware 17, Cantrel Ware 11, Curry 9, Constant 9, Davis 6, Wykle 4, K. Ware 2, Cobb 2.	
HURRICANES (36) — Noah Bryer 13, Clark 5, Roselle 4, Panadero 4, Wilson 3, Hugley 2, Dozier 2, Wingard 2, Williams.	
3-POINTERS: Cleveland 6 (D. Ware 3, Davis 2, C. Ware); East Hamilton 1 (Wilson).	
FREE THROWS: Cleveland 12-of-20; East Hamilton 5-of-16.	
RECORDS: Cleveland 13-4, 6-3 District 5-AAA; East Hamilton 17-10, 3-7.	

RECORDS: Soddy-Daisy 11-14, 2-8 District 5-AAA; Bradley 21-3, 10-0 District 5-AAA.

BOYS	
Soddy-Daisy	15 13 14 18 — 60
Bradley Central	13 30 25 17 — 85
TROJANS (60) — Hunter Burke 15, Tre Carter 13, Gavin Rogers 12, Durain 7, Keyton 5, Kearney 5, Cordell 2, Sylvester 1, Perez.	
BEARS (85) — Cole Copeland 20, Bradley McCurdy 17, John Brown 15, Tucker 8, Beavers 7, Cartwright 6, Pitner 5, Ware 3, Parker 2, Elrod 2, Williams, Duggan.	
3-POINTERS: SD 5 (Rogers 4, Kearney); Bradley 13 (McCurdy 5, Brown 2, Cartwright, Tucker, Ware, Pitner, Beavers, Copeland).	
FREE THROWS: SD 13-of-16; Bradley 12-of-13.	
RECORDS: Soddy-Daisy 9-13, 2-8 District 5-AAA; Bradley 18-5, 10-0 District 5-AAA.	

Bearettes

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add seven and six points respectively.

GAME SUMMARIES	
GIRLS	
Soddy-Daisy	6 6 13 5 — 30
Bradley Central	31 22 12 8 — 73
LADY TROJANS (30) — Hopkins 9, Ghaffari 9, Trimair 4, Bryant 2, Davis 2, Dent 2, Hall 1, Woodward 1, Williams, Phillips, Buling.	
BEARETTES (73) — Halle Hughes 22, Rhyne Howard 15, K. Brown 11, EK Brown 6, Lumbard 6, Morgan 6, Gaither 3, K. Hughes 2, Roberts 2, Pederson, Davis, McRee.	
3-POINTERS: SD 0; Bradley 10 (Howard 3, EK Brown 2, Morgan 2, Gaither, H. Hughes, K. Brown).	
FREE THROWS: SD 7-of-21; Bradley 11-of-14.	

'Stangs

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came in the first half.

According to the Mustang coach, his team's lack of 3's in the second half was mainly a self-inflicted issue.

"I think we just stopped moving the ball around enough. I thought we could score inside at will, but we quit moving the ball around like we were in the first half," Williams commented.

Jones, who hit five of his team's eight 3-pointers, was the high scorer of the night with a total of 29 points. He was also perfect from the free throw line, hitting 8-of-8 shots. Bunton followed closely with 24 points, Nunnally had 12 points and Kolten Gibson picked up 10 points.

The Mustangs have two final District 5-AAA games on the schedule next week with McMinn County coming to town on Wednesday. The team will then travel to East Hamilton on Friday.

Currently 6-3 in 5-AAA, Walker Valley is battling it out with Cleveland for second place in the district.

CHARGERETTES 67 LADY MUSTANGS 42

For a brief moment, the Lady Mustangs had a glimmer of hope in their game with the Chargerettes.

The two teams started out evenly matched, with Walker Valley ultimately taking a one-point, 17-16 lead after the first quarter.

That glimmer was soon overshadowed though, as the Central squad came back to demonstrate why they are the No. 2 AA team in the state.

During the second quarter,

Central outscored Walker Valley 21-5, which gave them a 37-22 lead at halftime.

"We started off well but didn't finish it up though," Walker Valley girls coach Paul Cretton lamented. "I was disappointed in the fact that we didn't get back on defense and they got a lot of breakaway stuff."

Things didn't get much better for the Lady Mustangs in the third quarter. While the home team held the visitors to just 11 points, they were only able to pick up seven more points of their own.

Walker Valley's attempts at cutting down their deficit were further spoiled by Central in the final quarter, as the Chargerettes were able to add 19 more points to the scoreboard and allowed their hosts 13 points.

"They're a very good basketball team and their press bothered us. We had 20 turnovers and we can't turn the ball over that often," Cretton explained. "They also beat us on the boards and out rebounded us."

Sophomore Haley Jones served as a bright spot for the Lady Mustangs in the game, after she finished with a double-double thanks to 10 points and 10 rebounds.

"Most of that came in the first half. Unfortunately I didn't do a good job of getting it to her (in the second half). She had a great first half and ended up with a double-double," Cretton commented.

Also aiding the Lady Mustangs were Lauren Lay and Emilee Spann. Lay had nine rebounds in the game and Spann finished with eight rebounds.

Walker Valley will have to put the loss to Central behind them quickly, as they get busy preparing for their final two games of the regular season.

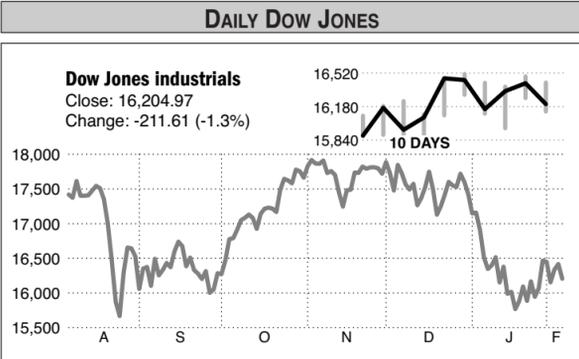
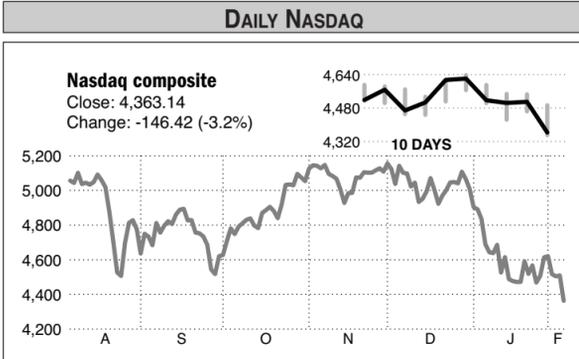
"We've just got to gather ourselves and get back together by our big game on Wednesday against McMinn County. We lost at their place, so this game will be for third place in the district. Then we go on the road to East Hamilton," Cretton stated.

GAME SUMMARIES	
GIRLS	
McMinn Central	16 21 11 19 — 67
Walker Valley	17 5 7 13 — 42
CHARGERETTES (67) — Jacobi Lynn 22, Savannah Atkins 18, Cheryl 7, Baker 6, Wampler 4, Casteel 4, Wright 3, Planter 2, Martin 2.	
LADY MUSTANGS (42) — Haley Jones 10, Alomar 9, Spann 6, L. Lay 4, Davis 4, White 3, Clark 3, Walker 2, Pate 1.	
3-POINTERS: McMinn Central 4 (Lynn 3, Atkins); Walker Valley 1 (Clark).	
Free throws: McMinn Central 8-of-15; Walker Valley 13-of-20.	
Records: McMinn Central 21-2, 7-0 District 5-AAA; Walker Valley 10-14, 5-4 District 5-AAA.	

BOYS	
McMinn Central	16 20 19 27 — 82
Walker Valley	26 24 14 23 — 87
CHARGERETTES (82) — Bryce Mason 27, Jonathan Carter 21, Jackson Guy 12, Dylan Miller 10, Long 6, Powers 6.	
MUSTANGS (89) — Josh Jones 29, Kenny Bunton 24, Kolten Gibson 10, Melton 6, Eslinger 6.	
3-POINTERS: McMinn Central 13 (Carter 5, Guy 4, Mason 2, Miller 2); Walker Valley 8 (Jones 4, Murphy 2, Nunnally, Gibson).	
Free throws: McMinn Central 13-of-15; Walker Valley 19-of-22.	
Records: McMinn Central 15-10, 6-1 District 5-AAA; Walker Valley 16-8, 6-3 District 5-AAA.	

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Don't do finances on your first date

Dear Dave,
I've been following your plan, and I've finally gotten out of debt and feel I have control of my finances.

I'm also single, and I was wondering if you have any tips for how to gracefully mention financial topics and budgeting when you're on a date.

— Paula

Dear Paula,
Well, I don't recommend bringing it up on a first date. If I'm a guy on the initial date with a girl and the first thing out of her mouth is about finances and handling money, that's going to be pretty strange.

Now, if the first date turns into another and another and another, then you might start talking about the deeper things in life and where you both stand.

As you start talking about more serious subjects, you'll begin to learn if there's enough of a basis for a real relationship.

But the first date is just sort of an introduction, right? You're both seeing if there's any initial, mutual compatibility.

Asking someone how much they make, or where they are on their debt snowball in this scenario is officially weird—even by my standards. In other words, use manners and tact.

They may be old fashioned words these days, but in most cases they work well.

— Dave

Long-term spending

Dear Dave,
I've started my four-year-old on an allowance structure and a chore chart.

I also have a mini-envelope system with spending and saving set up, but I'm having trouble helping him distinguish between the two. How can I solve this?

Ways to balance marriage, money

Special to the Banner

Money is a source of conflict in nearly a third of all relationships, according to a survey by the American Psychological Association.

When it comes to budgeting, two can quickly turn into a crowd. That's because some of us like to save our nickels, while others would prefer to spend every last dime. And it's hard to get the other person to change their mind. (Okay, so you might be a little stubborn too.)

But there's room for everyone when making a budget. Savers get a sense of control over their money, while spenders get permission to buy without guilt. Both win!

Here's how savers and spenders can keep the peace while balancing the budget:

Scenario 1: One Spouse Really Likes to Spend Money.

The Stat: According to a recent SunTrust survey, 36 percent of people don't seek the advice of their spouse or partner before making purchases of any size.



Dave Says

By
Dave
Ramsey

— Monica

Dear Monica,
At that age, any type of saving is going to be more of a glorified, long-term spending plan.

The point is to teach them to delay gratification when you're first starting out. And when you're only four, two weeks is long term.

The contents of the spending envelope should be kind of spontaneous. Let him take it on trips to the store, and if he wants a pack of gum or whatever, he can get it.

The saving envelope, though, stays at home. Then, as he grows and his mind and reasoning develops a little more, you can really start teaching him about long-term goals and how to get there — including giving.

Don't try to force a four-year-old to think five or 10 years into the future. We're just trying to teach lessons here, and it doesn't have to be done perfectly.

Just be intentional, and try to find teachable moments as you go along!

— Dave

(Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.)

The Fix: In marriage, money belongs to both of you. That means you should both decide how it's spent.

So if your spouse is the spender, compromise with a reasonable amount of money for him or her to spend on fun, no questions asked. And if you're the spender, make sure your spouse works some fun money into the budget. This gives you some freedom—within boundaries.

When it comes to big purchases, determine a dollar amount to spark an automatic money discussion. That could be \$100 or it could be \$300. For any item over that amount, talk it over before you buy. And maybe sleep on your decision. If you both still want it in the morning, go for it!

Scenario 2: One Spouse Really Likes to Save Money.

The Stat: The same SunTrust survey found that 34 percent of people said they were the savers in the relationship, and their partners were the spenders.

The Fix: If your spouse is the saver, be glad! You've got a built-in money manager.



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RIVER VALLEY AG CREDIT recently celebrated its groundbreaking for a new facility. Among those participating, from left, were River Valley Ag Credit Regional Manager David Tallent, Gary Farlow of the Cleveland-Bradley County Chamber of Commerce, Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis, River Valley Ag Credit Board Chairman David Richesin, River Valley President/CEO Kyle Yancey, River Valley Director Jack Sanders, River Valley Cleveland Manager Bruce Bradford, Cleveland Councilman George Poe, Sherry Crye of the Chamber, and River Valley HR Manager Jessica Johnson.

Mastercraft's financials are positive

Special to the Banner

VONORE — MasterCraft has announced financial results for its fiscal 2016 second quarter, which ended Dec. 27, 2015.

Highlights:
Net sales, excluding the terminated Hydra-Sports manufacturing contract, increased 12.2 percent versus the year-earlier period;

Total second-quarter net sales rose 4.5 percent over the prior-year second quarter to \$55.2 million;

Fully diluted, pro forma, adjusted net income per share increased 57.1 percent to \$0.33;

Fiscal 2016 second-quarter adjusted EBITDA increased 31.3 percent to \$10.5 million compared to \$8.0 million for the year-earlier period;

Gross margin increased to 27.8 percent, a 380 basis point improvement versus the year-earlier period;

Adjusted EBITDA margin increased to 19.1 percent, a 280 basis point improvement versus the year-earlier period; and

MasterCraft launched the X26, our largest and most luxurious boat, and began ramping up production.

Terry McNew, MasterCraft's President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "We continue to deliver outstanding top- and bottom-line increases and unit volume growth. These gains are driven by continued demand for performance sport boats across all models, in particular overwhelming demand for our X23."

McNew added, "growth in our MasterCraft NXT line of entry-level models and our newly released X26 continue to be in high demand. Additionally, our relentless focus on operational excellence and continuous improvement continues to yield notable gross margin and adjusted EBITDA gains."

MasterCraft-only net sales for the three months ended December, which exclude the terminated Hydra-Sports manufacturing contract, increased \$6 million, or 12.2 percent, versus the prior year.

The net sales gain was primarily due to a rise in MasterCraft unit volume of 48 units, or 7.4

percent. Net sales per MasterCraft unit grew by 3.9 percent, chiefly stemming from greater adoption of higher-end option packages, new product launches and price increases.

Net sales for the three months ending in December, were \$55.2

million, up \$2.4 million, or 4.5 percent, compared to \$52.8 million for the three months.

"Domestically, demand for MasterCraft boats remains solid, and we expect that to continue," said McNew. "Like most marine manufacturers, international

headwinds, particularly in Canada, are partially offsetting U.S. results. However, MasterCraft expects to maintain our sales momentum as MasterCraft continues to drive sustainable, profitable market share gains."

Close named Realtor of Year

Special to the Banner



Travis Close

Travis Close, Realtor at Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Realty Center, has been named 2015 Realtor of the Year by fellow real estate professionals with the Greater Chattanooga Association of Realtors.

The award was presented at GCAR's Membership Breakfast.

The Realtor of the Year award is given to a Realtor in recognition of his or her civic, business and industry/organization contributions.

Close has been a Realtor for nearly nine years, and served as president of GCAR in 2015. He joins only four other Realtors who have been awarded this honor in the same year that they

have been president of the association. The list includes Jennifer Grayson (2011), Jason Farmer (2007), Kathy Tucker (2004) and Steve Champion (2003).

"The association bestows this highest honor on individuals who stand out from the crowd and embody all that it means to be a Realtor," said Randy Durham, Chair of the GCAR Realtor of the Year Committee. "Mr. Close has put more time, effort, thought and heart and soul into our Association than any other Realtor and is deserving of this award."

"It has truly been an honor to serve this association and use my skills to better the real estate community," said Close.

Haynie joins Southern Heritage

Special to the Banner

Rita Haynie has joined the mortgage loan department at Southern Heritage Bank. She will serve as a mortgage loan originator.

Southern Heritage President and CFO Steve Ledbetter made the announcement: "We are fortunate to find people who share our 'Expect A Difference' attitude to join our team. The opportunity to expand our knowledge and experience in our mortgage department will allow us to build upon our already successful mortgage lending efforts."

Joy Akins, Senior Vice President of mortgage lending, added "We are very happy to have Rita join our team. The experience

and knowledge she brings will allow us to enhance and increase our services to our customers. She will be a strong asset to our team."

Haynie brings 27 years of experience in the mortgage lending industry, not only originating loans but also processing, closing and underwriting

Haynie and her husband, Phil, have one daughter, Samantha. They attend Broad Street United Methodist Church. Haynie is a current member and previous treasurer of Cleveland Civitan Club. She is a board member of the Allied Arts Council of the Cleveland Bradley Chamber of Commerce.



Rita Haynie

Haynie is a two time recipient of the River Counties Association of Realtors Affiliate of the Year Award.

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ALTHOUGH THE nation's casinos considered millennials a bust in the past, they are now putting out the welcome mat. They are attempting to tempt them into traditional gambling.

Casinos going after millennials

BOSTON (AP) — Casinos worried that millennials aren't getting into traditional gambling like their parents and grandparents are bringing in tattoo studios, mixed martial arts competitions and other offbeat attractions to attract a younger clientele.

In New England, where a regional casino war is afoot, Connecticut's Foxwoods is remaking one of its gambling floors — now christened "The Fox" — as a hip, fun scene in the sprawling 30-year-old casino complex.

The casino floor bar was redone in January to include a stage where a mostly female ensemble covers pop songs. Just off the gambling floor, a swank new tattoo studio-slash-fashion retailer opened in the fall, not far from where Shrine, the casino's popular nightclub, is increasingly booking top electronic dance acts like DeadMau5 and Tiesto.

"It's kind of like the party place," says CEO Felix Rappaport. "It's really energized the casino floor."

In Rhode Island, the more modest-sized Twin River Casino removed 274 slot machines to make way for more poker and other table games favored by younger gamblers this past December. It's also been hosting mixed martial arts competitions at its event center, a nod to its popularity among younger fight fans.

Casinos are making the right move to draw in millennials if they're putting fewer slot machines on their floors in favor of table games, said Sunny Chopra, a 25-year-old from Falmouth, Massachusetts, as he considered betting at an electronic roulette wheel at Plainridge Park, a slots parlor and harness racing track in Plainville, Massachusetts.

"I've never played slot machines," Chopra said. "I'm not that old."

Casinos slow to pivot to millennials' preferences do so at their own risk, warned Steven Norton, a casino consultant based in Illinois.

Older members of the demographic are in their 30s, meaning they're entering their prime earning and spending years, he says. That's critical for an industry whose customers have histori-

cally been in their 40s and over. "You want to develop good customers now so that we don't become the horse racing industry of the future, where all of our people have died off and we don't have any new blood coming in," Norton said.

It's too soon to determine whether any of these efforts will translate to sustained success with millennials, casino operators said.

But market research suggests new thinking is necessary, said Michael Mathis, president of MGM Springfield, a \$950 million resort casino expected to open in western Massachusetts in late 2018.

He pointed to a 2015 article by the Washington, D.C.-based Marketing Research Association suggesting current versions of slot machines are "widely viewed" by millennials as "antisocial, non-intuitive and generally boring."

To address the slot machine apathy, casinos in past years updated machines with more pop culture references, like Star Wars themed gambling machines. They also introduced electronic version of popular table games.

The newest trend? Electronic table games that feature live dealers.

Casinos are betting the blend of live table game action, easy slot machine-style play and lower minimum bets will appeal to younger and novice gamblers, says Carrie Nork Minelli, spokeswoman at Parx Casino outside Philadelphia, which unveiled a Shaquille O'Neal-themed electronic blackjack game where players are arranged "stadium-style" around a live dealer in late 2015.

Casinos are also increasingly launching "social casinos" — websites where players can play free, online versions of their slot machine and table game offerings for virtual credits that can't be converted to cash or redeemed.

The hope is that free online play generates paying customers at brick-and-mortar gambling halls, says Mario Maesano, senior vice president of marketing at Maryland Live, which launched a social casino just before Christmas.

Bank of Cleveland playing "cards"

Special to the Banner

Bank of Cleveland is adding an additional layer of security to its credit and debit cards to protect customers against fraud — a computer chip.

The advanced security of the chip card will make it extremely difficult for fraudsters to counterfeit or copy the card. Bank of Cleveland anticipates the new cards will be produced and mailed over the next six to eight weeks.

"We're excited to be able to offer our customers new cards equipped with highly-secure chip technology," said President Julian Sullivan. "Our first priority is protecting our customers' financial data from mis-

use — chip technology is just one more way to accomplish that."

The computer chip — a small, metallic square on the front of the card — assigns a one-time code making every transaction unique and the card more difficult to counterfeit or copy.

The new cards will still have a magnetic stripe for cases where the merchant does not have an activated chip reader.

"You need to dip the chip card to benefit from this new technology. If the merchant has a chip reader, be sure to use that instead of swiping your card for maximum security," said Sullivan.

Using chip cards is simple and easy to learn. Bank of Cleveland is providing the fol-

lowing step-by-step instructions to educate customers:

Insert your card into the chip-enabled terminal with the chip first, facing up.

Leave the card in the terminal until the transaction is complete. You may be prompted to sign your name. Be sure to take your card at the end of the transaction.

If there isn't a chip-enabled terminal, use the card the traditional way and swipe.

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Lonza seeking one-stop-shop solutions

Special to the Banner

Lonza is entering the field of drug product development services for customers by building its capabilities step-wise over the coming years

The company has announced capabilities will focus on parenteral dosage forms for biologics, drug conjugates, peptides and small molecules for products for injection or infusion

Together with existing development and manufacturing capabilities, Lonza will be the provider of one-Stop-shop service solutions for customers

In its announcement, Lonza said its Pharma&Biotech segment is expanding its footprint to offer customers a complete portfolio of development and manufacturing services for clinical outsourcing requirements by entering into drug product services.

This new service offering is part of Lonza's drive to enable customers to meet some of the greatest challenges in patient treatment.

These drug product services will focus on parenteral dosage forms, including products for injection and infusion for intravenous, subcutaneous, intraocular and other routes of parenteral administration. Services will include options for monoclonal antibodies, other biologics, drug conjugates, peptides and small molecules that require a parenteral dosage form.

Drug product services will be offered in the fourth quarter of 2016 from laboratories based in Basel, with an initial focus on formulation development and drug product analytical development and quality control.

Shkreli is a new emblem for politicians on greed

WASHINGTON (AP) — A smirking Martin Shkreli briefly united Democrats and Republicans on Capitol Hill this week, as lawmakers took turns blasting the price-hiking former CEO who has become the new poster child for corporate greed.

But the gridlocked state of Congress virtually assures federal efforts to lower drug prices will remain in limbo for years. And even then, experts warn that the options available to Congress would not stop companies like Turing Pharmaceuticals, where Shkreli engineered a 5000 percent price increase of a critical anti-infection drug.

For now, experts say the worst lawmakers can do is give price-gouging executives a verbal lashing before their committees. Richard Evans, a pharmaceutical analyst for SSR, says that won't be enough to deter some companies.

"If you're willing to take a public shaming — and that's the only counterweight to a price increase

— then you can take the price increase," he said.

Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle took their best rhetorical shots at Shkreli on Thursday, but he was mostly mum. The 32-year-old entrepreneur repeatedly declined to answer questions, citing his Fifth amendment right to avoid self-incrimination. When lawmakers suggested that legal defense shouldn't stop him from talking about his tenure as Turing's CEO, Shkreli retorted: "I intend to follow the advice of my counsel, and not yours."

Shkreli faces securities-fraud charges in New York unrelated to Turing.

Concerns about sky-high drug prices have been building for years but boiled over this fall after stories about Turing and Canadian drugmaker,

Valeant Pharmaceuticals, hiking prices for previously low-priced medicines for patients with heart problems and other life-threatening conditions.

Suzanne Burrell is new employee at Bellwether

Special to the Banner

The Bellwether Investment Group has expanded its advisory team in Chattanooga by adding Suzanne J. Burrell.

Suzanne joined the firm in September 2015 after working in the industry since 2007 and earning her Certified Financial Planner designation in 2012.

She comes to Bellwether from Guardian Wealth Management Inc, focusing on asset management as well as insurance, tax and estate planning review.

"Suzanne is an excellent addition to our team of fee-based portfolio managers and has the experience and passion to give clients exceptional service. We

believe Suzanne will thrive at Bellwether," said Managing Partner Sandy Maddox.

Having lived most of her life in Cleveland, Burrell is a cum laude graduate of Carson Newman University and completed her Certified Financial Planner designation requirements through the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia.

She has been married since 1981, and she and her husband, Jerry, have two grown children.



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Casteel, Longwith ready for Spring Training

By **JOE CANNON**

Banner Assistant Sports Editor

That magical phrase that all big league baseball fans look forward to is about to be uttered — “Pitchers and catchers report.”

The Bradley County area has one of each getting ready to head to Spring Training.

Former Bradley Central and Cleveland State all-state signal caller Ryan Casteel is heading out to Arizona for his third major league camp in his seventh pro season as a Colorado Rockies farmhand, while closer Logan Longwith, who played at Walker Valley and Tennessee Wesleyan, is headed to Florida for his first minor league camp after being drafted and playing last summer in the Detroit Tigers organization.

After playing Triple-A ball last season, as well as spending a month in the Dominican Republic League this winter, Casteel will be vying for a spot on the Rockies' big league squad.

“They (Colorado) no longer have Willin Rosario, Michael McKenry or Justin Morneau, so there are some spots open at catcher and first base,” explained Casteel, who has played both positions in the minors. “Nick Hundley is the starting catcher.”

Casteel will be competing with Dustin Garneau (.157 batting average in 70 MLB at bats last season) and Tom Murphy (.257 with three homers in just 35 at bats with the Rockies in 2015) for the backup spot behind the plate.

Despite missing a month and a half after tearing a quad over Memorial Day weekend, Casteel hit .307, with 14 of his 49 hits going for extra bases and driving in 22 runs while playing for Triple-A Albuquerque for 34 games, plus a pair of four-game rehab assignments in New Britain, Conn., and Boise, Idaho.

“My leg is 100 percent now and feels great,” he related. “That’s why Colorado sent me to the Dominican to get some time in the warmth and sun, while I worked out and go some swings to make sure everything was all right.”

Getting in just four games, Casteel went 4-for-12 at the plate and really enjoyed his time in the Caribbean. “It was like a well-paid vacation. We (he and his wife) were five minutes from the beach and (Major League All-Star) Robinson Cano lived a few

houses down on the golf course where we stayed.”

“The (Dominican) league is made up of 95 percent of major and minor leaguers. We had a couple of Latin catchers on the team that were more familiar with the league and pitchers, so I didn’t get a lot of playing time, but I was able to work out each day and got in four games.”

Sent by the Rockies to play in Australia, where he won league MVP honors a couple of winters ago, as well as the prestigious Arizona Fall League in 2014, Casteel said his experience in the Dominican was far different from the others. “It was very eye opening. The people there are desperate for the things we take for granted. Seeing the way they lived and the poverty really touched your heart.”

While the Casteels head to Phoenix today, the Rockies Spring Training doesn’t begin until Feb. 16. “We want to go early and get settled into our apartment. I was able to take over a lease a friend of mine with the (Philadelphia) Phillies had. I also want to get in some workouts out there, plus adjust to the time difference.”

“I went to Denver last week to meet with my coordinator, and everything sounds great. I will be given every opportunity to make the big league squad,” he added. “I’ve just got to go out there, work hard and do my best to compete for a spot.”

“The opportunity is there. The door is open for me. I’m 24 years old and have been one of the youngest players on each of my teams, so to be able to get this close now is a great opportunity.”

“The Rockies are a great organization and have shown their confidence in me by the way they have stood by me and helped me progress over the past six years,” commented Casteel, who was taken by Colorado in the 17th round of the 2010 First-Year Player Amateur Draft.

Since returning to Cleveland just before Christmas, Casteel has been working out with Longwith at the Bradley Central indoor baseball facility. “I’ve been working with the ‘kid,’” the veteran pro laughed.

“I’ve been working out with ‘Daddy,’” jabbed Longwith. “It really has helped me to be able to work out with him, especially

since he’s a catcher. We’ve been doing a throwing program and well as weights, running and every three days I’ll throw a bullpen session.”

After winning Closer of the Year for the Appalachian Athletic Conference in his third season at TWC last spring, Longwith was taken by the Tigers in the 20th round of amateur draft in June.

“I went to the Lakeland, Fla., and played Rookie Ball for Detroit’s Gulf South League team. After posting five saves in 17 appearances, with 29 strikeouts and just one walk in 29 innings of work, the lanky right-hander was moved up to Mid-A ball for a game in Connecticut and then to High-A for another back in Lakeland. He finished his first pro summer with a 3-1 record, boasting a 2.79 earned run average and an impressive 0.93 WHIP.

“He only gave up one home run,” Casteel pointed out while looking at Longwith’s stats. “Yes but that one was a bomb,” the former Mustang shortstop/pitcher said laughingly.

Going to the pros was quite an adjustment for Longwith. “In rookie ball we got up at 6 a.m. to eat and work out, then we’d play our games around noon and then the rest of the day was your own. You’d go back to the dorm and hang around or if you had a little money you’d go out and do something.”

“It wasn’t like in college, where someone was checking on you all



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FORMER WALKER VALLEY and Tennessee Wesleyan College standout Logan Longwith is preparing to head to Florida for his first Minor League Spring Training. The lanky closer was taken by the Detroit Tigers in last June’s Amateur Draft.

the time,” he added. “You were responsible for yourself. It took a little getting used to. I made some good friends, and that helped.”

Coming out of high school, where he help led Walker Valley to the TSSAA state tournament

his senior season, Longwith, who is 6-foot-3, only weighed about 140 pounds, but grew to 170 while in Athens.

“I needed to get stronger,” he related. “I’m trying to get to 180.” Longwith credits part of his

development into a top-notch closer to going to play for the Front Royal Cardinals of Virginia’s Valley Baseball League between his sophomore and junior years at TWC. At the end of his run with the MLB-sponsored college league, Longwith was named one of the top 10 prospects from the Valley League.

“Playing in that league really helped me. Doing well against that type of competition gave me a lot of confidence,” he remarked.

“I’m going into my first spring training with an open mind,” Longwith remarked. “I’ll do whatever they ask me to do.”

Longwith will leave the first day of March with the camp to open March 6.

Former Cleveland High hurler Jake Wyrick was also taken in the amateur draft last June, going in the 38th round to the New York Mets.

After missing his senior season for the Blue Raiders due to an injury, the left-hander came back to record a 3.82 ERA and 3-2 record in his first season at Cleveland State, striking out 76 in 70 2/3 innings of work.

“Coming off of an injury my senior year and this having been my first year back, I feel like I can do a lot better next year and raise my stock in the draft,” he related.

Wyrick bypassed the Mets and transferred to Middle Tennessee State University instead, meaning he won’t be eligible for the draft again until June 2017.



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FORMER BRADLEY CENTRAL and Cleveland State standout Ryan Casteel is headed to Arizona for his third Major League Spring Training as he is ready for his seventh professional season with the Colorado Rockies organization.

Cougars win opening series

From **CSCC Sports Information**

Cleveland State won its first series of the baseball season after splitting a doubleheader Saturday at Roane State.

The Cougars were shut out in game one, but the bats came alive in game two.

“It was good to bounce back to split the day and win the series,” said head baseball coach Mike Policastro.

In game one sophomore Colton Morgan pitched five innings allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out two and walking one.

Cleveland State managed just four hits and couldn’t plate a run, losing 3-0.

The bats got going for the Cougars in game two scoring four runs in the top of the second. Cleveland State hung on to take a 6-2 win.

Freshman Jake Rogers earned the victory pitching five innings allowing two earned runs on four hits while striking out 3 and walking two.

“Jake Rogers had a good outing,” said Policastro. “The bullpen pitched well with Matt Henshaw and Matt Roueche going 1-2-3 in both innings.”

Cleveland State looks to build

on their series win next Friday in game one of a three game set at Georgia State College. First pitch is scheduled for 2 p.m.

“We have a lot of work to do to continue to improve,” said Policastro.

The Cougars claimed the series opener Friday with a 9-4 victory.

“It was a good start to the season,” said Policastro. “We put together some good at bats and scored runs early.”

Sophomore shortstop Lee Gibson hit Cleveland State’s first home run of the season on a three run bomb over the right field fence in the bottom of the third to give the Cougars a 4-1 lead.

In the bottom of the sixth sophomore right fielder Hagen Wilkey led the charge hitting a solo shot to left field.

Sophomore Drew Korzybski earned the victory pitching seven innings allowing one earned run on six hits with eight strikeouts.

“Drew threw the ball really well,” said Policastro. “He had good command with all of his pitches.”

Roane State freshman shortstop Tyler Culpepper hit a three run homer in the top of the ninth, but the Raiders come back fell short.



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Nominations are requested for those who deserve special recognition for their outstanding service to our community. Nominations are open to everyone in our five-county service area of Bradley, Polk, McMinn, Meigs and Monroe, so make your submission now.

The nomination process will close on February 19.

Individual Community First Awards will be presented in each of the following nine categories: Arts, Business, Education, Public Service, Volunteer Service, Non-Profit Leadership, Healthcare, Student Leadership, and Philanthropy.

Individual winners for each of the nine categories will be announced to the public at the end of February. A Community First Person of the Year winner will be announced at the Gala on March 31. We encourage you to attend to find out who the overall winner may be!

To send in your nomination, go to mycs.cc/communityfirstaward, download the interactive nomination form, fill it out as completely as possible, and email back to communityfirstaward@clevelandstatecc.edu. All nominations are due by February 19.

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Event Information

The Community First Awards Gala is a benefit for the CSCC Foundation Annual campaign. It will be held on March 31, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Lane Center on the campus of Cleveland State Community College. Dinner will be provided. Entertainment will be by the Mountain Faith Band, a semifinalist in the nationally-televised America’s Got Talent show. Business attire is requested. For more information, call (423) 478-6200.

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Michael Ivey:

The art of doing what you love

By WILLIAM WRIGHT
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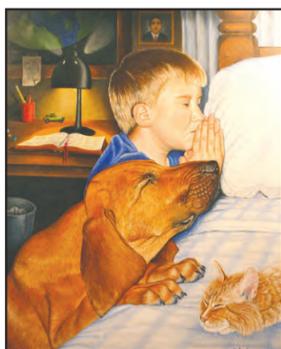
Pablo Picasso said, "Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once he grows up." For Michael Ivey, solving that problem was simple. The 66-year-old artist said, "I paint when I can and love every minute of it."

That presented a greater challenge for the Cleveland resident years ago when he pastored several churches for 33 years and was a chaplain in Texas, at the Harris County Sheriff's Department in Houston for four years. Having retired and relocated in December 2012, Ivey admits, "For some time, I have wanted to paint for a living, but I am satisfied to live to paint when I can. God has led me down a path He has chosen and added art to be my escape. Maybe that is why it is such a joy to me. Now I spend most of my time painting, remodeling our home, model railroading and teaching art in Cleveland."

His photorealism oil paintings are currently on display at the Reflections Gallery, 6922 Lee Highway, Chattanooga, through Feb. 26. When asked to describe his art, Ivey responded, "My art is realism, or realistic and naturalism. I seek to approach my art slowly, methodically and accurately, as a mountain climber would climb Mount Everest. Each step along the way is an important part of the whole. Sometimes each part of the canvas is the painting I'm working on at that time. It takes more time and preparation, but the joy is as much in the getting there, as is arriving there."

Portraits are my favorite, but I love to do landscapes. Most of my portraits are of family. I love creating a story around the portrait and capturing the personality of the individual as I build the composition. Landscapes capture my attention and beg me to capture them."

Besides moving closer to family, Ivey said he and his wife "love the mountains, and all of East Tennessee," an area where

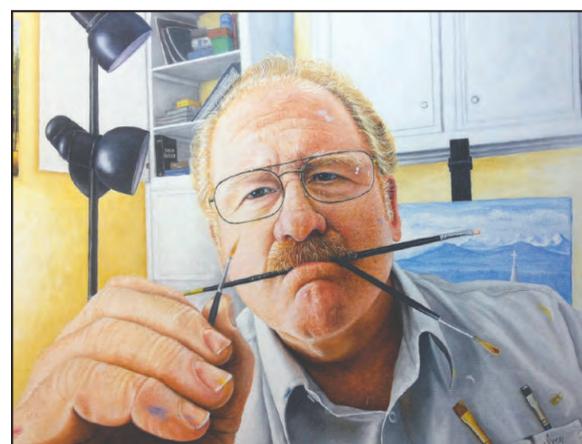


he, as an artist, can also capture its Smoky Mountain majesty.

"I love painting places we have been," he said. "In three years here we have taken dozens of trips and hundreds of photos in



PHOTO REALISM painter Michael Ivey is making a visual impression on viewers of his current art display at the Reflections Gallery, 6922 Lee Highway in Chattanooga. The Cleveland resident describes his extraordinary art as "realism, or realistic and naturalism." Judge for yourself by taking an up-close and personal look through Feb. 26, at Reflections Gallery.



and around the mountains. From them I have a smaller list of photos I want to paint and keep adding to it. I also often see children and animals and think, "That would make a great painting."

I love the challenge of accurately painting what I see in creation. To me, it does not get any better than it is, but I love trying to get close. I love the fine detail. I love to paint and draw. That's

me." Although he is blessed with a God-given talent for art without any formal training, Ivey said he

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Jimmy Cox: A youth living a purpose-driven life

By BETTIE MARLOWE
Banner Staff Writer



JIMMY COX, 17, is currently taking college courses online working toward an associate degree in business management. Above right, Cox, who said he felt a calling of God in his life at age 8, was the speaker at The Church of God, Southside, in statewide revival services during the summer of 2015. Right, music tops the list of what Cox enjoys in his spare time and the guitar is his favorite instrument.

deal with." He said he feels a secular job now would expand his experience and add to his education.

It was during his attendance at Bible Training Institute in 2012 that he recognized his calling to pastoral work. He graduated from BTI in 2015 and took the Leadership and Pastoral Development class.

Cox was granted a lay minister's certification toward receiving an Evangelist license from his church — The Church of God — and "one day I hope to serve as pastor somewhere, but a missionary first."

He took his first mission trip, to New York, last year. "It was amazing," he said, "meeting and talking to people on the streets." The church in New Rochelle was their base for five days of classes, devotions, singing and messages. There were two experiences of salvation during the time there. The team consisted of other young people, along with experienced ministers.

Four hours each day were spent on the streets of the city, talking to people. One day, the pastor of the church said she felt a need to pray for a man on the street and the mission team members gathered around him and prayed. He came to the church service later, Cox said, and accepted Christ as his Savior. "There were so many experiences on the trip, he confided. "It was wonderful."

Cox said he learned what to do and what not to do in ministering to people. Although he said he

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AROUND CLEVELAND TENNESSEE CLEVELAND

OCOEE THEATRE GUILD will present "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment" on Feb 26-27 and March 5 at 7:30 p.m., and Feb. 28 and March 6 at 2:30 p.m. at The Venue Creekside on Inman Street in Cleveland. Tickets are available online at ocoetheatreguild.com or at The Venue one hour before each performance. Call 472-8896 for more information or visit the Guild's Facebook page.

AT THE LIBRARY

— The Storytelling Guild will meet on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Community Room. Come hear others tell their stories and even practice some of your own.

— Tween and Teen STEAM will be Thursday at 4:30 p.m. This is an interactive time when children ages 6-12 and teen ages 13-17 can learn about math, science and the arts. This month the tweens will be experimenting with dry ice. You are asked to bring a pair of heavy gloves for these projects. Sign-up is required.

— Come to the library on Presidents' Day, Feb. 15, at 10:30 a.m. for a free concert by author and children's musician, Jacob Johnson. This program is for families with children ages 3-7 and sure to be a fun interactive experience for both children and their caregivers.

— Lego Club Jr., ages 4-7, will meet on Feb 16 to work on wearable Lego creations. Then on Feb. 18, Lego Club, ages 8-12, will begin working on their new project for Lego Weekend in November. Both of these programs meet at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

— Also, on Feb 16, at 6:30 p.m. the Library Book Club will meet in the Carmichael Room to discuss the book "Four Blood Moons" by John Hagee. Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk today. This book group welcomes newcomers.

— Friends of the Library Book and Coffee series will be held in the History Branch Parlor Room at 10 a.m. on Feb 19. Join your friends as Tiger Jones reviews the book, "The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer," by Siddhartha Mukherjee.

— Story times are happening all the time at the library. These programs are a weekly staple in many families' lives around the community. Babies 0 through 3 have Wiggle Worms on Mondays at 3 p.m. and Baby Bookworms on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Pre-school aged children can attend on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Families of all ages can enjoy stories on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Family Story Time.

— The library offers free Zumba classes on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at 8 a.m.

FAMILY EMPOWERMENT

workshops will be held Feb. 16, 17, 18 and 23, 24 and 25. Call Foundation House at 423-464-5351 to register or for more information. Deadline to register for the two-week classes is Friday.

AT THE YMCA

— First Friday Fitness is open the entire day to anyone to take part in the Y with special community class offered in the evening.

— College Night at the Y is the first Tuesday of each month, with special activities and food.

— StrollerFit, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 to 10, is open to mothers and babies for walking laps in the Youth Gym.

EDITOR'S NOTE: To submit announcements to be included in *Around Cleveland*, email information for Sunday publication in the Lifestyles section by Wednesday to bettie.marlowe@clevelandbanner.com.

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Family works

By Rob Coombs
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Speaking on communication ...

Should an atomic bomb explosion affect your neighborhood, the reactions of men and women would likely be notably different. Typically, men would focus on the event and what actions must now be taken to deal with the devastation.

Women, on the other hand, would be more likely to gather together and talk about the event, sharing their fears and frustrations. The differing reactions are seldom problematic, as long as a woman is talking to other women or a man is talking with other men.

However, when men try to talk to women or vice versa, there often is enough frustration in the air to light the fuse of yet another bomb.

Why are women and men so very different in their communication styles? Are they really from different planets, as one author has suggested? I don't think so. Both were raised on planet Earth, but messages given from early childhood concerning appropriate communication for men and for women are very different. So different that by early adolescence, men and women often find that communicating with the opposite sex is a baffling and frustrating experience.

Perhaps Tannen said it best in her book "You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation" when she distinguishes between "report talk" and "rapport talk."

Men are socialized to succeed in the public arena. This means that to be a successful man, he must know how to get things done. The quicker and better he can accomplish a task, the more successful he is thought to be. He is like the sharp-eyed, focused detective, who asks for "just the facts."

How you might feel about an atomic bomb exploding in your

area is of little consequence. What matters is an accurate report. Why? The better the report, the better the chance of solving the problem. Successful men understand that solving the problem and moving on are paramount. This is why report talk emphasizes competency and skill. The greater the competence and skill, the more powerful the man, as he is able to exercise enough control to get the mess cleaned up and move on to the next challenge.

In contrast, women lean toward "rapport talk" which emphasizes sharing and listening. Just getting together and talking about the bomb explosion is worthwhile even if nothing tangible as far as actually cleaning up the mess is immediately addressed. What is most important in rapport talk is sharing the emotional experience which, in turn, helps to build and maintain relationships.

Confusion abounds when a man and woman sit and talk about such an experience. The man is quick to give advice. "This is what we should do. So let's get busy and get started. By the way, what's for dinner?"

Since the woman is less interested in getting started and more interested in sharing her feelings about the experience, she struggles to delay the dinner hour and wants to just sit and talk about the experience. "After all, isn't the relationship more important than fixing the problem?"

The solution is finding a middle ground where frustration can be minimized. So next time an atomic bomb goes off in your backyard, sit down and talk about the experience with your significant other. Take time to share both your feelings about what has happened and your thoughts about what should be done now.

Ivey

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did receive some art instruction in high school and attended art classes at Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, Texas.

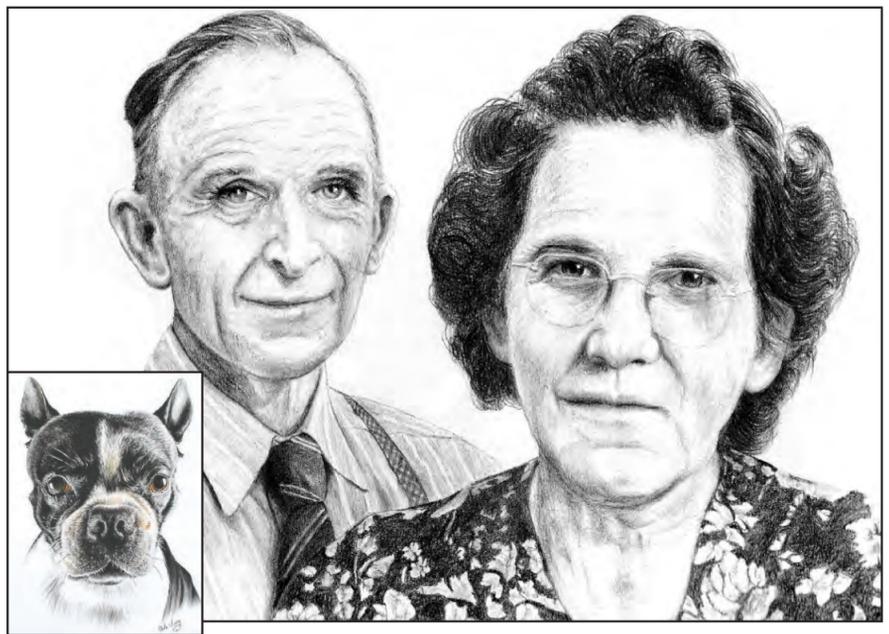
"Most of my training has been self-taught through study of artists and art I enjoy," he said. "I still spend a lot of time studying art online. I look closely at the art and ask myself how can I do that with the tools I have before me. I do the same today when I paint or draw from photographs I take."

Influenced by the likes of Norman Rockwell, Fredrick Remington, Leonardo da Vinci, John Koch, Jeremy Lipking, Rembrandt and Michelangelo, Ivey said he follows artists like Randy Ford, Rob Macintosh, Rebecca Latham, Alexei Antonov, Marissa Oosterlee and many others.

"While I have always been told I was artistic, I never thought about it much until I started to sell my work. I just loved to draw," Ivey said. "Today, I have been drawing and painting for more than 50 years. I should be an artist by now, but I'm still learning."

As Picasso had said, "Every child is an artist," so too was Ivey, showing interest in art at an early age — doodling, drawing and entering contests in school. But Ivey never outgrew his love for art or his desire to be an artist, thanks in part to his family who, he said, "always encouraged me and provided supplies and opportunities to further my interests in art."

He recalled, "An uncle noticed that I like to draw when I was in the fifth grade, and he bought me a small oil paint set. My first painting with those oils was a portrait of Dean Martin. I can remember winning a few awards, and I was asked to help with art in class and school activities. I doodled and drew a



Contributed photos

THIS DRAWING

of Charles and Leelah Dobson, Mike Ivey's grandparents who lived in the Ozarks, is one of his most cherished works of art that adorn his home, along with unforgotten family pets, landscapes and paintings that boldly go where few artists have gone before.



lot. Drawing or doodling, when I should have been studying, often got me in trouble in school."

Now he paints when he can, and loves every minute of it. Now, he has his paintings on

display at Reflections. Now he can be the child who became the man who never let his fascination fade with painting and the gift God gave to an artist who always found time to do what he loves.

Born in Conroe, Texas, and married 40 years this July, Michael and Nancy have two sons, both married, and six grandchildren. To see more of his artwork, visit: www.mikeiveyart.com.

Cox

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was not too much for big cities, he enjoyed the New York trip. He found most people would talk to you and smile as they met. "It was great, a big blessing and a positive effect."

"I had always wanted to go on a mission trip," Cox said. "This was my first, but not my last." He's looking forward to going on a mission trip outside the U.S. as soon as he's old enough. He was too young last year to take an international trip unless with a guardian, but "I hope my next mission trip will be abroad."

Cox said he was glad he was able, financially, to go to New York. "God blessed me with a job to be able to go. I prayed if it was God's will for me to go, He would make a way."

In his spare time —when he has some — Cox likes to play football, but music is his first love. "It's the most important," he said.

He has played the guitar since age 8. "I'd always wanted to play," he said, but he had to start with a mandolin (age 4) because his hands would not reach around the neck of a guitar. Now he's added the piano, banjo, bass, drums and clarinet. But the guitar is his favorite.

Like most young men, in the future, he hopes to marry and have a family as he looks to serve as a pastor in the ministry. And he's already met the one he wants to spend his life with, he confides. And wouldn't you know the girl in his life shares his passion for music and ministry, also? They graduated from BTI at the same time.

The two didn't know their families had known each other for several years and his dad had actually worked with her grandfather. Her grandparents were even at his parents' wedding 26 years ago. Cox said he just had a crush on her when they were children, but on her 17th birthday, he began to think seriously about them. But marriage? "No not yet, but sometime in the future."

His advice to young people — whether planning to go into the ministry or not — is to study and get as much education as you can. "Always keep God and His Word first — consistent and true," because, Cox said, it will bring you through the rough times — will lead and guide you.

"Never neglect the Word and prayer — everything else will fall into place."

Craft some last-minute Super Bowl party fun

By JENNIFER FORKER
Associated Press

It's more than a football game. For many, the Super Bowl is a giant party.

Punch up the party fun and win accolades with these quick, do-it-yourself decorations.

"This should be fun and easy and something that your kids can do with you. It shouldn't add any stress," advises football fan Amy Panos, deputy editor of home design for Better Homes and Gardens magazine. "It needs to add to the festivities. Let's face it: It's the last time you're going to watch football till August."

Have time for only one party accessory?

Make penalty flags, says Panos.

They're simple: Put a ping-pong ball inside a 10-inch square of fabric or thick paper

napkin — you can use Denver Broncos orange and Carolina Panthers blue for this year's Super Bowl. Gather up the four corners and wrap them with a rubber band (it'll look like an orange or blue ghost). Display an armload of these in a basket near the TV.

"Sometimes you just need to throw the flag at somebody," says Panos, who keeps a basket of these in her Des Moines, Iowa, family room year-round.

"It's usually while watching a sporting event when we throw the flag," she says. "Or if someone is throwing M&Ms or being rude, they get the flag (thrown)."

Another quick idea: Buy an assortment of striped tube (athletic) socks — again, shocking orange and bright blue suit this year's color scheme — and cut them below the striped ribbing to use as drink cozies.

NEW YORK (AP) — Lots of athletes have style, but could they rock the Cam pants?

Super Bowl 50 is just days away and already has a breakout star: the \$849 Versace skinny pants of Carolina Panthers quarterback Cam Newton.

Newton was snapped Sunday in the zebra stripe, gold swirl rocker pants as he boarded a plane to California, immediately setting off a frenzy on social media and among TV talking heads.

We know Newton likes his flashy shoes. We know he can pull off a bushy foxtail hanging down one hip, but those tight, hair metal pants came straight out of left field. Would other pros dare to try?

New York Mets pitcher Matt Harvey, fond of old school rock, great tuxedos and a little cool, fun experimentation in clothes, said there will be no rocking of Cam pants for him.

"I don't know if many people can, but I know he enjoyed wearing them," Harvey smiled Tuesday night at a fashion presentation by designer John Varvatos during a round of men's shows in New York.

He was joined at Varvatos by Eric Decker, a wide receiver for the New York Jets — and another underachiever when it comes to football's most famous pants.

"Oh, I don't know if I could rock those pants but Cam definitely put a statement on Super Bowl week for sure," Decker said.

How about Patriots quarterback Tom Brady?

"I don't know if Tom would. I'm sure he could. He could rock



AP photo

CAROLINA PANTHERS quarterback Cam Newton gets off the plane at the Mineta San Jose International Airport in San Jose, Calif. The Panthers play the Denver Broncos today in Super Bowl 50. Newton was snapped last Sunday in the zebra stripe, gold swirl rocker pants as he boarded a plane to California, setting social media and TV talking heads into a frenzy.

anything," Decker said. "I haven't seen him in skintight pants like that yet so that would be a new style for him."

Brady's fellow Patriot, Julian Edelman, took in the rock-themed Varvatos show as well. The Patriots missed out on Super Bowl 50, but he considers himself a Cam pants contender.

"The Cam pants? ... If you go

out with a confidence I think I could. I think I could," Edelman smiled.

As for Brady, he added: "Tom could rock anything. He's Tom Brady."

Newton kept the look classy up top, pairing his fancy pants with a V-neck sweater, a tie and some gold-tip shoes. His black leather motorcycle jacket added

extra oomph.

So what's the word within the fashion industry? We asked football fan Tommy Hilfiger to weigh in.

"I think he's very cool," the designer said ahead of his own fashion presentation, "and I think he's not only an iconic athlete but he's a fashion icon as well. People look up to him."

2,000-year-old Rome pyramid getting spotlighted

ROME (AP) — Rome's only surviving pyramid from ancient times is being put in the spotlight.

After a Japanese clothing magnate helped pay for an ambitious cleanup, archaeologists are eager to show off the monument, constructed around 2,000 years ago as the burial tomb for a Roman praetor, or magistrate, named Caius Cestius.

Although soaring 36 meters (119 feet), the pyramid draws few tourists. Decades of grime blackened the creamy white Carrara marble exterior of the monument near a traffic-clogged intersection and a subway station. The pyramid's base is below street level since the metropolis has been built up over the centuries, so many hurry by without realizing the monument's height.

Archaeologist Leonardo Guarnieri told reporters Wednesday that tours, including of the frescoed burial chamber, are being given twice a month by reservation.

Visitors must crouch as they make their way through a narrow corridor leading to the burial chamber. What happened to Caius Cestius' remains is unknown, Guarnieri said. Inside the chamber, visitors can see an upward-sloping tunnel. He said the restoration has bolstered theories the tunnel was dug out in medieval times, possibly by grave-robbers.

The pyramid is one of four known to have been built in ancient Roman days, but the only one to survive until today.

Their construction reflected a fashion for Egyptian style in Rome after the conquest of Egypt, but the simple, frescoed figures on

the chamber's walls were done in the style of Pompeii, the ancient Roman city near modern-day Naples.

With Rome's heavy pollution blackening and corroding monuments almost as soon as they are restored, the pyramid is being cleaned every few months by a team of free-climbers, to eliminate the need for unsightly and costly scaffolding.

Italy's culture ministry, chronically short of funds to clean, preserve and protect its immense wealth of artworks, architectural gems and ancient monuments, is holding out the pyramid's Japanese patron as a model of cooperation between private and public sectors.

Yuzo Yagi, who heads a clothing and textile company, provided 2 million euros toward the restoration.

LIBRARY CORNER

Storytelling Guild meets Tuesday

Memorial bricks have been moved to the front entrance of the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library.

The special bricks can be bought through Friends of the Library Association anytime you desire. They are great gifts for honoring someone who means something to you, a patron of the library, or a deceased person who loved reading. The bricks cost \$100 and can be customized to your liking. Three lines of print will fit on each brick with up to 14 characters on each line, including spaces. Stop by the library today to get your brick.

Restoration of the History Branch interior was underway all of the month of January. The library is still collecting donations towards this project. Know that every cent you are able to donate will be matched. Another fun way to help is to send us your memories of the building itself. The History Branch used to be the main branch and opened in 1922. If you have any memories about the facility, please submit them to the library today.

Presidents Day is next Monday, Feb. 15, and Cleveland City and Bradley County Schools are out of school. Don't worry though, the library is hosting a special event. Join us this holiday at 10:30 a.m. for a free concert by author and children's musician Jacob Johnson.

He specializes in helping children develop early reading skills. Johnson's songs include "G is for Gina the Grumpy Goose" and "Y is for Wynonna Yates and her Yellow Unitard." This program is for families with children ages 3-7 and sure to be a fun interactive experience for both children and their caregivers.

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Teen Gaming is every Monday at 4:30 p.m., except the first of the month. Teens ages 13-17 congregate in the Teen Zone to jam out on "Guitar Hero," bust a move with "Just Dance," or show off your driving skills with "Mario Kart." There will also be various board and card games available. Feel free to bring an E-rated multiplayer game to share.

Story times are happening all the time at the library. These programs are a weekly staple in many families' lives around the community. Feel free to bring your age appropriate children to help instill a love of reading in their hearts.

Babies 0 through 3 have Wiggle Worms on Mondays at 3 p.m. and Baby Bookworms on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool aged children can attend on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Families of all ages can enjoy stories on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Family Story Time.

All groups will have stories read to them and will partake in an activity or craft.

Don't forget the library offers free Zumba classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 8 a.m.

For more information on the library and its many helpful resources, visit www.clevelandlibrary.org.

BANGKOK (AP) — Mix one part superstition, two parts fashion, a dab of celebrity idolatry and a heap of media frenzy, and what do you get? "Child angel" dolls, the latest craze in Thailand.

The dolls occupy a niche somewhere between Buddhist amulets, beloved by gamblers, gangsters and policemen for their reputed magical protective powers, and Furby toys, adored by children for their cuteness.

The adults who own them affirm that "child angel" dolls will bring you good luck, especially if you treat them like your own living progeny, taking them on trips, treating them to meals and praying together at the temple.

While "luk thep" dolls, as they are known in Thai, previously drew only mild notice beyond the circle of their devoted collectors, attention skyrocketed this past week after a leaked memo from budget airline Thai Smile instructed staff to treat the dolls like human passengers — provided, of course, their seats were paid for.

The airline noted the creepiness factor, suggesting the dolls be seated out of sight as much as possible.

In short order, several restaurants announced similar doll-friendly policies. Police, meanwhile, warned the dolls could be used to smuggle drugs and busted one with 200 hidden methamphetamine tablets.

The dolls have been specially blessed by some Buddhist monks, who apply sacral markings to them, as they might with a new car or house. It's not a strictly Buddhist practice, and at least one temple reportedly banned the doll blessings, but easygoing Thais aren't fussy about blending Hindu ritual and

'Child angel'

In latest fad, Thais treat dolls like progeny



AP Photo
IN THIS PHOTO, "child angel" dolls sit on a chair in Bangkok, Thailand. The dolls, which are said to bring good luck to their owners, became a media sensation this week after a leaked memo from a Thai budget airline gave pointers on how they could be treated like passengers if they have a paid-for seat.

other elements into their religion.

The dolls, mostly imports, cost anything from a few dozen to a few hundred dollars, with the blessings available on a similar sliding scale. Some are customized by sellers, and owners invariably gussy them up, with jewelry and other accessories, in anticipation of, or thanks for, good fortune.

The dolls have elements of a hobby, a cult and a business. Mental health authorities, while cautioning against superstitious practices, acknowledge their therapeutic utility as stress reducers.

Kanuengnit Chotichanachai, 31, adopted her first doll two years ago on the recommendation of a friend who said it would bring her luck, and named it "Pa Ruay" ("Being Wealthy"). Kanuengnit, with part-time jobs as an events hostess and golf caddy, believes Pa Ruay helped increase her income just three months after she adopted him.

Now she has five dolls, and enjoys doing their hair so much

she does hair modifications on other people's dolls for 800-1,000 baht (\$22-28) apiece.

The dolls provide some of the same satisfactions as a pet — minus the messiness — but it is their supernatural aspect that draws more attention and debate.

Aside from the awkwardness of carrying them around in one's arms, they have much in common with traditional Buddhist amulets — coin-sized talismans with supposed magical powers that are usually worn around the neck.

Amulet collecting is a popular

but old-fashioned hobby. Dolls are more popular with a younger, urban crowd, including celebrities.

It has been suggested that the dolls also have more macabre associations, or at least antecedents.

An ancient black magic rite known as "kuman thong" in its purest form involves taking a stillborn human fetus, drying it over a fire, and coating it with gold leaf. More commonly, the rite is reputed to merely contain a body part, but like luk thep, they are believed to be imbued with a child's spirit.

JK Rowling to receive PEN award for literary service

NEW YORK (AP) — J.K. Rowling's latest honor isn't only for her writing.

The "Harry Potter" author is to receive the PEN/Allen Foundation Literary Service Award, PEN America told The Associated Press on Monday.

Rowling will be presented her award May 16 at the literary and human rights group's annual spring gala in New York. Previous winners include Toni Morrison, Salman Rushdie and Tim Stoppard.

In its announcement Monday, PEN cited Rowling's advocacy for free expression; her founding of the charitable trust Volant,

which supports multiple sclerosis research and other causes; and her nonprofit organization Lumos, which works to reconnect institutionalized children with their families.

"I'm deeply honored to receive this award and humbled that my work has been recognized as having moral value by an organization I so admire," Rowling told the AP in a statement. "I've long been a supporter of PEN, which does invaluable work on behalf of imprisoned writers and in defense of freedom of speech."

Rowling's own Potter books have been the targets of censorship and attempted censorship,

with the fantasy series' feats of wizardry leading to worldwide allegations that the author advocates witchcraft and the occult. PEN America president and prize-winning author Andrew Solomon said in a statement that Rowling's writing provides a wealth of "imagination, empathy, humor, and a love of reading, along the way revealing moral choices that help us understand ourselves."

In May, PEN also will honor CEO Michael Pietsch of Hachette Book Group, the U.S. publisher of Rowling's detective novels written under the pseudonym Robert Galbraith. Pietsch has

edited Donna Tartt, David Foster Wallace and many other writers.



Hints from Heloise

Super Bowl setup

Dear Readers: The SUPER BOWL is today, and if you are like many, it's time for a party. It may be all planned, or you might just want to have a few friends over, or maybe they drop by. Here are some quick hints:

Finger foods probably are the easiest to prepare and serve. Lots of veggies with dip, chips with dips, nuts, granola or anything that can be eaten by hand. Generally, whatever you put out, people will eat!

Paper plates, bowls and napkins are a good choice to serve on — less cleanup!

Make sure you have plenty of ice, paper towels and toilet paper on hand. These are items you

don't want to run out of.

It's about the game! If you think you are going to order a pizza at halftime, don't! You and a million others are thinking the same. Order early — very early! If it's not far, go pick it up. Trust me on this ... you will be glad you did. If not, tip well! There are people working today so you can enjoy the game. — Heloise

P.S.: A trivia question: Is it true that water pressure all over the country drops during halftime? How do they know? Flushing with curiosity? Yes, it's true.

Shipping science

Dear Heloise: You can reuse the shipping packages sent by

stores. To remove those address labels, use a hair dryer to heat, then peel off slowly.

This can leave a sticky area, which you can eliminate by rubbing in a pinch of flour. Blow away the excess powder, or remove with a slightly damp cloth. — Dick N., Columbus, Ohio

Dick, that's a lot of work! Just put a new label over the old one. — Heloise

Take a minute

Dear Heloise: To anyone who gets annoyed and aggravated with family, loved ones, friends or anyone you talk to, take a breath and think for a minute. If they ramble on, talk about the same thing all the time or repeat themselves, you try to avoid this because it takes up your time, and you've already heard it!

Enjoy every second you have with that person now. One day, you won't have them. — A Reader, via fax

It sounds as if you have lost a loved one who "was not themselves" and talked on and on, or repeated themselves. It can be difficult to deal with. Dementia and Alzheimer's disease can be very hard on loved ones. Thank you for writing. — Hugs, Heloise

Snuggly soft

Dear Heloise: I sleep between two amazingly soft blankets instead of sheets. It's wonderfully warm and cozy! I enjoy your column. — Martha K., Abilene, Texas



JERRY AND SALLY W. in Maine sent a photo of their 13-year-old cat, Madam Woo. What a pleasure she is to have, Sally says. She greets everyone who enters their home, and she is very photogenic.

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JAMES MEEKS SR. was honored on his 90th birthday on Feb. 2 surrounded by his family, who agrees the nonagenarian is “one of the greatest men we know.” The celebration included five generations, from left, James Meeks Jr., 72; Meeks holding Ryleigh, 11 months; Jimmy Meeks III, 48; and Jace Cameron Meeks, 24.



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HARDEN C. LEE celebrated his 95th birthday with his family on Jan. 16. The nonagenarian has four daughters: Thelma Picklesmier and her husband, Wesley; Wanda Murray; Mildred Bain and her husband, Jerry; and Margie Bell and her husband, Charlie; three grandchildren: Jeanette Hammond, Eric Stepp and the late Brandon Stepp; five great-grandchildren: Hannah Swafford, Zackary, Daniel, Cameron and Candice Stepp. Lee served in World War II and worked at Peerless Woolen Mill, Dixie Foundry, Magic Chef and Maytag, where he retired. He farmed until he slowed down to enjoy his last years with his family.



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YOU NEVER KNOW who will stop in to eat at Cooke's. Bill Killian, center, former U.S. attorney for Tennessee, stopped by to have lunch with Keith Scott, left, store manager, and Larry Simcox, right, Cooke's greeter. Killian and Simcox had a TV sports talk show for 20 years in Marion County called “Time Out.” Killian is now an attorney with Polsine LL, a law firm in Chattanooga. He said, “I come by any time I'm close by to have lunch with Larry — I love Cooke's deli and store.”



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Fruity, fresh, fluffy, light, delicate, your sweetheart will know how much they loved after they bite into Freda London's Crepes for Valentine's Day. The Kitchen Crew tried them with whipped cream and vanilla yogurt - both were yummy. But serve with your favorite toppings... the options are endless!

See step-by-step photos of Freda's recipe plus thousands more from home cooks nationwide at: www.justapinch.com/crepes

You'll also find a meal planner, coupons and chances to win! Enjoy and remember, use “just a pinch”...

- Janet

Crepes for Valentine's Day

What You Need

CREPES MIX
1 1/2 c all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
Dash salt
2 tbsp sugar
2 c milk
2 large eggs
2 tbsp melted butter

FILLING

2 cans strawberry pie filling or flavor of your choice

TOPPINGS

Powdered sugar, ice cream, whipped cream—the choice is yours

Directions

- Combine “Crepe Mix” ingredients and set aside over night. Not less than 4 hours.
- To cook crepes, season a small egg pan or skillet with melted butter.
- Pour 1/4 cup crepe mix into a medium-high heated pan.
- Cook until brown on both sides.
- As they cook, place on a platter and separate with wax paper until ready to fill. Keep warm.
- To fill crepes, heat filling to warm.
- Add warm filling and roll in jelly roll style. Place on your serving plate.
- Top with favorite topping.

Submitted by: Freda London, Vancouver, WA (pop. 167,405)
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TRAVEL

‘National Parks Adventure 3D’ opens Feb. 12 in IMAX

Special to the Banner

Chattanooga — In 1903 U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt and naturalist John Muir embarked on a three-day camping trip to the Yosemite Valley. At the time, many Americans viewed the country's untamed wilderness areas as seething, dangerous realms that should be tapped for their rich economic resources. This path might have tamed these special places out of existence.

But Muir was on a mission. It was a crusade to protect the nation's wild places for everyone — forever. Muir's poetic words stirred the emotions of the masses. “Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul alike.”

The trip renewed Roosevelt's passion as an outdoorsman and devoted conservationist. He returned to the White House determined to argue that America's wild assets must belong to the public and must be staunchly preserved by the laws of the land.

Audiences will relive this camping trip when “National Parks Adventure 3D” comes to the Tennessee Aquarium IMAX 3D Theater beginning Feb. 12. This new giant screen film takes audiences on the ultimate off-trail adventure into the nation's awe-inspiring and untamed wilderness. “National Parks Adventure captures the stunning beauty of our wild places and reminds us these landscapes are an essential part of the human spirit,” said the film's narrator and Academy Award® winner Robert Redford.

Moviegoers will soar over red rock canyons, hurtle down steep mountain peaks and explore other-worldly realms found within America's most legendary wilderness areas, making this a must-see movie for people who are passionate about outdoor . adventure sports.

Filed in more than 30 national parks across the country, this immersive film takes full advantage of the new IMAX with Laser upgrades recently installed at the Tennessee Aquarium IMAX 3D Theater.

The bright, bold and colorful images make audiences feel as though they are joining world-class mountaineer Conrad Anker, adventure photographer Max Lowe and artist Rachel Pohl as they hike, climb and explore their way across America's spectacularly wild and beautiful places — including Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, Yosemite and Arches. Together this threesome



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“**NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE 3D**” is a giant screen celebration of the U.S. National Park Service's 100th anniversary. The film captures America's spectacularly wild and beautiful places such as the Half Dome in Yosemite National Park.

seems to represent the gamut of what the national parks bring to different people — from unabashed thrills to solace, healing and the source of their livelihoods.

“I really wanted this film to be much more than a tour and to invite audiences to engage with the parks in a fun and immersive way,” said two-time Academy Award®-nominated director Greg MacGillivray. “I wanted to make a free-wheeling film that captures the way the parks speak to adventurers, artists, athletes, and anyone who wants to challenge themselves physically, artistically and spiritually within. This is what led me to think of Conrad Anker, who I've admired for decades and who is a terrific ambassador for the parks.”

The concept of exploring the parks from a climber's perspective was inspiring to long-time MacGillivray Freeman Films collaborator Stephen Judson, who serves as co-writer and editor of the film. “Every tourist who has ever stood in Yosemite Valley gazing up at Half Dome has had a fantasy of climbing that great wall of granite,” said Judson.

“Maybe it was only a wishful flash of glory, gone in a nanosecond, crushed by the heavy hands of caution, responsibility, common sense and doubt. But however briefly, we've all been there. Our climbers in the film give us to that flight of fantasy. The national parks inspire us to dream of breaking free of our

everyday boundaries. The climbers take that yearning we all feel and complete the experience.”

As a climber, Anker has been getting sustenance from the national parks his whole life, which is why he was thrilled to get MacGillivray's call. “Much of the best climbing in the U.S. is in national park sites,” said Anker, “so as climbers we really appreciate it and we feel an obligation to be stewards. I welcomed this opportunity to pay tribute to the national parks. It's been said the parks are America's best idea and I'm confident in saying we have the best parks in the world. I think the wonderful message of this film is that the wonders of our parks are approachable by anyone.”

Anker is especially excited to share his rarified POV on the parks — a climber's sky-high view. “When you're hanging from a cliff, up there with the birds, it's a whole different world. You feel very much part of nature, and because it's so challenging, you're living fully in the moment,” he explains.

In addition to climbing, hiking, mountain biking and cross-country skiing, the film also gets audiences up close to iconic animals like grizzly bears, American alligators and prairie dogs. The filmmakers spent a great deal of time meticulously capturing the soundscape as well as the sweeping vistas, adding to the sensations of taking a walk on the wild side with the featured explorers

and inspiring a deeper appreciation for conservation.

“National parks have helped inspire a conservation ethic in our country. They're home to incredible biodiversity, and are an easy place for people to begin a relationship with nature,” said Dr. Anna George, director of the Tennessee Aquarium Conservation Institute. “We're partnering with the Great Smoky Mountains National Park to better understand and restore Southern Appalachian Brook Trout within the park and in adjacent areas. We hope more people will learn about their connection to field conservation programs like this after seeing National Parks Adventure.”

National Parks Adventure 3D is a MacGillivray Freeman film produced in association with Brand USA and presented globally by Expedia, Inc. and Subaru of America, Inc. with major support from the Giant Dome Theater Consortium. This film is presented locally by Morning Pointe Senior Living.

This film is family friendly and has a run time of 43 minutes. Individual tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.tnaqua.org/imax/national-parks-adventure-3d>

Also available is the new Tennessee Aquarium IMAX Club Pass to see unlimited 45-minute films for one year and enjoy additional passholder benefits: <http://www.tnaqua.org/imax/imax-club>.

Dollywood's Lightning Rod 'on track' for March debut

World's first launching wood coaster unveiled

PIGEON FORGE — Construction progress on the most anticipated new theme park attraction of 2016 is moving ahead at “lightning” pace. Dollywood officials showcased Lightning Rod, the park's new record-breaking coaster, during a construction tour for regional media Wednesday morning.

Upon arrival at the ride site, onlookers couldn't help but notice the coaster's massive lift hill, which now sits high above Dollywood — more than 20 stories, to be exact. Media also were able to see the imposing 165-foot first drop which propels riders to 73 mph. The ride's innovative twin summit airtime hills also were on display during the tour.

Thanks to the undulating topography which the coaster races along during its 3,800-foot journey through the hills and valleys surrounding Dollywood, much of the track is hidden from view inside the park. This serves to heighten anticipation for those waiting to step aboard the thrilling ride.

Lightning Rod already has earned quite a following from roller coaster enthusiasts, thanks to its unique attributes. Lightning Rod not only is the world's fastest wood coaster, but also it is the world's first launching wood coaster.

The tour groups were able, also, to glimpse Lightning Rod's hot rod-themed ride vehicles, which closely resemble tricked-out speed machines from the 1950s. With the ride's blisteringly-quick top speed, Dollywood guests soon will feel the same adrenaline-packed rush hot rod mechanics have after stepping behind the wheel of one of their newest creations for the first



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LIGHTNING ROD'S hot rod-themed coaster traincars resemble tricked-out speed machines from the 1950s. The coaster can carry 24 people with two in each of the 12 cars on a 20 second, 3,800-foot ride through hills and valleys surrounding Dollywood.

time.

The ride, which is located in Dollywood's Jukebox Junction, provides guests with nearly 20 seconds of airtime. The coaster train is comprised of 12 cars, carrying two passengers each, for a total of 24 people per train.

Dollywood's development team has tapped Rocky Mountain Construction as the ride manufacturer. RMC is no stranger to out-of-the-box coaster projects, having designed a number of first-of-their-kind attractions around the world. Lightning Rod

employs several unique features including the lift hill launch, twin summit airtime hills, a 90-plus-degree banked breaking wave turn, a 90-plus-degree outside banked turn, and a non-inverting half loop.

For more information about Dollywood's Lightning Rod or 2016 Dollywood Season Passes, visit Dollywood.com or call 1-800-DOLLYWOOD.

About The Dollywood Company: A highly-awarded and widely-recognized leader in the amusement industry, The

Dollywood Company consists of the 150-acre Dollywood theme park; the 35-acre Dollywood's Splash Country; Dollywood's DreamMore Resort; and Dollywood's Smoky Mountain Cabins. As unique as its namesake and owner Dolly Parton, Dollywood is the 2010 Applause Award winner, the theme park industry's highest accolade; winner of nearly 30 Golden Ticket Awards; and recipient of 25 Brass Ring Awards for Live Entertainment (more than any other theme park in the world).

CLUB NOTES



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LINDA BALLEW, left, is with Janice Busic, center, who portrayed Mrs. Robert E. Lee, and Lisa Pritchett, right.



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JANICE BUSIC, who portrayed Mrs. Robert E. Lee, poses with Sarah Vise, UDC Division president, who was one of the speakers at the luncheon.

UDC members attend luncheon in Knoxville

United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis Chapter No. 900 recently attended the General Robert Edward Lee Luncheon in Knoxville.

The annual luncheon was presented by UDC Knoxville Chapter No. 89 at the Confederate Memorial Hall, located on Kingston Pike.

Special guest Speakers included UDC Division President Sarah Vise, Scott Hall Commander Camp 87 of Sons of Confederate Veterans, Marianne Sardella Chapter President of the Children of the Confederacy, and Janice Busic, who portrayed Mrs. Robert E. Lee.

Mary Anna Custis Lee was the wife of Robert E. Lee, the prominent career military officer who commanded the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia during the Civil War.

They were married at her parents' home, Arlington House in Virginia in 1831, and had seven children.

She survived him by three years. She is buried next to him in the Lee family crypt at Lee Chapel on the campus of Washington and Lee. Lee was born on Jan. 19.

General Lee stood by the South and led its troops during its darkest times.

After the Civil War and the defeat of the South, Lee was asked to join the staff of Washington College as the pres-

ident, which eventually became Washington and Lee University after his death. Lee arrived in Lexington in mid-September 1865, and went to work immediately.

Over the next five years, Washington College grew physically and financially — the faculty increased in size from four to 20, enrollment grew from 50 to nearly 400 students, and financial contributions poured in from both southern and northern sources.

Lee's educational involvement with his students reflected his desire to create a new generation of Americans.

In response to the bitterness of a Confederate widow, Lee wrote, "Dismiss from your mind all sectional feeling, and bring your children up to be Americans."

Lee's tireless devotion to his duty as president of Washington College eventually took its toll on his health. The outward signs of the heart condition that had plagued him since the Civil War grew more apparent, and in the spring of 1870, on the advice of the faculty, he traveled south on vacation.

Less than a month into the next school year, on Sept. 28, 1870, he suffered a massive stroke. Two weeks later on Oct. 12, Robert E. Lee died in his home on the college campus. Let us not forget our Confederate ancestors, and their sacrifices.

Special to the Banner

Family Empowerment Workshops are scheduled for Feb. 16-18, and 23-25 at The Foundation House Ministries, 258 Broad St., Suite 202, Cleveland. Classes are from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare is available.

Classes are designed to build unity, stability and success in struggling families with topics including the modern family outlook, coping skills, healthy relationships, boundary-setting, communication, conflict resolution, overcoming the poverty mindset, substance abuse, job-

readiness and preparing for your future.

This two-week class will empower you to build strong family connections, get and keep a good job, handle stress and family conflict, substance-abuse-proof your family and achieve goals for your family and your future.

Cost per person is \$45, and \$60 for couples — to cover cost of materials and expense. Scholarships may be available. Class size is limited to 15 people. Pre-registration is required. Deadline is Feb. 12.

To graduate, every session must be attended. Makeup dates must be arranged in advance.

Graduates will receive a Certificate of Completion (meets court requirements) and a \$25 gift card each to an area retailer.

Foundation House Ministries is a training program for pregnant and parenting women (and men) in critical situations — homeless, children in DCS custody or with open cases, parents returning from incarceration or rehab and so forth.

It helps parents discover the

tools and resources necessary to become stable, effective, (often single) parents.

The Foundation House offers maternity housing, a variety of classes, case management and court-services (supervised visitation, mediation and so forth) to help families build or strengthen stability and success — physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually.

For more information or to register for the Family Empowerment Workshops, contact Suzanne Burns, executive director, at 423-464-5351.

Most plants fend off cold — to a point

Since they can't don gloves and a scarf or shiver to keep warm, it's a wonder that trees, vines and shrubs don't freeze to death in winter.

Sometimes, of course, they do. But usually that happens to garden and landscape plants pushed to their cold limits, not to naturally cold-hardy plants or plants in their native habitats.

Think about it: Water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit — not a particularly cold temperature for a winter night — and plants contain an abundance of water. Water expands when it freezes, so you can imagine the havoc that would be wreaked if water-filled plant cells froze and burst. But adapted trees, vines and shrubs survive temperatures well below freezing each winter, and those of boreal regions live where temperatures dip below even minus 150 degrees.

Supercool plants

Water, whether in a plant cell or a glass, does not necessarily freeze as soon as the temperature drops to 32 degrees. To freeze, water molecules need something to group around to form ice crystals, a so-called nucleating agent. Without it, water will "supercool," remaining liquid down to about minus 40 degrees.

All sorts of things can serve as nucleating agents — bacteria, for instance.

More ways plants deal with freezing temperatures

Plants have another trick for dealing with the cold: letting water freeze only outside their cells, where the ice doesn't do damage. Cell membranes are permeable to water, so as tem-



AP Photo

IN THIS JAN. 27 PHOTO, abundant sunlight, no overcropping, and most importantly, innate cold tolerance let this hardy kiwifruit vine breeze through winter unfazed by cold in New Paltz, N.Y.

peratures drop ice crystals that form outside plant cells grow with the water they draw out of the cells. With increasing cold, a plant becomes threatened more by dehydration than by freezing.

Cell sap is not pure water; in it are dissolved various substances. You may recall something called freezing-point depression from high school chemistry: Basically, whenever you dissolve something in water, you lower the resulting solution's freezing point. So as water is drawn out of the liquid of plant cells, the liquid within the cells becomes more and more concentrated in whatever was dissolved in it. As a result, the temperature at which the cellular liquid freezes keeps dropping.

A gardener's role

So the plant is not a passive player in this cold story. In preparing for cold, cell walls

strengthen, cell sap becomes more sugary and the permeability of cells to water is altered. Here's where we gardeners can step in: Light supplies the energy that plants need to prepare for cold, so we can make sure to site and prune plants so they get adequate light. Fruits are energy sinks, so we can also make sure not to let a plant bear too heavy a crop of fruit, especially if the plant is borderline cold-hardy.

In addition to preparing plants for the cold, we can play around with microclimate, the climate right around a plant. Plants near south-facing walls, near paving, or sheltered from north winds keep a few degrees warmer than their more exposed counterparts. Swaddling a plant for winter, as is often done with roses, does nothing for its appearance but does give it a few extra degrees of warmth. A plant needs to experi-

ence some cold before it can prepare itself for cold, so never swaddle a plant too soon in autumn.

Unfortunately, all this fiddling to help a plant through winter pales in the face of genetics. The most that we gardeners can do to help trees and shrubs face winter is to plant those that naturally tolerate the coldest temperatures that winter is apt to serve up.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Zone Map (<http://plant-hardiness.ars.usda.gov/PHZMWeb/>) gives an idea of the average minimum temperature for your region. Actual coldest temperature will, of course, vary from year to year and be influenced by microclimates at various places around your yard.

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Mini lemon curd cups are an easy way to add dessert elegance

By Alison Ladman
Associated Press

There is a time and place for a pint of ice cream and a spoon. Or for a pile of cookies or box of doughnuts.

An Oscars viewing party is neither the time nor the place. This party requires desserts with a bit more panache.

Which is why we created these simple lemon curd cups, an elegant dessert solution to the finer finger food fixings you'll be serving while watching the stars shine on.

You start by making a simple lemon curd, which can be prepped up to a couple days ahead. Then just fill purchased mini phyllo cups with raspberry jam and the curd and top each with fresh berries. Done.

The phyllo cups can be found in the grocer's freezer section. And while you're at it, buy a few extra boxes and whip up a batch of mini quiches to serve at the same party.

LEMON CURD CUPS

Start to finish: 30 minutes,
plus cooling
Makes 30 cups

1/3 cup sugar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 eggs
1/3 cup lemon juice (freshly squeezed will have the best flavor)
3 tablespoons unsalted butter
30 prepared miniature phyllo cups (two 1.9-ounce packages)

5 tablespoons raspberry jam
1 1/2 cups fresh berries of your choice

Powdered sugar

In a small saucepan, whisk together the sugar and cornstarch. Add the eggs and whisk until completely smooth and no trace of egg whites or yolks remains.

Whisk in the lemon juice, then set over medium heat and bring to a simmer, whisking constantly.

Once the mixture comes to a thorough simmer, remove from the heat and stir in the butter. Transfer to a bowl, cover and refrigerate until completely cool.

Once the lemon curd is chilled, assemble the cups. Spoon 1/2 teaspoon raspberry jam into the bottom of each cup.



Divide the lemon curd between the cups, then top each with fresh berries.

Dust each with a bit of powdered sugar just before serving. Best if assembled within 1 to 2 hours of being served.

Nutrition information per cup:
50 calories; 20 calories from fat (40 percent of total calories); 2 g fat (1 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 15 mg cholesterol; 20 mg sodium; 8 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 4 g sugar; 1 g protein.

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Study hints at biology of schizophrenia, may aid treatment

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists pursuing the biological roots of schizophrenia have zeroed in on a potential factor — a normal brain process that gets kicked into overdrive. The finding could someday lead to ways to treat the disease or even prevent it.

The result — accomplished by analysis of genetics, autopsy brain tissue and laboratory mice — is “going to be a game-changer” in terms of understanding schizophrenia and offering routes for treatment and potential for prevention, said Bruce Cuthbert, acting deputy director of the National Institute of Mental Health, which helped fund the research.

An expert unconnected to the research said the study’s conclusion was not yet proven, but plausible.

Almost 1 percent of the general population will have schizophrenia at some point in their lives. They may hear voices or hallucinate, talk about strange ideas, and believe others are reading their minds or plotting against them.

Nobody knows what causes the disorder, so the new result offers a possible peek into a black box. The work is reported in a paper released Wednesday by the journal *Nature*.

The finding might pertain to “a very substantial fraction of cases, maybe most cases, even,” said senior author Steven McCarroll, of Harvard Medical School and the Broad Institute in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The result links schizophrenia risk to a problem with a normal process that happens in adoles-

cence and early adulthood, when disease symptoms often appear. That age range is when the brain trims back the number of specialized places on brain cells where the cells signal each other, called synapses. The new work suggests a connection to schizophrenia when this process gets out of hand, deleting too many synapses.

“It’s like you have a gardener who was supposed to prune the bushes and just got overactive,” Cuthbert observed. “You end up with bushes that are pruned way too much.”

The result doesn’t mean over-pruning causes schizophrenia on its own. It could promote the disease in combination with other factors in the brain, McCarroll said.

The work began with a genetic

investigation. Previous analysis of the human DNA indicates over 100 places that influence the risk of getting schizophrenia, but detailed biological explanations for those influences are very rare. The new work identified a risk gene and found evidence for the over-pruning idea.

Drawing on DNA data from 28,799 people with schizophrenia and 35,986 people without it, the researchers found that a gene called C4 can raise a person’s risk by about 30 percent over that of the general population.

The gene comes in several forms, and researchers examining brain tissue found evidence that the forms that pose the most risk of schizophrenia were also the most active in the brain. In lab mice, they found that the

gene plays a key role in pruning synapses.

The study doesn’t directly demonstrate that that excessive pruning of synapses plays a role in schizophrenia, but the idea makes sense, McCarroll said. It ties together previous observations, among them that schizophrenia most often develops during youth and that patients’ brains show unusually few synapses, he said.

Dr. Kenneth Kendler, a schizophrenia genetics expert at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond who didn’t participate in the project, said the work presents an impressive array of results. The evidence that C4 can raise schizophrenia risk is strong, he said. The proposal that it does so through excessive pruning of synapses is

“plausible and interesting, but not yet fully convincing,” he said.

“We don’t yet know (whether) their hypothesis is completely true,” Kendler said, but the work is still “a pretty big deal.”

If it’s true, scientist can think about finding drugs that would intervene, McCarroll said. They might be useful to give when young people show symptoms that suggest they may be on the road to developing schizophrenia, he said. And even after the diagnosis, such drugs might keep the disease from getting worse, he said.

But any such treatments are years away, he cautioned.

Online: Schizophrenia: <http://1.usa.gov/1UmjwkX>
Journal Nature: <http://www.nature.com/nature>

Relieving allergy suffering

Springtime is coming! Soon, the birds will be singing, flowers blooming and that yellow stuff will be everywhere!

The constant layer of pollen coating your car and outdoor furniture gives new meaning to the term “Spring Cleaning.”

An unseasonably warm December, along with frequent rain, have created a perfect storm for tree pollen here in Chattanooga, with record pollen counts starting earlier than ever. In most years, pollen doesn’t appear until mid-March.

This year we likely will see pollen in February. This long pollen season primes the immune system, creating misery in allergy sufferers that increases in intensity as the season drags on.

If nothing is done, the runny, drippy nose and the itchy watery eyes can drag you down.

A visit to your board-certified allergist can tell you exactly what is triggering your symptoms. And fortunately, there are many ways to relieve the suffering, once you know what is causing it.

Avoidance — No one wants to live life in a bubble, but there are a few simple steps to limit your exposure.

Keeping the windows closed in your house and car and washing hair (and pets) after spending time outside will help keep the pollen out of your house.

Since pollen is released in the morning, exercising later in the night will trigger fewer problems.

Over the counter medicines — Non-sedating antihistamines are probably the best options here. Benadryl is too sedating for regular use, and can make it difficult to concentrate at work and school. Salt-water irrigation using a Neti-Pot or similar device is also helpful in rinsing pollen out. Unfortunately, over the counter medications won’t be sufficient for many sufferers.

Prescription medicines — The safest, most potent medicines will require a trip to your doctor. Nasal steroids and nasal antihistamines are very effective against congestion, drainage and itching. They are not habit forming like some over the counter nose sprays, and can work just as fast.

Allergy immunotherapy — Allergy shots have been shown to be the most effective long-term treatment of allergies, with up to 85 percent of patients responding. This treatment involves injecting small amounts of allergen (like pollen) in gradually increasing doses to retrain your immune system.

Allergy shots can potentially cure allergies and can even prevent asthma from developing. Even more importantly, allergy shots can save you money. According to a recent study, patients receiving allergy shots spent about 30 percent less on care in the first 18 months than similar patients who did not receive shots.

The Board Certified physicians at Chattanooga Allergy Clinic are especially equipped to determine what your allergic triggers are and to design a personalized treatment plan. Call 423-899-0431 for an appointment.



THIS IMAGE PROVIDED by John Abbott via New York University shows NYU senior research coordinator Nora Henderson collecting samples of bacteria from twin boys at their Mamaroneck, N.Y., home. We share our bodies with microbes that help keep us healthy, and the babies are part of research at NYU Langone Medical Center that gives infants born by C-section a dose of bacteria from mom’s birth canal to see if it influences development of their own so-called microbiome.

Study attempts to give C-section babies mom’s germs they missed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sharing bacteria in the operating room normally is a no-no but in a novel experiment, researchers are giving babies born by C-section a dose of presumably protective germs from mom’s birth canal.

We share our bodies with microbes — on the skin, in the mouth, in the gut — that help keep us healthy, a community, or microbiome, that starts forming at birth. Usually, a vaginal birth marks babies’ first massive exposure to the bacteria. But babies born by C-section miss out on those particular bugs, something many scientists suspect could have consequences later in life.

Monday, researchers reported the first hint that it’s possible to at least partially restore mom’s missing microbes to babies born surgically, simply by swabbing those infants with their mother’s vaginal fluid within two minutes of birth.

“What we are going to show is how babies assemble their microbiome,” said microbiologist Maria Gloria Dominguez-Bello of New York University, who led the pilot study published in the journal *Nature Medicine*. “Do C-section babies ever catch up?”

Far more research is needed to prove if the technique really works — or makes a difference in babies’ health.

This first-step attempt to manipulate birth microbes was very small, comparing seven babies born vaginally with 11 born by scheduled C-section, four of whom got that dose of mom’s bacteria. Over the next month, researchers took more than 1,500 samples of different body sites to see how the infants’ own microbiomes were developing.

The specially exposed C-section babies developed microbial neighborhoods that were more similar to vaginally born infants than to the other tots born surgically, Dominguez-Bello report-

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— Gregor Reid,
University of Western Ontario

ed. In particular, the swabbed babies harbored more of two bacteria species — *Lactobacillus* and *Bacteroides* — that are thought to play a role in training the immune system, and that were nearly absent in the untreated C-section babies.

The bigger question is not just how the bugs affect early microbiome development but whether that translates to better health years later. For example, previous studies have suggested babies born by C-section have a higher risk of developing asthma, allergies and certain other health conditions, and no one knows why.

Dominguez-Bello began the pilot study at the University of Puerto Rico but now has expanded it at NYU, with 84 babies enrolled so far whose microbiomes are being tested for a year. Already, she has 13,000 samples waiting to be analyzed if she can find the funding.

“That rationale does make sense,” said Gregor Reid, a microbiology professor at Canada’s University of Western Ontario, who wasn’t involved with the study and wants to see more such research. “The first few years of life are when we are programmed for long-term health. What this study is trying to say is, ‘I wonder how critical the vaginal microbiome is to this whole programming concept?’”

One microbiome specialist didn’t wait for the science. When his own daughter was born by

emergency C-section four years ago, Rob Knight of the University of California, San Diego, made sure to try the swabbing technique. Knight’s partner was on board but the couple waited until the doctors and nurses left the room to avoid explaining what likely would have been viewed as, well, unorthodox.

“As an evolutionary biologist and microbiologist, it just made complete sense that we’d want to maximize her ability to get the natural microbes,” Knight said. “We’re talking about something so natural, just restoring the microbes that every mammal has been exposed to for tens of millions of years.”

There’s no way to tell whether that made any difference for Knight’s own daughter, one reason he joined Dominguez-Bello as a co-author of the new research to study whether manipulating microbiomes is feasible.

Other specialists cautioned against a do-it-yourself approach. Mothers-to-be are supposed to be tested for pathogens, such as Group B strep, that could spread during labor — and those in the study were closely scrutinized — but very little is known about the complex mix of vaginal microbes and which are most important.

The consumer message is “don’t do it. We just don’t know enough,” said Jacques Ravel, associate director of the Institute for Genomic Sciences at the University of Maryland. “Not all vaginal microbiota are equally good.”

For now, the best advice is to avoid elective C-sections, and whatever the birth method, mother and baby should get lots of skin-to-skin contact, said Dr. David Relman, a microbiome specialist at Stanford University. Nor should antibiotics be prescribed unless truly necessary, he added, as those medications kill good bacteria along with the bad.

Zika spotlights rare birth defect with a variety of causes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Zika virus is putting a spotlight on a potentially devastating birth defect that until now has gotten little public attention.

Regardless of whether the mosquito-borne virus really causes babies to be born with abnormally small heads, a variety of other conditions trigger microcephaly. And, frustratingly, often there’s little way to predict what this condition will mean for children’s lives. Occasionally, babies just have smaller heads and otherwise are normal. When it is a true birth defect, some have mild disabilities and others are severely disabled.

“It’s important for people to be aware of it, but also to be aware that there’s a full spectrum of function that occurs among people with microcephaly,” said Dr. Edward McCabe of the March of Dimes.

Here are some things to know about microcephaly.

WHAT IS MICROCEPHALY?

The word simply means a small head, much smaller than is normal for a baby that size, age and gender. It often indicates that the baby’s brain didn’t develop properly during pregnancy or actually stopped growing. And it sometimes occurs after birth, when either the skull or the brain doesn’t continue to grow properly, a reason that head circumference is measured at every well-baby visit.

How small is too small? That depends. There’s a range of normal, and doctors use growth charts to tell when babies have fallen enough below average to signal concern.

Careful diagnosis is critical. About 10 percent to 15 percent of babies whose head measurements indicate microcephaly don’t have a birth defect but are just small, something that requires testing to help determine underlying causes, McCabe said.

WHAT CAUSES IT?

The list is long: Genetic defects; chromosomal abnormalities such as Down syndrome; too little oxygen reaching the fetal brain.

Infections that spread to the fetus during pregnancy can lead to microcephaly, including toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus and rubella. Other causes include use of alcohol or drugs during pregnancy. And after birth, sometimes the joints in a baby’s skull fuse too early, one of the few times doctors can intervene, through surgery.

WHAT’S THE IMPACT?

“It can be very serious, it can require long-term care,” said Dr. Anthony Costello, the World Health Organization’s director of maternal, child and adolescent health. But, he added, “there are occasional reports of people with confirmed microcephaly who actually have normal development, so we also have to be a little bit careful about what the functional outcomes for children will be.”

Consequences can include seizures, hearing loss or vision problems, intellectual disability and developmental delays with speech and motor function.

There’s a range, from mild to severe problems that depend on how the brain is affected and what caused the condition. That can be difficult to predict, requiring fre-

quent check-ups to track how the baby is developing in advising parents about what to expect.

HOW OFTEN DOES MICROCEPHALY OCCUR?

That’s not clear, either, since microcephaly isn’t closely tracked. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that in the U.S., anywhere from 2 to 12 babies per 10,000 live births are affected. Worldwide, the WHO puts the figures at somewhere between 1 in 3,000 and 1 in 5,000.

THE LINK WITH ZIKA VIRUS

The Zika virus, first discovered decades ago in Africa, was long thought to be mostly a nuisance illness, with mild symptoms such as fever and a rash. A particular species of mosquito is spreading Zika rapidly through Latin America, where Brazil has reported a surge in suspected cases of microcephaly.

That’s circumstantial evidence, and Brazil is trying to sort out just how many babies have microcephaly and how many of their mothers had Zika during pregnancy, itself hard to diagnose. But, the CDC did find evidence of Zika virus in the brains of two Brazilian newborns who died and the placentas from two women who miscarried. That prompted calls for pregnant women to avoid travel to areas where Zika is spreading.

HOW MIGHT A LINK BE PROVEN?

First, better tests to diagnose Zika itself will be important. Then, more testing of possibly affected babies. Another key is what’s called a case-control study, where scientists closely compare different groups of people to tell if there’s a higher rate of microcephaly in those who had Zika than those who didn’t. U.S. officials are working with Brazil to do such a study.



AP Photo

IN THIS FILE photo, Jose Wesley, who was born with microcephaly and screams uncontrollably for long stretches, is attended to in Bonito, Pernambuco state, Brazil. The Zika virus is drawing worldwide attention to a devastating birth defect that until now has gotten little public notice. Regardless of whether the mosquito-borne virus really causes babies to be born with abnormally small heads, a variety of other conditions can trigger it.

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OAK GROVE ELEMENTARY recently honored students taking part in its annual Royalty Court fundraiser, which raised \$26,000 this year for a new mobile computer lab. From left are "King" Trooper Norman, "Queen" Madelyn Talent and runners-up Sabrina Rester-Hughes and Drake Allen.



SMILING about their wins, Mr. and Miss Oak Grove celebrate with their runners-up during the annual Royalty Court fundraiser at Oak Grove Elementary. From left are "Mr. Oak Grove" Drake Arendale, "Miss Oak Grove" Teakoah Doss and runners-up Hannah Monger and Steven Wooten.

WALKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Walker Valley High School has announced its honor students following the second nine-week grading period of the current school year.

Gold Honor Roll

(All A's):

Ninth grade —

Allison G. Adams
Mia G. Angel
Riley M. Arp
Alexander R. Atkinson
Sophia G. Bagley
Charles W. Baker
Leslie M. Baker
Cassidy B. Balkom
Cody J. Ball
Mikayla S. Beasley
Alyssa R. Beck
Jordyn M. Biscoe
Cassidy M. Blackwell
Zachary J. Bostic
Ethan D. Brackett
Lauren B. Brownfield
Dylan C. Calfee
Olivia G. Cantrell
David A. Carroll
Christin N. Childree
Lillian A. Cooper
Katelyn A. Criddle
Olivia R. Cummings
Melissa M. Daugherty
Clinton M. II Davis
James W. Dean
Chloe E. Downes
Kelsey J. Drumright
Jackson S. Essensburg
Sydney R. Everett
Kaylee M. Farris
Gracie E. Fowler
Nathan E. Fowler
Garrett A. Frye
Sophia K. Fugate
Christopher J. Glover
Madison A. Gobble
Sydney R. Gobble
Hunter K. Godfrey
Bryan K. II Grisham
Alexis M. Haney
Kendall D. Harris
Hannah R. Hawkins
John C. JR Heifner
Samuel D. Henry
Grant A. Holden
Samuel L. Hooker
Kiana F. Hooper
Mattea D. Hooper
Dawson N. Hopkins
Kaylee A. Hughes
Anna G. Jackson
Brett N. Johnson
John C. Klepzig
Sarah G. Knipp
James A. Landberg
Chase H. Lawson
Anna M. Long
Andrew C. Lowe
Nathaniel K. Lumpkin
Megan M. Manning
Viktoria Marushka
Matthew E. Mason
Hope M. Maxwell
Jaden L. McCullough
Evie G. Medley
Autumn L. Millard
Lexi M. Miller
Sean P. Moore
Beau C. Neidich
Jordan T. Nelson
Macy R. Nipper
Kaylee E. Parkison
Miraina A. Patel
Bretter R. Paul
Andrew D. Payne
Brendin R. Pederson
Jessica M. Potter
Ashley S. Raney
Lauryn E. Roby
Mitchell R. Rodriguez
Michael S. Rogers
Savannah R. Roper
Hope K. Salmond
Karmen J. Sanders
Megan A. Shean
Daniel G. Shepherd
Amanda L. Silva
Bailey E. Smith
Chloe A. Smith
Madison L. Smith
Sydney G. Smith

Kylie E. Squires
Rachael N. Thomas
Ashley V. Thorpe
Chandler J. Tourigny
Katherine V. Towne
Lucy E. Trew
Nichole B. Vandusen
Madeline R. Vicars
Lucas C. Wallace
Kyle F. West
Riley W. White
Virginia Willis
Spencer R. Wilson
Sarah E. Wooten
10th grade —
Noah J. Alasin
Jordan A. Allen
Luke A. Arntz
Ellen M. Arrendale
Emma L. Baggerly
Olivia K. Bandy
Lillian G. Barber
Taylor N. Breeden
Madeline J. Brooks
Nathan L. Brown
Carly E. Buckner
Jenna Cate Buckner
Taylor M. Bullington
Robert D. Burris
Gabrielle I. Burse
Caden T. Byers
Sarah P. Bynum
Matthew W. Campbell
McKenna J. Carson
Nolan M. Cawood
Lauren N. Caylor
Gabriella L. Choate
Macey L. Clark
Jack W. Cofer
Marina F. Coleman
Logan K. Contreras
Kaley M. Cope
Deven D. Cranfield
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Alexander T. Cresswell
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Brianna N. Dixon
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Cody D. Duggan
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Caleb J. Grannan
Logan R. Griffith
Samuel D. Gruber
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Abigail S. Herron
Taylor N. Holcomb
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Haley B. Howard
Cameron N. Hutt
Dana M. Ito
Jared P. Johnston
Aubree M. Jones
Elizabeth K. Jones
Julian S. Jones
Gitapun J. Jur
Whitney S. Kincaid
Anna C. Klepzig
Oksana V. Krishchuk
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Lauren A. Lay
Aly G. Lemons
Emily N. Locke
Caitlyn G. Logan
Caroline E. Logan
Frances A. Martin
Samuel A. McDonald
Torrie N. McIntyre
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Lindsey D. Miller
Karis A. Mitchell
Hannah G. Moore
Tyler J. Morris
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Jasmine Q. Ngo
Haley N. Parks
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Taylor Ramezanipour
Bailey R. Scarborough
Hannah Scarbrough
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Ian T. Shaw
Kameron O. Shultz
Caesar W. Siclare

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Logan S. Spence
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Hunter B. Tinsley
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Chloe E. Walsh
Whitney M. Weathers
Jessalee C. West
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Gable Willis
Jonathon C. Womble
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Abigail R. Bagley
Charles L. Baker
Vivian A. Baker
Weston K. Barnes
Jared A. Bean
Emma G. Beavers
Lauren O. Beavers
Sarah C. Beavers
Brianna N. Bevan
Kayle S. Bishop
Samuel T. Bishop
Cydneel L. Black
Sabrina A. Blair
Lauren I. Bodenhamer
Brooklyne D. Bodle
Hayley E. Bradshaw
Alyssa M. Bramlett
Audrey L. Brokish
Jenna K. Bryson
Morgan A. Butler
Zachary R. Caughron
Savannah L. Churlik
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Jacey L. Edwards
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Faith S. Dillon
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Emma E. Draper
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Zachary J. Eslinger
Isabella R. Estrada
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Chase H. Guinn
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Ashley N. Hall
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Emma J. Hicks
Dathan P. Hill
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Gabria L. Hubbard
Justin R. Johnson
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Heather R. Kendrick
Courtney M. Kile
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Rylee D. Lawson
Adelaine L. Leach
Makayla R. Lewis
Megan E. Malone
Jacob H. Mason
Allison M. Mauldin
Bailey E. Mayhugh
Savannah J. Mayo
Zachary T. McLeod
Raymond McPherson
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GLASSBLOWER William Gudenrath makes a goblet with techniques used by Renaissance Venetians at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y. Gudenrath spent decades researching how Renaissance-era glassmakers produced objects.



GLASSBLOWER WILLIAM Gudenrath holds a dragon-stem goblet at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y. Gudenrath spent decades researching how Renaissance-era glassmakers produced objects that are now considered works of art.



GLASSBLOWER WILLIAM Gudenrath makes a dragon that will be used on a goblet, with techniques used by Renaissance Venetians at the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, N.Y.

Glass expert digs into secrets of historic Venetian process

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — A modern-day glassblower believes he has unraveled the mysteries of Renaissance-era Venetian glassmaking, a trade whose secrets were so closely guarded that anyone who divulged them faced the prospect of death.

Today's glassblowers work with methane-fired furnaces, electric-powered kilns, good lighting and proper ventilation. The craftsmen of Murano, an island near Venice, didn't have such technology, yet they still turned out museum-worthy pieces known for their artistry and beauty, using techniques that remained exclusive for centuries.

Through years of researching Venetian glass collections at American and European museums and comparing the artifacts with more contemporary glasswork from Venice, plus his own experimentation and many trips to Italy, William Gudenrath has created an online resource he believes explains Venetian glassmakers' methods.

"The Techniques of Renaissance Venetian Glassworking" — which contains videos, photographs and text — details how Gudenrath surmises glassworkers produced works of art with little more than wood-fired furnaces and metal blow pipes and tongs. The information was posted this week on the website of the Corning Museum of Glass in upstate New York, where Gudenrath is a resident adviser and teacher of Venetian techniques.

The gilding and enameling the Murano glassmakers added to their glass products had to be fired at higher temperatures than the glass itself to make the decorations permanent. The Venetians couldn't simply turn a knob to regulate the temperature of their furnaces, Gudenrath

said, yet they mastered the tricky art of glass decoration by continuously reheating and shaping the vessel after the decorations had been added, a process he demonstrates in several videos.

"It's just amazing to me that they did what they did in those conditions," he said.

Gudenrath's knowledge of Venetian glassmaking and his research into the process, something he has focused on for 25 years, are a "fantastic resource for artists," said Jutta-Annette Page, curator of glass and decorative arts at Ohio's Toledo Museum of Art.

Gudenrath, 65, became fascinated with Venetian glass while a teenager in Houston, where he started blowing glass at age 11. But finding written documents detailing how Murano glass was created proved difficult, a result of restrictions placed on the trade hundreds of years ago.

To prevent fires, the Venetian government ordered glass furnaces moved to Murano in the late 13th century. The move also was aimed to prevent secrets of the glassmaking guild from being smuggled to competitors. Anyone attempting to do so could be executed under Venetian laws created to maintain the city's monopoly on the European luxury glass trade.

"Industrial espionage and that sort of thing was taken very seriously," Gudenrath said.

Competition from other European nations eventually weakened Murano's hold, and Napoleon's closing of the factories after conquering Venice sent the industry into further decline. Venetian glass experienced a rebirth in the mid-19th century, but Gudenrath said much of the practical knowledge of the original, secretive methods had been lost.

Some of the old techniques

have been reinvented and are being again used on Murano, still home to vibrant, albeit smaller, glassmaking operations and studios.

Online:
Corning Museum of Glass:
<http://renvenetian.cmog.org>

Gay groups seek to buy NYC church known for anti-gay stand

NEW YORK (AP) — The end may be nigh for a Harlem church known for hateful public messages condemning gays and President Barack Obama to eternal damnation, and two groups that serve gay New Yorkers are hoping to get an ironic last word on the matter.

They want to buy the Atlah World Missionary Church at a foreclosure auction. One wants to turn it into housing for gay homeless youth.

The congregation's pastor has vowed not to let that happen.

"We're not going to be pushed like this," said Dr. James David Manning, who literally thumped a leather-bound Bible during an interview at his church this week. "I'm tired of people ramming their ideas down one's throat."

A fixture in Harlem for more than 30 years, The Atlah World Missionary Church has never been shy about expressing its own blunt ideas.

The large red billboard in front of the church is emblazoned with rotating messages like one that said to gays "cursed be thou with cancer, HIV, syphilis, stroke, madness, the itch, then Hell." Others have gone after Obama, calling him "a Taliban Muslim illegally elected president."

Manning, who is black, also rails against "sodomites" on the Manning Report, his three-hour daily radio broadcast, and in YouTube videos laced with gay slurs.

So, when the news broke that

the church owed \$1 million to creditors and was facing a foreclosure auction Feb. 24, some quarters received it with glee.

One nonprofit group, the Ali Forney Center, has raised \$175,000 on its website as part of an effort to buy the church and convert the building into transitional housing for homeless gay youths — the very population, its leaders say, that is most harmed by the Atlah church's message.

"We ask our kids why they weren't safe in their homes. ... The No. 1 reason is because of the hostile religious beliefs of their parents," said the center's executive director, Carl Siciliano.

He added that the church location, just a few blocks from the Ali Forney Center's Harlem drop-in center, would be ideal "even if it didn't have the Rev. Manning angle to it."

A second effort to buy the four-story brick and terra cotta church building been organized by the Rivers of Living Water Ministries, which serves mainly African-American LGBT worshippers. The church's GoFundMe drive had raised more than \$23,000 as of Friday morning.

Manning is vowing to fight what he sees as a politically motivated effort to oust him from the neighborhood he has served for more than 30 years.

In an interview, he said the \$1 million he has been told the church owes is nothing but a water bill. "A million-dollar water bill? Imagine that!" he said.

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Lee Faculty Wind Quintet to present concert Monday

Five members of Lee University's faculty will perform a concert on Monday at 7:30 p.m., in Squires Recital Hall, located in Lee's Humanities Center.

Members of the wind quintet are Eric Anderson, bassoon; Robert Burks, oboe; Peter Cain, clarinet; Kristin Holritz, flute; and Gordon James, horn.

The concert will include Samuel Barber's "Summer Music," Kenji Bunch's "Changes of Phase," and

August Klughardt's "Quintet."

Anderson has been principal bassoonist of the Chattanooga Symphony and Opera Orchestra, and bassoonist of the CSO Wind Quintet since 1996. He attended the Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he received a bachelor of music degree and the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University for postgraduate work where he studied with Benjamin Kamins. He has performed with the Florida Orchestra, the Virginia Symphony,

the Bergen (Norway) Philharmonic Orchestra and the New Hampshire Music Festival.

Burks joined the CSO as principal oboist in 1981. He studied at the St. Louis Conservatory of Music and the Cleveland Institute of Music before performing with the Columbus Symphony and the Honolulu Symphony. He has performed numerous times with the Atlanta Symphony, at numerous music festi-

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Kristin Holritz



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Eric Watson
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They make it happen

Last week, I wrote about some of the services your Bradley County Sheriff's Office provides over and above those mandated by law.

Of course, you can count on this office to enforce laws, arrest those who break those laws and to work diligently to keep our residents safe from harm. These are just a few of the things we do everyday that are legally mandated by the State of Tennessee.

There are services offered by your Bradley County Sheriff's Office that are not mandates, they are provided because I believe we need to set an example and as the top law enforcement organization in Bradley County, we should "go over and above" what is expected.

I cannot say enough about the volunteers that make up our Community Services Unit. Led by a veteran officer, Director Ralph Creel, the men and women who volunteer their time daily are some of the finest folks around.

They are carefully chosen, well trained, hard working, dedicated individuals who take pride in what they do.

As I mentioned last week, I continually get complimentary reports from citizens about how our volunteers surpass what is asked of them.

I am not really much on numbers, but those supplied by my Command Staff concerning Community Services in 2015 are truly impressive. They prove we have the right volunteers doing work they enjoy.

In 2015, our volunteers provided almost 4,800 man-hours of assistance to the Sheriff's Office. These tasks otherwise would be done by our regular employees, taking time away from their jobs. Some 35,000 miles were covered by our volunteers, as they travelled to and from senior visits, making Alzheimer's checks and assisting in various community activities.

Our group of men and women are dedicated to keeping contact with our senior citizens logged over 2,000 visits. That's comforting for families to know that their loved one get a visit and/or a phone call, just to see how they're doing on a daily basis.

In addition, our Traffic Assistance officers helped many motorists who had run out of gas on the roadways, led 260 funerals and unlocked 481 car doors for residents who found themselves "locked out."

On top of all that activity in 2015, the Bradley County Sheriff's Office Community Service Unit provided 21 battery boosts, assisted in directing and slowing down traffic 137 times, worked in and around different Bradley County courtrooms for some 286 man-hours, and provided assistance to people in need or other situations 610 times.

I looked at these hours as they were provided to me and thought of all the time and money it would have taken for a full-time deputy sheriff to accomplish what our dedicated volunteers do in their spare time ... and for free.

They help your Bradley County Sheriff's Office in so many valuable ways - just because they want to!

If you feel you would like to become a member of the BCSO Community Services Unit, contact Director Ralph Creel at 423-728-7313.

Each volunteer applicant is carefully screened, and while this is not an armed position, you will represent the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and perform a valuable service.

Think about if you have the time, and most importantly, the desire to help.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your sheriff. It remains a tremendous honor for me to do so.



Steve Benne

Benne, Thomas to present recital on Wednesday

Lee University faculty members Steve Benne and Dr. Phillip Thomas will present a recital on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 6 p.m. in Squires Recital Hall.

The program will include pieces by G.F. Handel, Charles Gounod, J.S. Bach, and Robert Schumann.

Steve Benne, instructor of double bass at Lee, is principal double bassist with the Knoxville Symphony. He has also acted as principal bassist with the New American Chamber Orchestra. In Europe, he has performed at the Grec Festival, the Korsholm Music Festival, the Priory of Chirens Chamber Music Festival, and the Uppsala Festival.

In the United States, Benne has performed with the Florida International Festival, the Aspen Music Festival, and the Grand Teton



Phillip Thomas

CSCC students named to Phi Theta Kappa All-Tennessee Academic Team

Cleveland State Community College recently had two students named to the 2016 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-Tennessee Academic Team.

Anna McDade and Bryan Hidalgo were two of 26 of the state's highest achieving college students recently honored and presented with a medallion at the 20th Recognition Ceremony of the PTK All-Tennessee Academic Team. Cleveland State was also responsible for organizing the event this year.

Many of this year's 26 nominees were accompanied by their local state senators and representatives.

The honorees include students pursuing a variety of degrees and careers, including aerospace engineering, nursing, law, chemistry, communications and business. Most intend to transfer to four-year universities to continue their educations.

The All-Tennessee Academic Team is comprised of students nominated by their colleges to be

considered for the All-USA Academic Team, sponsored by USA Today and PTK International Honor Society. Each of the state's 13 community colleges selects two outstanding students to recognize for their academic achievement, leadership and service to the community.

PTK advisor Marchelle Wear, said, "I am thrilled to have had the opportunity to attend the All USA Luncheon for Phi Theta Kappa. It was an awesome experience to witness our student leaders receive their much deserved awards. I congratulate each one and commend them for their hard work and dedication. It is rewarding to know that I am part of an organization that honors and encourages the students' success."

Anna McDade is a pre-health professions major with aspirations of becoming a biology professor or pathologist. She plans to transfer to the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the fall and currently has a GPA of 3.78.

Besides being the chapter president for Cleveland State Omega Omicron, she enjoys climbing, mud runs, traveling, reading and spending time with her husband.

Bryan Hidalgo is an industrial technology major, focusing on computer information technology. He currently has a 3.89 GPA and plans to transfer to a four-year university. His career goal is to become an expert in computer information technology, focusing on security.

He also enjoys playing soccer as well as helping others by volunteering in the community as a mentor for the nonprofit organizations TNachievers, Tennessee Promise and Family Cornerstones.

About Phi Theta Kappa:

Phi Theta Kappa is the largest honor society in American higher education, with more than two million members and 1,200 chapters in the U.S. and beyond. Students must have a 3.5 grade point average to qualify for membership.



PTK ADVISORS Marchelle Wear and Holly Shiveley, state Rep. Kevin Brooks, CSCC President Dr. Bill Seymour, state Rep. Dan Howell, Will and Anna McDade, PTK advisor Karen Dale and Bryan Hidalgo pose after the announcement of the inclusion of Anna McDade and Hidalgo to the All-Tennessee Academic team.

Recital

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Music Festival.

Benne's teachers include Lawrence Hurst, Stuart Sankey, and Eldon Obrecht. He plays a Cremonese bass made in 1683 by Aegidius Barzellini.

Teacher, music historian, and pianist, Thomas began his teaching career at Lee University as a piano instructor in 1977. He currently teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in music history and literature. In addition to chairing the Musicianship Studies Department, he is also the founding executive director of Lee's annual piano festival.

Thomas has also served as adjudicator for a variety of competitions on the local, regional, and international levels. He has appeared as harpsichord soloist with the Chattanooga Symphony Orchestra.

The concert is free and open to the public.

For more information about the concert, contact the School of Music at 423-614-8240 or by email at music@leeuniversity.edu.

Concert

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vals, and has toured Europe twice.

Burks has taught oboe for Cadek Conservatory at UTC, University of the South, Lee University, Bryan College, Covenant College, and Southern Adventist University. In addition to oboe, he also plays ukulele, piano, clarinet, saxophone, trombone, and violin.

Cain is the third bass clarinet for the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is also the clarinet professor at Lee and was previously acting principal clarinet of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Cain has attended Vanderbilt University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music, where he received his doctor of musical arts degree.

He has appeared as a soloist with the Knoxville Symphony, performed with the Paloma Wind Quintet at the 2010 International Double Reed Society conference, and was a soloist with the CCM Chamber Players at the 2009 Midwest Clinic in Chicago.

Holritz, principal flute of the CSO, made her solo debut with the United States Air Force Band in 2005 as winner of the Colonel George S. Howard Young Artist Competition.

She has also appeared with the University of North Carolina School of the Arts Symphony Orchestra and the University of Georgia Symphony Orchestra. She is a winner of the Atlanta Flute Club Young Artist Competition and a third prize recipient in the MidSouth Flute Festival Young Artist Competition.

James, principal horn of the CSO, has been playing and teaching horn for over 30 years. A member of the CSO since 1987, James is also the principal horn of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra. Prior to that, he played fourth horn in the Fort Worth Symphony.

He has performed with the Alabama Symphony, the Dallas Symphony, and the Baltimore Symphony. James is currently an adjunct horn instructor at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Lee University, Southern Adventist University, and Covenant College.

This event is free, non-ticketed, and open to the public.



BANK OF CLEVELAND recently donated funds to Bradley County Fire-Rescue for the purchase of Garmin GPS Sonar equipment. This equipment will be used for water search and rescue. From left are Tenille Watson, BCFR; Donnie Sullivan, BCFR deputy chief; Troy Maney, BCFR chief; Scott Taylor, Bank of Cleveland chief executive officer; and Julian Sullivan, Bank of Cleveland president.



AT A RECENT MEETING of the Cleveland Chapter of the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, 2016 officers were installed by Tennessee Federation Regional Vice President Mike Gates. From left are Bobbie Templeton, vice president; Jim Polier, president; Danny Britt, secretary-treasurer; and Gates. During the meeting, chapter members gave \$902 for Alzheimer's research through personal donations and use of a chapter auction. In 2014, the chapter was recognized for exceeding its giving to Alzheimer's research per capita than all chapters in the state. Since 1985 nationwide, NARFE, of which the Cleveland Chapter is a member, has donated more than \$11 million to the NARFE Alzheimer's fund, exceeding a goal of \$10 million.

Find Your Park signage project announced for Chickamauga, Chattanooga Military Park

FORT OGLETHORPE, Ga. — The National Park Service has announced \$15 million in support of 69 projects in 63 parks, including \$24,500 at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park to replace outdated entrance signs at 12 major areas of the national park in Georgia and Tennessee, and to build a new primary entrance sign designed for group photographs.

The funding will be matched with \$49,200 from the Friends of Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP.

Funding for the project is provided through the National Park Service's Centennial Challenge Program to leverage partnerships to improve visitor services, support outreach to new audiences, and reinvigorate national parks while forging connections with communities. Find Your Park is a broad public engagement campaign designed to reintroduce the national parks and the work of the National Park Service to Americans, inviting them to visit and get involved.

Congress provided \$15 million for the Centennial Challenge projects, which will be matched by almost \$33 million more from more than 90 park partners. The 69 projects total almost \$48 million and are located at 63 parks in 38 states, the District of Columbia, and the U. S. Virgin Islands.

"As the National Park Service enters its centennial year in 2016, Congress and generous partners across the country are making exceptional investments to improve park facilities, enhance their accessibility and help more visitors — especially young people — discover our nation's inspiring places and stories," said National Park Service Director Jonathan B. Jarvis.

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park Superintendent Brad Bennett is pleased to be able to implement this project.

"This private-public partnership project will help the park replace several damaged and outdated signs, while providing a fresh welcome to the public during the 100th anniversary celebration of the National Park Service," he said.

"With the support of the friends, we invite local residents and visitors to discover and experience the many special places throughout this national park — from Chickamauga Battlefield to Lookout Mountain Battlefield, from Signal Point to Orchard Knob, and from Missionary Ridge to Moccasin Bend," Bennett noted.

Friends of the Park President Anthony Hodges said, "During the Centennial of the National Park Service, the Friends of the Park are pleased to assist with placing new signs at many of the

units of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, and with creating a photoworthy entrance in front of the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center."

Hodges noted the project is being funded through a generous gift from the estate of Shawn Johns, who volunteered in living history interpretation at the park for many years.

Hodges continued, "Mr. Johns enjoyed sharing the stories of the soldiers who fought at Chickamauga and Chattanooga with visitors, and because of his gift, the friends can assist the park in improving entrances to welcome the next generation of visitors."

The signs at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park have marked the way for visitors for many years. In this Centennial year visitors will truly be able to find their park and the many affiliated units throughout the area. In addition, a marquee sign will be produced and will serve as a great place to take photos as a lasting reminder of your park experience.

For more information about Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, please contact the Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center at 706-866-9241, the Lookout Mountain Battlefield Visitor Center at 423-821-7786, or visit the park's website at www.nps.gov/chch.

Hedge your bets this spring

There's no denying it — this winter has been erratic!

I loaded our Christmas tree onto the car while wearing shorts and sandals, endured a below-freezing camping trip in January and only in the last few days has the characteristic late-winter gloom yielded to sunny skies.

The only thing that I've been able to count on needing when going out on farm calls has been my mud boots — when in doubt, there will always be mud.

One other thing that most gardeners and orchardists count on is the opportunity to use the colder months/dormant season to get some pruning done.

If you consult any reputable pruning guide the "When to Prune" section will advise you do this work in the late winter. That's helpful as long as the winter amounts to a 'typical season', but with that effectively out the window the question still remains. So, in the absence of understanding what the skies will hold for us in the coming weeks, it can be helpful to first understand how winter dormancy works.

As you either know or have noticed, most plants "go dormant" during the winter, meaning that they don't grow, partly in an effort to protect themselves from damaging winter cold. Handy, right? This is one of the reasons that we take advantage of this season to prune plants, because it lessens the damage to their growth. However, when plants haven't had a long enough cold spell, they will not enter this dormant state and will be at greater risk from damaging freezes— something that is made worse by pruned ends and cut branches.

Even worse, when plants are cold but then get warm again (like the 70 degree days that we had earlier this week) they begin the process of breaking dormancy.

Strangelove Suite: Northern Ireland sells nuclear bunker

BALLYMENA, Northern Ireland (AP) — It has no windows — but offers unrestricted views of Armageddon.

Northern Ireland is selling its Cold War-era nuclear bunker, an underground installation with room for 235 beds that sellers imagine could be transformed into a tourist attraction or blast-proof storage facility.

Journalists took a tour Thursday of one of Northern Ireland's strangest real estate offerings. For 575,000 pounds (\$850,000), the successful buyer could acquire a 46,363-square-foot (4,300-square-meter) grass-



From the County Agent's Desk

By PATRICK SWEATT
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topped building discretely situated on 3.74 acres (1.51 hectares) of rolling fields northwest of Belfast.

Northern Ireland's leaders have decided they can survive without the bunker, which was built in the 1980s to protect key government and legal figures from a Russian nuclear strike. The facility includes a conference room and broadcasting suite. Its existence was a state secret until 2007.

There is no doubt that winter in the South can make giving horticultural advice tricky, but the most important thing that a gardener can do is still to watch the weather and try to understand how it is affecting their plants.

Count on mud, count on spring (eventually) coming, but also count on some more winter first — and don't forget to hedge your bets!

We are always happy to talk about the weather over at the Tennessee Extension Office, so give us a call sometime at (423) 728 7001 or come visit us in person at 95 Church St. S.E. in downtown Cleveland.

Germany: teenage finder to keep gold bar found in lake

BERLIN (AP) — A teenager in Germany can keep a 500-gram (17.6-ounce) bar of gold that she found in an Alpine lake last year and handed in to police.

Police in Berchtesgaden on Thursday confirmed a report in Munich daily tz that authorities had been unable to find an owner for the bar, news agency dpa said. That means that, six months after the find, the 16-year-old girl who found it gets to keep it. The bar is worth about \$20,000.

The girl, who hasn't been identified, was on vacation at the Koenigssee lake in Germany's southeastern corner at the time of the find in August. She found it around 2 meters (6½ feet) under the surface.

It's still not clear how the bar ended up in the lake.

BRADLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL seniors and retirees will meet Feb. 10, 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Corral. The guest speaker will be Coleman Foss, CEO of Tennova Healthcare. If you have any questions, call Tommie Vincent at 423-790-0907.



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Opening is Feb. 19

Covenant College Theatre to present 'Moreau'

Covenant College Theatre will present H.G. Wells' reimagined novel: "Moreau" beginning on Feb. 19.

Written by Sean Gaffney, "Moreau" is a play based on H.G. Wells' novel "The Island of Dr. Moreau."

This show continues Covenant College's 2015-16 season and will be directed by Professor Camille Hallstrom.

A sci-fi thriller, "Moreau" follows shipwrecked Edward Prendick, as he discovers the horrors hidden on a mad scientist's island. The play is an exploration of how science can be made into a god and how, in turn, it can convince us that we ourselves are gods.

Hallstrom said, "I first came across this remarkable play

when Globalstage put Taproot Theatre's original production on video. A science-horror story, the play sticks close to the novel in the first half, but takes some creative license later, making for hugely engaging drama, but also a great discussion of themes like 'science as god,' and 'what does it actually mean to be human?'

"There's even a hint of the potential for future atrocity via gene splicing and the like, warning us we tend to be 'a species that desires knowledge faster than understanding — who seeks information over wisdom,'" she noted.

A panel discussion following the Feb. 20 performance will examine such themes with medical doctor and theology

professor Dr. Hans Madueme, biology professor Dr. Richard Nelson and the director.

Matthew Mindeman, who plays Prendick, said, "Moreau is a thrilling story with a surprising amount of depth."

William Darby, who plays the character Moreau, said, "I think the theme of what really defines humanity becomes much more real when it is acted out by men and women — seeing that idea wrestled out onstage, rather than merely on the pages of a book, should prove an experience worth the effort to see."

"I think we will produce something really compelling," Mindeman said.

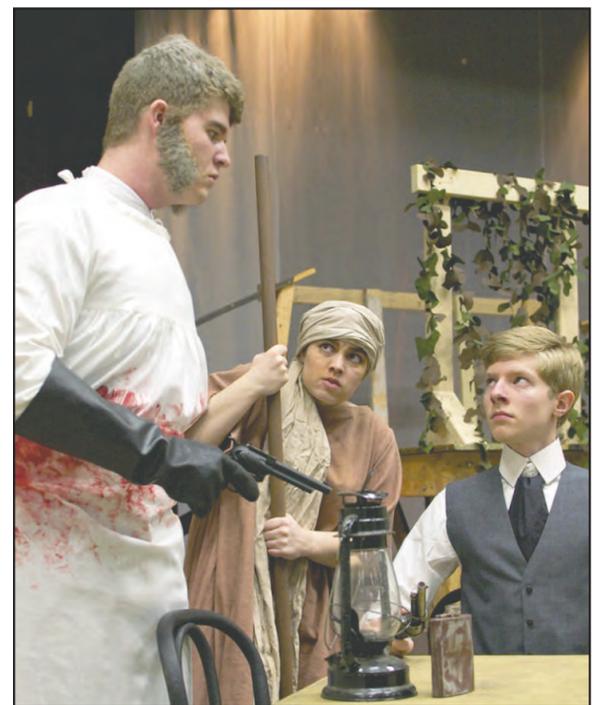
"Moreau" will have its final dress rehearsal on Feb. 18, at 8 p.m. Tickets for the final dress

rehearsal will be \$3 for students, staff, and seniors and \$5 for adults.

It opens Feb. 19 with performances running Feb. 19, 20 and 26 at 8 p.m., and Feb. 27 at 2:30 pm. Tickets for the performances will be \$5 for students, staff, and seniors, and \$7 for adults.

To reserve tickets, or for more information, call the box office at 706-419-1051 or email boxoffice@covenant.edu.

COVENANT COLLEGE theater students rehearse a scene from Sean Gaffney's "Moreau," which will be presented beginning Feb. 19.





CLEVELAND STATE Community College recently unveiled the new Studio Connect space at its Athens Center which offers a relaxed, high tech space for students to create and collaborate. Students are able to gain experience using emerging technologies, providing an opportunity to increase problem solving and critical thinking skills. It also gives them a place outside of class to gather together with their fellow students to prepare for assignments and explore new trends. They will have the opportunity to enter the workforce highlighting their skills and experience. From left are Kelly Blevins, PC/network technician; Kim Harris, admissions recruiter; Stefanie West, assistant director, Athens Center; and Ken Phillips, Title III Grant Project coordinator; standing, Wanda Lane, keyboarding instructor; Rebecca Decker, librarian; Marchelle Wear, secretary; and Patty Weaver, director of Off-Campus Centers.



THE 2015 EUBANKS Scholars at Shorter University are, from left, David Thompson, Cameron Deary, Cally Glass, C.J. Bidinger and Chris Elsey.

David Thompson is Eubanks Scholar

ROME, Ga. — Five students in the 2015 entering class at Shorter University received the university's top academic scholarship, the J. Robert and Hazel B. Eubanks Scholarship, in recognition of their outstanding academic performance as high school students.

The students, C.J. Bidinger, Cameron Deary, Chris Elsey, Cally Glass, and David Thompson, have continued to excel during their freshman year at Shorter.

The Eubanks Scholarship provides tuition, room, and board for incoming freshmen for eight semesters. To qualify for this scholarship, a student must hold

at least a 3.75 grade point average and earn a 1300 SAT (in critical reading and math) or 28 ACT score. Scholarship recipients must then maintain a 3.5 cumulative grade point average at Shorter.

The latter requirement hasn't been a problem for the 2015 class of Eubanks Scholars, as each of them earned grades that placed them on the dean's list for the fall 2015 semester, their first at Shorter.

"Our Eubanks Scholars represent the best of the best, and we are proud they have chosen Shorter University for their educational experience," said Emily Messer, vice president of enroll-

ment management at Shorter. "A Shorter education offers students close faculty interaction within a caring, Christ-centered environment."

Bidinger, of Colbert, Ga., is a graduate of Madison County High School and is majoring in music.

Deary, of Jacksonville, Fla., is a graduate of Providence High School, and has not yet declared a major.

Elsey, of Marietta, Ga., is a graduate of North Cobb High School, and has not yet declared a major.

Glass, of Athens, Ala., is a graduate of Lindsay Lane Christian Academy, and is majoring in nursing.

Thompson, of Cleveland, is a homeschool graduate who is majoring in communication arts.

Founded in 1873, Shorter University is a Christ-centered, four-year liberal arts university committed to excellence in education. The Princeton Review annually includes Shorter on its list of best Southeastern Colleges. Shorter is a member of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). The university offers traditional bachelor's degrees in 40 areas of study, online courses and degree programs, undergraduate programs for working adults, and four master's programs. Learn more about Shorter at www.shorter.edu.

18-year-old teen already is a top firefighter in Cramerton

CRAMERTON, N.C. (AP) — Luke Karagias literally ran from his high school graduation last May — not because he was happy to be finished with school but because he had to catch another class.

The 18-year-old was finishing up a ventilation course he would need for a firefighting certification.

"I was freaking out a week before," he said. "This is a class I have to have, and I have to get it done. It doesn't circle around until the next year."

He didn't even want to walk the stage at graduation for fear he would lose out on the opportunity. But his mentor, Cramerton Fire Chief Lance Foulk, convinced him otherwise.

"I had to get him straight on that and tell him that's not right," he said. "That's a big life moment."

That determination and hard work earned Karagias the Cramerton Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year award.

At only 18, Karagias already has 500 hours and three certifications under his belt, including firefighter 1 and 2 and EMT. He's been volunteering with Cramerton Fire Department for about two years.

Becoming a firefighter was always a dream of his, he says. But it's become an obsession after his volunteer hours with Cramerton.

"I've just always been determined on being a fireman since I was little," he said. "And really I just never stopped wanting it."

Foulk says a lot of young men bring big dreams to the fire department, but Karagias' hard work that makes him unique.

On top of wrestling for South Point High School, attending class and working on his certifications, Karagias spent almost every night at the fire department during his senior year.

"I didn't want to miss any calls," he says.

And he learned a lot from the



John Clark/The Gaston Gazette via AP
LUKE KARAGIAS, 18, carries his gear to the truck inside the Cramerton N.C. Volunteer Fire Department. Karagias was recently named Cramerton VFD firefighter of the year

department, especially Foulk and Assistant Fire Chief Barry Wilson, he said.

"It's their work ethic that's really taught me so much," he said. "We all motivate each other. It's just like one big family."

Karagias has applied for positions with the Gastonia and Charlotte Fire departments while still working toward his undergraduate degree.

But, as Foulk as told him, there's still a lot more work to do.

"Stay on track. Stay committed. And stay humble," Foulk said he told Karagias.

"It comes with some sweat and some headaches and bumps and bruises," he said. "But he's very ambitious and has got a bright future."

Michael B. Jordan wins big at NAACP Image Awards

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was a total knockout for Michael B. Jordan at the NAACP Image Awards in a ceremony that took several jabs at Hollywood for the lack of racial diversity.

The star of the boxing drama "Creed" was honored Friday as both the entertainer of the year and outstanding actor in a motion picture for his role as Apollo Creed's son.

"I used to sneak into the Image Awards, and now I'm standing here as the entertainer of the year, which is mind-blowing," he said.

"Straight Outta Compton," which tells the story of the pioneering rap group N.W.A., picked up the outstanding motion picture prize.

"I want to thank the NAACP for this because without you riding for us for the last 100 years, we would not be standing here," director F. Gary Gray said.

Image Awards host Anthony Anderson kicked off the ceremony by invoking N.W.A. for a rap about the lack of racial diversity at other awards shows.

The "black-ish" star donned a gold chain and a baseball cap with the words "Nominees With Attitude" to sing about such snubs as "Beasts of No Nation" and Jordan at the Academy Awards.

"Listen, y'all, I don't mean to sound cocky, but the movie's called 'Creed,' not 'Rocky,'" he rapped.

Anderson later joked during his opening monologue that he didn't want the Academy Awards to go overboard in response to the #OscarsSoWhite controversy by honoring a movie like "Madea Goes Trick or Treating in Compton" as best picture or handing out Kevin Harts instead of Oscars.

"Hollywood needs to know that this is what diversity is supposed to look like," a more serious Anderson told the crowd at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium.

When he walked on stage to present "Creed" as an outstanding motion picture contender, Sylvester Stallone was surprised to be greeted warmly by the audience.

"I certainly didn't expect



Photo by Phil McCarten/Invision/AP
TERRENCE HOWARD accepts the award for outstanding actor in a drama series for "Empire" at the 47th NAACP Image Awards at the Pasadena Civic Auditorium on Friday in Pasadena, Calif.

that," said the "Rocky" star, who failed to recognize Jordan and "Creed" filmmaker Ryan Coogler in his acceptance speech at last month's Golden Globes. He later returned to the stage to thank them and apologized on Twitter.

Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith and Spike Lee were among this year's Image Awards attendees who said they won't attend this year's Oscar ceremony after a second year of mostly white nominees.

Despite several comments — both mocking and thoughtful — about the lack of racial diversity in Hollywood, it was mostly show business as usual for the 47th Image Awards, which are presented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to honor people of color in entertainment.

"black-ish" swept the TV comedy categories with Anderson winning the award for outstanding actor, while the show was selected as outstanding comedy series and his co-star Tracee Ellis Ross was honored as outstanding actress.

On the TV drama side, "Empire" dominated with wins for outstanding drama series, actor and actress for Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson.

"We don't need to ask for

acceptance from anyone," Henson said. "We are enough."

Sanaa Lathan was awarded the trophy for best actress in a motion picture for her role as a terrorized lobbyist in "The Perfect Guy."

John Legend received the NAACP President's Award, which recognizes those who have achieved career success and public service. In his speech, the singer-songwriter lauded activists who fight for social justice.

"Despite the daunting problems, I am hopeful that our generation will demand and achieve radical change in our lifetime," said Legend after he performed "All of Me."

For the first time, the NAACP Chairman's Award, which honors distinguished public service, was presented to eight recipients, including pastor Jamal Bryant, "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett and the activist group Concerned Student Collective 1950 at the University of Missouri, Columbia. The winners joined together on stage with their fists raised in the air.

"I think Hollywood should take notes from this awards show," said "Scandal" actor Guillermo Diaz on the red carpet before the show.



Photo by Phil McCarten/Invision/AP
MARSAI MARTIN, from left, Yara Shahidi, creator Kenya Barris, Tracee Ellis Ross and Anthony Anderson accept the award for outstanding comedy series for "Black-ish" at the 47th NAACP Image Awards on Friday.



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Kimberly Miccio via AP
BETTY MORRELL, left, and her birthmother, Lena Pierce, 96, are reunited at the Greater Binghamton Airport in Binghamton, N.Y. Morrell had searched for 50 years for Pierce, who at age 13 was forced to give up the baby she had named Eva May.

Woman, 82, tracks down 96-year-old birth mother

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Eighty-two years after she was born to a teenage girl and put up for adoption, Betty Morrell finally has met her 96-year-old birth mother, thanks to the dogged persistence of her granddaughter during 20 years of searching.

And as a bonus, she has forged a close friendship with a sister she never knew she had.

"After my adoptive parents died, that's when I started looking," Betty Morrell said Thursday by phone from her home in Spring Hill, Florida. "Being that it was a closed adoption, it's like hitting a brick wall because you can't get any information."

Morrell was born in 1933 in the central New York town of Utica to Lena Pierce, who named her Eva May. Social welfare officials took the baby away because Pierce, then 13, was herself a ward of the state. Eva May was adopted by a family on Long Island and grew up as Betty Morrell, an only child.

"I grew up a very happy child," Morrell said. "I was so content in the family I was adopted by."

She was in her early 30s when she started looking for information about her birth family. She had been told her birth mother had died during childbirth and was shocked when she eventually learned she was still alive.

Morrell's granddaughter, Kimberly Miccio, started helping with the search when she was 12.

"My grandmother had been looking for a long time," said Miccio, 32, who now lives with her husband and three children a few minutes away from Morrell. "She had never tried through the Internet, so we started going through different sites."

It took 20 years, but the breakthrough finally came in September. Miccio got in touch with a distant relative of Morrell's through Ancestry.com, and that person put her in touch with Millie Hawk of Windsor, New York, one of Pierce's daughters.

"Kim and I got on the phone and called her," Morrell said. "I had found my baby sister, who's 65. We just clicked. It was like we had known each other all our lives."

Morrell learned she had four sisters and two brothers, and that her mother was alive and well, living in an assisted living apartment complex in Hallstead, Pennsylvania. That's about 20 miles from where Hawk lives.

"I rushed to my mother's house to tell her," Hawk said. "She just sat down in a chair and cried. She said, 'My Eva May, they found her?' It was just so emotional."

Morrell and Miccio flew to Binghamton, near Hawk's home, last month. Hawk brought their mother to the airport.

"The minute I saw her come through the security door, I just got goosebumps," Hawk said. "Mother reached for her; Betty said, 'Mom.' They hugged and cried."

"There were a few tears, and shaking," Pierce said. "It sure was a joy to finally meet up with her. It's kind of hard when you have a child that you get separated from. I never wanted to give her up."

Since then, Morrell has been talking regularly with Hawk by phone and Facebook, and they're planning a get-together in Florida in the spring. She talks less often to Pierce. "Sometimes I have to remind my mother of who I am," Morrell said. "I say, 'I'm your long-lost daughter Eva May.'"

Winter SERVICE GUIDE

Nature has many scenes to exhibit, and constantly draws a curtain over this part or that. She is constantly repainting the landscape and all surfaces, dressing up some scene for our entertainment. Lately we had a leafy wilderness; now bare twigs begin to prevail, and soon she will surprise us with a mantle of snow. Some green she thinks so good for our eyes that, like blue, she never banishes it entirely from our eyes, but has created evergreens.

~Henry David Thoreau, Nov. 8, 1858

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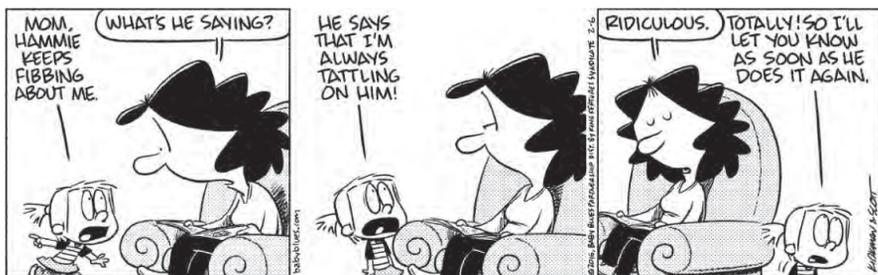
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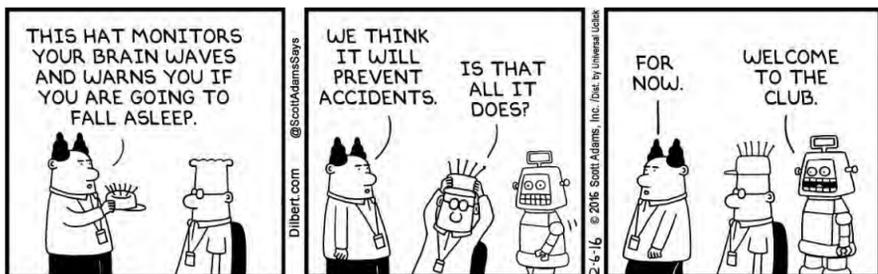
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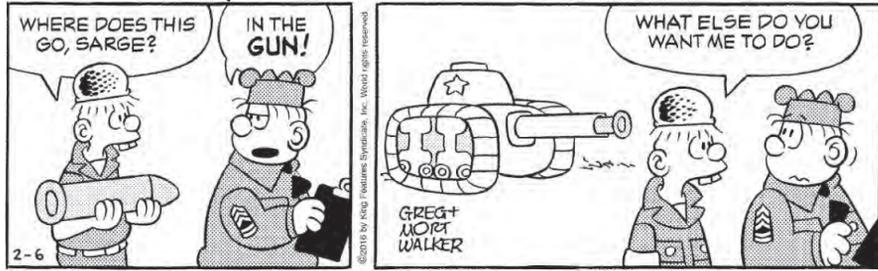
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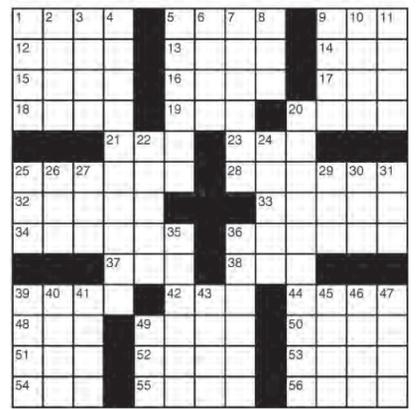
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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals E

ASTROLOGY

By Eugenia Last

SUNDAY, FEB. 7, 2016
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
 Ashton Kutcher, 38; Chris Rock, 51; Garth Brooks, 54; James Spader, 56.

Happy Birthday: Your emotions will rise to the surface this year, forcing you to address issues that have been bothering you for some time. Put an end to bad habits and make it a point to choose a healthier lifestyle. If you strive to be your best, you will boost your morale and have more energy to do the things you enjoy the most. Your numbers are 3, 6, 18, 21, 26, 37, 42.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make an effort to reconnect with the people you miss or who have inspired you in the past. Research subjects of interest and you may learn something that will help you make a difference or change your current direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let emotions or stubbornness set in. You'll do much better if you cooperate with others. Talk matters through and offer love and affection instead of complaints and arguments. The choice is yours to make.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll get the satisfaction you are looking for if you follow through with your plan and are disciplined about achieving your personal pursuits. Don't let someone with poor habits influence you. Make wise choices and you'll get good results.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for something unusual to motivate you to get started on a project that will improve your life and your surroundings. A relationship can make a huge difference to your future. Alter your living arrangements and you will prosper.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Try something new and different. The people you meet along the way will get you thinking about doing things that you hadn't considered in the past. With a little discipline, skill

and finesse, you will achieve something great.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't hold back. If there is something you want, put pressure on whoever is standing in your way. You can make things happen if you are persistent and offer incentives that are hard to refuse. Romance will brighten your day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do things with children, friends or your loved one. Sticking around home will lead to conflict and leave you stuck doing things you don't want to do. A good friend will offer a solution to a problem you face. Embrace change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get together with the people who share your concerns and interests. A chance to do something nice for someone in your community will put you in the spotlight and enhance your popularity. Romance is in the stars.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick to simple pleasures and you will avoid going into debt. A well-thought-out change at home will cut your overhead and make your life easier. Avoid anyone who is indulgent or takes advantage of your generosity and kindness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't argue. You have better things to do with your time. Getting together with someone who shares your interests will take your mind off any concerns you have. A fitness program will help you feel good about your appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Time is on your side. If you are uncertain, wait until you have proof that you are doing the right thing. An emotional matter will dissipate if left alone. Concentrate on something that brings you joy and has the potential to become prosperous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved in something that makes you

feel good or that can offer you the experience you need to pursue your own goal. A relationship that means a lot to you should be nurtured. Be affectionate and make future plans.

Birthday Baby: You are intelligent, curious and a humanitarian. You are imaginative and insightful.

MONDAY, FEB. 8, 2016
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
 Seth Green, 42; Mary Steenburgen, 63; Robert Klein, 74; Nick Nolte, 75.

Happy Birthday: The changes and sacrifices you make will bring you good fortune. Take initiative and show more discipline when it comes to following through with your plans. Don't get angry; get moving. Inconsistency and procrastination will hold you back if you don't think things through carefully. Distance yourself from the people who drag you down. Your numbers are 8, 19, 21, 23, 27, 32, 40.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your talents and skills to make improvements to whatever project you are working toward. Don't get bogged down with office politics or hearsay. Let your actions speak for you. Don't mix business with pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your mark. Share your thoughts and doors will open. Refuse to let emotional issues hold you back. Don't fight a losing battle when you should be concentrating on getting ahead. Express your concerns, ideas and solutions and keep moving forward.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Offer your services and negotiate on your own behalf. An honest assessment of a situation and how you propose to make things better will add to your credibility and allow you to get a better understanding of what's entailed.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Discuss your plans and form partnerships with people who are heading down a similar path. Nurture important relationships and share your feelings. Once you recognize where you stand, you will be able to make personal adjustments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Emotional spending will be your downfall. If you want to make changes, do so prudently. Don't bring about changes that might jeopardize your professional position. Take a wait-and-see approach, but have solutions ready to implement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Enjoy your life and make a point to indulge in something that makes you feel good about your accomplishments. Don't feel pressured to make a snap decision regarding money, health or a contractual concern. Make romance a priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Reassess your current situation, and don't feel the need to bend to what someone else wants. You have to satisfy your own needs before you can take care of others. Sign up for whatever will bring about positive personal change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make plans, discuss your intentions and express your feelings. Once you know exactly where you stand, you will be able to make decisions that will improve your life and help you move in a positive direction. Love is on the rise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't fool yourself into thinking you can splurge. Don't compromise your chances of doing something good for the people you love. A heartfelt discussion with someone special will help you make the right choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will make a lasting impression with the ideas and solutions you suggest. You can bring about a healthy financial change if you are diligent about what you do to get ahead. Celebrate with someone you love.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make changes for the right reasons. Don't let your emotions take over or a regrettable incident lead you down the wrong path. Protect against injury, accidents and arguments. Think rationally before you proceed. Discipline and mindfulness will be required.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money matters will become unstable if you overspend. Don't get involved in situations that require institutional intervention. Stick to rules, regulations and the truth. Focus on partnerships and associations with those involved in worthwhile causes. Romance will improve your personal life.

Birthday Baby: You are insightful, competitive and steadfast. You are outspoken and proactive.

Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

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Consider this deal where it would be easy to go wrong. West leads the jack of hearts, covered by the Q-K-A. If South now plays the queen of clubs and finesses after West follows low, East takes the king and returns a

heart to set the contract.

However, this would not be the right way to play the hand. The correct method of play brings the slam home.

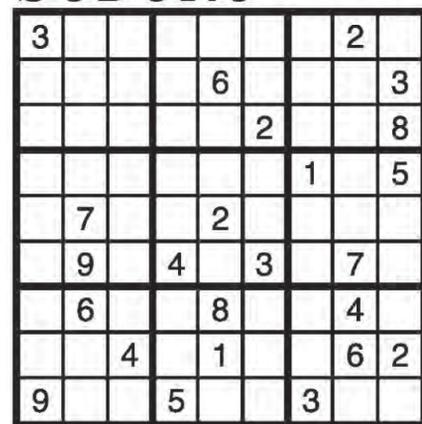
The key to the winning approach lies in recognizing that the trump finesse — tempting though it is — jeopardizes the contract without increasing the chances of making it. Even if the finesse worked, the outcome would still hinge on a spade finesse.

What it actually boils down to is that if East has the king of spades, the slam can be made, while if West has the king of spades, the slam is lost. Taking the trump finesse is an optical illusion, because the location of the king of trumps has nothing to do with making the slam.

Declarer should therefore lead the queen of clubs at trick two and go up with the ace after West follows low. He then returns the queen of spades, planning to finesse.

Whether East covers the queen or jack with his king makes no difference. Whatever East does, declarer cashes three spade tricks as soon as possible, discarding a heart from dummy, and all he can lose from that point on is a trump trick.

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SUNDAY DAYTIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2016

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WRCB/NBC 3	Eyewitness News: Weekend	Today (N) ◊	Meet the Press (N) ☞	Church	PIYo Wor.	CIZE Dance	Exploration	NHL Hockey Philadelphia Flyers at Washington Capitals. (N) ◊ (Live) ☞	PGA Tour Golf									
WELF/TBN 4	By Faith	Dr. Tony Ev	Live-Passion! Touch Lives	Franklin	Turning Point	Walk in the	Winning Walk	Prince	Carpenter	Schuller	In Touch	PowerPoint	It Is Written	Pathway	Supernatural	Kelinda	Jesse	
WTNB 5	Unity	Prayer Time	Westmore Church of God	God's Light	Around Town	Harmony	Nashville	Wesley UMC	Music City	Gaither Gospel Hour	Westmore Church of God	WTNB Sports	Adrenalin Rush Wrestling	Around Town	Around Town			
WFLJ/CW 6	Fabric of ...	Good News	In Touch W/Charles Stanley	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Key of David	Red Bank Baptist Church	Young Icons	Animal Adv	The Road to Signing Day ◊	** "No Small Affair" (1984)	Jon Cryer, Demi Moore.					
WNGH/PBS 7	Sesame St.	Daniel Tiger	Curious	Nature Cat	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	McLaughlin	Washington	Nature ◊ (DVS)	Finding Your Roots ☞	Idols	Born to be	William, Kate & George	In Their Own Words ☞				
DAYSTAR 8	Heart for the World	Marcus and Joni Lamb host a fundraiser.																
WTVS/ABC 9	Good Morning America (N)	Good Morning Chattanooga	This Week With George...	Full Measure	Ankerberg	Baptist	Aqua Kids	CIZE Dance	Fish Oil	Beauty	NBA	NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Miami Heat. ☞						
WTCI/PBS 10	Arthur ◊ (E)	Wild Kratts	Curious	Cat in the Hat	Thomas & Fr.	First Things	A-List	Charlie Rose	McLaughlin	Antiques Roadshow ☞	Chattanooga	"Ghosts of Amistad"	Bridging the Divide	Vel Phillips: Dream Big Dr				
WDSI/FOX 11	(6:00) ** "Bikini Beach"	** "For Those Who Think Young" (1964)	James Darren.	Wild Animals	Wild Animals	Adventures	Adventures	WHADDYADO WHADDYADO	Addams Fam.	Addams Fam.	*** "Jack the Giant Killer" (1962)	Kevin Mathews.						
WDEF/CBS 12	Tommy Bates	Abba's	In Search	It Is Written	CBS News Sunday Morning (N) ◊	Face/Nation	Before They Were Pros	Road to the Super Bowl	Phil Simms All-Iron Team	Super Bowl Today (N) (Live) ☞								
QVC 13	JAI Jewelry	Hagit - Designer Jewelry	Barbara Bixby Jewelry	Judith Ripka Jewelry Collection	Silver jewelry.	In the Kitchen With David												
CSPAN 14	Washington Journal Live	call-in program with officials. ◊	Newsmakers	Campaign 2016	NH Primary Events	Campaign events, candidate speeches, and discussion before the Tuesday's New Hampshire primary. ◊												
WGN-A 15	Search—Way	Creflo Dollar	Key of David	CIZE!	Law & Order "Poison Ivy"	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
HSN 16	Home Essentials (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	W. Puck's Sunday Brunch	W. Puck's Sunday Brunch	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)	Lancome Paris (N)
E! 23	E! News Weekend ☞	Hollywood Medium	Hollywood Medium	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian	Kardashian
ESQTV 24	Friday Night Tykes ☞	Friday Night Tykes ☞	Friday Night Tykes ☞	** "Robin Hood" (2010, Adventure)	Russell Crowe, Cate Blanchett. ☞ (DVS)	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞	Team Ninja Warrior ☞
LIFE 25	In Touch W/Charles Stanley	Amazing	Jeremiah	Joel Osteen	FeelSexy	The Rap Game ☞	Little Women: Atlanta ☞	Little Women: Atlanta ☞	"Girl Missing" (2015, Suspense)	Francesca Eastwood. ☞	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)	*** "Taken" (2008)
TLC 26	Paid Program	Paid Program	NutriBullet	Sexy in 2016!	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes to the Dress ☞	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TBS 27	Seinfeld ◊	Seinfeld ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊	Friends ◊
TNT 28	Law & Order "Savages" ◊	Law & Order "Jeopardy" ◊	Law & Order "Paranoia" ◊	Law & Order "Hot Pursuit"	Law & Order "Paranoia" ◊	Law & Order "Humiliation"	Supernatural "Black" ☞	Supernatural "Reichenbach"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"	Supernatural "Fan Fiction"
USA 29	Paid Program	Jeremiah	Pastor Chris	Joel Osteen	Colony Will gains respect.	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
FX 30	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	*** "X-Men: First Class" (2011, Action)	James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender. ◊	*** "The Wolverine" (2013, Action)	Hugh Jackman, Hiroyuki Sanada. ◊								
ESPN 31	SportsCenter ☞	SportsCenter (N) ☞	SportsCenter (N) ☞	SportsCenter (N) ☞	NFL Insiders	Postseason NFL Countdown (N) (Live) ☞												
ESPN2 32	NFL's Greatest Games ☞	NFL Matchup	Outside Lines	Reporters	SportsCenter (N) (Live) ☞	30 for 30												
FSTN 33	NHL Hockey	Game	Destination	ShipShape	Red Bull X Fighters	Game 365	Destination	UFC Unleashed (N)	Women's College Basketball	Duke at Miami. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball	Auburn at Alabama. (N) (Live)	PGA Tour Golf	PGA Tour Golf				
SEC 34	(6:30) SEC Storied	SEC Rewind	Peyton's comeback. From Dec. 6, 1997.	College Football	Women's College Basketball	LSU at Kentucky. (N) (Live)	Women's College Basketball	PGA Tour Golf	PGA Tour Golf									
GOLF 35	European PGA Tour Golf	Morning Drive (N) (Live)	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf	European PGA Tour Golf
FS1 36	Bundesliga Soccer: Bayer Leverkusen vs Bayern Munich	Match Day	Bundesliga Soccer	Hamburg SV vs FC Koln. (N) ☞	Bundesliga Soccer: Hoffenheim vs Darmstadt 98	Women's College Basketball	St. John's at Seton Hall. (N)	Big East										
FSSE 37	Cize It Up!	Fish Oil	Hair Loss	PIYo!	Destinatn	O'Neill Out.	Beauty	Facelift?	Clemson	Gamecock In.	XTERRA Adv.	Hawks Live!	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at Orlando Magic. (N Subject to Blackout)	Hawks Live!				
WEA 38	AMHQ Weekend (N)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)	Weekend Recharge (N) (Live)
CNBC 39	Cancer	Paid Program	PIYo Craze!	Paid Program	Fighting	New Year's	Body Beast	Paid Program	IT Cosmetics	Paid Program	Johnny Cash	John Denver	Paid Program	Body Beast!	ID Protection	Play Piano	Why Pressure Cooker?	
MSNBC 40	Lockup: Raw	Business	PoliticsNation (N)	Up (N)	Melissa Harris-Perry (N)	Weekends With Alex Witt (N)												
CNN 41	New Day Sunday (N)	New Sunday	Ins. Politics	State of the Union (N)	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	Reliable Sources (N) ☞	State of the Union	Fareed Zakaria GPS	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom
HDLN 42	HLN Weekend Express	New Sunday	Ins. Politics	State of the Union (N)	Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)	HLN Weekend Express	Forensic File	Forensic File	Fareed Zakaria GPS	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom	CNN Newsroom
FNC 43	(6:00) FOX and Friends Sunday (N)																	
HIST 44	Jesse James' Hidden Treasure	Treasure hunters. ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞	America Unearthed ☞
TRUTV 45	Cancer	Coffee Bar	Click, Cut	CIZE Dance	Hot Bodies of 2016!	Genius	Genius	Genius	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers
A&E 46	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds "Today I Do"	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊	Criminal Minds ◊
DISC 47	Paid Program	Amazing	Joel Osteen	In Touch	Killing Fields "The Manhunt"	Killing Fields ◊	Gold Rush "Dead Even" ◊	Gold Rush ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊	Alaska: The Last Frontier ◊
NGC 48	Tai Chi!	Hair Loss	New Year's	ID Protection	America's National Parks	The Strange Truth	Wicked Tuna "The Return"	Lockdown "Gang War"	Lockdown "County Jail" ◊	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"	Lockdown "Total Control"
TRAV 49	Mysteries at the Monument	Mysteries at the Monument	Mysteries at the Monument	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum
FOOD 50	Contessa	Contessa	Giada-Home	Trisha's Sou.	Pioneer Wo.	Guy's, Bite	Valerie Home	Pioneer Wo.	Tiffani's	Trisha's Sou.	Southern	Brunch at	The Kitchen	Chopped "Chocolate Rush!"	Chopped			
HGTV 51	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞	Fixer Upper ☞
ANPL 52	Dogs 101 ◊	Dogs 101 "Puppies" ☞	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊	America's Cutest ◊
FREE 53	** "National Treasure" (2004, Adventure)	Nicolas Cage, Diane Kruger, Justin Bartha.	(-15) ** "National Treasure: Book of Secrets" (2007, Action)	Nicolas Cage, Jon Voight.	** "Bring It On" (2000)	Kirsten Dunst, Eliza Dushku.	"Bring It On: Fight to Finish"											
DISN 54	Timrward	Sofia	Mickey	The Lion	*** "The Princess and the Frog" (2009)	(-45) K.C. Undercover ☞	K.C. Under.	K.C. Under.	(-35) Jessie ◊	Austin & Ally	Best Friends Whenever ◊	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!	Liv-Mad!
NICK 55	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Rangers	Alvin!!! and Alvin!!!	and SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Teenage Mut. Rabbids	Ladybug	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents	Odd Parents
TOON 56	Pokémon: XY	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	We Bare	We Bare	Gumball	Gumball	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	We Bare	We Bare	Gumball	Gumball	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	We Bare	We Bare
TLND 57	New Adv./Old Christine	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	(-12) The Golden Girls ☞	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
AMC 58	(6:00) ** "U.S. Marshals" (1998)	Tommy Lee Jones.	The Walking Dead "Days Gone Bye" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞	The Walking Dead "Guts" ☞
TCM 59	(6:00) "The Asphalt Jungle"	*** "The Magnificent Yankee" (1950)	(-45) **** "North by Northwest" (1959)	Cary Grant. ☞ (DVS)	(-15) *** "The Fortune Cookie" (1966)	Jack Lemmon, Ron Rich. ☞	*** "Days of Wine and Roses" (1962)											
HALL 60	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Kitten Bowl III	Celebrity and kitten entertainment. (N) ☞	Kitten Bowl III ☞	Killerpost	Snapped "Kimberly Cargill"	Snapped	Killerpost	Kitten Bowl III ☞
OXYGEN 61	Total Gym	CIZE Dance	House ◊	House ◊	House "Office Politics" ◊	Killerpost An "unfriending."	Killerpost	Snapped "Yalanda Lind"	Snapped	"Kimberly Cargill"	Snapped	"Kimberly Cargill"	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped	Snapped
BRAVO 62	(6:00) "Men in Black II"	(7:56) ** "Legally Blonde" (2001)	Reese Witherspoon.	The People's Couch	Vanderpump Rules	To Be Announced	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac	Housewives/Potomac
SYFY 63	ID Protection	CIZE Dance	The Magicians ☞	** "Surrogates" (2009)	Bruce Willis, Radha Mitchell. ☞	** "Cloud Atlas" (2012, Drama)	Tom Hanks, Halle Berry. Actions in one time ripple across the centuries. ☞	** "Aliens vs. Predator"										
SPIKE 64	CIZE Dance	Hot Bodies of 2016! ◊	CIZE Dance	Xtreme Off	Engine Power	Truck Tech	Detroit	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞	Cops ☞
COM 65	Hot Bodies of 2016!	Com. Central	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	(-15) 1,000 Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die	Ways to Die
MTV 66	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Story	Story	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.
VH1 67	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta ◊	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta	Love & Hip Hop: Atlanta
CMTV 68	CMT Music ◊	CMT Music ◊	Hot 20 Countdown "Crash My Playa - Part 2"	More of Luke Bryan's festival. ☞	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing
BET 69	Paid Program	Creflo Dollar	Peter Popoff	Pastor Chris	Bobby Jones Gospel (N)	Super Bowl of Gospel 2016	(-02) Celebration of Gospel 2016	Gospel and R&B greats.	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne
SCIENCE 83	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made
CSPAN2 85	Book	Book Discussion	on Lawless ◊	Book TV ◊	After Words "Eddie Glaude"	In Depth "In Depth with Eric Burns"	Eric Burns talks about his books. (N) ◊	Running From Office										

WEEKDAY DAYTIME

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WRCBNBC	3 Today				Today		Today		3 Plus You		Rachael Ray		Days of our Lives		The Meredith Vieira Show		Crime Watch Daily	
WELFTBN	4 Joel Osteen Prince	Walk in the	Joyce Meyer	Creflo Dollar	John Hagee	Joel Osteen	Prince		K. Copeland Kerry Shook	S. Furtick	Blessed Life	Marriage	Varied	Robison	Potters	The 700 Club		
WTNB	5 Coffee, Country & Cody								Around Town									
WFLICW	6 Sacred Name	Varied	K. Copeland	Oasis	Paid Program	Community	The Real		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Judge Karen	Judge Karen	The Bill Cunningham Show	Judge	Judge	Judge Ross	Judge Ross		
WNGHPBS	7 Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg Plus Cat	Dinosaur	Dinosaur	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Cat in the Hat	Curious	Curious	Arthur	Nature Cat
DAYSTAR	8 Joni: Table	T.D. Jakes	Life Today	A. Womack	Varied	Today	Benny Hinn	Prince	Varied	Joyce Meyer	Marcus and Joni	Varied Programs	Supernatural	Today	Prince	Gary Keesee		
WTVABC	9 Good Morning America				Live! With Kelly and Michael	The Doctors			The View	News	This n That	The Chew	General Hospital		Steve Harvey			
WTCIPBS	10 Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	Nature Cat	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg Plus Cat	Dinosaur	Dinosaur	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Cat in the Hat	Curious	Curious	Arthur	Nature Cat
WDSIFOX	11 (6:00) Movie	Varied Programs							Movie				Varied Programs					Varied
WDEFCBS	12 CBS This Morning				The 700 Club		Andy Griffith	Paid Program	The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless	Bold		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal	
QVC	13 Varied Programs								Organized Options		Varied Programs							
CSPAN	14 Washington Journal				Varied Programs						U.S. House of Representatives	Legislative Business					Varied Programs	
WGN-A	15 Prince	Joyce Meyer	J. Robison	Creflo Dollar	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		
HSN	16 HSN Today	Varied	HSN Today		Varied Programs													
E!	23 E! News		Kourtney and Kim Take		Kourtney and Kim Take		Kourtney and Kim Take		Varied Programs						Kardashian		Kardashian	
ESQTV	24 American Ninja Warrior				Car Match.	Car Match.	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Varied Programs							
LIFE	25 Paid Program	Balancing Act	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries	Frasier	Frasier	How I Met	How I Met	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy	Grey's Anatomy
TLC	26 Little Family	Varied	Quints	Quints	The Little Couple		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	Dateline: Real Life Mysteries
TBS	27 Married	Married	Married	Married	King	King	King	King	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	New Girl	New Girl
TNT	28 Charmed		Charmed		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Bones		Bones		Bones	
USA	29 Varied Programs				NCIS		Varied Programs											
FX	30 Movie				Movie				Varied	Two Men	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met
ESPN	31 SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	Outside Lines	NFL Insiders		NFL Live	
ESPN2	32 (6:00) Mike & Mike				First Take						His & Hers						His & Hers	
FSTN	33 Varied Programs				Bundesliga Soccer		Varied Programs											
SEC	34 (:30) SEC Now	SEC Now			SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		Varied Programs							The Paul Finebaum Show
GOLF	35 Morning Drive	Varied Programs			Morning Drive		Varied Programs											
FS1	36 FOX Sports	Varied	FOX Sports	Varied Programs					TMZ Sports		The Herd				Varied Programs			
FSSE	37 Varied Programs		All in One	Paid Program	Varied Programs			NBA Basketball			Varied Programs						Basketball	Varied
WEA	38 (6:00) AMHQ				Weather Center Live				Weather Center Live								Weather Center Live	
CNBC	39 (6:00) Squawk Box				Squawk on the Street			Squawk Alley		Fast Money Halftime Report		Power Lunch						
MSNBC	40 (6:00) Morning Joe				MSNBC Live With José Díaz-Balart			MSNBC Live W/ Tamron Hall		Andrea Mitchell Reports		MSNBC Live With Thomas Roberts					MSNBC Live W/ Kate Snow	
CNN	41 New Day		New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		At This Hour With		Legal View With Ashleigh		Wolf		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
HDLN	42 Morning Express		New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Morning Express		The Daily Share		Wolf		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
FNC	43 (6:00) FOX and Friends				America's Newsroom				Happening Now		Outnumbered		Happening Now		The Real Story		Shepard Smith Reporting	
HIST	44 Varied Programs																	
TRUTV	45 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	World's Dumbest...	Dog	World's Dumbest...	Dog	Dumbest	Varied Programs								
A&E	46 Parking Wars		Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Dog	Dog	Dog		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds	
DISC	47 Paid Program	Paid Program	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	Varied Programs													
NGC	48 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs								Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers		Varied Programs	
TRAV	49 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Big Crazy Family Adventure		Varied Programs										Man v. Food	Man v. Food
FOOD	50 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Pioneer Wo.	Contessa	The Kitchen		Giada-Home	Giada-Home	
HGTV	51 Varied Programs										Hunters	Hunters Int'l	Varied Programs					
ANPL	52 Big Cat Diary	Big Cat Diary	The Crocodile Hunter		Too Cute!	Varied	Bad Dog!		Dogs 101		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Animal Cops Houston		To Be Announced	
FREE	53 Baby Daddy	Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls	700 Club		The 700 Club		Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	The Middle	Varied Programs		
DISN	54 Never Land	Mickey	Tmrwland	PJ Masks	Mickey	Goldie	Sofia	Doc McSt.	Wil. West	Mickey	PJ Masks	Mickey	Sofia	Sofia	Varied Programs		Gravity Falls	Varied
NICK	55 SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Blaze	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mutt & Stuff	Team Umiz.	Shimmer	Bubble	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Blaze	Blaze	Alvin!!! and SpongeBob		SpongeBob	SpongeBob
TOON	56 Pokémon: XY	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Wabbit	Baby Looney	Baby Looney	Tom & Jerry			Wabbit	Baby Looney	Tom & Jerry	Wabbit	Uncle Gra.	Uncle Gra.	Gumball	Gumball
TVLND	57 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Andy Griffith	Varied	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Bonanza		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke	
AMC	58 Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied	Paid Program	Stooges		Varied Programs											
TCM	59 Movie		Varied Programs															
HALL	60 I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Home & Family				Home & Family				Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie	
OXYGEN	61 My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Varied Programs						
BRAVO	62 Varied Programs																	
SYFY	63 (6:30) Movie	Varied Programs																
SPIKE	64 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs													
COM	65 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Nightly Show	Daily Show	(:11) Saturday Night Live			(:20) Saturday Night Live		Varied Programs						
MTV	66 Music Feed	Varied	Music Feed	Varied	MTV Special	Varied Programs			Ridiculous.		Varied Programs				Ridiculous.		Varied Programs	
VH1	67 My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Varied Programs							
CMTV	68 CMT Music		CMT Music		CMT Music		Movie				Varied	I Love Kellie	Steve Austin's Broken Skull	Cowboys Cheerleaders		Reba	Reba	
BET	69 Paid Program	Paid Program	House of Payne	House of Payne	Fresh Prince		Movie					Varied	House/Payne	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Fresh Prince	Martin	(:33) Martin	
SCIENCE	83 Varied Programs		How the Earth Works		Varied Programs													
CSPAN2	85 Key Capitol Hill Hearings		Varied Programs		U.S. Senate							Varied Programs						U.S. Senate
EWTN	100 St. Michael	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Women of	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass	Varied	The Journey Home		Varied Programs		Chaplet	Rosary
WPXA ION	107 Varied	Feldick	Varied Programs		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS		Varied Programs									
DISXD	117 Yo-Kai Watch	Gravity Falls	Star-Rebels	Varied	Phineas, Ferb	Phineas, Ferb	Phineas, Ferb	Phineas, Ferb	The 7D	The 7D	Ultimate	Ultimate	Phineas, Ferb					
GSN	144 Paid Program	Paid Program	Match Game	Match Game	Card Sharks	Press Luck	Card Sharks	\$25,000 Pyr.	Whammy!	Whammy!	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Catch 21	The Pyramid	Chain Rctn	Chain Rctn
COOK	153 Varied Programs								Brunch at	Mexican	Not My Mama	Kelsey's Ess.	Extra Virgin	Extra Virgin	Every/Italian	Every/Italian	Varied Programs	
WE	163 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
GALA	217 (6:55) Primero Noticias				(:03) Cuando me enamoro		Cuando me enamoro		Cuando me enamoro		Chespirito	Varied	Chespirito	Varied	Al Derecho	Varied	Como Dice el Dicho	
TELE	223 Un Nuevo Día				Decisiones	Los Herederos			Como Dice el Dicho		Amores Verdaderos		Hoy		La Rosa de Guadalupe		La Vecina	
UNIV	224 Despierta América!																	
NBCSP	311 NASCAR America		Pro Football Talk		The Dan Patrick Show							Varied Programs						
DLC	319 A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Birth Day	Birth Day	Hoarding: Buried Alive		Mystery Diagnosis		Varied Programs				Untold Stories of the E.R.		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Mystery Diagnosis	

MONDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

FEBRUARY 8, 2016

	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
WRCBNBC	3 The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Live at 5:00	Live at 5:30		News	Nightly News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition	Superstore	Telenovela	The Biggest Loser "Makeover Week" (N) (1)		News		Tonight Show-J. Fallon		Seth Meyers	
WELFTBN	4 John Hagee	Jewish Jesus	Praise the Lord		Body	Southern-Fit	Deals Around Town		Trinity Family	GregLau	Franklin	J. Duplantis	Praise the Lord		Graham		Joel Osteen	Perry Stone
WTNB	5 Around Town				Body	Southern-Fit	Deals Around Town		Around Town	Around Town	Around Town	Around Town	WTNB Sports		Adrenalin Rush Wrestling		Around Town	Around Town
WFLICW	6 Judge Mathis (1)	Friends (1)	Friends (1)		Mad Fam	Family Feud	Family Feud	The Middle	Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (N) (1)	Jane the Virgin (N) (1)			Tosh.0 (1)	Crazy Talk	Hollywood	Paid Program	Anger	Larry King
WNGHPBS	7 Martha Speak	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	PBS NewsHour (N) (1)	Lawmakers	Georgia Trav.		Antiques Roadshow (N)	Antiques Roadshow (1)			Finding Your Roots (1)		Desegregation: Delayed		Queen of Swing (1)	
DAYSTAR	8 Mission	Bill Winston	Love a Child	Jewish Voice	Hour of Sal	Creflo Dollar	Perry Stone	John Hagee	Heart for the World			J. Duplantis	Ron Carp.	Kenneth W.	Kenneth W.	Life Today	Joyce Meyer	
WTVABC	9 Dr. Phil (N) (1)	News	News	News	News	World News	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor Ben confronts Olivia about her behavior. (N)			(:01) Castle "Tone Death"		News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live (1)	(:37) Nightline		
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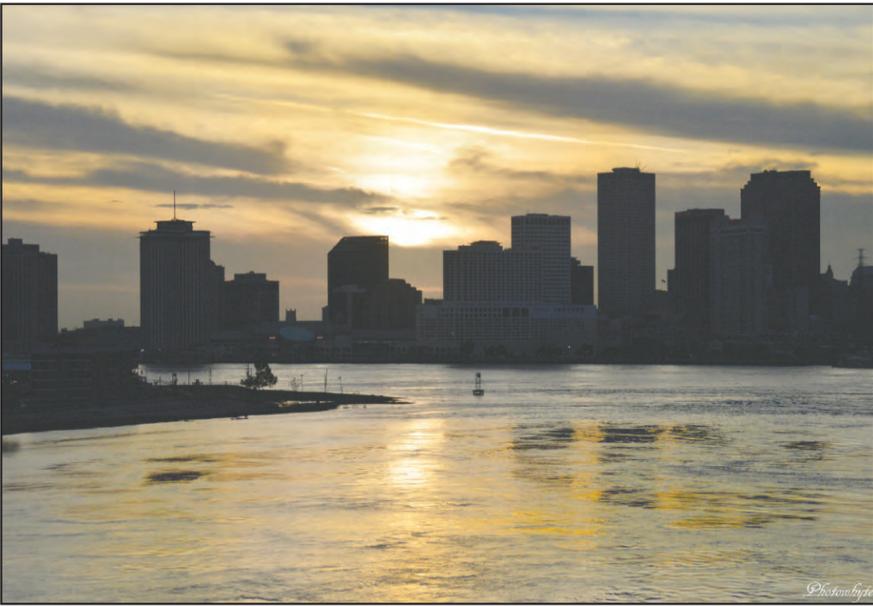
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JOE WOODS submitted this beautiful photo of a mountain stream in Polk County.

DENNIS WHITE noted, "God makes beautiful things everywhere; just need to look. Found this wonderful sunset in New Orleans in December 2015. I was watching from the rich Mississippi River."

Photo below left: "NOCCALULA FALLS and Wedding Chapel in Gadsden, Ala., is a great place to explore even in these cooler months. I try to make excuses to stop here for a rest each time I am traveling that direction. God's creation is always worth the look," said Dennis White.



Report: N.C. doesn't need zip line laws

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A state agency says North Carolina doesn't need to add new regulations to zip lines. The Department of Labor report released earlier this month said zip lines are more like sports with active participants than amusement park rides with passive users and there will always be a risk involved in sliding down a wire in a harness on a system of pulleys. "No amount of regulation will remove all risk from this industry, and the department is not convinced that additional regulations will create a safer industry," the agency wrote in the report, obtained by the News & Observer of Raleigh.

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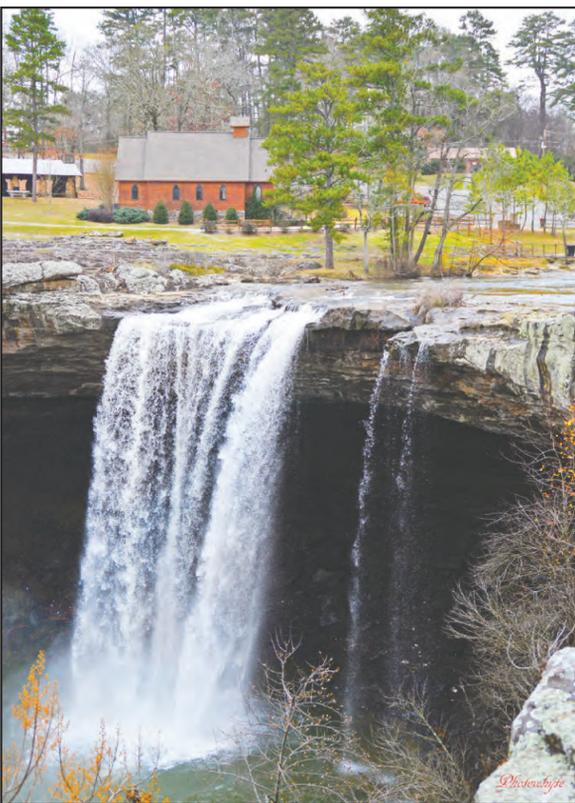
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Judges strike down 2 N.C. congressional districts

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Federal judges struck down late Friday two majority black congressional districts in North Carolina, saying race was the predominant factor in drawing those lines but state legislators lacked justification in using that practice.

Two of the three judges on the redistricting panel hearing the 2013 lawsuit agreed the size and composition of both the 1st and 12th Districts violated the Constitution's equal protection provision and must be redrawn.

The judges ordered the General Assembly to come up with new boundaries by Feb. 19, although Republican lawmakers who helped shepherd North Carolina's congressional map through the legislature in 2011 said a swift appeal was coming. The state could seek a delay at the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

North Carolina congressional primaries are scheduled March 15, with mail-in absentee ballots already being turned in. Other adjoining districts would have to be adjusted, too.

"The trial court's 11th-hour decision that throws an election already under way into turmoil," GOP Rep. David Lewis and Sen. Bob Rucho, chairmen of General Assembly redistricting committees, said in a release, suggesting a primary delay was possible without intervention. "This decision could do far more to disenfranchise North Carolina voters than anything alleged in this case."

Still, the ruling marked the first time judges had struck down specific districts drawn by GOP legislators during this round of congressional and legislative redistricting. There are two other pending legal cases alleging illegal racial gerrymandering. The 2011 lines, which were initially signed off on after review by the U.S. Justice Department, have helped Republicans expand their majorities at the General Assembly and within the state's congressional delegation.

Friday's ruling "is a huge victory in our fight against 21st century racism and discrimination," said the Rev. William Barber of the state NAACP, which has sued in state court over the maps.

The 1st District, which covers all or portions of 24 eastern counties stretching from Elizabeth City to Durham, is represented by Rep. G.K. Butterfield. The 12th District, which stretches like an arch along the Interstate 85 corridor between Charlotte and Greensboro, is represented by Rep. Alma Adams. Both are Democrats.

Those who sued said it made no sense for Republican lawmakers to increase the majority black voting age populations — to 53 percent in the 1st and 51 percent in the 12th — when the districts already had elected black lawmakers for more than 20 years. Both districts were below 50 percent in the previous round of redistricting.

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COVERING HIS WORLD

Quilting club gives veterans quilts

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

The Ladies of First Baptist Church's quilting club continue to expand their ministry of providing beautiful creations to various individuals, organizations, and even countries.

The quilting club, "Covering His World," was founded three years ago and includes 20 to 25 members.

Sarah Daves, coordinator of the club, said there are usually 14 to 16 members who attend club meetings each month.

At last week's meeting, the ladies presented colorful quilts to Billy Dyer, of the Aid A Veterans organization of Cleveland and Chattanooga, and to Vietnam War veteran Steve Orders.

"We do it all for mission work," said Daves, as she was assisted by resident Pastor Rusty Asble and a dozen of the quilt club members. Dyer and Orders both attended the event.

Dyer explained that he had a drawing for the quilt to raise funding for his organization. He said the person who received the quilt, with all the patriotic colors and design, was very excited.

"He said he would never get rid of it,"

said Dyer.

Eric Cragwood of Cleveland is the owner of the homemade quilt. Dyer said Cragwood is a U.S. Marine veteran from the First Iraqi War.

Orders was also excited by his presentation, praising the work of the quilting club and its members.

Daves said all the club members contributed a square to the quilts. Ora Belle Campbell completed the project by placing all the squares together.

The First Baptist Quilting Club has created quilts for the PCL (People for Care and Learning), which has a mission here and around the world. PCL has built a city in Cambodia.

Quilts have also "Covered His World" in the Philippines, Nicaragua, Botswana, and even to Fort Hood.

Other quilts have been presented to children's homes, the Sumaritan Center, New Hope Pregnancy Care Center, and to new home owners of Habitat for Humanity's homebuilding program.

If you spend a little time with the quilting club, and you see the love and care that goes into each creation.



Banner photos, LARRY C. BOWERS

BILLY DYER, of the Aid A Veteran organization, and Vietnam War veteran Steve Orders received very decorative quilts from the "Covering His World" quilting club at First Baptist Church this week. Participating in the ceremony were, from left, First Baptist resident pastor Steve Asble, Ora Belle Campbell who put the finished products together, quilting club member Pattie Bell, club coordinator Sarah Daves, Dyer and Orders.

BILLY DYER, of the Aid A Veteran organization, and Vietnam War veteran Steve Orders received very decorative quilts from the "Covering His World" quilting club at First Baptist Church this week. Club coordinator Sarah Daves, Resident Pastor Steve Asble, Dyer, Orders, and seamstress Ora Belle Campbell joined a dozen club members at a presentation ceremony this past week.



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IN THIS NOV. 11, 2004, file photo, Civil War re-enactor Christian Tramel stands as a flank guard while members of the Detroit Civil War Re-enactment Group give a gun salute during a Veterans Day ceremony honoring 102nd U.S. Colored Infantry members buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Detroit.

150 years ago

Black Civil War soldiers remembered

By RYAN BROWN

The (Altoona) Mirror

ALTOONA, Pa. (AP) — Graves of black soldiers who served in the Civil War, such as this one at Union Cemetery in Hollidaysburg, are sometimes marked "U.S.C.I." for United States Colored Infantry.

They stand for United States Colored Infantry, and they mark the resting place of one of dozens of local black men who took up arms during the Civil War. It's been 150 years since those units began returning home from their service in the South, where more than 175,000 members fought — and in some cases, died — to free their fellow African-Americans from slavery.

It was almost exactly 150 years ago, on Feb. 9, 1866, that the white commanding officer of one such regiment addressed his men as they set out for home: "The flag of our fathers, restored to its rightful significance, now floats over every foot of our territory, from Maine to California, and beholds only free men." Lt. Col. C.T. Trowbridge told his soldiers. "The church, the schoolhouse, and the right forever to be free are now secured to you, and every prospect before you is full of hope and encouragement."

The Blair County men who fought for that hope risked death at the hands of an enemy that didn't recognize their freedom. Black soldiers captured by the Confederacy risked punishment and enslavement; many were executed on the spot.

"For me, this was an eye-opening experience," said Harriet L. Gaston, a Penn State Altoona minority programs coordinator who has researched the local soldiers for years. "An extremely eye-opening experience."

'Sic semper tyrannis'

When the Civil War began in 1861, black men simply couldn't serve in the U.S. Army. Abolitionists like Frederick Douglass called for the Army to recruit black soldiers, but federal officials at first refused, fearing a backlash in pro-slavery states.

But on Jan. 1, 1863, with the war dragging into its third year, Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation and declared all black residents of the Confederate states were free. His decision opened the door for African-American military recruitment — and in Altoona, black residents heeded the call.

"A very enthusiastic war meeting was held by the colored residents" of Altoona, according to an 1863 letter in a black church newspaper. "Some very able speeches were delivered; prominent among the most able speakers was Mr. Benjamin Johnson, one of our townsmen, who, it is said, made a very stirring speech on behalf of the union and the enlistment of colored soldiers."

The federal government set about raising black regiments, while some states including Massachusetts raised their own black units. All were led by white officers.

Of all the Northern states, none contributed more men to the so-called U.S. Colored Troops than Pennsylvania, Gaston said. Blair County, which had hosted secret stops on the Underground Railroad before the war, proved a fertile recruiting ground.

While freed Southern slaves joined the Union effort in great numbers, "the truth of the matter is, just as many of these were individuals who were free for their entire lives," said Jared Frederick, a Penn State Altoona history professor.

At churches, barbershops and even Freemason lodges, local black citizens discussed the war and joined up, Gaston said.

Among them were men like Charles Elder, later buried in Hollidaysburg, who in his 20s joined the 22nd U.S. Colored Troops Regiment. His unit's banner bore a grim image: a uniformed black man plunging a bayonet into a fallen Confederate officer. Above it were the words "Sic semper tyrannis" — "Thus always to tyrants."

'Inciting insurrection'

Kitted out and armed, the soldiers arrived by the thousands in

the South, many fighting in some of the war's most savage battles.

The diary of William P. Woodlin, a musician in the 8th Regiment U.S. Colored Troops and one of few black soldiers whose contemporary stories remain, tersely reveals the dangers the soldiers faced.

"The shells came straight down to where we play"; "two men killed"; "another man shot through the head by sharpshooter" — so read Woodlin's entries from the siege of Petersburg, Va.

Of the Blair County men who joined the 54th Massachusetts — the regiment made famous by the 1989 film "Glory" — several were killed and wounded in the disastrous 1863 attack on Fort Wagner in South Carolina. Another, 27-year-old James Elletts of Hollidaysburg, was listed as captured at the fort.

He would die in a South Carolina prison, according to regimental records.

For black soldiers, surrender could easily mean death. A Confederate proclamation in 1862 had ordered the military to turn over all captured "negro slaves" to civil authorities, where they could be returned to slavery.

In practice, however, rebel troops often executed captured black soldiers en masse. Their white commanders, if captured, would be found guilty of "inciting servile insurrection" and subject to execution as well, the Confederate government ruled.

"Armed African-American troops. ... In their eyes, this was an insurrection," Frederick said.

As the Confederacy was driven bank, the Northern ranks swelled with freed slaves eager to fight against their former masters. Some Southern blacks would later settle in Blair County; census records in and around Altoona indicate some veterans were born in Virginia or in Maryland, a slave state that had remained loyal to the Union.

Pennsylvania's black soldiers, meanwhile, fought in some of the worst engagements of the war's final days. Cpl. William Moulton, a Juniata County native buried

employees and their dependents, but not their spouses, starting in 2015. Businesses with 50 to 99 workers must offer coverage starting this year; those with under 50 are exempt.

Owners who were on the hook for affordable insurance last year but didn't provide it may face thousands of dollars in penalties — \$2,000 per employee per year, not counting the first 80 employees for the 2015 tax year, and the first 30 for 2016. So it's critical for them to know what their head count was — and many may not realize the calculations are based on a company's 2014 payroll, not 2015.

Here's where it gets complicated: Part-time workers and those fired during the course of the year can all be counted toward the threshold where coverage is required. So can some seasonal workers.

Part-timers work fewer than 30 hours a week under the health care law. They must be counted toward what are called full-time equivalent workers. If, for example, a company has two people who each work an average 15 hours a week, they count as one full-time equivalent employee working 30 hours. A company with 30 full-timers and 40 part-timers who average 15 hours a week each has 50 full-time equivalent workers and is required to offer insurance.

"The concept could potentially

catapult what one believes to be a small business into a (large one)," Glatz says.

Another wrinkle: Owners with multiple companies that combined have 50 or more workers may be required to offer insurance, even if each of the individual companies has fewer than 50.

NEW TAX FORMS

Starting this year, businesses required to comply with the health care law must complete forms that detail the cost of their coverage and the names and Social Security numbers of employees and their dependents. The government will use the information to determine whether a company provided coverage that was affordable under the law, or whether it must pay a penalty.

Accountants have described the forms as labor-intensive, because they require information from a number of sources including payroll and health insurance records. Many companies have had to hire workers or payroll services to complete the forms.

The IRS, recognizing the forms' complexity, has extended the deadlines for the forms to be filed. Forms 1095-B and 1095-C, which must be given to workers, are now due March 31. Forms 1094-B and 1094-C, required to be filed with the IRS, are due by May 31 if they're not being submitted on



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THIS IS AN UNDATED 1860's file photo of a military police detachment, known as provost guards, of the 107th U.S. Colored Infantry lined up at Fort Corcoran near Washington, D.C. It's been 150 years since black soldiers from U.S. Colored Infantry units began returning home from their service in the South, where more than 175,000 members fought — and in some cases, died — to free fellow African-Americans from slavery.



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THIS GRAVESTONE of George J. Irons is in Union Cemetery in Hollidaysburg, Pa. Graves of black soldiers who served in the Civil War are sometimes marked "U.S.C.I." for United States Colored Infantry. This gravestone indicates Irons served in the 22nd U.S. Colored Infantry's Company K.

History long overlooked

The black soldiers, some of whom were still standing guard in the conquered Confederacy, remained conspicuously absent from the Army's grand, victorious march through Washington, D.C., in May 1865. Six months later, however, they were invited to march through Harrisburg while prominent state officials watched admiringly.

Pennsylvania was the only state to honor its black troops.

"This was a truly game-changing opportunity for a large number of African-Americans," Frederick said of the soldiers' service.

Many returned to towns including Altoona, Hollidaysburg, Tyrone, Bellwood and Martinsburg. Others moved to the region after the war, leaving families and gravestones to mark their service.

A few white officers who had served with the black soldiers lived out their lives here, as well.

In a 1909 Mirror profile honoring his retirement, longtime railroad foreman Joseph T. Brown

was described as one of the first men to equip black troops for their own liberation. The "young giant ... (had) the distinction of having mustered in and drilled the first colored troops put into service," the article said.

The black regiments' service was long remembered as a small part of the Civil War, especially with the U.S. military remaining strictly segregated until 1948. The soldiers' graves in Blair County have been preserved, Gaston said — especially since a 2010 push to refurbish and replace their old headstones — but small cemeteries remain at risk when locals can no longer care for them.

Coupled with the recent 150th anniversary commemorations, a recent run of popular Hollywood movies about slavery and civil rights has awakened a new gener-

ation to the period, Frederick said.

"I think there's definitely a growing interest in this type of history — a history that was all-too-overlooked in many classrooms," he said.

It was a sentiment that Taylor, the young black woman who had served alongside one of the regiments, expressed even in 1902.

"I know what they went through, especially those black men, for the Confederates had no mercy on them," she wrote. "There are only a few of them left now, so let us all, as the ranks close, take a deeper interest in them. Let the younger generation take an interest also, and remember that it was through the efforts of these veterans that they and we older ones enjoy our liberty today."

LEGAL PUBLICATION 2016 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC) APPLICATION

The Greater Chattanooga Area Combined Federal Campaign is taking applications from local non-profit, health and human service agencies who wish to participate in the 2016 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). Application deadline is Friday, April 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Agencies wanting additional information on application procedures should contact the Greater Chattanooga Area CFC Office at (423)752-0324 email: deloreslewis@uwchatt.org or (423) 752-0370 email: aleshacasey@uwchatt.org or write to: Combined Federal Campaign, 630 market street, P O Box 4027, Chattanooga, TN 37405. Applications can also be printed from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) website: www.opm.gov/cfc. February 7, 2016

LEGAL PUBLICATION Invitation to Bid

The Bradley County Road Dept. will be accepting bids for the purchase of the following items:

1. Corrugated metal pipe
2. Double Wall plastic pipe
3. Hot Mix
4. Liquid Asphalt Products
5. Tires and tubes
6. Rock

Bids will be accepted until Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM at which time they will be opened and read aloud for those present. Bid specifications may be picked up Monday thru Thursday 7:00am to 5:00pm at the office of Sandra Knight Collins, Road Superintendent, 508 Withrow Rd. McDonald, TN 37353 or by calling 423-728-7006. Envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked according to type of bid being placed. Bradley County Road Dept. reserves the Right to accept, extend and/or reject any and/or all bids that it deems to be in the best interest of Bradley County. Sandra Knight Collins, Superintendent Bradley County Road Dept. February 7, February 14, 2016

Health care law makes tax season tougher for small companies

NEW YORK (AP) — As more requirements of the health care law take effect, income tax filing season becomes more complex for small businesses.

Companies required to offer health insurance have new forms to complete providing details of their coverage. Owners whose payrolls have hovered around the threshold where insurance is mandatory need to be sure their coverage — if they offered it last year — was sufficient to avoid penalties.

Even the most tax-savvy owners may find that do-it-yourself doesn't work when it comes to fulfilling the law's requirements. Many don't know about the intricacies of the new health care regulations associated with the law that affect employers, says Lydia Glatz, an accountant with the firm MBSA in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"Most small businesses and mom-and-pop operations," Glatz says. "They're more involved in running their day-to-day business."

Here are some of the issues related to the health care law that small businesses need to be aware of:

HOW MANY EMPLOYEES DO YOU HAVE?

Companies with 100 or more workers were required to offer affordable health insurance to

LEGAL PUBLICATION INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for Contract Painting Services at Developments TN054-001, TN054-002, TN054-003, TN054-004 and TN054-005 will be received by the Cleveland Housing Authority, 450 Walker Street NE, Cleveland, Tennessee, until **February 16, 2016** at 10:00 A.M. EST.

Bidding Documents may be obtained from **Mr. Gene Williams** at the Cleveland Housing Authority, 450 Walker Street NE, Cleveland, Tennessee 37320.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 30 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

WALK THROUGH AND PREBID CONFERENCE

At 10:00 A.M., EST. on Wednesday, February 3, 2016, a Pre-bid conference will be held at the Cleveland Housing Authority, for the purpose of answering questions bidders may have and to consider any suggestions they may wish to make concerning the project. Immediately following the Pre-bid conference, a walk-through of the project will be held by the Owner. All contractors are encouraged to attend this walk-through and prebid conference.

Cleveland Housing Authority
By: Paul Dellinger, Executive Director
January 17, 27, 2016; February 7, 10, 2016

LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, BRADLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Paul Faye, Sr. and Rose M. Faye executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Bank of Cleveland, Lender and Thomas L.N. Knight, Trustee(s), which was dated August 25, 2014 and recorded on August 28, 2014 in Book 2256, Page 481-494, Bradley County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 1, 2016, at 12:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

Land in the Second Civil District of Bradley County, Tennessee, to-wit:
Being a tract containing 4.25 acres, more or less (acreage not warranted) out of the Northeastern part of the remainder of the 76 acre, more or less (acreage not warranted) tract conveyed to Forrest Ingle and wife, Lois Ingle by deed dated February 2, 1954. Said 4.25 acre, more or less (acreage not warranted) tract being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at an iron post in the Southwest corner of the herein conveyed tract which point is in the North line of the tract conveyed to Beverly Ingle by Forrest Ingle and wife, Lois Ingle; thence North 65 deg. 01' East with the Beverly Ingle North line 473.5 feet to an iron post in the West right-of-way of the Harrison Pike; thence extending in a Northwest direction with and along the right-of-way of Harrison Pike 847.4 feet, more or less, to an iron post in the Northwest (erroneously referenced as Northeast in prior deeds) corner of the herein conveyed tract, which point being the tree; thence South 29 deg. 32' West 42 feet to an iron post; thence South 39 deg. 56' East 104.6 feet to a point; thence South 39 deg. 17' East 120.6 feet to a point; thence South 28 deg. 25' East 94.2 feet to a point; thence South 18 deg. 06' East 108.5 feet to a point; thence South 20 deg. 59' East 75.4 feet to a point; thence South 16 deg. 03' East 61 feet to a point; thence South 32 deg. 05' East 109.4 feet to the point of beginning.

Said tract being bounded on the East by the Harrison Pike; North by Pat Ingle; West by Harle; and South by property conveyed to Beverly Ingle.

Being the same property conveyed to Paul L. Faye, Sr., from Angela W. Black, by deed of record in Book 2256 Page 479, Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee.

Subject to all easements, restrictive covenants and conditions, and other matters of record, including all items set out on any applicable plat of record.

Parcel ID Number: 047 006.00
Address/Description: 4973 Harrison Pike, McDonald, TN 37353.

Current Owner(s): Paul Faye, Sr.
Other Interested Party(ies): Aqua Finance, Inc..

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed 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.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF SALE OR DISPOSAL OF CONTENTS OF SELF-STORAGE FACILITY

Please take notice that ALL SAFE STORAGE located at 1451 Guthrie Drive, NW, Cleveland, TN, and 3005 Overlook Dr., Cleveland, TN, has a lien on certain personal property contents of self-storage facilities leased to tenants who have defaulted in their payment of rent. As enforcement of the lien for unpaid rent, and as a result of non-payment, All Safe Storage Facilities intends to sell or otherwise dispose of the contents of the units. The Home Office address of the self-storage facility is 1451 Guthrie Drive NW, Cleveland, TN. 37311. The number of the leased space and the name of the occupant are as follows:

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B01 - Jessie Norfleet
C12 - Contents
C26 - Christian Moore
D15 - Sarah C. Goodman

3005 OVERLOOK:
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OD58 - Peaches L. Pollard
OE17 - Sarah A. Thomas
OE46 - Delores A. Whaley
OE57 - Michael A. Thompson

The time, place and manner of sale are as follows:

The manner of sale will be at Public Auction on February 11, 2016, starting at 10:00 AM at All Safe Storage, 1451 Guthrie Drive, Cleveland, TN. 37311. "Notice" in case of inclement weather, Auction will be held on the next clear business day. The sale will be for cash on the highest and best bidder. It shall be the bidders responsibility to remove all the contents on the day of the sale and to leave the facility in a Ready to Rent Condition. All contents are sold "where is as is". No representations are made as to the nature, value or fitness of the contents. By: All Safe Storage, Home Office located at 1451 Guthrie Drive, Cleveland, TN. 37311.

January 31, 2016; February 7, 2016

LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE STATE OF TENNESSEE, BRADLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Robert Mitchell Grady and Dana Marie Grady executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for U.S. Bank N.A., Lender and J. Phillip Jones, Trustee(s), which was dated December 18, 2012 and recorded on January 18, 2013 in Book 2149, Page 838, Bradley County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, U.S. Bank National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 10, 2016, at 1:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

The following described property: Located In the First Civil District of Bradley County, Tennessee: Beginning at a point where the Southwest line of Bell Road Intersects the Northwest line of Dalton Pike; thence with said line of said Pike on a slight curve to the left on a radius of 1130.55 feet a distance of 180.05 feet to a point; thence continuing along said Pike, South 36 degrees 44 minutes West, 30.71 feet to a point marking the Northeast corner of Charity Baptist Church; thence along a fence with the North line of said Church, North 56 degrees 15 minutes West 255.3 feet to the Southeast corner of Fannin; thence along a fence with the Southeast line of Fannin, North 34 degrees 43 minutes East, 109.0 feet to a point in the Southwest line of Bell Road; thence along said line of Bell Road, South 56 degrees 15 minutes East, 227.0 feet to the beginning, all as shown by survey of Cleveland Surveying Company, TRLS No. 1552, dated 9-21-94. Being the same parcel conveyed to Robert Mitchell Grady and Dana Marie Grady from Gary D. Elliott, by virtue of a deed dated 4/27/1995, recorded 5/1/1995, in Deed Book 365, Page 998, County of Bradley, State of Tennessee. Assessor's Parcel No: 073L B 00400 000
Parcel ID Number: 073L B 004.00
Address/Description: 1022 Bell Road Southeast, Cleveland, TN 37323.

Current Owner(s): Robert Mitchell Grady.
Other Interested Party(ies): N/A

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed 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.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, BRADLEY COUNTY

WHEREAS, Gary A. Roberge executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Branch Banking and Trust Company, Lender and Arnold M. Weiss, Trustee(s), which was dated September 27, 2007 and recorded on October 1, 2007 in Book 1784, Page 615, Bradley County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 15, 2016, at 12:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

LOCATED IN THE FIRST CIVIL DISTRICT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, TO-WIT
LOT THIRTY-SEVEN (37), BLOCK "CC", MOUNTAIN VIEW SUBDIVISION, NO. THREE (3), as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 2, Page 85, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee

Being the same property conveyed to Eric Spencer and Jackie Gates by Substitute Trustee's Deed from Priority Trustee Services of TN, LLC as Substitute Trustee, dated 07/12/07 and recorded in Book 1767, Page 885, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee

FOR PRIOR TITLE Appointment of Substitute Trustee in Book 1753, Page 892, being the same property conveyed to Professional Title Services, Inc. as Trustee by Deed of Trust executed by Stephanie Tuck and Everett D Tuck, dated 01/25/2006 and recorded in Book 1611, Page 129, and also being the same property conveyed to Stephanie Tuck and husband, Everett D Tuck by Warranty Deed from Ricky A Myers and wife, Doris R Myers, dated 01/25/2006 and recorded in Book 1611, Page 127, and further, being the same property conveyed to Ricky A Myers and wife, Doris R Myers by Warranty Deed from Timothy L Myers and wife, Teresa O Myers, dated 04/04/2001 and recorded in Book 1108, Page 377, all in said Register's Office

SUBJECT TO Deed restrictions as set out in instrument recorded in Deed Book 101, Page 484, in the said Register's Office

SUBJECT TO Any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances or regulations in effect thereon
M/P 65M-D-5 00 gr

Commonly known as 390 Oakland Trail SE, Cleveland, TN 37323
Parcel ID Number: 065M D 00500 000

Address/Description: 390 Oakland Trail Southeast, Cleveland, TN 37323.

Current Owner(s): Gary A. Roberge.
Other Interested Party(ies): BB&T Bankcard Corporation and LVNV Funding LLC Assignee of GECC.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed 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.

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 10, 2016, at 1:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

IN THE SECOND CIVIL DISTRICT OF BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE AND IN THE FIRST WARD OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE, Lot 37, SUMMERFIELD III SUBDIVISION, as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 8, Page 61, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee. LESS AND EXCEPT a small portion of Lot 37 Summerfield III Subdivision as conveyed by Charles W. Krecklow, Jr. and wife, Jennifer T. Krecklow, by Deed from William K. Litzenberg and wife, Sarah Beth Litzenberg, dated 4 November 1997 to be recorded in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee in Deed Book 388, Page 852 as follows: Being a small portion of Lot 37, Summerfield III, as shown by plat of record in Plat Book 8, Page 61, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee, and being more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron pin found in the Northeast line of Willow Oak Circle marking the Southeast corner of Lot 38 and the Southwest corner of Lot 37; thence with the Southeast line of Lot 38, North 30 deg. 58 min. 39 sec, East, 189.55 feet to an iron pin found; thence South 64 deg. 56 min. 37 sec. East, 28.0 feet, to an iron pin set; thence along a severance line dividing Lot 37, South 29 deg. 30 min. 53 sec. West, 64.36 feet, to an iron pin set, and South 43 deg. 57 min. 11 sec. West, 131.3 feet, to the point of BEGINNING, as shown by survey of Richmond Surveying Company, TRLS # 917, 123 Sheep Ranch Road SE, Cleveland, TN 37323, dated 10/30/1997. For prior title see Deed recorded in Book 389, Page 427, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee. THIS CONVEYANCE MADE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING: Any covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations or easements of record. Restrictions as set out in instrument recorded in Misc. Book 237, Page 156, in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee, but omitting any covenant or restriction based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin unless and only to the extent that said covenant (a) is exempt under Chapter 42, Section 3607, of the United States Code or (b) relates to handicap but does not discriminate against handicapped persons. All notes, stipulations, restrictions, easements, conditions, and regulations as set out on recorded plat. Any governmental zoning and subdivision ordinances in effect thereon.

Parcel ID Number: 033G B 003.00
 Address/Description: 3685 Willow Oak Circle Northwest, Cleveland, TN 37312.

Current Owner(s): Teresa Winters O'Neil.
 Other Interested Party(ies): Southern Heritage Bank and Steve D. Morgan.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed 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.

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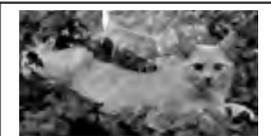
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LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF TENNESSEE, BRADLEY COUNTY WHEREAS, Mary A. Ledford Aka Mary Ann Ledford executed a Deed of Trust to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for First Magnus Financial Corporation, Lender and Accurate Title, Trustee(s), which was dated November 21, 2003 and recorded on December 2, 2003 in Book 1389, Page 875, Bradley County, Tennessee Register of Deeds.

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, PNC Bank, National Association, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on March 10, 2016, at 1:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

Situated in the First Civil District of Bradley County, Tennessee, to-wit: Being Lot No. 2 of the Sam Parker Subdivision Revision in Plat Book 13, page 275, in the Office of Bradley County, Tennessee. Also conveyed herewith is a field line easement for the septic system recorded on lot 2 in the Revised Sam Parker Subdivision, said field line easement is more particularly described as Beginning 10.29 feet west of the west line of Ledford Road, and run thence south 75 deg. 01' 01" west, 19.15 feet; thence north 06 deg. 25' 56" west, 90.89 feet; thence south 87 deg. 41' 57" east, 26.69 feet; thence south 01 deg. 20' 06" east, 86.47 feet to the Beginning. Said easement is shown on the recorded plat. Also contained herein is easement for Field Line Easement conveyed to Gloria Mikel dated 5/28/02, in Book 1213, page 1041, said Register's Office. Being part of same property conveyed to Dewey B. Ledford and wife, Mary Ann Ledford by deed from Rosie Lee Goins dated 10/19/99, in Book 1012, page 595, in said Register's Office. The said Dewey B. Ledford having since died on November 4, 2000, and the said property now vests solely in Mary Ann Ledford. The said Mary A. Ledford and Mary Ann Ledford are one and the same person. Parcel ID Number: 0500 E 013.00
 Address/Description: 119 Ledford Road, Cleveland, TN 37323.

Current Owner(s): Mary Ann Ledford.
 Other Interested Party(ies): Capital One Bank (USA), N.A. and Midland Funding LLC as successor in interest to GE Capital Retail Bank.

The sale of the property described above shall be subject to all matters shown on any recorded plat; any and all liens against said property for unpaid property taxes; any restrictive covenants, easements or set-back lines that may be applicable; any prior liens or encumbrances as well as any priority created by a fixture filing; a deed of trust; and any matter than an accurate survey of the premises might disclose; and

All right and equity of redemption, statutory or otherwise, homestead, and dower are expressly waived in said Deed 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.

This office is attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee
 c/o Tennessee Foreclosure Department
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Cleveland Utilities will receive sealed bids to be opened on February 25, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. for the following work:

Mowing, trimming, and proper maintenance of grass at the Water Division office building and approximately twenty eight (28) other locations for a period of two years - April 1, 2016 through October 31, 2017.

Bidder must furnish own equipment for proper maintenance and care of grass, including clean up after each mowing (sidewalks, parking lots, etc.).

Bidder must furnish proof of insurance for bodily injury, property damage, and workmen's compensation before bid will be awarded. Cleveland Utilities will assume no liabilities.

A site inspection will be conducted on February 10, 2016, at 8:00 a.m. beginning at the Water Division office. All interested bidders are required to attend this inspection on the specified date.

Specifications may be picked up at the Water Division office from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Interested bidders may also contact Chris Wilds at Cleveland Utilities (559-7565) for further information.

Bids may be mailed to:

Cleveland Utilities
 P.O. Box 2730 2435
 Cleveland, TN 37320-2730

Bids may be delivered to:

Cleveland Utilities (Water Division office)
 2435 Guthrie Ave, N.W.
 Cleveland, TN 37312

Bids should be returned no later than 2:00 p.m. EST, Thursday, February 25, 2016, in a sealed envelope with Bid W02-25-16 marked on the outside, bids received after this time will be rejected.

Cleveland Utilities reserves the right to reject any one / or all bids.

"It is the policy of Cleveland Utilities to ensure compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; 49 CFR, Part 21; related statutes and regulations to that end that no person shall be excluded from participation in or be denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance or any other funding source on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry. By virtue of submitting a response to this solicitation, bidders agree to comply with the same non-discrimination policy."
 January 31, 2016; February 3, 7, 2016

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29. Help Wanted - Part-time**PART TIME Housekeeper**

The **Cleveland Family YMCA** has an opening for a **Part Time Housekeeper**.

The work hours for this position are: Tuesday through Friday 4pm to 11:30pm, with a 30 minute lunch break each night (about 28 hours per week).

The required work consists of cleaning **men's and boy's** locker rooms, and **men's** restrooms. Removing and disposing of garbage along with other general cleaning tasks as assigned.

Interested applicants should visit **The Cleveland Family YMCA**, at 220 Urbane Road and fill out an application.

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POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT
TELECOMMUNICATOR**

The Bradley County 911 Emergency Communications District is accepting applications from qualified individuals interested in a career as Telecommunicator in the 911 Emergency Communications Center. Qualified applicants will possess a high school education or GED equivalent. Previous experience in a Police or Fire environment is recommended, preferably in Dispatcher or related duties. Ability to react promptly and effectively in emergency situations and to deal courteously and professionally with the general public and other emergency personnel is essential. Computer data entry skills are required. Testing will be conducted for skills in data entry, reading and listening comprehension, abstract reasoning, and situational judgement. Applicants will be subject to a background investigation. Psychological and physical examination, including visual and hearing acuity and drug screen will be conducted after conditional offer of employment. The position will require shift work, and weekend and holiday duty. Employees of the Communications Center are required to reside within 30 miles of the Center. New employees residing outside the 30 mile limit will have 6 months to relocate within the 30 mile limit.

MAJOR ACTIVITIES of the position are answering 911 emergency and administrative phone lines, directing calls to proper agencies through use of computerized switchboard and radio communications equipment, operation of a computer aided dispatch system, answering calls from and relaying information to police officers, rescue, fire and medical personnel in the field, assisting in directing units to desired locations, answering calls from the general public and providing information and assistance as requested, basic clerical duties.

Applications may be obtained by contacting the Bradley County 911 Center, 1555 Guthrie Dr NW, or on-line at www.clevelandtn.gov. Applications must be submitted to the Bradley County 911 Center. Applications or resumes submitted by mail should be sent to the 911 Center, 1555 Guthrie Dr. NW, Cleveland, TN 37311. Application deadline for the next testing session will be 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16th, 2016. The next basic skills testing dates are scheduled for Monday, February 29th and Tuesday March 1st, 2016. Applicant orientation will be held on Thursday February 25th, 2016 at 6pm. All applicants will be contacted with information as to time and location for the orientation and basic skills testing. The Bradley County 911 Emergency Communications District is an equal opportunity employer.

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6	7	5	9	2	1	8	3	4
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