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RICKY STEVISON, right, said Tuesday that he was arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office in 2015, without ever being interviewed by authorities. A lawsuit against Sheriff Eric Watson and others is anticipated to be filed soon. With Stevison is his attorney, John Wolfe.

## Stevison cites plans to sue BCSO, county

### Issue involves charges of exploitation, theft

By ALLEN MINCEY  
Banner Staff Writer

A Cleveland man arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office who alleges he was not allowed to give his side of the story anticipates a lawsuit.

Ricky Stevison, arrested in 2015 for reportedly exploiting an adult and theft over \$10,000, said Tuesday that he was not interviewed by the BCSO over the alleged incident that led to the arrest.

What Stevison and his Chattanooga attorney, John

Wolfe, said at a press conference was that he was not interviewed before or after the arrest.

Stevison, who was 51 at the time of his arrest, was accused of stealing over \$10,000 in jewelry, a watch and coins, according to BCSO Detective Mike Hughes. These items were taken from a safe deposit box at a local bank in August 2015, reports said.

Stevison was serving as a caretaker for Forrest (Jack)

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## Broadband set Thursday for updates

By BRIAN GRAVES  
Banner Staff Writer

An informational meeting concerning the drive to increase and improve broadband access to Bradley County is now scheduled for Thursday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bradley County Courthouse.

Gerald Crawford, who is leading the Southeast Tennessee for Fiber Internet group, said at least three state legislators have committed to appearing at the event.

State Reps. Dan Howell and Kevin Brooks, who have been champions of the issue and currently either sponsor or co-sponsor bills in the state General Assembly on the issue, will be there to give remarks and answer questions.

State Sen. Mike Bell will also be there to express his views on the issue.

Crawford said the group currently has more than 150 on its mailing list, but Thursday night's event is open to anyone wishing to attend.

For more information, Crawford can be reached at 423-240-8009.

THE TWO CANDIDATES for chairman of the Bradley County Republican Party, Josh Standifer, left, and Richard Burnette, shake hands after addressing the party's meeting Tuesday night.

Banner photo, BRIAN GRAVES



## Two GOP hopefuls pledge unity regardless of race's outcome

By BRIAN GRAVES  
Banner Staff Writer

The two candidates for the chairmanship of the Bradley County Republican Party clasped hands Tuesday night and pledged unity no matter who gets chosen for the top spot, but their remarks sounded more like running mates than opponents.

Joshua Standifer and Richard Burnette both said they have been having regular conversations on the future of the local GOP and had been praying about that same future.

The party held its monthly meeting which was the final one for outgoing chairman Adam Lewis, who is completing his fourth year leading the

county's Republicans.

Before Lewis gave his valedictory address, three candidates for other positions came forward for other party leadership positions.

Emily Beaty announced she would stand for the vice chairman position, current party secretary Tammy Stillwell said she would seek another term in that office, and Thomas Stillwell said he would be a candidate for treasurer.

Standifer, a graduate of Lee University, said the local party needs to keep a focus on younger voters and being more engaged with the public.

"I believe my life is divinely guided and the Lord has put me in the position I'm in today for

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## County road leaders eye 2 major projects

By BRIAN GRAVES  
Banner Staff Writer

Bradley County Road Superintendent Sandra Knight Collins told the Commission's Road Committee Tuesday there are two major road projects for which funding needs to be considered.

Collins said a portion of Owl Hollow Road, just off of Harrison Pike, needs an estimated \$100,000 worth of work.

"You have the straight-up slope which is sliding down and the road is settling and drops straight off into a creek," she said. "There are two slopes, a creek and environmental issues."

She said looking up, "You can actually see the roots of the trees hanging there."

"We will end up having to buy right of ways and then all of the work," Collins said. "If that road slides, people will have to go the long way around. There's not a shortcut."

Collins also addressed the South Mouse Creek crossing bridge on Old Lower River

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— Sandra Knight Collins

Road.

According to a TDOT bridge appraisal, the bridge is in need of replacement with the total cost estimated to be \$1.7 million.

Collins said 80 percent of the cost would come from federal funds, with the other 20 percent from the state with an approximate match of \$70,000 from the county.

Collins also told the committee the department's shop building, which is entering three decades of service, is needing a new roof.

"We've done whatever we can," she said. "There are a lot of leaks in it."

She said the lowest estimate received by the department was for \$70,000.

Committee chairman Robert

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### AROUND TOWN

Steve Scoggins sending greetings to an old friend ... Mike Plumley wondering why he hasn't been in Around Towns ... Faith Cannon making jokes no one was listening to.

### WEATHER

Today should see showers and thunderstorms, with a high near 74. The National Weather Service has warned that some storms could be severe, with damaging winds. Tonight calls for clouds and a 30 percent chance of rain, with a low around 40.

Thursday should be sunny, with a high near 56. Thursday night should be mostly clear, with a low around 34.



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**LLOYD ROGERS**, president and CEO of Wholesale Supply Group, cuts the celebratory cake with assistance from WSG board members Charles Howard, left, and Ronnie Guthrie, right, at the company's 75th anniversary event on Tuesday.



**LLOYD ROGERS** enjoys the milestone celebration with his grandsons, Joshua Rogers, left, who is director of Marketing and Public Relations, and Heath Sullivan, who is a payroll specialist, both at Wholesale Supply Group.



**CLEVELAND MAYOR** Tom Rowland and Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis declared Feb. 28, 2017, "Wholesale Supply Group Day" in Cleveland and Bradley County. Gathered Tuesday to celebrate the 75th anniversary were, from left, Jeff Rogers, Davis, Rowland, Lloyd Rogers and Joshua Rogers.

## Cody McCarver to headline the Cowboy Gospel Jubilee

"Christian Music Artist and actor Cody McCarver, formerly of the country music band Confederate Railroad, will be performing at the Cowboy Gospel Jubilee this Friday at 7 p.m.," said Steve Poteet, producer of the weekly show. "Cody has a unique, God-given talent and it is encouraging to listen to him share his testimony and talent in song." McCarver began his career at age 9 in a small church in Spencer, playing piano. Later in life he would end up playing bass guitar for Lynn Anderson before signing his own record contract with Giant Records. That record was never released and McCarver joined Confederate Railroad, where he spent a decade touring and recording and enjoying being at the top of the charts. After leaving the band, McCarver started a solo coun-

try career, recording at Capital Studios in Los Angeles. Despite a lucrative career, McCarver said he was miserable, and spent every day drinking way too much. Searching for joy, McCarver went back to church and re-established his relationship with Jesus. McCarver will tell you, "A life without Jesus is not a life." Also appearing on the Cowboy Jubilee stage is Elmer Bramlett, Joel Moore, and the Cowboy Church Band, featuring Pastor Wally Varnell on the electric guitar. Steve Poteet is host and announcer. The Cowboy Gospel Jubilee is held at the Cleveland Cowboy Church in the Dockery Heights community at 3040 Blythe Road, off Dockery Lane, between Blue Springs and Blackburn Roads. Admission is free and a love



Cody McCarver

offering is taken for the headliners. ClevelandCowboyChurch.com

## LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn Tuesday:

**Tennessee**  
Cash 3 Evening: 4-8-5, Lucky Sum: 17  
Cash 3 Midday: 2-2-9, Lucky Sum: 13  
Cash 3 Morning: 6-2-1  
Cash 4 Evening: 7-5-2-7, Lucky Sum: 21  
Cash 4 Midday: 7-1-3-5, Lucky Sum: 16  
Cash 4 Morning: 2-7-9-9

Mega Millions: 20-33-45-58-69, Mega Ball: 4, Megaplier: 2  
**Georgia**  
5 Card Cash: JD-QH-3C-5C-3S  
All or Nothing Day: 02-03-04-05-06-07-08-10-13-16-18-19  
All or Nothing Evening: 02-05-07-08-11-14-16-20-21-22-23-24  
All or Nothing Morning: 03-06-11-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-23-24  
All or Nothing Night: 03-04-

05-06-09-10-11-12-14-18-21-22  
Cash 3 Evening: 7-7-7  
Cash 3 Midday: 9-5-9  
Cash 3 Night: 8-5-4  
Cash 4 Evening: 4-9-1-5  
Cash 4 Evening: 1-8-2-1  
Cash 4 Midday: 5-4-6-6  
Fantasy 5: 03-09-12-26-30  
Georgia FIVE Evening: 0-4-0-3-0  
Georgia FIVE Midday: 8-5-4-0-9  
Mega Millions: 20-33-45-58-69, Mega Ball: 4, Megaplier: 2

## JAIL DOCKETS

The following information was gathered solely from the Bradley County Sheriff's Office. This list include individuals who are, or have been, incarcerated in the Justice Center, and can include arrests made by the BCSO, the Cleveland Police Department, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Drug Task Force and other local law enforcement agencies. Those being held by federal law enforcement are not listed, as these individuals are only held at the jail, but not locally charged. Not every arrest leads to a conviction, as these charges may be rescinded. Guilt and innocence are determined through the court system. Any charge that is dropped should be reported to the Cleveland Daily Banner, which will confirm the action through an inspection of jail records.

■ **Jennifer Kay Garlinghouse**, 35, 3515 Buchanan Road  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for domestic violence  
■ **Loretta Lynn Todd**, 45, 1140 Sunset Trail  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for possession of drug paraphernalia (misdemeanor), simple possession of meth  
■ **Curtis Edward Gomes**, 32, 3713 Woodcrest Circle N.W.  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for possession of drug paraphernalia (misde-

meanor), failure to appear/shoplifting  
■ **Susan Myra Burnett**, 49, 1625 Tunnel Road S.W.  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear  
■ **Ashley Heather Hamby**, 29, 920 Craigmiles St.  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for domestic assault  
■ **Lana Gail Lowe**, 55, 132 Keith St, S.W.  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for misdemeanor probation violation (out of McMinn County)  
■ **Daniel Lamar Sweeton**, 52, 120 Bent Oak Trail S.E.  
Arrested by Bradley County Sheriff's Office for failure to appear  
■ **Jeanelle Kay Walker**, 32, 385 Dooley St.  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for misdemeanor probation violation; arrested by Bradley County Sheriff's Office for fugitive from justice  
■ **Matthew S. Baumgartner**, 22, 199 Country Meadows Drive S.E.  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for misdemeanor probation violation  
■ **Amber Marie Miranda**, 27, 4100 North Ocoee St., Apt. 68  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for misdemeanor probation violation  
■ **Trent David Rushing**, 46, 1190 Sunset Trail, Cleveland,

Arrested by the Bradley County Office for failure to appear  
■ **Coy Mervin Shumate III**, 35, 544 County Road 50, Athens  
Arrested by Bradley County Sheriff's Office for misdemeanor probation violation theft/vandalism  
■ **Kristen Ryan Murray**, 21, 371 Lakeview Drive  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for misdemeanor probation violation shoplifting  
■ **Dallas Blake Hughes**, 24, 2285 Humphreys Bridge Road  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for driving on a revoked license, speeding, financial responsibility, failure to carry registration, misdemeanor probation violation  
■ **Charles Scott McDonald**, 55, 1115 Robinhood Drive N.W.  
Arrested by Cleveland Police Department for misdemeanor probation violation  
■ **William L. Manery**, 26, 3025 Midland Road, Shelbyville  
Arrested by the Bradley County Sheriff's Office for Williamson County warrant.

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

A gospel concert with Jessie Conner will be held at Cross Pointe Church of God, 956 6th Street N.E., on Saturday at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Featured singers will be Sacrifice and Danny Pilkey.

Big Spring United Methodist Church will have an Ash

Wednesday service, beginning at 6 tonight with the monthly covered-dish dinner to follow.

### Bachman Academy to host fundraiser pancake breakfast

MCDONALD - Bachman Academy will hold a pancake breakfast Saturday, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the Bachman Academy Prom.

The breakfast is being held at the Salvation Army, 437 Inman St.

Tickets are \$5 each and will include all-you-can-eat pancakes, two sausage links, and a coffee or milk.

Bachman Academy is a private coeducational day and boarding school. Its students face challenges such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD, executive functioning deficits, low memory retention, and autism spectrum disorder. Bachman serves grades 6-12 and offers a post-graduation transitions option.

Bachman Academy is fully accredited with SACS/SAIS. School officials state Bachman gives students the tools they need to navigate their path to high-school graduation and beyond.

For more information on Bachman Academy's Pancake Breakfast event, email: efaris@bachmanacademy.org.

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## NATIONAL BRIEFS

### No 'kid'-ding: Man to spend lottery win on house, goat room

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A Charlotte man plans to spend his \$1 million North Carolina lottery prize on a house with enough room for two goats his fiancée wants to get.

Lottery officials tell the Charlotte Observer that over the weekend, Bobby Murphy bought five \$10 50X The Cash tickets at 7-Eleven and saw he won the top prize on the last ticket he scratched off.

Murphy told lottery officials he wants to buy a house where his fiancée's son will have space to play, and "she can have her goats."

Murphy claimed the prize Monday at lottery headquarters. He chose to take the prize in a \$600,000 lump sum and received \$417,009 after taxes.

There are three million-dollar prizes left.

### North Carolina school board rejects ban on Confederate flag

HILLSBOROUGH, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina school board has voted not to ban the Confederate flag from school grounds, rejecting two pleas from a local chapter of the NAACP to establish the policy.

The News & Observer of Raleigh reports the Orange County Schools Board of Education decided instead on Monday to establish an equity committee to advise the board on several issues, including symbolic speech. Board chairman Steven Halkiotis said board members will not tolerate hate speech, bullying or intimidation.

The Northern Orange County NAACP had asked the board to ban the Confederate flag on school grounds during the board's earlier meeting in February.

"To the NAACP, that includes the historical context of the Confederate flag to slavery, the Confederacy, the Civil War and Jim Crow," NAACP President Patricia Clayton said in a letter to school board members. "For many, the flag is a racially inflammatory symbol, which is undeniably rooted in slavery and racism. Given OCS' commitment to serve all students, the district should not allow the Confederate flag on its campuses."

Some students, parents, employees and community members said there's been an increase in Confederate flags appearing on vehicles, bags and pieces of clothing on school grounds.

### Judge: 86-year-old jewel thief Payne too sick for trial

ATLANTA (AP) — A well-known jewel thief who reflected on her six-decade criminal career in a 2013 documentary has been deemed too ill to stand trial for an alleged 2015 theft.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reports that 86-year-old Doris Payne's trial was scheduled to start Feb. 21 in connection with the theft of a pair of Christian Dior earrings from a Saks Fifth Avenue store.

But the trial is on hold. An administrative order signed by a Fulton County Superior Court judge says the defense has demonstrated that Payne's medical condition precludes the case from moving forward.

Meanwhile, she awaits arraignment after her December arrest at a store in Atlanta's Perimeter Mall.

Payne, her family and friends discuss her life in the documentary "The Life and Crimes of Doris Payne."

### Posters at Langley Air Force Base removed after complaints

HAMPTON, Va. (AP) — Officials have removed posters at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia after the National Organization for Women and the Military Religious Freedom Foundation complained that they were sexist.

Media outlets report that the foundation first asked for the removal of the posters, which contained language taken from a 1955 Air Force manual. The Air Force denied the initial request.

On Feb. 9, NOW joined the effort. Both organizations argued the language on the posters favored airmen of religious faith over those who don't practice religion, and were deemed sexist.

One poster read, in part, "Men cannot live without faith except for in brief moments of anarchy or despair."

Air Combat Command spokeswoman Maj. Malinda Singleton says officials reviewed the posters, and "concluded the gendered language used in the display interfered with intended messages about personal integrity."

### Judge to weigh freeing Orlando shooter's widow before trial

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A California judge will decide Wednesday whether to free the widow of the gunman who killed dozens of people at a Florida nightclub or keep her behind bars until she faces trial on charges of aiding his attack.

Noor Salman, 31, also has been charged with lying to investigators after the shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando where her husband Omar Mateen killed 49 people and wounded 53 others. She has pleaded not guilty.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Donna Ryu had ordered a psychiatric evaluation for Salman before making a decision. After the June 12 attack, moved from Orlando to her mother's suburban San Francisco home, where she was arrested in January.

Prosecutors have argued against her release, saying she is a danger to the public. They accused her of accompanying Mateen on scouting trips to the bar. Mateen pledged allegiance to several terror organizations during the attack before police shot and killed him.

Salman initially said she didn't know anything about the attack but later told investigators Mateen abused steroids, was "pumped up" on the night of the attack and said "this is the one day" as he walked out the door, federal prosecutor Sara Sweeney has said in court.

Sweeney also said the couple ran up \$25,000 in credit card debt and spent \$5,000 in cash in the days before the shooting. Among the purchases was an \$8,000 diamond ring for Salman. In addition, they made Salman the death beneficiary of his bank account, prosecutors said.

### Ohio man due in court in bomb plot on New York prison guard

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — An Ohio man facing federal charges stemming from an explosion that injured a New York state prison guard outside his home is due in court.

Authorities say Keith Seppi is scheduled for a change-of-plea hearing on Wednesday in Syracuse. Seppi previously pleaded not guilty in federal court on charges related to transporting an explosive device across state lines to commit a crime.

Seppi, his wife and his wife's sister were charged after state Corrections Officer Alan Dobransky was injured by a bomb in a package outside his Utica-area home last May.

Seppi, from Conneaut (KAW'-nee-awt), Ohio, already has pleaded guilty in state court to assault.

Law enforcement officials are expected to hold a news conference after his federal court appearance.

### Case closed: Death of treasure hunter remains a mystery

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The case of a man who moved to the American West to search for \$2 million in hidden treasure but turned up dead in New Mexico's backcountry was officially closed after authorities struggled to solve the mystery. Investigators recently informed Randy Bilyeu's family, bringing some closure after more than a year of uncertainty and heartache that began when the 54-year-old father and grandfather vanished in January 2016.

He was looking for a bounty that an antiquities dealer said he stashed somewhere in the Rocky Mountains. It has inspired thousands to search in vain across remote corners of New Mexico, Yellowstone National Park and elsewhere.

Bilyeu's family members in Florida said Tuesday that they are relieved yet saddened that they may never know what happened.

"But we haven't given up," said Linda Bilyeu, Randy's ex-wife and mother of his daughters.

Authorities have returned his cellphone and laptop to the family, who plan to go through the remainder of his belongings next week while keeping watch for any new information.

## At least 2 dead after tornadoes touch down

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Tornadoes touched down in the upper Midwest and northern Arkansas, killing at least two people, as a spring-like storm system posed a risk to 45 million people.

Compact but strong storms known as supercells raked parts of the central U.S. on Tuesday, causing damage from Arkansas to Iowa and Illinois. Wind-whipped wildfires destroyed homes in Texas.

At Ottawa, Illinois, state Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Patti Thompson said a tornado victim was killed by an uprooted tree. Minor injuries were also reported at an Ottawa nursing home, but Thompson said the number of those hurt in the twisters was not known.

Meanwhile, one person was killed when an apparent tornado ripped through Perry County, Missouri, about 80 miles south of St. Louis. Eight to 10 homes near the small town of Perryville were badly damaged and winds were so strong that several vehicles were blown off of Interstate 55. Perry County Clerk Jared Kutz said search and rescue crews were going door-to-door and checking the highway to see if there were other victims.

Missouri Gov. Eric Greitens said in a statement that a tornado was confirmed in Perry County. Authorities have not released any information about the person killed.

Forecasters were particularly concerned that the worst of the weather developed after nightfall — and worried it would continue overnight and hit communities while people slept.

While weather conditions typically improve after nightfall, as the atmosphere cools, the Storm Prediction Center posted tornado watches late Tuesday for the area from eastern Kansas and Oklahoma to near Cincinnati. It warned that significant tornadoes with winds above 111 mph were possible until 4 a.m. Central time.

"Some increase in storm coverage is likely through the overnight hours," one of its advisories said.

The Oklahoma-based forecast center said 45 million people from Texas to Ohio faced some risk of bad weather. The highest threat level in effect, warning of a "moderate risk" for severe weather,



Tim Creedon via AP

**THIS PHOTO** provided by Tim Creedon shows his baseball and a hailstone that fell in the backyard of Creedon's home in Ottawa, Ill., Tuesday. Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner has activated the state's emergency operations center as local officials reported damage from tornadoes spawned by a late-winter storm system.

er, covered the area from southwestern Missouri into Indiana.

Hundreds of people, including many school children, took shelter at Bald Knob High School in Arkansas after a tornado warning was posted for the area. The school is hosting a state basketball tournament for smaller schools this week. Moments earlier, the storm caused damage in Higginson, a town of 621, the White County Sheriff's Office said.

Photos posted on social media showed basketball fans on the floor in the school's designated safe area.

The Bald Knob storm was part of the same system that produced a wall cloud near Mayflower, Arkansas, which was hit in 2014 by a tornado with winds approaching 200 mph. The storm crossed Interstate 40 between Little Rock and Conway, but there were no reports that a funnel cloud touched down.

The Storm Prediction Center had warned that some of Tuesday's storms would track over long distances. The Arkansas storm held together for more than 100 miles, though it did not produce tornadoes.

The Missouri Department of Transportation closed Interstate 55 in both directions because of

storm damage in Perryville.

Drivers stopped along U.S. 60 east of Springfield, Missouri, according to the Wright County Sheriff's Office. The storm system pelted some areas with large hailstones, including some the size of baseballs in central Illinois.

Forecaster Ariel Cohen, who raised Tuesday's threat level in a midday update, said sunshine warmed the region and roiled the atmosphere ahead of an approaching cold front. The threat is expected to shift to the Southeastern U.S. on Wednesday.

Strong winds elsewhere in the Plains spread wildfires in Texas. Four homes were destroyed near Tulia, about 50 miles south of Amarillo, before firefighters beat back the flames. Texas A&M Forest Service spokesman Phillip Truitt said the fire prompted the

evacuation of almost 1,200 homes.

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## Barack and Michelle Obama have book deals

NEW YORK (AP) — Barack and Michelle Obama have book deals.

The former president and first lady have signed with Penguin Random House, the publisher announced Tuesday. Financial terms were not disclosed for the books, which several publishers had competed for, although the deals are likely in the tens of millions of dollars.

Both Obamas have published through Crown, a Penguin Random House imprint. But Penguin Random House declined comment on which imprint or imprints the books would be released through.

"We are absolutely thrilled to continue our publishing partnership with President and Mrs. Obama," Penguin Random House CEO Markus Dohle said in a statement.

"With their words and their leadership, they changed the world, and every day, with the books we publish at Penguin Random House, we strive to do the same. Now, we are very much looking forward to working together with President and Mrs. Obama to make each of their books global publishing events of unprecedented scope and significance."

The Obamas were represented in negotiations by Robert Barnett and Deneen Howell of Williams & Connolly. Barnett has worked on deals with Barack Obama's two immediate predecessors, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, and with Michelle Obama's predecessors Hillary Rodham Clinton and Laura Bush.

The Obamas plans to donate a "significant portion" of their author proceeds to charity, including to the Obama Foundation. Barack Obama's book is a strong contender to attract the largest advance for any ex-president; the previous record is believed to be \$15 million for Bill Clinton's "My Life."

The unique dual arrangement announced Tuesday is for books that are among the most anticipated in memory from a former president and first lady. Barack Obama is widely regarded as one of the finest prose stylists among

modern presidents, and his million-selling "Dreams from My Father" and "The Audacity of Hope" are considered essential to his rise to the White House.

Michelle Obama has given few details about her time as first lady: Her only book is about food and gardening, "American Grown," released in 2012. Both Obamas are widely popular with the public in the U.S. and abroad.

Titles and release dates were not immediately available.

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION Road Committee look at maps where future roadwork may be required. From left are Lorrie Moultrie, assistant to the County Commission; County Attorney Crystal Freiberg; Road Superintendent Sandra Knight Collins; Committee Chairman Robert Rominger; and Commissioner Johnny Mull.

## Road

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Rominger asked Collins to present the expenses to the Commission Finance Committee.

Collins also addressed complaints which had been received from Cline Road residents who were not satisfied with the department's winter road clearing.

"On winter weather, especially this last time, we had the large trucks starting on Friday before the weather got bad and salt-

ed all of our main roads," Collins said.

"Later in the afternoon, we brought in the pickups that can get into the subdivisions and we salted those."

She said Cline Road was salted three separate times.

"We worked from Friday morning until Sunday night, 24 hours a day, so a lot of times when we are treating people's roads, they are probably sound asleep," Collins

said.

She also added many do not understand the salt does not melt the snow and ice.

"There is a misconception about that," Collins said. "Salt does not melt the ice unless it has the sun to heat it up. We do have the sand mixture in ours which can give better traction."

"We do have a method to our madness," she said.

## BCSO

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Coleman, who reportedly is suffering from dementia, according to his family. Wolfe and Stevison disputed that claim.

Hughes' report indicated Stevison had no authority over Coleman's finances or personal items. Hughes' report said Stevison had been hired on June 12 and fired on Aug. 5, according to Coleman.

Hughes said he estimated the value of the stolen items. Coleman said it was much more than the \$10,000 that is part of the charge against Stevison.

While some of the items allegedly stolen were apparently pawned at a local business and recovered later, there are other items that have not been accounted for.

Stevison said the arrest was detailed in the local media, including the Cleveland Daily Banner, and that led to him being incarcerated for "a couple of days."

The alleged lack of being interviewed by the BCSO has led Stevison to consider the lawsuit. His attorney said the lawsuit

would name the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and Bradley County government.

"Sheriff (Eric) Watson called him the lowest form of scum, and he was beaten in the press," Wolfe said. "A couple of months ago the charges were dropped."

He added, "Back in August 2016, the prosecution ceased. This person who was so scorned by the people of Bradley is now a free man. Yet, he is not the same. He has lost business, he has had a hard time with his reputation. Despite all of the pre-judgment of this man, he stands before you innocent, he stands competely vindicated. What he was accused of, he did not do."

Stevison said he "always thought you were innocent until proven guilty, but this happened to me."

He was a caregiver for the past 15 years, Stevison said, adding that he cared for "some of the most prominent people in Cleveland."

Before being arrested, Stevison had a bond set that was eventually lowered.

"For him (the sheriff) to make those comments was just wrong," Stevison said.

Wolfe said that Stevison "was never questioned, brought in. They never got his side of it."

Stevison reportedly asked Wolfe to look into filing a malicious prosecution suit against Coleman's relatives, Watson and the detectives and officers he claims should have interviewed him.

Wolfe said that Watson allowed the arrest, "for politics, to posture and just to parade up there to make him the guardian of Bradley County."

Stevison said he has not worked since being arrested and having the charges dropped. He said he had never had trouble getting work before that.

"I want to thank you (the media) for allowing me to tell my story," Stevison said at Tuesday's press conference.

## GOP

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a reason," Standifer said.

He has most recently worked for an organization called "America Rising," whose mission Standifer said was to "take down Democrats."

"Our most famous one we recently took down, you might have heard of her, her name is Hillary," he said.

Standifer said the local party needs to develop "a plan for success."

"We have to get more modern with our marketing campaign and how we reach people," he said.

He said there needs to be new blood in the party by using social media and meeting with students.

"A lot of them aren't reached out to, so when Bernie [Sanders] comes on TV offering free stuff and celebrities say theirs is the way to go, they relate to that and it's because we're not doing our job," Standifer said.

"Most importantly, we have to give back to the community," he said. "Some have said they miss the days of the Boys and Girls fundraisers and the big rallies. We've got to get back to doing those things. We've got to get out there and raise money to help people. I think if people see the homeless are being fed by the Republican Party, they will



Banner photo, BRIAN GRAVES

OUTGOING COUNTY GOP Chairman Adam Lewis gives his valedictory remarks at the last meeting he will preside over, after four years in the position.

be more inclined to come and fill this room."

Standifer said he has had the opportunity to get to know Burnette "really well."

"The more Richard and I talked, the more we realized we had the same goal. Richard wants to see this party stay strong as well," he said.

"Richard and I are united in

bringing this party together. A brutal chairmanship race is not the answer. I think there is an opportunity for us both to be successful. We can bring this party together using a two-pronged attack."

He said he was going to spend 100 percent of his time not pursuing the chairmanship, "but pursuing the young

Republicans."

Burnette called Standifer "excited and committed" about the Republican Party.

"This is an opportunity to reach into an area we have not gotten into," he said. "We have to hand it off to these young folks so they can have a legacy from which to move forward."

"I'm going to ask you to help me support Josh as the Young Republican chairman," Burnette said. "I think he's going to do a great job. We've been talking about this and we met again today. We meet and pray about it. He's a young man of God and we need more people that will stand for Christian principals, conservative values and positive things about our community."

The county GOP will chose their new leaders on March 25 during a reorganization session at Ocoee Middle School.

## BHRC changing days, hours of facility shifts

By SARALYN NORKUS  
Banner Staff Writer

Changes have come for Bradley Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center staff, but those changes have all been deemed positive.

Instead of working eight-hour shifts, five days a week, BHRC staff will now work three 12-hour shifts.

"We're able to go from eight-hour staffing, working five days a week and you've got basically two days a week to spend with your family, now they're going to work three days and have four days to spend with their families," BHRC administrator Scott Oliver explained.

While switching the scheduling system involved numerous conversations with the nursing staff and BHRC administration, it was met with little to no resistance as employees were able to pick their shifts through four weeks, which can be duplicated month to month. Ultimately, the employees will now know their schedule up until November.

The change should also help curtail callouts and help alleviate the burden of overtime. Recently in one week, BHRC saw 36 callouts from its nursing staff alone, with 60 percent of those being on Saturdays and Sundays.

"People are going to show up more refreshed and ready to roll," the administrator said.

Per Oliver, BHRC stands to save \$120,000 per year from the switch to 12-hour shifts. The savings will help ensure that the facility has the funds available to tackle improvement projects when they pop up.

The change in scheduling has allowed the administration to

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— Scott Oliver

provide raises for the employees, with those being determined based on the amount of time they have been with the facility. A new evaluation system for raises has now been put in place at BHRC.

As of Tuesday, it was estimated that 95 percent of the staff receiving raises were still unaware. The pay increase will be shown on their March 13 paycheck.

"There are some people who are going to be extremely tickled," Oliver said.

By changing to 12-hour shifts, BHRC will now also be in compliance with state standards for consistent staffing and the number of people working with the residents. It is also expected to help improve the flow of care.

Other BHRC news:

■ The current census is 174, with 35 Medicare patients.

■ The Activities of Daily Life (ADL) suite is still being worked on.

■ BHRC is taking bids to replace the AC unit in Wing 1; and

■ The facility reaches its 60th anniversary in November, but the administration is working on plans for a celebration a bit early in order to ensure better weather.

## Savings habits are eyed by Interagency Council

By SARALYN NORKUS  
Banner Staff Writer

Some alarming statistics have come to light when it comes to the money-saving habits of Americans.

It has been found that nearly half of Americans couldn't cover a \$400 emergency expense without borrowing or selling items. Thirty percent were found to have a zero balance in their savings account, while 62 percent have less than \$1,000 in savings.

Justin Thomas, of the local UT Extension office, asked those at the Interagency Council meeting on Monday how many felt they were properly saving money, and not a single hand went up in the room.

The Extension agent then informed the group that this week, Feb. 27 to March 3, is "America Saves" week. UT Extension has worked with other state and national partners to bring "Tennessee Saves" into the spotlight.

"You can sign up for a profile online," Thomas said. "You can also encourage people to sign up and take the pledge online, which is just an added accountability measure."

The online pledge can be found at [www.tennesseesaves.org](http://www.tennesseesaves.org), as well as helpful saving strategies. The pledge states this: "I, (name here) pledge to save money, reduce debt, and build wealth over time. I will encourage my family and friends to do the same."

The pledge also helps participants set up a savings goal and plan to make it happen.

Habitat for Humanity of Cleveland was well represented by Homeowner Services Manager NaCole Massengill, Volunteer Services Manager LaManda Bowers and marketing and special events coordinator Desiree Colon.

The trio was on hand to discuss Habitat's mission and the services provided.

Since 1990, the Cleveland group has built 127 homes for area families.

According to Massengill, the families must have a need, such as overcrowding, unsafe environment, or be spending more than 30 percent of their income on shelter. She added that the families do pay for their homes, which are financed through Habitat for 15 or 30-year mortgages.

Of the 127 homes that have been built, five have already seen their mortgages paid off.

The families partner with Habitat and are required to

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provide 300-400 hours of sweat equity, which includes helping with the construction of their home, volunteering at the ReStore, and participate in education classes that include life skills like budgeting and home repairs.

"We're giving them the tools to be successful homeowners," Bowers said.

Habitat's Women Build, a "pay-to-play" initiative, begins in March. The organization looks to have 40 teams involved in the process of building two houses from March through June. The teams can have up to 10 people on them, and anyone who wants to participate must pay a \$50 build fee.

Going along with Women Build is the "Hard Hats & Heels" fundraising event, which Colon described as an evening for folks to "dine, dance, and donate."

This event will be held at Toyota of Cleveland on April 1, and will include a catered meal by Council Fire Golf Club Chef Vince Fant, a dance performance by G2G Salsa Dance Group, as well as raffles, a silent auction and a live auction.

More information can be found at [www.habitatofcleveland.org](http://www.habitatofcleveland.org).

Other Interagency Council news:

— Bradley Walks begins on March 6 and there are already 49 teams registered. The final day for registering is March 5. Find more information at [Bradley.tennessee.edu](http://Bradley.tennessee.edu).

— Family Matters will be presenting their 2017 Marriage & Family Series, starting with Smart Start on March 18. Register for the free series at [www.TheFamilyMatters.org](http://www.TheFamilyMatters.org).

— The Refugee Career Connection will be held March 27-April 8. Visit [www.refugecl.org](http://www.refugecl.org) for more information.

— The Samaritan Center in Ooltewah will offer a free car check-up by Southern Adventist University student mechanics on April 2, from 1 to 5 p.m. at 9231 Lee Highway. Donations are encouraged but not required.

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# Trump gives GOP leaders rallying cry, roadmap for change

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump gave Republican congressional leaders a rallying cry and even a roadmap as they try to push through a sweeping and divisive agenda on health care, taxes and more.

In his first address to a joint session of Congress, Trump said largely what GOP leaders were hoping to hear Tuesday night, staying on-message and talking in optimistic tones, even weighing in at one point to settle a brewing dispute over how to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act.

Vice President Mike Pence said Wednesday morning it was “a great speech and a great night for America.” He said that Trump showed Congress and the nation his “broad shoulders, big heart, reaching out, focusing on the future.”

House Speaker Paul Ryan declared the speech a “home run,” pointing to Trump’s embrace for the first time of tax credits — a central element in the Republican plan to replace former President Barack Obama’s health care law.

Those tax credits have sparked a fierce conservative backlash in recent days, imperiling GOP efforts to make good on the party’s long-stated promise to get rid of “Obamacare” and put something better in its place. Ahead of the speech congressional Republicans had been unsure how far Trump would go in backing their plan, with some pleading openly with him to do so, and many were elated at what they heard.

“We should help Americans purchase their own coverage, through the use of tax credits and expanded health savings Accounts — but it must be the plan they want, not the plan forced on them by the government,” Trump said, as Republicans cheered and Democrats sat silently in their seats.

It remains to be seen whether Trump’s endorsement of refundable tax credits will be enough to tame rebellious conservatives in the House and Senate who have criticized them as a costly new entitlement. The initial response from one key conservative group, the Freedom Caucus in the House, was full of praise for Trump’s speech without mentioning the divisions over tax credits.

“We were pleased the President reaffirmed his commitment to fully repeal Obamacare and replace it with patient-centered, market-driven policy. We share his vision,” the group said.

Trump also addressed taxes, another major issue that is dividing Congress. After weeks of sending mixed signals, he provided hope to House Republican leaders pushing a tax overhaul that would tax imports but not exports. But he stopped short of explicitly endorsing the proposal.

“Currently, when we ship products out of America, many other countries make us pay very high tariffs and taxes — but when foreign companies ship their products into America, we charge them almost nothing or almost nothing,” Trump said.

Without providing specifics, Trump said he will propose to change that.

Rewriting health care and overhauling the tax code are the twin pillars of the Republican-run Congress’ legislative platform this year and GOP lawmakers have been eager for guidance from the president on both counts.

House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady of Texas welcomed Trump’s remarks on taxes, and said “It was also great to hear the president’s strong support for our efforts to repeal Obamacare.”

House leaders hope to meet an ambitious goal of passing health legislation through the House and maybe even the Senate before mid-April. That was looking in doubt as divisions surfaced ahead of Trump’s speech, and it remains to be seen whether the deadline will be met.

Democrats, accustomed to jeering at Trump as he veers off message, advances false claims or resorts to personal insults, argued that in delivering a speech that did none of those things, Trump gave a wrong impression of how he has comported himself as president after five weeks in office.

“President Trump’s speech had an air of unreality because what he said tonight was so dif-



PRESIDENT DONALD Trump addresses a joint session of Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday as Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wisconsin listen.

AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivals

ferent than how he has governed in the first 40 days,” said Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer of New York.

Trump planned to continue his legislative push on Wednesday, meeting with House and Senate leaders for

lunch at the White House before leading a legislative affairs strategy session in the afternoon. Senate Majority

Leader Mitch McConnell also summoned senators to a closed-door afternoon meeting on health care to hash out

divisions on the issue in that chamber.

But Republicans’ enthusiastic reception to Trump’s speech could belie tough fights ahead. Trump called on Congress to approve a \$1 trillion infrastructure bill, something likely to set up a clash with deficit hawks, and also renewed his call for money for a border wall, which could provoke a spending fight with Democrats and even the threat of a government shut-down.

And underscoring the distance that still remains between Trump and congressional Republicans, the speech made no mention of overhauling the financially-shaky Medicare or Social Security, the expensive, enormous entitlement programs that Republicans have long attacked. Trump’s budget leaves those programs untouched and Ryan has recently declined to say that dealing with them remains a priority.

On health care, far from his blanket statement in January that his plan would ensure “coverage for everybody,” Trump on Tuesday embraced an overhaul that would “increase access,” the phrase House Republicans have used to describe their more modest goal.

Pence was interviewed on MSNBC’s “Morning Joe” program.

## Notice of Delinquent Property Tax Sale

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The CITY OF CHARLESTON

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v.

No. 2013-CV-64

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It appearing to the court by the return of Certified Mail Receipts or the certified letters, and by the Motion of the Complainant filed herein, that the service upon some of the Defendants who owe delinquent 2011 and 2012 City property taxes has been made or attempted upon the Defendants, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated 67-5-2415, and that certain of such certified letters have been returned marked either “refused”, “unclaimed”, or “attempted, not known” as to some Defendants, and it appearing that service of process by publication is, therefore, appropriate in such causes,

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It appearing to the Court by the return of certified mail receipts or the certified summons, and by the Affidavit filed herein, that the service upon the Defendants and interested parties has been made or attempted upon the Defendants and interested parties, in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated § 67-5-2415(e) and that certain of such letters having been returned, marked “refused” or having been “unclaimed,” and it appearing that service of process by publication is appropriate in such causes,

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# Teachers honored in county school board event

By **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**  
Banner Staff Writer

The Bradley County Board of Education hosted a special event Monday to thank all the county school system's teachers for their work.

Teachers were invited to the event at the Museum Center at Five Points to enjoy refreshments, fellowship and plenty of thank-yous.

"We wanted to thank our teachers and recognize the great work they have been doing," board Chairman Rodney Dillard said. "They do a wonderful job."

Students from Bradley Central High School's culinary arts program served teachers a variety of hors d'oeuvres they had made. Meanwhile, students from Walker Valley High School's Chamber Choir provided the event's entertainment.

The informal, drop-in event was also a chance for Dillard and Bradley County Schools Director Dr. Linda Cash to thank many of the teachers in person.

Dillard acknowledged teachers have a lot on their plates these days. Still, he said they do a good job of showing the students they care and helping them learn.

Cash praised the teachers for not only promoting educational excellence but also caring about the students' well-being, whether it be by sponsoring an extracurricular activity or simply being a listening ear.

"From our standpoint, we have the whole package," Cash said. "Thank you for what you do every day."

The event also included a presentation from Angie Gill, Bradley County Schools' testing coordinator, who gave a summary of how teachers had helped students improve their test scores.

Gill noted Bradley County Schools has boasted a high school graduation rate above 90 percent for three years in a row now. This is thanks not only to the high school teachers but

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— Rodney Dillard

also the teachers who make sure younger students are well-prepared for high school.

Last year's state test results also ranked Bradley County Schools in the top five school systems statewide for both math and English language arts.

The county school system was also the only one in the Southeast Tennessee region and only one of nine statewide to receive all 5's — on a 1 to 5 scale — in its Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System scores.

Gill added this was all despite difficulties with state testing last year. She applauded teachers for continuing to focus on teaching students well and "not getting bogged down with it."

"Bradley County Schools was above the state average in every single tested subject in high school last year," Gill said. "That goes to show your hard work paid off."

While the school board and county school system staff planned the event, Cash said the event would not have been possible without the community's help.

A highlight of the event was a door prize giveaway which featured about 80 items ranging from spa gift certificates to an outdoor grill. These items were donated by nearly as many local businesses, both large and small.

The Bradley Cleveland Public Education Foundation was also credited for its role in helping make the event possible for the hundreds of teachers who decided to attend.

"It was really a community effort," Cash said. "We all really wanted to show our teachers how much we appreciate them."



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**DR. LINDA CASH**, director of Bradley County Schools, applauds the county's teachers for what they regularly do to help students.



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**RODNEY DILLARD**, chairman of the Bradley County Board of Education, praises teachers for their work in the classroom.



Banner photo, CHRISTY ARMSTRONG

**WALKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL'S** Chamber Choir performs for teachers at a teacher appreciation event hosted by the Bradley County Board of Education on Monday.

## Council event urges women to be 'boss' of their health

By **CHRISTY ARMSTRONG**  
Banner Staff Writer

The Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce's Women's Council has been encouraging local women to "be the boss of" their health.

That was the subject of the group's most recent luncheon, held Monday at the Chamber.

Dr. Janet Coombs of Surgical Associates of Cleveland and Dr. Brenda Snowman of Ocoee OB/GYN spoke about things women should be focusing on when it comes to their health. The doctors' discussion centered around two main things — prevention and early detection.

Coombs began by showing the women data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about the most common causes of death among women. The top killers among women 35 and older are cancer and heart disease. However, "unintentional injuries" are the top killer for children and young women.

"Prevention encompasses not just things like living a healthy lifestyle, but on safety as well," Coombs said.

Snowman added she actually asks patients whether they wear their seat belts when they drive. She noted this may annoy some, but safety can have a big effect on a person's life.

Also high on the list of leading causes of death is suicide. In fact, the CDC says it is the second most common cause of death among young women ages 15-24. Snowman noted she has seen many patients who have been "depressed" and that mental health is also an important

**"Prevention encompasses not just things like living a healthy lifestyle, but on safety as well."**

— Dr. Janet Coombs

health consideration.

The doctors also mentioned some of the women's health screenings, which help with early detection of problems like cancer. These included pap smears, mammograms and colonoscopies.

Both noted recommendations for women receiving annual pap smears are changing. Some women may only need them every other year. Snowman said women should discuss this with their doctors.

"Still, even if you are not being tested as often, you still need an annual exam," Snowman said.

However, both said they still recommend women receiving annual mammograms, in most cases, starting at age 40.

Having a colonoscopy done is also important, Coombs added, because it can play a role in detecting certain kinds of cancers early.

She also noted that, while doctors often have certain ages and timelines for screenings in mind, they could be different for some women. Women with a distinct history of a certain type of cancer, for example, may choose to have screenings earlier or more frequently, especially if they have symptoms.

"Screening guidelines for the general population are based on normal risks," Coombs said.

Some risk factors for disease, like age, sex and family history cannot be helped. However, the doctors explained that everyone

has risk factors they can control.

They suggest avoiding or quitting smoking, as smoking can increase a woman's risk for pregnancy complications, many cancers, COPD, heart attack, stroke and other vascular diseases.

They also urge eating a healthy diet, particularly one that is low in fat and high in fiber. They said eating healthy could reduce the risk for cancer and heart disease.

Women should also drink alcohol in moderation, they said. Their recommendation was limiting drinking to seven alcoholic drinks per week — the equivalent of one normal-sized drink serving a day, or less.

Coombs also stressed the importance of exercising regularly — and not just for the sake of the numbers on a scale. Exercise is also good for helping prevent problems like heart disease.

Still, Snowman said obesity is a big problem she has observed locally as of late. She said it was years ago rare for her to see a woman weighing more than 200 pounds. Now, that is "a pretty routine thing."

"Some risks you can't control," Snowman said. "Some you can. ... Taking care of your health means working on reducing those risks."

Both also urged women to "know their numbers." Women should be keeping an eye out for any notable changes when having things like blood pressure tested and should point them out to their doctors.

Coombs and Snowman explained the key to "being the boss of" one's health is paying attention to it.



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**DR. JANET COOMBS**, left, speaks about health screenings during the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce's most recent Women's Council luncheon. She is joined by Dr. Brenda Snowman.



## Lowe's reports huge fourth quarter

MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Lowe's easily beat Wall Street expectations for the fourth quarter, buoyed by consumers tackling home projects. The chain also provided a fiscal 2017 earnings forecast that also topped most projections.

Shares jumped more than 7 percent before the market opened Wednesday.

Home improvement retailers like Lowe's and Home Depot Inc. are taking advantage of a continued housing recovery. On

Tuesday it was reported that there was a 5.6 percent rise in the Standard & Poor's CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-city home price index, the most since January 2016. With a limited supply of available properties, bidding wars are breaking out among prospective buyers. Steady job gains and growing consumer confidence have encouraged more people to take the plunge and look for a home.

At the same time, mortgage rates are climbing and home

prices are increasing, so some existing home owners are staying put and spending their money on home improvement projects.

For the three months ended Feb. 3, Lowe's earned \$663 million, or 74 cents per share. A year earlier the Mooresville, North Carolina-based company earned \$11 million, or a penny per share.

Earnings, adjusted for one-time costs and severance costs, came to 86 cents per share.

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## To the Rescue

# VEC linemen come to aid of fallen worker

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Volunteer Electric Cooperative linemen frequently work with ropes.

Every day they use rope to climb power poles. They create rope rigging to move lines from the ground to where they are working. Ropes are integral to their training.

Recently Benton service crew members put their knowledge of rigging rope to another use.

One morning in January, they were working in a remote area of Polk County well-known for rafting and lack of cellphone service. Their job that morning was to assist, as needed, a crew of right-of-way contractors who were cutting a few 'danger trees.'

As the ROW workers were felling a tree, one contract worker misjudged his step and fell.

Normally that would have been embarrassing, but not a crisis. Because they were working on the side of a mountain with an incline of 75 degrees, misjudging his step resulted in a fall and tumble of about 15 feet, down the side of the mountain.

While the contract crew stabilized the downed tree, VEC servicemen went to aid the unconscious man.

Serviceman Tony Wilson climbed down the mountain, scaled the steep embankment at the bottom of the mountain and was able to locate a home with a telephone landline. He called emergency services and Benton Service Area working sub-foreman Aaron Hood to report the accident.

Due to the terrain, rescue



Submitted photo

**VEC BENTON SERVICE AREA** servicemen Tony Wilson, Scottie Peels, Scot Hawkins and Ryan Maynor recently helped rescue a man who fell down the side of a mountain.

vehicles could not make it up the mountain to get to the injured man.

Realizing he would need to be carried the rest of the way down that side of the mountain, as well as lowered down a 30-foot embankment (at a 90-degree angle to the road), VEC servicemen grabbed their gear and rigged a series of stable holds that could be used to get down the mountain.

An ambulance arrived and one of the EMTs climbed the embankment, using the rope holds to reach the unconscious contract worker.

After evaluating the man and

determining he could be moved, the EMT instructed the VEC crew on how to stabilize the injured man on a backboard.

Once they had secured him for the trip down the mountain, VEC servicemen Tony Wilson, Scott Hawkins, Ryan Maynor and Scottie Peels carried the injured man to the mountain edge to lower him to the road.

Using their rope rig, they lowered him down the embankment. When they were about halfway down, Benton Fire Department crew arrived and provided a basket to hold the injured man for the rest of the

trip to the road.

After the injured man was placed in the ambulance, the VEC crew gathered their equipment and went back to the office.

When asked about the extraordinary actions of his crew, foreman Scottie Peels said, "It's just another day for a lineman. We do what we are trained to do, and help where we can."

Thanks to the quick action of the VEC servicemen, after being treated at the hospital, the contract worker was able to return to work within a week.

## Airports and legal volunteers prepare for new Trump travel ban

SEATTLE (AP) — Airport officials and civil rights lawyers around the country are getting ready for President Donald Trump's new travel ban — mindful of the chaos that accompanied his initial executive order but hopeful the forthcoming version will be rolled out in a more orderly way.

The new order is expected to be issued in the coming days. A draft suggested it would target people from six of the original seven predominantly Muslim countries but would exempt travelers who already have visas to come to the U.S. The latest draft in circulation no longer includes Iraq.

Since last month's ban, which courts have put on hold, a section of the international arrivals area at Dulles International Airport outside the nation's capital has been transformed into a virtual law firm, with legal volunteers ready to greet travelers from affected countries and ask if they saw anyone being detained.

Similar efforts are underway at other airports, including Seattle-Tacoma International, where officials have drawn up plans for crowd control after thousands crammed the baggage claim area to protest the original ban.

"The plan is to be as ready as possible," said Lindsay Nash, an immigration law professor at Cardozo School of Law in New York who has been helping prepare emergency petitions on behalf of those who might be detained.

Trump's initial action, issued Jan. 27, temporarily barred citizens of Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Sudan and Libya from coming to the U.S. and halted acceptance of all refugees. The president said his administration would review vetting procedures amid concerns about terrorism in those seven nations.

Protesters flooded U.S. airports that weekend, seeking to free travelers detained by customs officials amid confusion about who could enter the country, including U.S. permanent residents known as green-card holders.

Attorneys also challenged the order in court, including officials from Washington state. That lawsuit, which Minnesota joined, resulted in a federal judge temporarily blocking the government from enforcing the travel ban, a decision unanimously upheld by a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Many civil rights lawyers and activists have said they don't believe a new order would cure all the constitutional problems of the original, including the claim that it was motivated by anti-Muslim discrimination.

Trump has said he singled out the seven countries because they had already been deemed a security concern by the Obama administration.

In his first address to Congress on Tuesday night, Trump said his administration

"is taking strong measures to protect our nation from radical Islamic terrorism" and is working on improved vetting procedures.

"And we will shortly take new steps to keep our nation safe — and to keep out those who would do us harm," Trump said.

Last week, analysts at the Homeland Security Department's intelligence arm found insufficient evidence that citizens of the seven Muslim-majority countries pose a terror threat to the United States.

"It's not enough to just tweak an order and not change the nature of why it was issued in the first place," said Rula Aoun, director of the Arab American Civil Rights League in Dearborn, Michigan, which sued over the initial ban and is prepared to do the same with the rewrite if necessary.

In New York, American Civil Liberties Union attorney Lee Gelernt said the organization was ready to go to court if the administration tries to immediately enforce its new order.

"The primary focus is being able to respond immediately to any request by the government to lift any of the injunctions, before the courts have had a chance to examine the new order," he said.

Activists and airport officials alike said they hoped it would be phased in to give travelers fair warning, which might preclude any detentions from arriving flights.

"We are prepared and willing," said Rebecca Sharpless, who runs the immigration clinic at the University of Miami School of Law. "But it's unlikely to cause the same kind of chaos of last time."

At Dulles, Sea-Tac, Minneapolis-St. Paul and other airports, legal volunteers have greeted arriving travelers in shifts every day since the initial ban, wearing name tags or posting signs in different languages to identify themselves.

The legal-services nonprofit OneJustice was ready to send email alerts to 3,000 volunteers in California if needed, deploying them to San Francisco and Los Angeles airports for people affected by any new order, chief executive Julia Wilson said.

In Chicago, travelers have been signing up for an assistance program started by the local Council on American-Islamic Relations office to ensure swift legal help if they're detained.

Groups urged those arriving at 17 other airports, including Miami, Atlanta and San Diego, to register with Airport Lawyer, a secure website and free mobile app that alerts volunteer lawyers to ensure travelers make it through customs without trouble.

Asti Gallina, a third-year student at the University of Washington Law School, volunteered at Sea-Tac for the first time Tuesday. It was quiet, she said.



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**DR. BILL GREEN** conducts the Lee University Chorale at Tuesday's Rotary Club of Cleveland meeting.

## Musical opportunities abound in area, Green tells Rotary Club of Cleveland

By **BRIAN GRAVES**  
Banner Staff Writer

It was all about music Tuesday for the Rotary Club of Cleveland, as the Lee University Chorale paid a visit to the weekly luncheon.

Dr. Bill Green, Lee's dean of music, directed the chorale in two melodious numbers before speaking about the musical opportunities available to area residents.

"I want to talk about what is a passion for me, and why I love living in Cleveland," Green said. "What I discovered was this little small town opened up a world for me."

He said when the people such as are members of the

Rotary Club become lovers of the arts, "that's when the magic happens."

"We have so many rich opportunities in our area," Green said.

Green noted the many musical performances that are available to the public on the Lee University campus.

"There are pop things. There are classical things. There are religious things. There are secular things," he said. "The idea is this is an opportunity for you to be involved in music in this community, and most of it is free for you and your family."

Green said the ones that do require purchasing a ticket "are reasonably priced."

He added anyone can sub-

scribe to the music department's weekly music events calendar by emailing leeuniversity.edu.

"Each week, our program director sends out an email which provides information on programs you might be interested in," Green said.

He spoke of attending the university's annual concerto competition which he described as one of his favorite events.

"This is amazing," Green said. "This is fabulous music played by fabulous musicians and I have to remind myself, these are kids. These are students."

"What a wonderful opportunity for them and what a wonderful opportunity for us as a



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**DR. BILL GREEN**, dean of music at Lee University, spoke to the Rotary Club of Cleveland about the musical opportunities in the area.

community to sit and experience that with no charge — just walk in the door and experience the music," Green said.

## When Amazon's cloud storage fails, lots of people get wet

NEW YORK (AP) — Usually people don't notice the "cloud" — unless, that is, it turns into a massive storm. Which was the case Tuesday when Amazon's huge cloud-computing service suffered a major outage.

Amazon Web Services, by far the world's largest provider of internet-based computing services, suffered an unspecified breakdown in its eastern U.S. region starting about midday Tuesday. The result: unprecedented and widespread performance problems for thousands of websites and apps.

While few services went down completely, thousands, if not tens of thousands, of companies had trouble with features ranging from file sharing to webfeeds

to loading any type of data from Amazon's "simple storage service," known as S3. Amazon services began returning around 4 p.m. EST, and an hour later the company noted on its service site that S3 was fully recovered and "operating normally."

**THE CONCENTRATED CLOUD**

The breakdown shows the risks of depending heavily on a few big companies for cloud computing. Amazon's service is significantly larger by revenue than any of its nearest rivals — Microsoft's Azure, Google's Cloud Platform and IBM,

according to Forrester Research. With so few large providers, any outage can have a dispro-

portionate effect. But some analysts argue that the Amazon outage doesn't prove there's a problem with cloud computing — it just highlights how reliable the cloud normally is.

The outage, said Forrester analyst Dave Bartoletti, shouldn't cause companies to assume "the cloud is dangerous."

Amazon's problems began when one S3 region based in Virginia began to experience what the company called "increased error rates." In a statement, Amazon said as of 4 p.m. EST it was still experiencing errors that were "impacting various AWS services."

"We are working hard at repairing S3, believe we understand root cause, and are work-

ing on implementing what we believe will remediate the issue," the company said.

**WHY S3 MATTERS**

Amazon S3 stores files and data for companies on remote servers. Amazon started offering it in 2006, and it's used for everything from building websites and apps to storing images, customer data and commercial transactions.

"Anything you can think about storing in the most cost-effective way possible," is how Rich Mogull, CEO of data security firm Securosis, puts it.

Since Amazon hasn't said exactly what is happening yet, it's hard to know just how serious the outage is. "We do know it's bad," Mogull said. "We just

don't know how bad."

At S3 customers, the problem affected both "front-end" operations — meaning the websites and apps that users see — and back-end data processing that takes place out of sight. Some smaller online services, such as Trello, Scribd and IFTTT, appeared to be down for a while, although all have since recovered.

The corporate message service Slack, by contrast, stayed up, although it reported "degraded service" for some features. Users reported that file sharing in particular appeared to freeze up.

The Associated Press' own photos, webfeeds and other online services were also affect-

ed.

**TECHNICAL KNOCKOUTAGE**  
Major cloud-computing outages don't occur very often — perhaps every year or two — but they do happen. In 2015, Amazon's DynamoDB service, a cloud-based database, had problems that affected companies like Netflix and Medium. But usually providers have workarounds that can get things working again quickly.

"What's really surprising to me is that there's no fallback — usually there is some sort of backup plan to move data over, and it will be made available within a few minutes," said Patrick Moorhead, an analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy.

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Lee University photo

**LEE UNIVERSITY'S** Carrie Cheeks controls the tip against Union University in the Lady Flames' win in Gulf South Conference tournament action Monday, inside Walker Arena.

## Hot shooting Lady Flames put burn on Union Bulldogs

### From LEE SPORTS INFORMATION

Playing with plenty of passion and fire, the Lee women's basketball team outscored Union University 19-5 in the first quarter and led 38-16 at the halftime break in advancing to the semifinal round of the Gulf South Conference Tournament with a convincing 72-58 victory over the Lady Bulldogs inside Walker Arena on Tuesday evening.

With the win, the Lady Flames advance to play Valdosta State Saturday, in Birmingham, Ala.,

**"Union is certainly better than the sixth seed. They are one of the top teams in our league so we knew we would need to play well for a full 40 minutes. It's hard to keep a big lead because they had to just start playing with reckless abandon but I thought we held our poise to finish it off."**

—Coach Marty Rowe

at 3:15 p.m. EST. The final two tournament rounds are being hosted by Samford University at the Pete Hanna Center. Advance tickets are on sale and may be purchased by going to the GSC website.

"I thought we came out and defended with purpose and energy and that was key to getting out to the big lead," said coach Marty Rowe after scoring his second victory of the season over rival Union. "It was also a great way for our girls to celebrate our 20th win of the season." The Lady Flames dominance showed by leading by as much as 31 points with 9:18 remaining in the final period.

While the Lady Flames were knocking down 47 percent of

their shots in the first half and an even better 50 percent in the second 20 minutes, the defense was holding Union to 21 percent from the field in the first quarter. Usually an outstanding shooting 3-point team, Lee held Union to only 11 percent from beyond the arc in the first quarter and never looked back.

"Union is certainly better than the sixth seed," noted Rowe. "They are one of the top teams in our league so we knew we would need to play well for a full 40 minutes. It's hard to keep a big

lead because they had to just start playing with reckless abandon but I thought we held our poise to finish it off."

Poise was the name of the game as the Lady Flames got contributions from all eight players. Shelby Brown stepped up with an outstanding effort, making 9-of-10 shots from the field and 2-of-3 triples. She grabbed seven rebounds in her 20-point effort.

Freshman guard Abby Bertram directed the attack for almost the entire 40 minutes. She tallied 18 points and dished off eight assists, shooting 7-of-15 from the field and 2-of-3 from 3-point range.

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# Mustangs kick Raiders



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**TIGHT DEFENSE** is applied by Walker Valley's Bryce Nunnelly against Cleveland's Romeo Wykle in a Region 3-AAA semifinal contest at Raider Arena Tuesday night. The Mustangs pulled out a shocking 58-51 win to continue their pedigree for postseason magic.

## Eslinger, Nunnelly, Gibson lead Walker Valley to region final

By **PATRICK MACCOON**  
Banner Sports Writer

Once again a Cinderella story has occurred for "Big Game Bob Williams" and his Walker Valley Mustangs.

After a 5-6 record heading into Christmas break and a 16-10 mark entering postseason play, the senior-laden group lies a sectionals win away from a second-straight state tournament appearance, following a shocking 58-51 win over host Cleveland in the Region 3-AAA semifinals Tuesday night.

The longest tenured head coach in District 5-AAA with 13 seasons, Williams won his 239th career game at Walker Valley as his experienced group believed they

would not be defeated for a fourth time by a local rival.

"The last couple of years we have had a lot of football guys, so we knew it was going to take them a little while to get going," Williams said. "However, once they have their legs under them, they are really good. It takes a little while, but I am just fortunate I have two great assistant coaches, and a group of young men who like to work and are very competitive."

After a close loss to Cleveland in their first meeting Dec. 2 at Raider Arena, the 6-foot-5 soft-spoken giant with a 36-19 post-season record (5-2 in region semifinals) mentioned there could possibly be four matchups between the two this season. His defending region champions were ready to

go.

"We came in here with confidence tonight," said senior Zach Eslinger, who scored 13 points and had two steals. "We were all fired up before the game. We did not want to get beat the fourth time in a row, especially against Cleveland. All week, I could tell we were ready to go."

The first three went the Blue Raiders' way, but in late, pullaway victories, thanks in large part to offensive rebounding and key 3-pointers from sharpshooter Deontae Davis.

Superior length for Jason McCowan's team making for second-chance points and 11 3-pointers from Davis over the first

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## Currie coming back to UT as AD

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Tennessee has hired John Currie from Kansas State to replace Dave Hart as the Volunteers' athletic director.

The school announced the hiring Tuesday. A press conference to introduce Currie is scheduled for Thursday, and he

will begin his new job April 1.

Currie, 45, was hired as Kansas State's AD in May 2009. Before taking the job at Kansas State, he worked at Tennessee for about a decade in various capacities, most recently as a chief deputy and adviser to former athletic director Mike

Hamilton.

He also has a master's degree from Tennessee.

"As a graduate of the University of Tennessee, I know how much UT athletics means to the people in the state, and I look forward to serving all of the Big Orange Nation, its won-

derful coaches, staff and student-athletes for many years to come," Currie said in a university release. "We are excited to return to Rocky Top."

Knoxville radio station WNML first reported the Currie hire as Tennessee's AD.

Hart, who has been Tennessee's athletic director since September 2011, announced in August he would retire effective June 30. His contract terms allow Tennessee to hire a new AD before June 30 and accelerate Hart's retirement as long as he receives 15 days written notice. Under that scenario, Hart goes on paid administrative leave until beginning other full-time employment or through June 30.

When he announced his pending departure, Hart said he made the decision in part to allow the new chancellor to select an athletic director. Beverly Davenport took over as chancellor Feb. 15 to replace Jimmy Cheek, who announced he was returning to teaching. Hart's announcement came

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## Bearettes region title game will be Thursday

By **JOE CANNON**

Banner Assistant Sports Editor

While the state's two top teams, according to one poll, are revved up for a key renewal of their longstanding hardcourt rivalry, a higher power has had something to say about when the latest tussle might take place.

While the Bradley Central girls, ranked No. 1 by CoachT.com and second by The Associated Press, and Cumberland County, ranked No. 2 by the website and 10th according to the state's sports writers, were anxious to duke it out for the Region 3-AAA championship tonight at Jim Smiddy Arena, Mother Nature has caused a big enough stir to force school closings all over Southeast Tennessee (including the Bradley County and Cleveland City school systems) and forced the postponement of the contest until 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

Although a later start time for this evening had been suggest-

ed, the Cumberland County director of schools determined the impending weather would be too dangerous for the Lady Jets to travel in, thereby making it necessary to reschedule the title tilt until tomorrow.

When the teams with no love lost between them tussle, it will be the third time in last four years the region championship will be on the line.

Bradley claimed the crown in 2014 as well as last year, while Cumberland, which has lost three straight title fights, also fell to White County, which had upset the Bearettes in the 3-AAA semifinals, in 2015.

This time around, Bradley enters the championship battle with a perfect 31-0 record and a string of 40 straight wins at "The Jim."

The Bearettes are coming off a 75-49 region semifinal thumping of Stone Memorial, which had come closer than any other squad this season to knocking off the Black-and-Gold in a two-

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AP photo

**KANSAS STATE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** John Currie answers reporters' questions at a press conference in Manhattan, Kan., in this 2010 file photo. The University of Tennessee announced Tuesday that it has hired Currie to replace Dave Hart as athletic director.





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## Editorial

### A Cleveland woman writes what many Americans feel

When it comes to bringing clarity to political quagmire, sometimes we in the newspaper business — including editorial writers — can learn invaluable lessons from those who may be less experienced with the printed word. Sometimes it takes the pen of a newspaper reader to best make the point, a point that even the most journeyed of newshounds seems to miss because we're too busy trying to find the perfect word or the most objective tone for a piece — whether it's written as a news story for front page, or an editorial or personal commentary for the Opinion page.

Let's face it. The turbulent presidential campaign — the one that lasted 18 months, yet seemed more like 18 years — left most voters exhausted. And, those not physically fatigued from too many late nights watching all those cable news talk shows were emotionally drained by all the rhetoric ... the name-calling ... the innuendoes ... the fingerpointing ... the backstabbing ... the insults ... the nonsensical gibberish ... the seemingly adult politicians who acted more like 2-year-olds on the verge of their latest tantrum ... and, well, by everything else.

Thankfully, the election ended. One won. One lost. Concession tears. Celebrations galore. And now we have more of the same from those days and nights of the supposed-to-be-past campaign. After the inauguration? Came the protests. Came the Cabinet selections. Came the criticism. Came the hearings. Came the rumors of hearings. Came the second-guessing. Came the news media. Came the president's persistent scorn of the news media. Came the news media's scorn of the president's scorn. And on and on and on and on.

And yet, there's more: Executive orders, bickering about health care, the Affordable Care Act caught in the crosshairs of discontent, budget, debt, war, immigration, illegal this and legal that, North Korea, coal, the environment, Putin, party and patriotism.

Newspapers have dedicated tons of ink and thrice as much newsprint to their task in hopes of making times better. In many cases, they probably made it worse. And now, the new president, the new president's circle of advisers, and probably even the families of those advisers, despise the news media.

In return, the national mainstream media is doing the White House — and specifically the Oval Office, and those who sit in it — no favors.

So here we are. Everybody's trying to find the right words to reverse a terrible wrong. That includes this newspaper, although national events and global news are hardly our forte.

Yet, we have offered our two cents worth. It seemed good, perhaps even noble.

But one of our longtime readers — a direct, down-to-earth lady we assume to be one of our community elders — has said it best in a "Letter to the Editor." She has written to us before. Likely, she will write to us again.

Her penmanship — probably the result of an aging hand — is fair. Like most letter writers, her punctuation is not always spot on, but her grammar, her spelling and most importantly — her thoughts — are exact. They are words to read. They are presented in a tone to appreciate.

Her name is Betsy Burke. A Cleveland resident, she is tiring — like all the rest of us — of all the bickering, the fighting, the squabbling and the never-ending efforts at one-upping a political opponent whose biggest difference is he, or she, sits on the opposite side of the aisle.

Betsy's letter reminds us of a mom who is scolding misbehaving children or a schoolteacher who is correcting distracted pupils whose focus is more on the playground than the textbooks that lie open beneath their gaze.

This then, is the tutelage of Betsy Burke — a Bradley County woman who wants only this ... for America's political leaders to get a grip.

We present the words of a very wise woman. It was intended as a "Letter," but its message is even more mindful as part of an editorial:

"Why can't all parties get along? I'm sick of all the sniping and bad will.

All Americans need to get behind President Trump ... give him a chance.

I agree to a temporary ban on immigrants. Every last person shouldn't be allowed in our country. Some are bad people. We have enough bad Americans.

I do not like illegals, either. I have more respect for people who do all that's legal to become citizens. Illegal denotes unlawful.

All Muslims are NOT evil. Some are. This is true of ALL people from ALL nations. Mr. Trump has NOT said all Muslims are bad, either. He wants to weed out those who can cause America harm. I'm for that.

We had an election. We have a new president. If you didn't vote, quit bad-mouthing Trump. I agree with him, so far. Don't behave like other countries who vilify their leaders.

Republicans and Democrats, shake hands and work together. Act like human beings. Be respectable and respect our leader. You might learn a thing or two if you'll listen ... really listen. That's why God gave us ears.

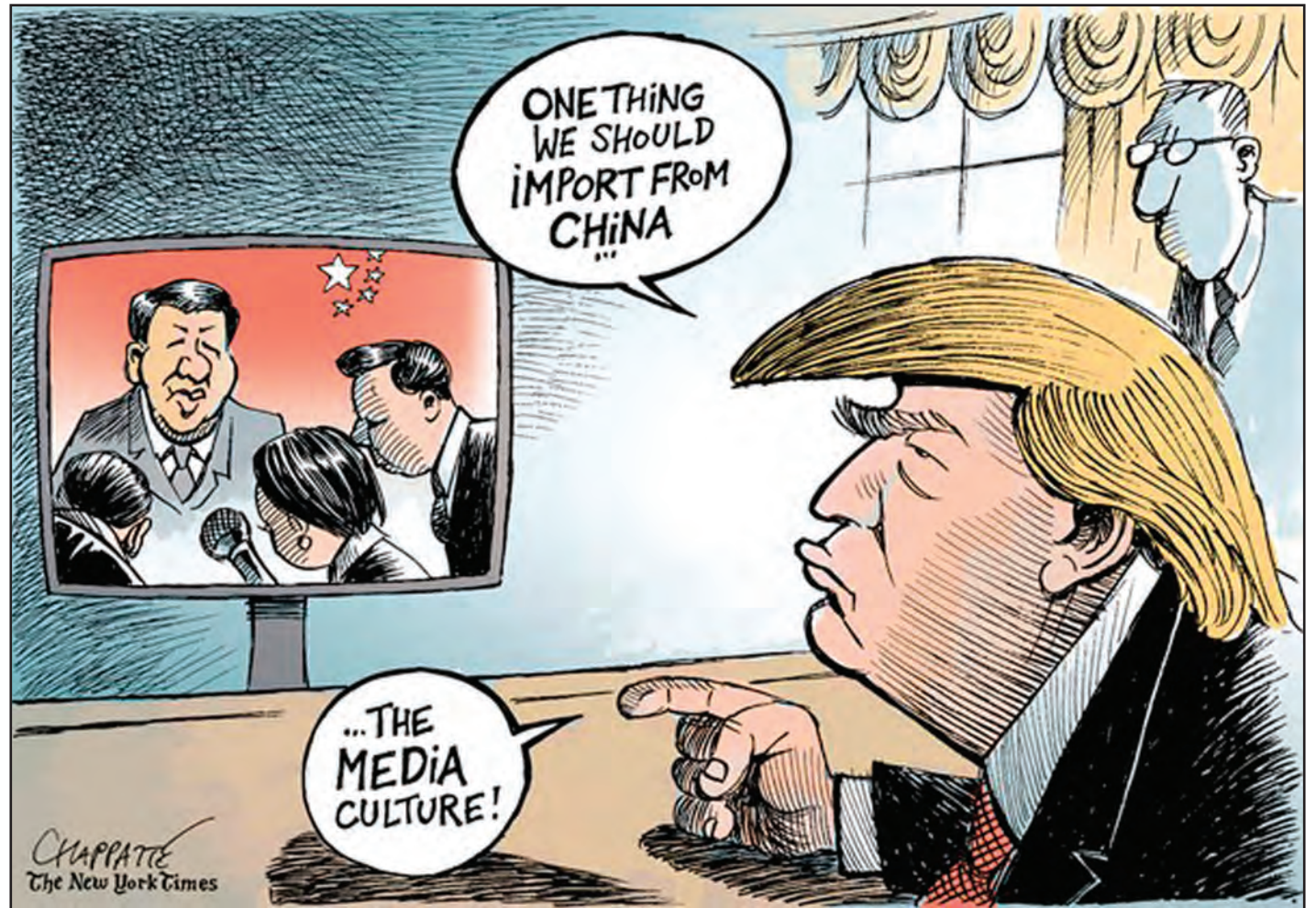
Clear your minds. Every day politicians snipe at each other. They need to set a better example for this nation."

These are the words of Betsy Burke. We believe they are the belief of many, many Americans. And that includes this editorial writer.

Frankly, Betsy said it all. Betsy said it well. Betsy wrote from the heart.

If there's anything we might add to Betsy's heartfelt testimony, it is this:

"Amen."



### LOOKING BACK

Larry Bowers

Does anyone know which of our two major political parties came first? Was it the Democratic Party or Republican Party?

If you guessed either, you'd be wrong. Ironically, the party was founded as a partnership!

The Democratic-Republican Party was founded in 1791 by Thomas Jefferson and James Madison as a party opposed to the policies of Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton and his Federalist Party, according to the insidegov.com website.

Members of the party generally believed that a strong federal government would weaken the rights of the states and the people, and insisted on a strict construction of the Constitution. Fundamentally, they viewed the United States more as a confederation of sovereign entities woven together by a common interest.

The Democratic-Republican Party and Federalist Party differed most in their views on foreign policy and the economy.

The Federalists believed that American foreign policy should favor British interests and strongly supported the Jay Treaty with Britain. The Democratic-Republicans wanted to strengthen ties with the French, who they saw as more democratic after its revolution.

On economic matters, the Democratic-Republicans believed in protecting the interests of the working classes through the promotion of an agrarian economy and saw the establishment of a national Bank of the United States (which Hamilton strongly favored) as a means of usurping power that belonged to individual states.

The Federalists saw industry and manufacturing as the best means of domestic growth and economic self-sufficiency, and favored the existence of protective tariffs both as a means of protecting domestic production and as a source of revenue.

Federalists had significant success during the party's existence, sending four candidates to the presidency and dominating Congress and most state governments outside of New England after 1800. By 1824, however, the party was split four ways and lacked leadership.

Members eventually gravitated toward the new Democratic Party forming under Andrew Jackson, or to the National Republican Party, the precursor to the Whig Party.

The United States Constitution has always been silent on the issue of political parties. At the time it was signed, in 1787, there were no

## Commentary

### Which party came first?

parties in the nation. Indeed, no nation in the world had voter-based political parties.

The need to win popular support in a republic led to the American invention of voter-based political parties in the 1790s. Americans were especially innovative in devising new campaign techniques that linked public opinion with public policy through the respective party.

Political scientists and historians have divided the development of America's two-party system into five eras. The first goes back to the Federalist Party, which supported the ratification of the Constitution, and the Democratic-Republican Party or the Anti-Federalists.

The modern two-party system consists of the Democratic Party and the Republican Party. Several third parties also operate in the U.S., and from time to time elect someone to local office. The largest third party since the 1980s is the Libertarian Party.

The nation's Founding Fathers did not originally intend for American politics to be partisan. In Federalist Papers No. 9 and No. 10, Alexander Hamilton and James Madison, respectively, wrote specifically about the dangers of domestic political factions.

In addition, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was not a member of any political party at the time of his election or throughout his tenure as president. Furthermore, he hoped that political parties would not be formed, fearing conflict and stagnation, which he outlined in his farewell address.

Nevertheless, the beginnings of the American two-party system emerged from his immediate circle of advisers. Hamilton and Madison, who wrote the Federalist Papers against political factions, ended up being the core leaders in this emerging party system.

It was the split camps of Federalists, given rise with Hamilton as a leader, and Democratic-Republicans, with Madison and Jefferson at the helm, that created the environment in which partisanship, once distasteful, came to being.

The First Party System of the United States featured the Federalist Party and the Republican Party (also called "Democratic-Republican" or "Jeffersonian Republican").

In 1829, the Second Party System saw a split of the Democratic-Republican Party into the Jacksonian Democrats, who grew into the modern Democratic Party, led by Andrew Jackson, and the Whig Party, led by Henry Clay.

The Democrats supported the primacy of the presidency over the other branches of govern-

ment, and opposed both the Bank of the United States as well as modernizing programs that they felt would build up industry at the expense of the taxpayer.

The Whigs, on the other hand, advocated the primacy of Congress over the executive branch as well as policies of modernization and economic protectionism.

The Third Party System stretched from 1854 to the mid-1890s, and was characterized by the emergence of the anti-slavery Republican Party (nicknamed "GOP"), which adopted many of the economic policies of the Whigs, such as national banks, railroads, high tariffs, homesteads and aid to land grant colleges.

Civil War and Reconstruction issues polarized the parties until the Compromise of 1877, and both parties became broad-based voting coalitions. The race issue pulled newly enfranchised African Americans (Freedmen) into the Republican party, while white southerners (Redeemers) joined the Democratic Party.

The Fourth Party System, 1896 to 1932, consisted of the same interest groups as the Third Party System, but saw major shifts in the central issues of debate. This period also corresponded to the Progressive Era, and was dominated by the Republican Party.

The Fifth Party System emerged with the New Deal Coalition beginning in 1933. The Republicans began losing support after the Great Depression, giving rise to Democratic President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the activist New Deal.

Experts debate whether this era ended (and a Sixth Party System subsequently emerged) in the mid-1960s when the New Deal coalition died, the early 1980s when the Moral Majority and the Reagan coalition were formed, the early 1990s when Third Way emerged among Democrats, the mid-1990s during the Republican Revolution, or if the Fifth system continues in some form to the present.

President Donald Trump is the 20th and most recent Republican to be elected to the office of president of the United States. Since the 2010 midterm elections, the Republicans have held a majority in the United States House of Representatives, and since the 2014 elections, the Senate.

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## Advice

### Dear Annie: 'Estate planning unpleasant'

**Dear Annie:** After a difficult life, I was fortunate to meet and marry the perfect man. He is everything I dreamed of and more. We are blessed with a daughter, who is now doing well at a prestigious university.

Our now-empty nest has been nice and intimate. I was a stay-at-home mom during our daughter's school days, and since our girl went away to college, I have been a stay-at-home wife, supporting my husband the best I can and doing my best to make the few hours he has away from work enjoyable and happy.

But there is one problem we have. He refuses to talk about making plans for how our affairs should be taken care of upon our death. He is in his late 50s, and I am in my 60s. We both are blessed with good health, but I know we will not live forever. But any-

time the subject comes up, he shuts down and goes to bed without any discussion. To his credit, he is always short of sleep because of his career, which he is passionate about and I support.

He is so generous and dedicated, but this is one subject he will not deal with. We have no will or trust, but I get the feeling he would be fine with anything I would want to arrange financially. As far as what to do with our bodies upon death goes, though, that's something we would need to decide on together. Even though I am older than he is, my family has a history of living long, and his family does not. And there is always a possibility we will go at the same time in some kind of accident. I wouldn't want my grieving daughter to have to decide what to do with our bodies on top of

everything else she would have to deal with. I love this man so much, but I don't know what to do about this. How can I handle this? — Very Happy Family

**Dear Happy:** Marriage makes life a tag-team sport. Estate planning isn't one of your husband's strong suits, whether it's because he simply feels too tired to face such a big task or he's uncomfortable with the subject of death. Fortunately, you seem equipped to tackle this challenge on behalf of you both.

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**HELEN BURTON** said, "Yesterday I noticed a flurry of bird activity in our front yard. It was dozens of cedar waxwings invading our holly bushes, which had a 'bumper crop' of red berries this year. I stood against the wall near the bushes and they hardly noticed me. It was difficult getting a clear shot because of the frenzy of activity. I read in the bird guidebook that they get the red-tipped wings at two years of age. I'm attaching photos of a 1-year-old that does not have them, as well as two that do. They all have the yellow band on the edge of their tail."



**CHARLIE SCOGGINS** shared this closeup of a friend's Star Magnolia bloom. "One of God's beautiful gifts to us," she said.

**JENNIFER HARDISON** said she had been trying for two years to get a good shot of a kingfisher. She took this one at the Regional Park lake in Athens.



**LOIS MYERS** took this photo of "My Gal Sal" at the World War II museum in New Orleans.

# Beyond cat videos: YouTube will offer its own pay-TV service

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Fed up with paying for cable the traditional way? You may soon be able to subscribe to it over the internet with ... YouTube.

The Google-owned site, known for cat videos and do-it-yourself makeup tutorials, is the latest company to offer a version of cable that looks and feels more like Netflix. Dish, Sony and AT&T already have internet cable alternatives, and Hulu has one coming soon.

None of these have yet been huge hits. YouTube is hoping its expertise in recommendations and search makes it stand out.

Dubbed YouTube TV, the new service will cost \$35 a month for access to about 40 channels when it launches in the next few months, similar to rivals. But it will be initially limited to a few cities where it has deals with broadcasters. And so far, Google doesn't appear to have deals for popular channels such as HBO, AMC and TBS.

### THE ONLINE PROPOSITION

There are roughly three million fewer traditional TV households in the U.S. than there were four years ago, a decline of about 3 percent. Online alternatives such as Dish's Sling TV, AT&T's DirecTV Now and Sony's PlayStation Vue had about 1.5 million customers combined in 2016.

But companies like YouTube believe a substantial number of people could be persuaded to pay for TV online. Many of these potential customers are younger people who have never had cable and watch shows and

movies primarily through online services such as Netflix.

But these online cable alternatives have drawbacks of their own. They may not offer substantial savings compared with cable, and offer incomplete channel lineups and inconsistent video quality.

### YOUTUBE'S OFFERING

YouTube's service will cost \$35 a month, similar to the cheapest deals from AT&T's DirecTV Now and Sony's PlayStation Vue, but more expensive than Dish's Sling TV. It comes with unlimited storage in a cloud DVR; only Vue also offers a DVR to all customers. It will allow three people to watch on different devices at the same time.

The new service underscores how far YouTube has evolved since its early days as a repository for pirated shows and movies. Over the past several years, YouTube has beefed up anti-piracy controls and allowed television producers and networks to share in ad revenue. Those companies are now willing to partner with YouTube on this new endeavor.

But YouTube still faces challenges making this work. In addition to the no-shows in its channel lineup, it will launch only in cities where it can offer live feeds of the major broadcasters, which tend to be larger metropolitan areas. (YouTube says it will work on expanding to other markets, although that will require cutting deals with the owners of network affiliate stations in those cities.) It will work on a TV only via Google's

Chromecast streaming gadget.

### WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

In general, internet TV services are an incomplete substitute for cable.

Many popular programs aren't available because digital rights are a hodgepodge. You can't watch most NFL games on phones using these services — Verizon has those exclusive rights. DirecTV Now and Sling don't carry CBS, and live feeds for ABC, CBS and NBC are available only in some big cities, as most network stations are owned by third parties.

Although many cable subscribers say they don't need packages of 500 channels, they don't agree on which channels they actually want. These online services offer cheaper packages with fewer channels, but they are bound to be missing someone's favorites. As with cable, the cost mounts the more channels you add.

Cable companies also offer discounts when you buy internet and TV services together, which can be cheaper than getting them separately. Prices for the online services start at \$20 for Sling's cheapest bundle to \$70 and up for the biggest packages from Vue and DirecTV Now.

Beyond that, these online services also have had quality issues with video freezing or not working at all. And to watch on a TV, you need an extra gadget like an Apple TV, a PlayStation game console, a Roku box or, now, a Chromecast — and not every service works with every gadget.

# U.S. approves 3 types of genetically engineered potatoes

**BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — Three types of potatoes genetically engineered to resist the pathogen that caused the Irish potato famine are safe for the environment and safe to eat, federal officials announced.

The approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Food and Drug Administration late last week gives Idaho-based J.R. Simplot Co. permission to plant the potatoes this spring and sell them in the fall.

The company said the potatoes

contain only potato genes and that the resistance to late blight, the disease that caused the Irish potato famine, comes from an Argentine variety of potato that naturally produced a defense.

There is no evidence that genetically modified organisms, known as GMOs, are unsafe to eat, but changing the genetic code of foods presents an ethical issue for some. McDonald's declines to use Simplot's genetically engineered potatoes for its French fries.

The three new varieties of pota-

to — the Russet Burbank, Ranger Russet and Atlantic — have previously been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. They "have the same taste and texture and nutritional qualities" as conventional potatoes, Simplot spokesman Doug Cole said.

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# Lifestyles

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## Tyson Leamon to perform in Cleveland Friday

By **BETTIE MARLOWE**  
Banner Staff Writer

If you yearn for original country music and all things Southern, Tyson Leamon Music is your answer.

This is just a way of life for these guys, who are driven by family and a love for music. And according to those who have heard his special brand of music, "He and his band are quickly making a splash into the country music scene."

And Cleveland will get its taste of this special sound "that takes you back to the simplicity of great American values" on Friday, when the doors at The Venue Creekside open for a concert featuring Tyson Leamon Music — real music built on life experiences.

The concert opens with the Daniel Mason Band — doors open at 7:30 p.m. Featured, also, on the program is Quinton Scott, the young singer who is well known in the area for his natural ability to sing whatever kind of music he's handed.

Leamon said he and he band believe what makes the man is passion, family, faith and a strong supporting unit of positive-minded people. He envisions his music direction is to introduce country music that stays true to the roots with an infusion of edginess — "somewhere between the foundation of country music and the new generation."

Leamon inherited his talent naturally — he grew up with it. Southern gospel, quartets, church — "I was born into it," he said. His interest began before he was 4 years old and his pas-

sion increased as he grew older. From listening to his mom's cassette in the car, to singing along with bands and in church, he says he just loved to sing and play. "It's telling my stories," he said ... "telling my life through songs."

Born in Athens to Billy and Sandy Leamon, Leamon was raised in Riceville. He is sandwiched between an older and a younger brother, and has an older sister.

He talked about his first public appearance at 3 years old. He was asked to sing the National Anthem and sat on the bench at church, nervously waiting for his time. He was stood up on chairs and, instead of the National Anthem, Leamon, in his excitement, belted out "Amazing Grace."

He started singing with his dad, who traveled with a quartet on a bus to concerts. And then he organized a teen quartet. "Music has been 'me,'" he said. Now he shares the stage with such groups and singers as Confederate Railroad and Cane Brown and other notable singers. The band will perform this year at the Riverbend Festival on the Chevy Stage, and also at the Country Music Festival.

In addition to being a performer, Leamon is a prolific songwriter as well. He has more than 300 compositions catalogued that are in the process of being recorded. His favorite instrument is the guitar and he learned to play it himself.

His favorite song is about his little girl, Ella, 6 — "She Calls Me Dad."



**TYSON LEAMON** and his band will be in concert Friday at The Venue Creekside. (Right) His favorite song is about his little 6-year-old daughter Ella — "She Calls Me Dad." He says she is his motivation and spark.

Although he said he would be foolish not to give credit first to God for his talent and inspiration, "Without Him, I wouldn't and couldn't do it" — Leamon said his daughter is his motivation and spark. But God brought me here, he added, "no matter what path."

Leamon said his vision for the future means to focus on one city at a time — one stage at a time. He said he had set his sights and will take the steppingstones to get there.

His music, he said, falls into three groups: Country — Truth about life; Gospel — Save your soul; and Blues — Takes care of both.

His advice to others? Make music your secondary focus. First, exercise your mind; get an education. "Don't put your eggs

in one basket."

Leamon said the family is most important. "And stay humble," he added. "God expects us to travel where the stars don't shine," he continued. He said to make sure it is not just a "passing."

"Ultimately, you have to trust your roots," he said. "Put yourself in check ... can't lose focus." He commented that "some get out there," but even if it means not to be on a marquee, "I have to be true to myself."

"Always stay true to who they (those in your audience) are, and 'Keep it 100 percent 'small town.'"

For tickets prices and further information on The Venue Creekside concert, visit [www.TheVenueCreekside.com](http://www.TheVenueCreekside.com).



## Bob Anderson: A man many people count on

By **WILLIAM WRIGHT**  
Lifestyles Editor

If keeping up with changing tax laws is not your thing, but saving money on tax returns and avoiding tax penalties is, you might consider utilizing the services of a certified public accountant.

According to financial experts, top earners are more likely to be audited, making someone with a good financial understanding, like a CPA, crucial.

Bob Anderson, a Cleveland CPA, said there is still a lot you can do to make the tax-filing season cheaper and easier. Anderson's profession involves keeping up with new tax laws and helping people get the latest tax benefits. In fact, he is recognized by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants as an expert in financial forensics.

Anderson said there are strategies that can help people lower their taxes and avoid costly penalties on both state and federal taxes, like using the right tax forms, contributing to retirement accounts, itemizing tax deductions and more.

Having been the chief financial officer of several businesses in Southeast Tennessee, Anderson, who has a bachelor's degree in business from Illinois Wesleyan University and a master's of business administration from Illinois State University, has achieved a degree of expertise beyond the average accountant.

Having worked with an international accounting firm, partnered in regional as well as local firms and acted as sole proprietor of small businesses in several industries, Anderson is highly qualified to excel at complex accounting tasks to help individuals and businesses achieve financial security. With a reputation for honesty that's as admired as his achievements in accounting, cautious people listen when he says "Every financial circumstance in every business environment can benefit from CPA services." How?

"As financial reporting



Banner photos, WILLIAM WRIGHT

**BOB ANDERSON** of Cleveland is a licensed certified public accountant able to perform a variety of highly specialized job functions, including tax advisory services, business consultation, auditing, financial reporting, information technology and management consultation. With so many changing tax laws, experts say the need for tax vigilance is crucial for taxpayers who want to save money on tax returns and avoid tax penalties. Below, Anderson and administrative assistant Rosemary Yates go over business records together.

becomes increasingly complex, there is a greater opportunity for criminal activity and negligence," Anderson explained. "Tighter regulations passed by the Securities and Exchange Commission need to be complemented by CPAs with honesty and integrity, in order to put a stop to white-collar crime and financial misstatements."

While all CPAs are accountants, not all accountants are CPAs. To become a CPA, an accountant must take and pass a series of demanding tests administered by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Pointing out the difference, Anderson said, "Lots of people can prepare tax returns for individuals, businesses, estates and trusts. Many do fine work — others, not so fine. The IRS, over the past few years, has become concerned about the quality of tax return preparers. They have instituted several programs to

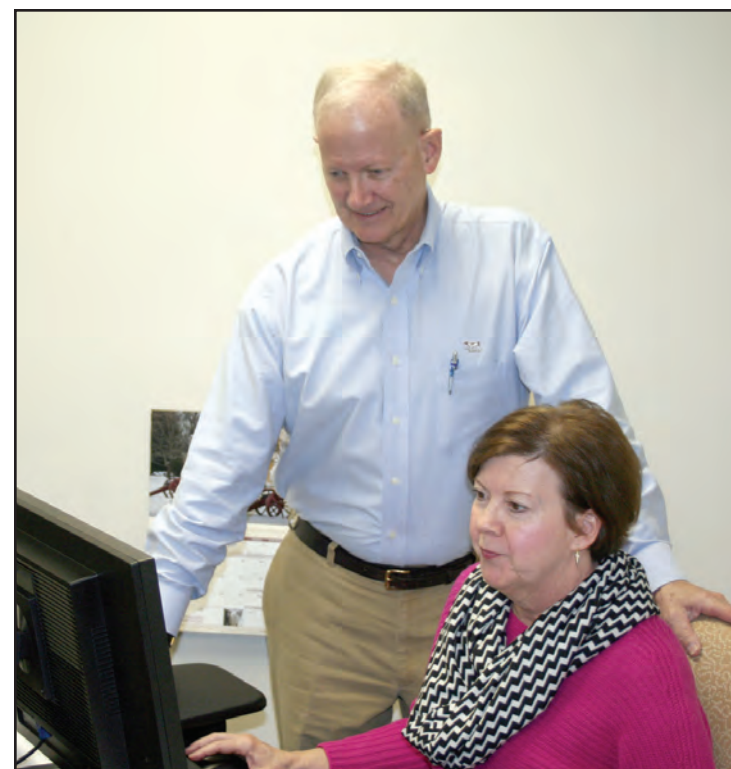


identify Certified Tax Return Preparers. These people need to take an exam to qualify, and receive 15 hours of update training each year. Several hours of this training involves ethics. None of this is required of CPAs. One of the differences, then, is that CPAs have a recognized

knowledge base on ethical standards while others need to prove themselves to gain a Preparer Tax Identification Number from the IRS.

"Another difference is that the normal preparer may be very

See **ANDERSON**, Page 22





## Wright Way

# Fake news. Good news.

By **WILLIAM WRIGHT**  
Lifestyles Editor

Identifying what constitutes “fake news” has become one of the most crucial turning points in the history of journalism and its relationship to government. Is it appropriate to dismiss news reports as “fake news” because a story is negative or written without named sources?

Several news organizations were recently shut out of a White House question-and-answer session amid allegations of them reporting “fake news,” thereby inciting questions of media suppression and freedom of the press. Government leaks and accusations of the press being “the enemy of the people” have some wondering if the mainstream news media can be trusted. Others wonder if the government can be trusted. How can the average person know for sure? What is a person to believe?

Fox news anchor Shepard Smith recently defended CNN against accusations of reporting fake news, stating, “For the record, ‘fake news’ refers to stories that are created, often by entities pretending to be news organizations, solely to draw clicks and views, and are based on nothing of substance. In short, fake news is made up nonsense delivered for financial gain. CNN’s reporting was not fake news. Its journalists followed the same standards to which other news organizations, including Fox News, adhere.”

Fake news stories might also include sightings of Elvis Presley and Michael Jackson or tabloids with headlines like “Woman Gives Birth to Alien.” Now, with the growth of social media, fake news and fake news sites have increased. Any news outlet rushing to get a “scoop” risks getting the facts wrong and being labeled “fake news.”

In some cases it may take years before the truth comes out. For example, in 1912, it was announced that the Missing Link to human evolution was found. The greatest minds of the time all agreed that the skull was authentic, and the so-called “Piltdown Man” was proof of the link between man and monkey. It wasn’t until 40 years later, in 1953, that fluorine testing revealed otherwise. The perpetrator had constructed the hoax from a human skull, the jaw of an orangutan and filed-down chimp teeth. It was without question “fake news.”

It seems the very first documented “fake news” ever reported was by a cunning serpent to the first woman in the Garden of Eden. According to Genesis 3:1-4, it asked the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’ The woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ You will not certainly die,’ the serpent said to the woman. For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be

like God, knowing good and evil.” — New International Version.

By listening to and believing in this “fake news,” Eve posed a threat to her own security. Once she allowed these lies to influence her thinking and actions, she disobeyed the God who gave her life. It resulted in her death, the death of her husband who listened to her (Genesis 3:17-19) and all their offspring (Romans 5:12).

God’s Word provides us with clues as to how we can avoid the snares of fake news today. First, consider the source. Is it reliable? What basis do you have for believing it? If it sounds unbelievable, don’t be quick to believe it. Wait to see if the news comes from other credible sources. Proverbs 14:15 says, “The naive person believes every word, but the shrewd one ponders each step.” — New World Translation. Second, is the story negative or damaging to the reputation of a person or organization? Fake news is often interested in spreading hurtful stories to destroy the reputation of others. Proverbs 20:19 says, “He who goes about talking to hurt people makes secrets known. So do not be with those who talk about others.” — New Life Version.

Could that include reading or listening to negative news reports about others? We must remember that those who start and spread lies are pleasing Satan the Devil, that original serpent and the father of the lie (Revelation 12:9; John 8:44).

On the other hand, God’s Word foretold that true Christians would be spreading “good news” about the kingdom of God (Matthew 24:14). What makes the information in God’s Word “good news” and why can we trust it? First, God’s Word promises new heavens and a new earth where only righteousness will dwell (2Peter 3:13). During this time, there will be no more sickness, pain or death (Revelation 21:3-4). People will be set free from sin and corruption to enjoy a glorious freedom as children of God (Romans 8:21). Wicked people will no longer exist (Proverbs 2:22), loved ones will return from the dead (Acts 24:15, John 5:28-29) and join the living in fulfilling God’s purpose for the earth (Psalm 37:10-11).

We can believe these promises because God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). He has the power and the desire to keep His Word (Isaiah 55:11). Fake news will be gone forever because liars will be gone forever, as well as all those who put their trust in men (Revelation 22:15, Psalm 146:3-4).

In journalism, there is a huge difference between making a mistake in a story and making up an entire story. In life, there is a huge difference in choosing to accept fake news at face value and believing in the good news of God’s kingdom from a God who never lies. One can ruin your life. The other can save it. Why not investigate for yourself? As an angel assured us, “these words are true and faithful.” — KJV.



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“SPRING OF THE NEW YEAR!” — The Tennessee Watercolor Society exhibition at the North River Civic Center which goes through March 31 — featured a People’s Choice ballot box. Visitors were encouraged to vote for their favorite painting among the 50 displayed by 20 artists. When the ballots are counted, the painting with the most votes will receive a First Place ribbon and Award Certificate. Second- and third-place ribbons, as well as honorable mention awards, will be presented to the winning artists by chairmen Suzanne Nichols and Helen Burton, center, at 3 p.m. on Sunday at a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend the ceremony at the NRCC, 1009 Executive Drive, suite 102, Hixson. Call director Linda Rugina at 423-870-8924 for information and directions.

## Anderson

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good at asking their customers basic questions related to the specific returns they are preparing. CPAs, on the other hand, have clients, not customers. Their questions are more about the story of the clients’ business activities for the past year. CPAs can get really good at discovering tax-related activities by pursuing the story, not the canned questions.”

Anderson said the big advantage to individuals and businesses who choose to use a CPA involves the notion that the rules involving business operations as well as taxes are “changing at light speed.”

“The non-professional is very much about, ‘This is the way we have always done it!’ But the CPA thinks it’s his or her responsibility to do a report, and assist the client in keeping up [with] — or ahead of — the changes,” Anderson explained. “What you don’t know in this age is likely to hurt you. CPAs have a place in the modern information system that puts them on the leading edge of changes, often well before they happen.”

“For example, we do traditional bookkeeping. But then we develop operational reports out of the traditional monthly reporting, so the small-businessman can con-

vert ‘What he is doing’ to ‘How he is doing.’ That is one of the changes I am emphasizing in my practice. Another is forensic accounting, which is finding the source of lost profits and identifying fraudulent transactions as well as fair value accounting. It’s a trend that’s especially helpful to small and medium-sized businesses. It’s also a critical skill for all accountants.”

Anderson has taken a profession of facts and figures and turned it into an explanation that people can understand. He admits, “I was never interested in numbers as a child. Fortunately, accounting is not about num-

bers. It’s about telling a story of business activity through numbers. I have always been great at telling stories and reading stories. Accountants are, in fact, historians, and history has been a favorite of mine since early childhood.”

Yet, there is nothing boring about the way Anderson tells “a story of business activity through numbers.” Using his own brand of enthusiasm, gestures and illustrations to explain what he does and how he does it, this tax expert is clearly in his comfort zone when it comes to discussing the process of keeping financial accounts.

## Etowah Arts Commission presents 23rd annual Jake Bluegrass Festival

Traditional bluegrass music will fill the air in downtown Etowah, as the Etowah Arts Commission announces the 23rd annual Cousin Jake Bluegrass Festival, on Saturday at the historic Gem Theater, 700 Tennessee Ave. Etowah.

Local favorites Just Us will serve as the host band to welcome Band of Ruhks, Flashback, Hamilton County Ramblers and Third Degree to the stage. Join in on Friday night for the ninth annual John Studdard Memorial Bluegrass Gospel Concert, featuring Kenny and Amanda Smith and Just Us. This event is made possible with support from the Tennessee Arts Commission and local sponsors.

The Festival honors “Cousin Jake” Tullock, who grew up in Etowah, and was a longtime member of the renowned Flatt

and Scruggs and the Foggy Mountain Boys, playing bass and telling jokes. The Gospel Concert honors local educator, bluegrass musician, and founder of the Cousin Jake Bluegrass Festival, John Studdard.

Friday evening’s Gospel Concert will begin at 7:30 p.m., with the doors opening at 7. On Saturday, doors open at 11 a.m., with the music beginning at noon and continuing until 10 p.m. All the bands will play afternoon and evening sets. Bring your own musical instruments along so you can “sit and pick” during the afternoon on the lawn of the L&N Depot, just across the street from the Gem Theater.

Tickets are \$12 per person for Friday’s Gospel Concert, \$18 for Saturday’s Bluegrass Festival, or purchase a combo two-day ticket for just \$25 per person. Tickets



Just Us

are available at the EAC office Friday, noon till 6 p.m., or call 423-263-7608 to order over the phone with a credit card. Tickets may also be purchased online at [www.etowaharts.org](http://www.etowaharts.org).

The Gem Theater and first floor of the L&N Depot are ADA compliant and handicapped-accessible.

The Etowah Arts Commission, the cultural arm of the city of Etowah Parks and Recreation

Department, has been in existence since 1977. Occupying the former location of a drugstore in the corner of the historic Gem Theater, EAC has benefitted the community by leading the Gem Theater renovations, hosting events to boost the cultural life of the town, and is home to Nancy Cantrell Dender Gallery. Visit [www.etowaharts.org](http://www.etowaharts.org) or call 423-263-7608 for more information.



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**BILL AND PEGGY ALRED** were honored as king and queen at the annual Morningside Valentine’s party in February. The Roaring 50’s singing group provided the entertainment. Bill and Peggy Alred were very surprised, but honored, according to Janie Wingo, activities director at the senior assisted living facility in Cleveland. “We asked them ‘How does a marriage survive 70-plus years?’” Wingo said. “Mrs. Alred said, ‘It takes a lot of smiles to make it work!’ Our residents had a great time singing and dancing with the Roaring 50’s. They enjoyed cake and punch. I personally feel the residents had a great time! Everyone was clapping their hands, singing and we had a few even get up and dance.”



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**THE CLEVELAND STORYTELLING GUILD** will present one of their signature events, “Warm Stories and Hot Cider,” on Friday evening at First Presbyterian Church, 433 N. Ocoee St. in downtown Cleveland. Stories will begin at 7 p.m. Special guest teller for this event will be Stephen Hollen, the featured storyteller for the recent 22nd annual Ocoee Story Fest, along with three local and regional storytellers: Judy Baker, left, Caneta Gentry, right, and Sylvia Greene. Admission is free, but donations will be gladly accepted. For more information, contact Judy Baker at [tellone@bellsouth.net](mailto:tellone@bellsouth.net) or phone 479-7887. The website for the Cleveland Storytelling Guild is [www.tennesseetellers.org](http://www.tennesseetellers.org). Founded in 1991, the Cleveland Storytelling Guild has been keeping the art of the oral tradition alive in our community. “Warm Stories and Hot Cider” reflects that tradition, as a relaxed evening filled with stories and fun for the entire family. The Cleveland Storytelling Guild meets monthly, on the second Tuesday of the month, at the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library. Stories begin at 7 — tellers and listeners are welcome.



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**THE LADIES** of Newcomers of Cleveland had a wonderful February meeting conducting a baby shower. Members brought wrapped baby gifts ranging from newborn to toddler size clothes, shoes, diapers, toys, gift cards and anything the little one might need. Newcomers member Vivian Waltbillig acted as "Mother," while Activities Chairman Kathy Novak assisted as "Grandmother," opening the gifts. After the shower, all gifts were donated to the New Hope Pregnancy Center. Newcomers Club of Cleveland meets the first Monday of each month at Broad Street United Methodist Church, at 9:45 a.m.

## CLUB NOTES



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**THE BETA SIGMA PHI** Cleveland City Council had a lunch for all chapters at the Mountain Oaks Tea Room to honor each chapter's Valentine Queen. Epsilon Delta Master honored Wilma Jean Pippenger as their Queen. Some of the chapter members pictured, from left, are Jeanne Beavers, Brenda Hjellum, Jeannette Cochran, Helen Riden, Pippenger and guest Ellen McReynolds.

## Jason Eller speaks at the Ocoee Chapter DAR meeting

### Special to the Banner

The Ocoee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution recently held its February meeting at the Elks Lodge. Regent Laura Boyd presided and led members in the ritual and the singing of the national anthem.

Boyd introduced guests and announced the names of those members having birthdays in February, wishing them all a very happy birthday.

She read President General Ann Turner Dillon's message to the Daughters which included the following:

"I look forward to visiting many state societies this spring, meeting members and hearing about all you are doing to further the mission of the DAR. Plans for the 126th Continental Congress are underway, and we are so excited to celebrate another year of hard work.

"If you happened to see the Presidential Inauguration luncheon, you might have spotted a familiar lectern! For the fourth Inauguration in a row, the use of the historic DAR eagle lectern was requested for this luncheon. The lectern is original to Memorial Continental Hall and was frequently used at early events. It was presented to the Fourteenth DAR Continental Congress in 1905 by a Rhode Island chapter now disbanded. It represented a pledge of loyalty to the organization, and in the interest of purity, patriotism and peace."

Boyd announced upcoming events including a genealogy workshop to be held in Chattanooga on March 8, with Mary Anne Pierson. Contact Boyd for more information.

The Tennessee Society DAR State Conference will be held in Franklin on April 20-23.

The new member oath was administered to Joy Renner by Chaplain Jane Rumbaugh. Boyd presented Renner with a pin and welcomed her to the Chapter.

Vice Regent Leigh Ann Boyd



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**DAR OCOEE**  
Chapter Vice Regent Leigh Ann Boyd, right, introduced February guest speaker Jason Eller, left.

introduced guest speaker Jason Eller, chief development officer of Tamassee DAR School Inc. Eller was born in Ocoee County, South Carolina, and received a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Wesleyan University in South Carolina and a master's degree from Clemson University.

Eller began his career at Tamassee DAR School in 1985. He was in the fourth grade and, like many of the children at Tamassee, came from a troubled home. Fortunately, he was placed in the care of Tamassee. In contrast to his former home, this home would be a safe haven that provided love, care, support and education. He graduated from high school while at Tamassee and attended college, thanks to scholarships provided by the school.

As a product of the school, Eller has a unique understanding of children in need of a home and an education. His commitment to help children in need led him to return there as the Chief Development Officer.

"Tamassee DAR School has been a home for thousands of children from across the United States. The residential program offers a stable, nurturing home-like environment for the children," while their families work to resolve

any crisis situation at home.

The staff of Tamassee helps families in need and provides a strong education for each child. The Aftercare Program there provides the children and their families with a "safety net," enhancing needed life skills for each child.

The Tamassee DAR School Scholarship Program offers the opportunity to make a gift in support of the school's programs, services, and ultimately to achieve its mission in helping children and families in need. To learn more about Tamassee DAR School, visit online at [www.tdarschool.org](http://www.tdarschool.org).

Chapter Conservation Chair Helen Riden reported on the history of NSDAR's Conservation Committee, which "was established in 1909 by the 18th Continental Congress, with a focus on protecting and conserving our natural resources."

"Climate change and the misuse of our natural resources pose a real threat to our national security. Contamination of our land and water, destruction of our forests and wetlands, the introduction of non-native species of plants and animals, and a warming climate threaten our agriculture, infrastructure, and health as well as the majestic beauty of our great country. The mission of this

committee is to educate members about these issues and to promote and encourage good stewardship practices that benefit the environment."

All DAR members are encouraged to "BEE Patriotic: Plant a Pollinator Garden." Members "may register their gardens, landscaping or habitat preservation projects that serve as wildlife sanctuary with the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge, a new Conservation Committee initiative that benefits pollinator species."

Your garden may be as small as potted plants on a patio, or it may cover several acres, but to qualify as a pollinator garden, it must include plants that provide nectar or pollen, or serve as host plants for butterfly caterpillars.

During the business session of the meeting, Ann Cherry read the minutes of the December meeting. Janice Dugan gave the registrar's report, and Carolyn Hendrix gave the treasurer's report.

After thanking hostesses Harriett Caldwell, Linda Foster and Helen Riden, Laura Boyd adjourned the meeting.



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**NEW MEMBER** Joy Renner, center, was welcomed to the Ocoee Chapter DAR by Chaplain Jane Rumbaugh, left, who administered the new member oath and Regent Laura Boyd, who presented a pin to Renner.



**OCOEE CHAPTER DAR** held its February meeting at the Elks Lodge. Hostesses, from left, are Harriett Caldwell, Linda Foster and Helen Riden.



## Hints from Heloise

### Grapes with a twist

**Dear Heloise:** I'm a Dayton (Ohio) Daily News reader who enjoys your hints.

At a buffet table, I watched as nearly everyone who wanted a GRAPE or two held the bunch and pulled one or more free, often getting the stem as well. In the process, of course, they also deposited some of their hand germs on other grapes in the bunch.

Am I one of just a few who have discovered that by giving your selected grape a slight twist, it will come away from the bunch with ease and never a stem? — Jane A., via email

**Good grapes!** Thanks for the hint, and it's healthy, too. If serving grapes at home for a buffet or just setting out a fruit plate, snip off SMALL bunches, about four to five grapes, with scissors, and then one only has to pick up what he or she wants. Much nicer, and easier to do, also. — Heloise

### Frozen walnuts

**Dear Heloise:** My grandmother has some walnuts that have been in her freezer since 1976. She said that nuts are good forever if frozen. Is this true? If not,

how long will shelled nuts keep in the freezer? — L.S., Cabot, Ark.

**Wow!** That's a looong time! No, nuts cannot last that long, even in the freezer (oh nuts!). Shelled nuts, stored in an airtight container or freezer zipper-top bag, can last about a year or two. — Heloise

### Storage can

**Dear Heloise:** I enjoy reading your column every day in The (Greenville, Ohio) Daily Advocate.

Here is a hint for using those pretty popcorn cans after Christmas. I have several in my pantry: One with extra bags of brown, white and powdered sugar; one with bags of noodles, rice and miniature marshmallows; one with chips or other snacks; and one with cat- and dog-food treats.

The cans keep the food fresh and away from ants or other bugs. — Mary S., New Madison, Ohio

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### Mixing hint

**Dear Heloise:** My hand mixer came with a set of dough hooks. I inserted the hooks into a jar of almond butter and "kneaded" on low speed for less than two minutes. Done! The hooks are just long enough to reach the bottom of the jar and did a great job. I transfer the butter to several smaller containers (small canning jars are perfect), so stirring by hand is manageable when the oil separates again. — Carolyn in Alabama

### Oven temperature

**Dear Heloise:** Here's a hint my mom taught me: To avoid burnt-bottomed cookies, preheat the oven to 5 degrees higher than needed. Then adjust down to the correct temperature after putting the cookies in. That way, the heating element won't come on, even with the temperature drop due to opening the door. — Katherine T., Perryville, Ark.

As long as you remember to lower the temp! Generally, opening the door for long enough to put in a pan of cookies should NOT lower the temp that much. — Heloise

# 4-H Sub County Public Speaking competition winners announced

The Bradley County 4-H Sub County Public Speaking Contests were held on Feb. 17 and Feb. 24 at Cleveland State Community College.

More than 100 fourth- and fifth-grade students participated. The winners of the sub-county contest will compete in the Bradley County 4-H County

Contest on Friday.

Winners of the sub-county contest for fourth grade were: Sadie Wiefelaert, North Lee; Eli Cross, Charleston; Bella Tucker, Black Fox; Abby Schalk, North Lee; Abigail Kitterman, TCPS; Riley Jones, Hopewell; Riley Miles, North Lee; Carson Cannon, North Lee; Liz Gunter, Waterville; Kinsley Calfee, Oak Grove; Cammie Hicks, Hopewell; Christian Divel, TCPS; and Mary Kate Olinger, Michigan Avenue;

Winners of the sub-county contest for fifth grade were: Grayson Owens, Michigan Avenue; Lexi Burgess, Valley View; Kayla Martin, Waterville; Zyrhina Acebedo, Charleston; Teigan Cassada, Charleston; Emerson Comfort, Park View; Matthew Rogers, Waterville; Arabella Hammand, Charleston; and Caleb Sausville, Michigan Avenue.

Judges for the events from the Cleveland Kiwanis Club were Charles Bagley, Jake Duos, Blake Peterson, Jim Lane, Kathy Lane, Kaye Smith, Jeff Miller, Jessa Miller and Andrew Hunt.

Judges from Lee University were Ashley Stephens and Pamela Hobbs.

Judges from the Bradley County 4-H were Janet Bunch, Haley Millsap and Kajal Patel.



**FIFTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners A are shown with judges. From left, back, are Jeff Miller, Jessa Miller; front, Lexie Burgess and Grayson Owens.



**FOURTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners A are shown with judges. From left are judges Charles Bagley and Jake Duos; and Eli Cross, Sadie Wiefelaert and Bella Tucker.



**FOURTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners B are shown with judges. From left are Ashley Stephens, Black Peterson, Haley Millsap, front, Riley Jones, Abby Schalk and Abigail Kitterman.



**FIFTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners B are shown with judges. From left, back are judges Kajal Patel and Andrew Hunt; front, Zyrhina Acebedo, Tiegan Cassada, Emerson Comfort and Kayla Martin.



**FOURTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners C are shown with judges. From left, back, are Jim Lane and Kathy Lane; front, Riley Miller, Carson Cannon and Liz Gunter.



**FIFTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners C are shown with judges. From left are judge Kaye Smith, Matthew Rogers, Arabella Hammand, Caleb Sausville and Judge Janet Bunch.



**FOURTH-GRADE** Sub County co-speech winners D are shown with judges. They are, back, Kaye Smith, Mary Kate Olinger and Pamela Hobbs; and front, Cammie Hicks, Kinsley Calfee and Christian Divel.

# What popular tax breaks are at risk if Congress overhauls taxes?

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Republicans say they want to lower taxes and get rid of loopholes to make up the lost revenue, they're talking about eliminating some very popular tax breaks enjoyed by millions of people.

That's why making big changes to tax laws is so hard — and why it hasn't been done for 30 years.

Unless Congress simply cuts taxes for everyone, there will be winners and losers, and the losers won't go quietly. If Congress does cut taxes for everyone, lawmakers risk exploding an already large budget deficit.

Republican leaders in the House and Senate say they don't want a tax overhaul to add to the national debt. That's what they mean when they say "revenue neutral." The new system would raise the same amount of tax revenue as the old one, after taking into account some broader economic effects.

President Donald Trump has

said he will make public a tax proposal in the coming weeks. Republicans in Congress are also working on plans, with the House GOP taking the lead.

Last year, House Republicans released a blueprint that would lower income tax rates and reduce the number of tax brackets. The gist of the plan is to lower tax rates for just about everyone, and make up the lost revenue by scaling back exemptions, deductions and credits.

A look at the biggest tax breaks enjoyed by individuals, along with The Associated Press' assessment of how safe they are as Congress works to overhaul taxes. All estimates are from the nonpartisan Joint Committee on Taxation, the official scorekeeper for Congress.

## RETIREMENT SAVINGS

Contributions to pension plans are tax-exempt, including defined benefit plans and defined contribution plans, such as 401(k)s. This exemption saved

taxpayers \$180 billion in 2016, making it the biggest tax break for individuals.

**RATING:** Safe.

## EMPLOYER-PROVIDED HEALTH INSURANCE

Nearly half of all those in the United States get their health insurance from an employer. The value of those insurance policies is exempt from taxation, saving taxpayers \$155 billion in 2016.

Proposals to start taxing at least some health benefits are dividing House Republicans as they struggle to replace President Barack Obama's health law. Some see it as another version of Obama's "Cadillac" tax on high-cost health insurance, which has been delayed until 2020.

**RATING:** In danger.

## CAPITAL GAINS AND DIVIDENDS

Investors pay reduced tax rates on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends, saving them

\$131 billion in 2016. The tax rate for investment income is 15 percent for most investors, though the very wealthy pay a top rate of 20 percent. The top tax rate on regular income is 39.6 percent.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan raised taxes on investments and used the revenue to dramatically reduce tax rates for regular income. Today, few Republicans embrace the idea of increasing taxes on investments.

**RATING:** Safe, as long as Republicans are in charge.

## EARNED INCOME CREDIT

Nearly 30 million families claimed the earned income tax credit in 2016, which targets low-income working families with children. They saved a total of \$73 billion. Republicans like the credit because it rewards work. Democrats like it because it is one of the federal government's largest anti-poverty programs.

**RATING:** Safe, but there could be changes.

## STATE AND LOCAL TAXES

More than 43 million families deducted their state and local income, sales and personal property taxes from their federal taxable income in 2016. The deductions reduced their federal tax bills by nearly \$70 billion. More than 90 percent of taxpayers who itemize take advantage of this deduction. Nevertheless, the House Republican blueprint would repeal it to help pay for lower tax rates.

**RATING:** In danger.

## MORTGAGE INTEREST

Nearly 34 million families claimed the mortgage interest deduction in 2016, reducing their tax bills by \$65 billion. Some economists say the deduction is an inefficient way to promote home ownership. But it has strong support among home owners and every industry associated with buying and building homes. Recognizing the political peril of targeting this deduction,

the House GOP blueprint would keep it.

**RATING:** Safe, but it could get a haircut for high-priced homes.

## CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

Nearly 36 million families claimed deductions for charitable contributions in 2016, reducing their tax bills by more than \$57 billion. Most tax overhaul proposals, including the House GOP blueprint, would spare this deduction.

**RATING:** Safe.

## PROPERTY TAXES

Nearly 35 million families deducted their taxes on their home or other real estate from their federal taxable income in 2016. They saved a total of \$33 billion. This deduction makes it easier for school districts to raise money from property taxes. It is, however, targeted for elimination in the House GOP blueprint.

**RATING:** In danger.



# Lee University to host guest lecturer John McCluskey

Lee University's School of Music will host Shorter University professor and Lee alum Dr. John McCluskey to present a guest lecture on musical segregation in American college football on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

"I am personally and professionally pleased to welcome Dr. McCluskey back to his alma mater to speak on this timely topic," said Dr. Phillip Thomas, chair of Lee's Department of Musicianship Studies. "He is a bright, engaging scholar of whom we are very proud."

McCluskey's lecture is influenced by his recently completed dissertation, "This is Ghetto Row: Musical Segregation in American College Football." This project led to presentations at a number of national and regional (ethno)musicological conferences, including the American Musicological Society, the Society for Ethnomusicology, the International Conference on Sport and Society, the Futures

of American Studies Institute, and SEM's Midwest Chapter meeting, where his presentation received the JaFran Jones Award.

His paper examines musical segregation in college football during the 2013 season, via case studies and interviews with university musical coordinators from the nation's five largest collegiate athletic conferences. He highlights the type of music university marketing departments allot time for players to listen to before a game, how marketing and athletic departments employ music as a means of intentionally misrepresenting their institution to high school recruits, and how the marching band continues to be the musical embodiment of college football.

In addition to serving as an assistant professor of music at Shorter, McCluskey is the chair of music, theatre, and dance at Shorter. He earned his Ph.D. and master of arts in musicology and ethnomusicology from the

University of Kentucky and his bachelor's degree in music education at Lee University.

McCluskey has previously taught at Transylvania University and the University of Kentucky. He designed and taught courses in topics such as American music, the history of jazz, innovation and creativity in rock, and music appreciation. His efforts resulted in being awarded the University of Kentucky's inaugural Kristen Stauffer Todd Memorial Award for Exceptional Graduate Teaching and Service in Musicology and Ethnomusicology in 2015.

He is also a member of the American Musicological Society, the Society for American Music, the Society for Christian Scholarship in Music, and the Society for Ethnomusicology. His writing has appeared in the Journal of the Society for American Music.

The lecture will take place in the Humanities Center, 1250 Parker St., Room 104.

For more information, contact Lee's School of Music at 423-614-8240.



McCluskey



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ATTENDING THE recent SEATA symposium are, kneeling from left, Levi Moffett, Luis Rodas, standing, Dr. Taz Kicklighter, Mekaela Byker, Austin Weinzelt, Olivia Spuler, Emily Skipper, Joe Busic, Alyssa Slagle and Dr. Kelly Lumpkin.

## Lee students stand out at SEATA Athletic Training Student Symposium

Lee University athletic training students traveled to Atlanta to participate in the Athletic Training Student Symposium, hosted by the Southeast Athletic Trainer's Association.

During last month's conference, more than 900 undergraduate and graduate students seeking athletic training certification gathered to participate in various activities designed to foster the growth of athletic training students.

Lee seniors Stephan (Levi) Moffett and Emily Skipper were two of only eight students selected to deliver oral presentations on clinical case studies.

Moffett presented on the spontaneous healing of a college volleyball player, and Skipper's study explored the surgical repair of a lower back muscle tear in a professional baseball pitcher.

Additionally, Lee's team, the Smashing Lumpkins, competed in the ATSS quiz bowl competition against 23 other teams. Participating teams answered questions related to athletic training and were scored on quickness and correctness of responses.

The Smashing Lumpkins took 10th place, but not before holding their own for a moment in first.

"Besides being on the first quiz bowl team for Lee and doing well against other schools that were there, I got to learn valuable information from some of the best athletic trainers in the world," said Luis Rodas, Lee AT major.

"This trip was an amazing experience due to the people that went on the trip and the people I met at SEATA."

According to Dr. Kelly Lumpkin, Lee's AT program

director, the success of the current undergraduate athletic training program is smoothing the transition into the first semester of Lee's upcoming Masters of Science in Athletic Training program.

The MSAT program will begin in May 2018, but applications are being accepted beginning in fall 2017. Another new program, Pre-AT, will allow students to pursue an emphasis area in athletic training at the undergraduate level.

The SEATA is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the quality of health care provided by certified athletic trainers, and to advancing the athletic training profession.

The ATSS welcomes experimental research, case studies, and other research projects regarding athletic training from students seeking athletic training certification.



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STAFF AND VOLUNTEER staff at New Hope Pregnancy Care Center hold certifications of completion for the Crisis Pregnancy Coaching Series recognized by the executive board of the American Association of Christian Counselors. These certificates of completion allow the women (pictured) to counsel clients of New Hope's Earn While You Learn program. From top left are Development Director Delaney Walker, Jessica Howell and Rebecca Grant. Bottom, from left, are Marie Todd and Hope Group Facilitator Melissa Kenney.

## Historically black colleges push for financial support

WASHINGTON (AP) — Presidents from a majority of the country's historically black colleges and universities are in Washington this week, calling for \$25 billion in the upcoming budget to help address priorities including infrastructure, college readiness and financial aid as President Trump prepares to sign an executive order aimed at signaling his commitment to the schools.

Trump met briefly with the college leaders on Monday, posing for a photograph in the Oval Office before the group met with Vice President Mike Pence and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos. Tuesday's order is expected to move the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities from the Department of Education into the White House. A senior White House official said the order was intended to prioritize the initiative and make it easier to partner with various federal departments and agencies.

The moves are among the actions some college presidents said they would like to see coming from the new administration. For some, their decision to come to Washington was over the objections of students and alumni, but they say they can ill afford to play politics as Trump moves quickly to set priorities.

Florida A&M Interim President Larry Robinson said it is important for schools like his to have a seat at the table early.

"We are the subject matter experts in terms of what needs to be done," Robinson said. "We wanted to communicate that to those who were receptive of doing something on our behalf ... regardless of who's sitting in the White House, or what their political affiliations are."

Though Trump did not have a

plan to address HBCUs during his campaign — unlike Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Clinton — the Republican was swift to signal his support for the schools soon after his inauguration. Administration officials vowed that he would take action on HBCUs during Black History Month, which ends Tuesday. One of the president's most visible black aides, Omarosa Manigault, holds degrees from two HBCUs: Central State University in Ohio and Howard University in Washington.

More than 231,000 students enrolled at black colleges and universities in 2014, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. Almost 80 percent were black. But HBCU enrollment declined from 326,614 to 294,316 between 2010 and 2014, according to NCES data. And in the past generation, the percentage of black college students attending HBCUs dropped from 18 percent of the overall total of black college students in 1976 to 8 percent in 2014.

On Tuesday, the college presidents will spend the day on Capitol Hill, lobbying Congress for more funding. Grambling State University President Rick Gallot said he was encouraged by Monday's meeting and saw a government interested in a meaningful partnership. Gallot is hoping the initial meetings will lead to more access to research opportunities for his school.

"As HBCUs, we've always done what politicians stress to agencies: To do more with less," the head of the Louisiana college said. "Think of the opportunities that would be there to do more with more."

Gallot pointed out that more than 90 percent of his students

are eligible for the federal Pell grant, and added he would like to see the program strengthened and made into a year-round opportunity.

Trump's executive order is also aimed at helping the HBCU initiative work as a partner in the president's agenda, including job creation, community revitalization and making inner cities safer, according to the official who briefed reporters on condition of anonymity, despite the president's recent complaints about un-named sources.

Florida Memorial University's Roslyn Artis said she is looking to play to Trump's CEO background, looking for tax incentives that would attract government contractors and private companies to invest in HBCUs.

"We're appealing to his good business sense and hoping he finds an investment worth paying for," she said, adding that Florida Memorial leadership had several listening sessions with its campus community ahead of the Washington trip to allay concerns. "The reality is, we as HBCUs don't have the luxury of playing politics. It's really about policy for us."

The presidents were invited to Washington by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund, the nonprofit umbrella organization of public HBCUs headed by Johnny Taylor, who said he reached out to both presidential campaigns about support for the schools last summer. Taylor pointed out that two-thirds of HBCUs are in red, or Republican-oriented states, and that the colleges are heavily reliant on federal and state funding to survive — meaning HBCUs must meet with the administration, despite the fact that only 8 percent of African-Americans voted for Trump.



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BRADLEY COUNTY Trustee Mike Smith spoke to the Valley View Ruritan Club about the duties of the trustee's office and programs to aid the residents of Bradley County. Valley View Ruritan meets the 4th Thursday of each month. From left are Tim Mason, Valley View Ruritan member; Barbara Mason, club vice president; Smith; David Swallows, staff member Trustees office; and Mel Griffith, club president.

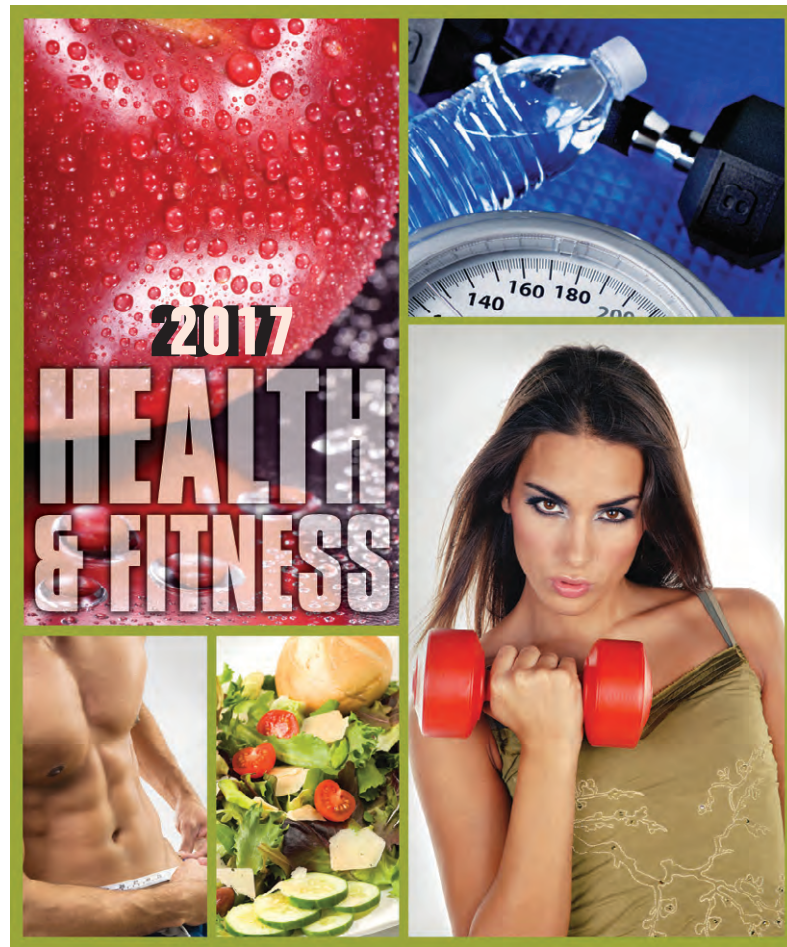
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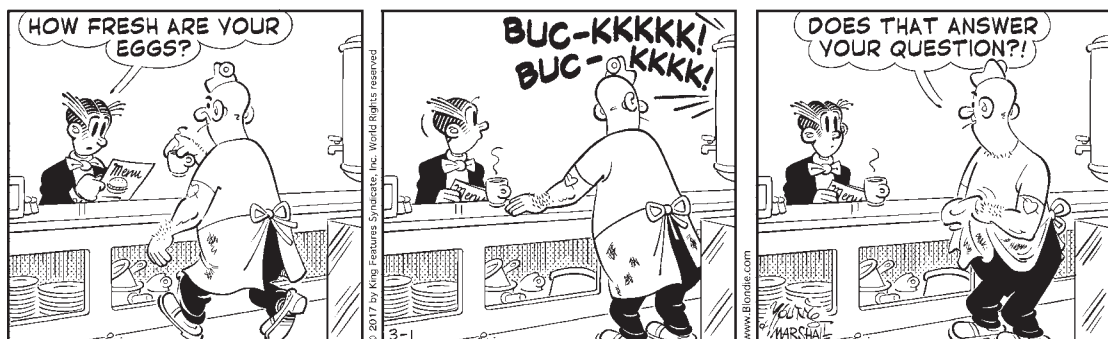
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# Beetle Bailey



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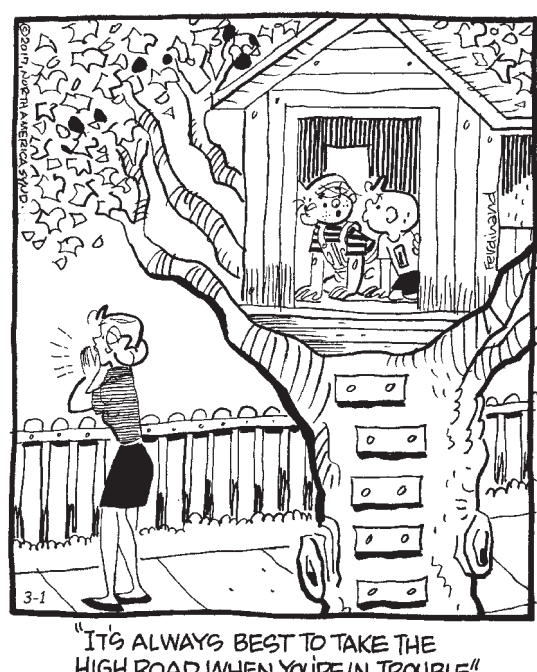


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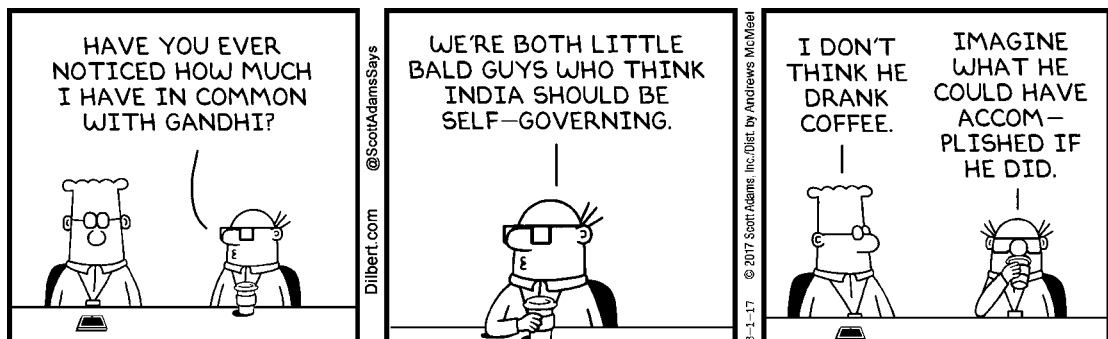
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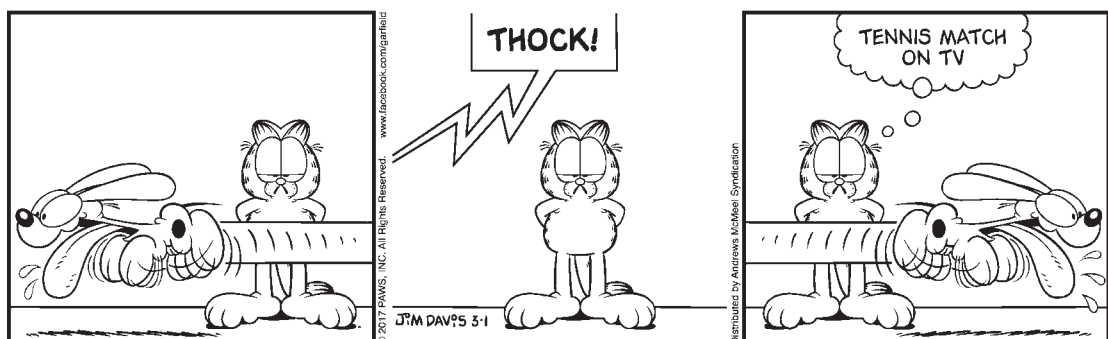
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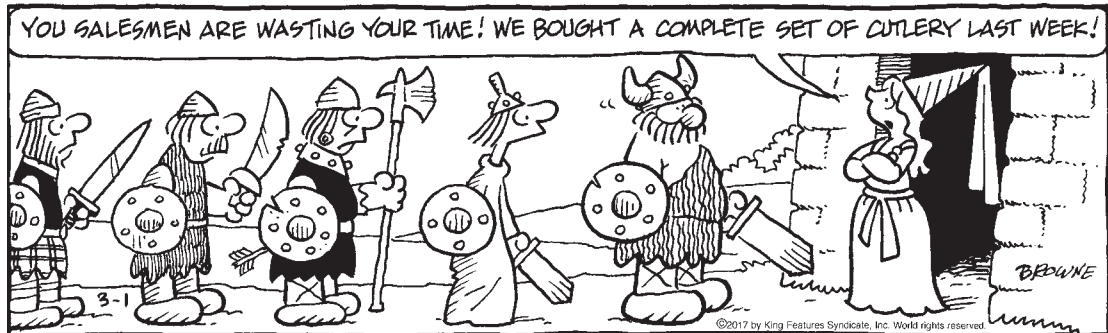
# Dilbert



# Garfield



# Hagar the Horrible



# Tina's Groove



# CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**  
 1 Soft shoe, for short  
 4 Char-lotte's creation  
 7 DVR brand  
 8 Did an AAA job  
 10 Baby hooter  
 11 Brunch fare  
 13 Social feasts  
 16 Away from WSW  
 17 Reddish horses  
 18 —  
 19 Cracker name  
 20 Suffix with song or gab  
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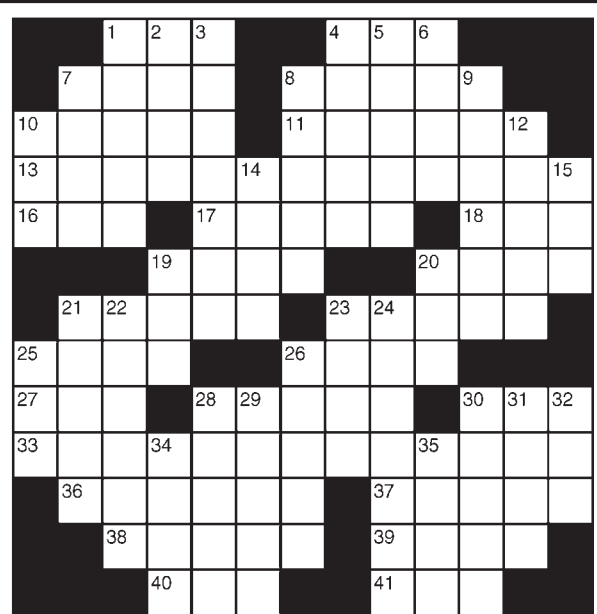
**DOWN**  
 23 Chopin piece  
 25 Aloe —  
 26 Insult  
 27 — budget  
 28 Step — Paulo  
 30 Poker tournament format  
 33 Hawaiian garment  
 37 "Goodness!"  
 38 Cut corners  
 39 Poses  
 40 Sixth sense  
 41 "Psst!"

**DOWN**  
 1 Pooh's creator  
 2 It takes the cake  
 3 Exclusive group  
 4 Female  
 5 Pitchers level  
 6 Karate level  
 7 Clone  
 8 November birthstone  
 9 Cleared a frosty  
 10 Poem of shield  
 11 Praise

**DOWN**  
 12 To the point  
 14 Decays  
 15 Drunkard letters  
 19 Genetic letters  
 20 Bear hair material  
 21 Jeans material  
 22 Seventh planet  
 23 Lamb alias  
 24 Type of coffee or bath  
 25 Pledge  
 26 Stopped lying?  
 28 Big rigs  
 29 Surpass  
 30 Like seawater  
 31 Priestly vestments  
 32 Flamenco cheer  
 34 Microwave, slangily  
 35 Writer Wiesel

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

Yesterday's answer 3-1



SXDS PZJZL NZOQT DQNDLR

RVQUS OV XUR PDSSQI,

VWZJDJQL JIPDORI SNZ

XIWTR DWI JISSIW SXDY ZYI.

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** I SUFFER FROM AN INEXPLICABLE FEAR OF JACK-IN-THE-BOXES. I GUESS I'M JUST A SPRING CHICKEN.  
 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O



## ASTROLOGY

by Eugenia Last

**THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2017**  
**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:** Bryce Dallas Howard, 36; Method Man, 46; Daniel Craig, 49; Jon Bon Jovi, 55.

**Happy Birthday:** Take pride in what you do. Don't let anyone make you feel awkward for being original or for delving into the unknown or unfamiliar. Growth comes from being inquisitive and curious, not from doing things the same way every day. Let your emotions lead you into rich encounters that offer knowledge, experience and variety. Live life your way. Your numbers are 8, 12, 20, 23, 31, 37, 46.



## Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

### The road to good defense

North dealer.  
 Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A K 8 5 2  
 ♥ 9 4  
 ♦ A K 7 4 3  
 ♣ A

**WEST**  
 ♠ J 9 6  
 ♥ K J 7 6  
 ♦ Q J 8  
 ♣ 9 7 2

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q 10 7 4 3  
 ♥ A 10 3  
 ♦ 10 9 5  
 ♣ Q 4

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ —  
 ♥ Q 8 5 2  
 ♦ 6 2  
 ♣ K J 10 8 6 5 3

The bidding:  
 North East South West  
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass  
 2 ♦ Pass 3 ♣ Pass  
 3 ♦ Pass 4 ♣ Pass  
 5 ♣

Opening lead — six of hearts.

**To be a good defender, you must do a lot of theorizing about the composition of the two unseen hands.** Fortunately, there are nearly always clues that stem from either the bidding or the play, so that the best method of defense need not be treated as guesswork.

**Take this case** where East-West are defending against five clubs. It is not difficult for West to find a heart lead, given the reluctance of both

North and South to bid notrump at any point.

**East wins the heart** with the ace and returns the ten. He hopes partner has the K-J, in which case, if dummy can be forced to ruff a heart, East's queen of clubs will become the setting trick.

**Declarer covers the ten** with the queen, and West wins with the king. West does not know at this point that East has the Q-x of clubs, but he can easily deduce that the jack-of-hearts continuation offers the best chance to defeat the contract.

**West arrives at this conclusion** by assuming that South, who bid clubs three times, must have at least seven of them. Since declarer has already produced two hearts, it follows that South's four unknown cards, whatever they are, are fully covered by dummy's two sets of A-K's.

**It thus becomes clear** that no advantage can accrue from returning a spade, a diamond or a trump at trick three. The only real chance is that East has either the Q-x or J-10 of clubs, in which case forcing dummy to ruff a heart with the ace will promote a trump trick for the defense.

**If West fails to lead** the jack of hearts at trick three, declarer makes the contract, but with that lead South must go down one.

**Tomorrow:** A psychological battle.  
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## SUDOKU

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8		1	7		9			
			9			8	3	
7	5		2					
	2	6	5			9		
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			6	1	5			
9				7	5		4	
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1	2	7	8	4	6	3	9	5
8	9	5	7	3	2	8	6	1
6	3	8	5	1	9	7	2	4
9	1	2	4	9	7	6	8	3
7	6	3	1	8	9	2	4	5
8	4	9	6	2	3	5	1	7
3	8	1	9	6	4	7	2	5
9	6	2	1	7	2	2	6	5
6	1	8	5	3	4	7	2	9

ANSWER:

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You may have to take an emotional look at the past before you can move forward. Do what has to be done and put any negativity behind you. Don't let anger mount. Remain calm and offer an intelligent perspective.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Share your feelings and thoughts. Once you make your position clear, you will discover that you are not alone in the way you are thinking. Join forces with someone willing to go the distance in order to bring about change.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Truth will be difficult to find. Do your own fact-finding and make a change based on what you need, not what others prompt you to do. Personal gains will result if you make honest personal assessments. Make love a priority.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Excess will be your downfall. Stick to basics and use what you have to come up with and develop what you want to do. Your efforts will attract attention and the support you need to make progress toward your goals.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Networking will prove beneficial when it comes to working your way into a cushy position. Getting along with your peers will not be easy due to jealousy and underhandedness. Protect your reputation and your position. Practice diplomacy.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Opportunity will stem from conversations, business trips or educational pursuits. Expand your interests, ask questions and get involved in events that will spark your imagination. Collaboration will lead to important long-term partnerships. Mix business with pleasure.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Consider what others have to offer regarding financial, medical or legal concerns. Greater insight will come if you are more resourceful pressing forward. Take your time and you will avoid a costly mistake. Pay attention to detail.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make personal and partnership changes. Aligning yourself with people who are dedicated to reaching similar goals will encourage greater creativity and stimulate new interest and diverse options to the way you use your skills.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Network and you'll intrigue someone with your enthusiasm and pioneering thoughts. Be careful not to offer too much information or someone may try to pass your ideas off as his or her own. Offer just enough to capture your audience.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll get more back if you put your time and effort into making your surroundings comfortable and convenient. Bringing some of the people and pastimes you used to enjoy back into your life will bring you peace of mind.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): An emotional situation will quickly turn into confusion if you are too open about the way you feel. Take time to evaluate what you truly want before you get into a conversation that could change the way you move forward.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Believe in yourself and you will find a way to accomplish your goals. Set standards that will make you stretch your skills, knowledge and creativity. Surround yourself with people who inspire rather than drain you.

**Birthday Baby:** You are emotional, passionate and thoughtful. You are distinguished and appealing.

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MARCH 1, 2017

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Wednesday Best Bets

Four columns of text promoting TV shows: 'The Goldbergs' (8 p.m. on WTVU), 'Modern Family' (8:30 p.m. on WTVU), 'Africa's Great Civilizations' (9 p.m. on WNGH), and 'When We Rise' (9 p.m. on WTVU). Each column includes a brief synopsis of the show.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

MARCH 2, 2017

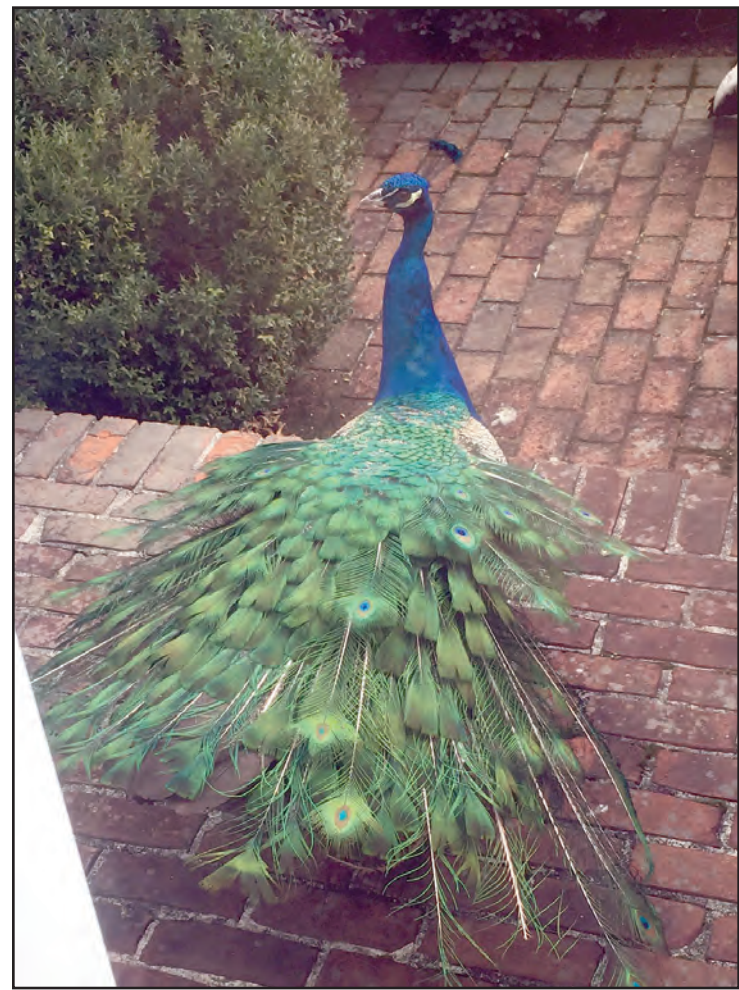
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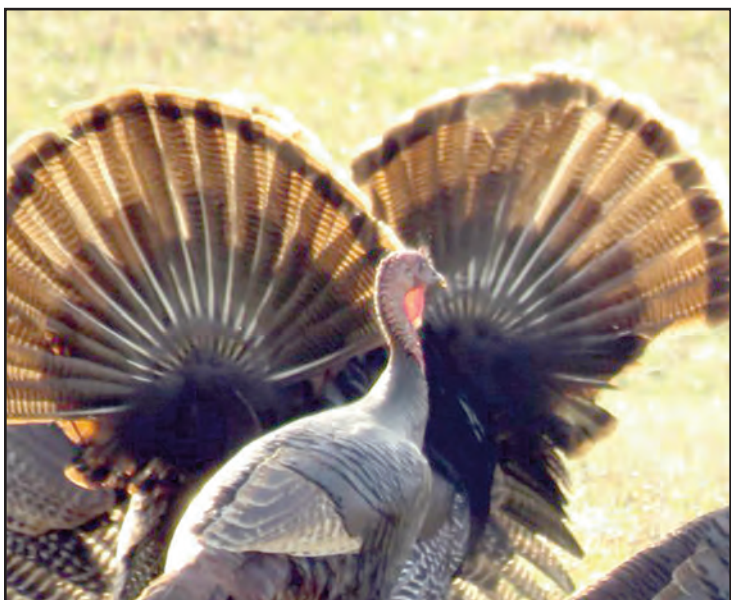
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**KAREN DALE** shared some photos of peacocks she took in downtown Cleveland. The male peacock has his feathers brightly displayed in hopes of attracting the attention of one of the peahens.



**KEISHA BAKER** shared a photo of a turkey.



**JENNIFER HARDISON** shared photos, above and below, of turkeys displaying their plumage to attract the attention of a possible mate.



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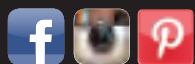
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Selected Varieties  
10.6-16.2 Oz.

**SAVE 58¢ ON 2**

**2\$3**  
for



StarKist Chunk Light Tuna  
In Water or Oil, 6.4 Oz.

**SAVE 98¢ ON 2**

**2\$5**  
for

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Selected Varieties, 7.5-8 Oz.,  
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Shredded, Chunk, Singles, Cubes, Crumbles  
or Cracker Cuts, 5-12 Oz. or  
**Breakstone's Sour Cream**  
Original, 16 Oz.  
\$2.69 ea.  
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Selected Varieties, 9-12 Oz.  
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Selected Varieties, 4 Ct. or  
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Selected Varieties, 2 Ct.  
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**Ground Coffee or K-Cups**  
22-30.6 Oz. & 12 Ct. or  
**Kraft Velveeta Loaf**  
Selected Varieties, 2 Lb.  
\$6.99 ea.  
-\$1.00  
**\$5.99 ea.**

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**Capri Sun Organic Juice Drinks**  
Selected Varieties, 10 Pk. or  
**Kraft Macaroni & Cheese or**  
**Velveeta Shells & Cheese**  
Selected Varieties, 4 Ct.  
\$3.99 ea.  
-\$1.00  
**\$2.99 ea.**

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**Planters Mixed Nuts or**  
**Cashew Halves & Pieces**  
Selected Varieties  
8-10.3 Oz.  
\$4.99 ea.  
-\$1.00  
**\$3.99 ea.**

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**Jell-O**  
**Gelatin or Pudding**  
Selected Varieties  
4 Ct.  
\$1.99 ea.  
-\$1.00  
**99¢ ea.**

WHEN YOU BUY ANY 8 PARTICIPATING KRAFT ITEMS



**Crystal Light or MiO**  
**Liquid Drink Mix**  
Selected Varieties  
1.62 Oz.  
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**\$1.99 ea.**

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SELECTION & SAVINGS • WE'RE ALL ABOUT VALUE



SAVE \$2.47 ON 3

**Pepsi Products**  
Selected Varieties  
12 Pk./12 Oz. Cans

3 \$10 for



SAVE \$1.20

**Yoo-hoo**  
**Chocolate Drink**  
Original  
12 Pk./11 Oz. Cans

\$4.99



SAVE \$1.98 ON 2

**V8 Splash**  
**Juice Blends**  
Selected Varieties  
64 Oz.

2 \$4 for



SAVE UP TO \$3.58 ON 2

**Lay's, Fritos**  
**or Cheetos**  
Selected Varieties  
7-10.5 Oz.

2 \$5 for



SAVE \$2.17 ON 3

**Nabisco Cheese Nips**  
**or Premium Rounds**  
Selected Varieties  
10-12 Oz.

3 \$5 for



SAVE UP TO \$3.98 ON 2

**Nabisco Ritz Crackers**  
**or Oreo Cookies**  
Selected Varieties  
8.8-15.35 Oz.

2 \$5 for



SAVE \$1.70

**Martin's**  
**Butter Bread**  
Selected Varieties  
20 Oz.

\$1.99



SAVE UP TO \$2.98 ON 2

**Keebler**  
**Cookies & Crackers**  
Selected Varieties  
4-13.8 Oz.

2 \$5 for

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# DAIRY • UDDERLY DELICIOUS



SAVE  
30¢

**Blue Bonnet Spread**  
Original or with Calcium  
45 Oz.

**\$2.99**



SAVE  
\$1.76  
ON 4

**Chobani Flip Greek Yogurt**  
Selected Varieties  
5.3 Oz.

**4\$5**  
for



SAVE  
20¢

**Yoplait Greek Yogurt or Custard**  
Selected Varieties  
4-5.3 Oz.

**89¢**



SAVE  
UP TO  
\$1.20

**Sunny D Citrus Punch**  
Selected Varieties  
6 Pk. or Gallon

**\$2.99**



**Simply Juice or Fairlife 2% Milk**  
Selected Varieties  
11.5 Oz.

10\$10  
for

SAVE  
UP TO  
\$9.90  
ON 10



**Pillsbury Grands! Biscuits**  
Selected Varieties  
16.3-17.3 Oz.

**3\$5**  
for

SAVE  
97¢  
ON 3



**Pillsbury Cookie Dough**  
Selected Varieties  
16-16.5 Oz.

**\$2.79**

SAVE  
UP TO  
60¢

# FROZEN • MEALS IN MINUTES



SAVE  
\$2.10

**Blue Bell Ice Cream**  
Selected Flavors  
Half Gallon

**\$4.99**



SAVE  
\$3.78  
ON 2

**Pizzeria Style Tony's Pizza**  
Selected Varieties  
18.56-20.6 Oz.

**2\$4**  
for



SAVE  
\$2.78  
ON 2

**Family Size Banquet Entrées**  
Selected Varieties  
24-28 Oz.

**2\$5**  
for



SAVE  
\$3.58  
ON 2

**T.G.I. Fridays Appetizers**  
Selected Varieties  
7.6-11 Oz.

**2\$5**  
for



SAVE  
\$1.20

**Birds Eye Voila! Chicken with Vegetables Meal**  
Selected Varieties  
21 Oz.

**\$3.79**



SAVE  
\$2.18  
ON 2

**Green Giant Vegetables**  
Selected Varieties  
11-12 Oz.

**2\$3**  
for



SAVE  
UP TO  
\$2.18  
ON 2

**Cole's Garlic Bread, Texas Toast, Cheesesticks or Pretzel Sticks**  
10.5-16 Oz.

**2\$5**  
for



SAVE  
\$1.30

**MorningStar Farms Veggie Patties or Crumbles**  
Selected Varieties  
8-12 Oz.

**\$3.49**

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**Crest Complete  
Toothpaste**

Selected Varieties  
5.8-6.2 Oz.

SAVE  
UP TO  
**\$3.98**  
On 2



**2/\$5**



SAVE  
**\$1**

**Pantene  
Shampoo or  
Conditioner**  
Selected Varieties  
12-12.6 Oz.

**\$2.99**



SAVE  
UP TO  
**96¢**

**Always  
Pads & Liners or  
Tampax Tampons**  
Selected Varieties  
32-80 Ct.

**\$4.99**

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS



SAVE  
**\$1.60**

**Kleenex  
Cottonelle  
Bath Tissue**  
6 Rolls

**\$3.99**



SAVE  
**\$2.47**  
ON 3

**Kleenex  
Facial Tissue**  
Selected Varieties  
50-160 Ct.

**3/\$5**



SAVE  
**50¢**

**Cascade  
Dish Detergent**  
Selected Varieties  
18-32 Ct.

**\$5.99**

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**\$ All Whole Meats Custom Cut and Packaged *Free!* While Supplies Last \$**



**Whole**  
Boneless Ribeye **\$7.99** lb.



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Eye of Round **\$3.49** lb.



**Whole**  
Sirloin Tip **\$2.99** lb.



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Chuck Roll **\$3.49** lb.



**Whole**  
Beef Shoulder **\$2.89** lb.

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# Truckload Meat Sale!

**\$ All Whole Meats Custom Cut and Packaged Free! While Supplies Last \$**



SAVE \$2.40 Lb.

Whole

Beef Spare Ribs

\$2.99 Lb.



80% Lean Ground Chuck Patties \$3.59 Lb.

SAVE \$1.40 Lb.

SAVE \$1.60 Lb.

Sold in 10 Lb. Roll  
80% Lean Ground Chuck

\$2.59 Lb.



Custom Cut Burgers for Free!

SAVE \$1.50 Lb.

Sold in 10 Lb. Roll  
93% Lean Ground Round

\$3.99 Lb.



Value Pack Boneless Pork Chops \$2.59 Lb.

SAVE \$2.10 Lb.

SAVE \$2.10 Lb.

Whole

Boneless Pork Loin

\$1.89 Lb.



Value Pack Boneless Pork Sirloin Chops \$2.29 Lb.

SAVE \$1.10 Lb.

SAVE \$1.50 Lb.

Whole

Boneless Pork Sirloin

\$1.79 Lb.



Value Pack Pork Shoulder Steaks \$1.99 Lb.

SAVE \$1.10 Lb.

SAVE \$2.50 Lb.

Whole

2 Piece Boston Butt

\$1.29 Lb.



SAVE \$1.10 Lb.

Whole

Pork Spare Ribs

\$1.89 Lb.



Whole

SAVE \$1.70 Lb.

Baby Back Pork Ribs

\$3.29 Lb.



SAVE 40¢ Lb.

Sold in 10 Lb. Bag  
Fresh, Grade A  
Chicken Leg Quarters

59¢ Lb.



SAVE \$3 Lb.

Grade A Boneless Chicken Breast

\$1.99 Lb.



SAVE \$3 Lb.

Grade A Boneless Chicken Tenders

\$2.19 Lb.

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# FRESH SEAFOOD SAVINGS

# \$6.99

lb.

**Fresh!**

## Tilapia Fillets

**SAVE \$1**  
lb.



### KATHY'S RECIPE OF THE WEEK!

### Chili-Rubbed Tilapia With Asparagus & Lemon

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 Lb. tilapia
- 2 Lbs. asparagus, tough ends trimmed, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 tbsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. garlic powder,
- 1/2 tsp. salt, divided
- 2 tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp. lemon juice

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Bring 1 inch of water to a boil in a large saucepan. Put asparagus in a steamer basket, place in the pan, cover and steam until tender-crisp, about 4 minutes. Transfer to a large plate, spreading out to cool.
2. Combine chili powder, garlic powder and 1/4 teaspoon salt on a plate. Dredge fillets in the spice mixture to coat. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the fish and cook until just opaque in the center, gently turning halfway, 5 to 7 minutes total.
3. Divide among 4 plates. Immediately add lemon juice, the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and asparagus to the pan and cook, stirring constantly, until the asparagus is coated and heated through, about 2 minutes. Serve the asparagus with the fish.



# \$6.59

lb.

USA Catfish Fillets

**SAVE \$1.40**  
lb.



# \$6.99

lb.

Wild Harvested Cod Fillets

**SAVE \$2**  
lb.



# \$7.99

lb.

Raw, Peeled & Deveined Shrimp  
41-50 Count

**SAVE \$2**  
lb.

### PACKAGED MEATS - BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER



# \$2.59

Tennessee Pride Pork Sausage  
Mild, Hot or Sage  
16 Oz.

**SAVE \$1**  
ea.



# \$3.99

Hormel Sliced Bacon  
Regular or Thick  
16 Oz.

**SAVE \$2**  
ea.



# \$1.09

El Monterey XX Large Burritos  
Selected Varieties  
10 Oz.

**SAVE 30¢**  
ea.



# \$1.29

Bar-S Sliced Bologna  
Regular or Thick  
16 Oz.

**SAVE 96¢**  
ea.



# \$4.59

Bar-S Corn Dogs  
2.67 Lbs.

**SAVE \$2**  
ea.



# \$1.99

Carolina Pride Smoked Sausage  
Polish or Smoked  
14 Oz.

**SAVE \$1.70**  
ea.



# \$4.99

Jimmy Dean Breakfast Sandwiches  
Selected Varieties  
14-18 Oz.

**SAVE \$1.06**  
ea.



# \$4.99

SeaPak Breaded Shrimp  
Selected Varieties  
9-18 Oz.

**SAVE \$1.20**  
ea.

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# BEER & WINE - FAVORITE SELECTIONS



**SAVE \$3**

**\$21<sup>99</sup>**

**Budweiser, Bud Light, Miller Lite, or Coors Light**  
Selected Varieties  
24 Pk./12 Oz. Cans



## DID YOU KNOW?

Worldwide, 20,000 brands of beer are brewed in 180 styles, from ales, lagers, pilsner and stouts to bitters, cream ales and iced beers.

Beer has been a popular beverage for a long time. Babylonian clay tablets show detailed recipes of beer making in 4300 BC. Beer was also brewed by the ancient Chinese, Assyrians and Incas.



**\$2<sup>99</sup>**

**Cul-de-Sac Wine**  
Selected Varieties  
750 mL



**\$18<sup>99</sup>**

**Peter Vella Vineyards**  
Selected Varieties  
5 Liter Box

**SAVE \$1**



**\$15<sup>99</sup>**

**New Belgium Beer**  
12 Pk./12 Oz. Bottles

**SAVE \$1.50**



**\$11<sup>79</sup>**

**Redd's Wicked Apple Ale**  
12 Pk./10 Oz. Cans

**SAVE \$1**



**\$8<sup>29</sup>**

**Jekyll Hop Dang Diggity Pale Ale**  
Selected Varieties  
6 Pk./12 Oz. Cans

**SAVE 60¢**



**\$9<sup>59</sup>**

**Grumpy Old Men Aska Pale Ale**  
6 Pk./12 Oz. Cans

**SAVE 60¢**



## Mix & Match

At least twelve (12) bottles of 750 ml wine;

At least six (6) bottles of 1.5 liter wine; or

At least four (4) boxes of 3 liter boxed wine.

Mix and match case with same size only.  
10% discount is in addition to the best marked price.



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