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Col. Murray to be Memorial Day speaker

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Cleveland and Bradley County veterans and veteran organizations are gearing up for this year's Memorial Day celebration on the steps of the courthouse.

Steve Stewart, who has been program chairman for a number of years, has released the schedule for this year's program, which will begin at 10:30 a.m. Monday morning, May 29.

Air Force Col. (ret.) Charles Murray will be the guest speaker. Murray enlisted in the Air Force in 1970, after high school, and served as an aerospace Control and Warning Specialist. He was with the 776 Radar Squadron at Point Arena Air Station in California and with the 623 Squadron in Miyako Jima, Okinawa.

He left the Air Force for a while, attended college, and became a pastor. Murray then

returned to the Air Force Officer's Training School at Lackland, Texas, and served in a leadership role with the Air Force through September 2007.

He later joined the business world, and has received a number of honors in martial arts.

For this year's Memorial Day observance, Robert Nelms, pastor of Marantha Baptist Church, will be the chaplain. The posting and retiring of the colors will be by the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets,

Chattanooga Division.

Members of the Sea Cadets will participate in the program by reading the names of Bradley County's deceased veterans of World War I, World War II, and the Korea, Vietnam and Iraq conflicts.

There will be presentations by Aldersgate Garden Club President Edwina Robinson, Kathay Pegram of the Cherokee Blossom Quilt Guild, a 21-gun salute from the Bradley County

Veterans Firing Squad, and taps from the Cleveland High School buglers and drummers.

A feature event again this year will be the Last Roll Call by Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland. He will read the names of all Bradley County veterans who have passed since last year's Memorial Day observance.

Mayor Rowland, a veteran with the 134th Air National Guard



Col. (ret.) Charles Murray

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Justin Maples remembered in special ceremony

By **ALLEN MINCEY**
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May 14 though May 20 was set aside to remember those in law enforcement who made the ultimate sacrifice, and gave their lives in the line of duty.

Two Cleveland Police officers have been killed while serving others, the most recent being Justin Maples five years ago. He was remembered in a special ceremony at the Police Memorial Wall in Cleveland on Friday to coincide with National Police Week and with the anniversary of his tragic death responding to a call in his capacity as policeman.

"This has been a special week to remember, and today, we remember Justin Maples, and his family, for that sacrifice," said CPD Chief Mark Gibson at the ceremony. "For those of us who worked here at that time (May 20, 2012), it is hard to imagine that it has been five years since he passed. We want to remember Justin, and pass along his memory to those new



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BRITTON GOBBLE, his mother, Brittney, and grandmother, Charlene Maples, released blue balloons following the ceremony Friday remembering Justin Maples. The ceremony was nearly five years to the day that Maples died in the line of duty, and coincided with National Police Week.

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Deadly drug of fentanyl making way into area

By **ALLEN MINCEY**
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There have been 11 overdose deaths in the first four months of 2017, almost half the number of 2016. While not directly attributed to a drug being seen nationwide called fentanyl, local authorities say it could be the cause of some of those deaths.

Shawn Fairbanks, director of the Bradley County Emergency Medical Service said that, in his discussions with the county's Medical Examiner, he discovered there were a total of 22 overdose deaths in 2016.

"The Bradley County Emergency Medical Service has noticed an increase in drug overdoses in Cleveland in the past few months," he said. "From November of 2016 to February 2017, EMS has worked eight to 10 overdoses a month, and in March of this year, EMS has started working 23 to 28 overdoses a month."

It is a problem Fairbanks said needs to be addressed. It seems to have increased during the same time that the drug fentanyl has been introduced

locally.

"It is in our district. It is in Bradley County," said Bill Cherry, director of the Tenth Judicial District Drug Task Force. "In fact, Bradley County is the only county in our district (that includes Bradley, Polk, McMinn and Monroe) where the drug has been seized."

Cherry said he could not confirm the information yet, but he heard there have been deaths in the area related to misuse of fentanyl.

He described fentanyl as a "pain killer, just like any other drug that is used for chronic pain. It is very powerful."

Cherry said there are different levels of potency in fentanyl, including one that is used as a pain killer for elephants.

"The difference in fentanyl and other drugs is it is measured in micro-grams instead of grams, so a fatal dose of fentanyl would be like a couple of grains of salt," he stressed.

The DTF director said fentanyl must be prescribed by a

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Airport Authority recognizes volunteer Bill Dethero

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Cleveland Airport Authority members on Friday received an update on the runway extension project at the Jetport, heard a report from Allen Howell of the Jetport's management firm Contour Aviation, and recognized the volunteer efforts of Cleveland native Bill Dethero.

It was a fairly brief meeting for May, with the next scheduled meeting at 9 a.m. July 21.

The Airport Authority voted at its last meeting that it will meet every two months, instead of monthly. The meetings are at the Cleveland municipal building.

Jetport manager Mark Fidler opened Friday's session with an update on the runway project.

Cleveland's Airport Authority received a \$2.25 grant from the state to complete a 700-foot extension of the runway, providing the Jetport with a 6,200-foot runway for larger airplanes and longer flights.

The City of Cleveland was required to provide a \$250,000 to the project, which expanded total funding to \$2.5 million.

Fidler said he and his staff participated in a conference call Thursday with all the major contractors. He discussed plans for concrete, that the projects will be in 28-day intervals, and there will be a six to eight-week delivery time on lighting components. There will also be conference calls every two weeks.

Asked by Airport Authority

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CLEVELAND NATIVE Bill Dethero, right, was honored for his volunteer work with Angel Flight by the Jetport staff and the Airport Authority on Friday, with a presentation of a limited print by artist Sam Lyons. Jetport Manager Mark Fidler describes artwork to members, clockwise, Lynn DeVault, Lou Patten (chairman), Verrill Norwood, and Robbie Garrison. Steve Wright also attended the meeting.

August trial date set for Cody Judd

By **ALLEN MINCEY**
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The trial date has been set for the man accused of causing the traffic accident which took the life of Ashlyn Lambert two years ago.

Cody Judd was allegedly driving a logging truck north on U.S. Highway 11 (North Lee Highway) when he struck a vehicle driven by Lambert, 17 at the time of the wreck, who had just graduated from Bradley Central High School and had plans to attend Lee University. She was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident near the intersection of

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AROUND TOWN

Joe Wilson having a nice pancake breakfast before getting on his motorcycle for a nice morning ride ... Herb Stafford and Robert Lawson discussing the weather at Cameron's Restaurant.

WEATHER

Heavy thunderstorms are forecast this morning with mostly cloudy with spots of thunderstorm this afternoon. The high should reach 78. The overnight low should be 63 with a chance of a couple of thunderstorms. Monday should be mostly cloudy with a high of 78.



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OBITUARIES

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



John W. Alford

John William Alford, 74, a life-long resident of Charleston, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017, of complications from a stroke. He was surrounded by family and friends.

He attended Chilcutt Elementary School and graduated from Charleston High School. He retired from the Magic Chef/Maytag shipping department after 38 years of service. He enjoyed farming, tending his livestock, gardening and going to flea markets.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herbert Wayne and Mary Elizabeth Gatlin Alford; and siblings: Joseph Gene Alford, Glen Franklin Alford and Betty Louise Alford.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Franks Alford of Charleston; daughters: Marsa (Tracy) Garner of Georgetown, Jenny (Tom) Brent of Avoca, Ind.; stepgrandchildren: Aaron Storm, Corbin Brent and Moriah Brent; sisters-in-law: Judy Wilkinson of Rogersville, Ala., Betty (Mike) Womble of Killen, Ala., Nita (Tom) Hixson of Richmond Hill, Ga., Pat (James) Ogles of Charleston, and Marge (John) Singleton of Killen, Ala.; nieces: Teresa Yates, Donna (Dale) Hall, Marj Alford, Karen (Brian) Mooneyham, Laurie Nunley, Sharon Chandler, Rachel Singleton, Beth Singleton, Michelle Vines, and Lindsay Butler; and nephews: David Womble, Joe McDaniel, and Kevin Hixson.

The funeral will be conducted at 4 p.m. today, May 21, 2017, in the chapel of Fike-Randolph & Son Funeral Home with Dr. Jay McCluskey officiating.

Interment will follow in the old section of Union Grove Cemetery in Charleston.

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

The family suggests that memorials may be made to: North Cleveland Baptist Church Building Fund "Grace To The Finish," c/o North Cleveland Baptist Church, 2815 North Ocoee St., Cleveland, TN 37312.

You are invited to send a message of condolence and view the Alford family guestbook at www.fikefh.com.

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Leona Browder

Leona Ledford Browder, 83, a resident of Old Fort, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017, at the family residence.

She was the daughter of the late Velma Carter Ledford and Frank Ledford. She was preceded in death by her brothers: Roy Lee Ledford and Paul Henry Ledford.

She was retired from American Uniform Company with many years of service. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and she enjoyed going to the YMCA. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was a very active member of the Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 38 years, Johnny Browder of

Old Fort; daughters: Beverly Dale and her husband, Willie, of Cleveland, Vickie Ownby and her husband, Tillis, of Old Fort, Patty Powell of Cleveland, and Charlotte Cabrera of Old Fort; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; sisters: Alice Shipley of Cleveland, Joyce Swafford and her husband, Clifford, of Riceville; brothers: Franklin Ledford and his wife, Deidra, of Gadsden, Ala., Harvey Ledford and his wife, Helen, of Murfreesboro, Benny Ledford and his wife, Katy, of South Pittsburg, and David Ledford of Atlanta, Ga.; special friend, Sharon Cavett of Old Fort; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

The Remembrance of Life service will be conducted today, May 21, 2017, at 2 p.m. from the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel with the Rev. Larry Hubbard and the Rev. Jackie Epperson officiating.

Interment will follow in the Boanerges Baptist Church Cemetery with family and friends serving as casket bearers.

You may share your condolences and your memories with the Browder family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.

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Luria Beck

Luria Rymer Beck, 78, a life-long resident of Cleveland, passed away early Saturday morning, May 20, 2017, at her home surrounded by family.

Being a born-again Christian, she is no longer suffering pain. During her years, she and her family enjoyed horses, camping and motorcycle rides.

She was the widow of Clent Beck, and the daughter of Bill and Blanche Rymer. She was also preceded in death by one son-in-law, Jerry Reagan; and three sisters: Inez (Buck) Scoggins, Nellie Randolph, and Billie Stafford.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, one daughter, Kathy (Ernie) Reagan; one granddaughter, Denise Montgomery and husband, Josh; two great-grandsons: James Montgomery and Jackie Montgomery; one goddaughter, Bella Wright; one sister, Carolyn Hunt and husband, Terry; one brother, Bobby Rymer; one brother-in-law, Melvin Randolph; and many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends.

A Remembrance of Life Celebration will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017, in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home with Pastor Guinn Green officiating.

Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens with bagpipes and a white dove release ceremony to conclude the service.

Josh Montgomery, James Montgomery, Jackie Montgomery, Allen Beck, Scott Rymer, and Chuck Rymer will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

You are invited to send a message of condolence and view the Beck family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.

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Allen Brunet Jr.

Allen Brunet Jr., of Cleveland, died on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Companion Funeral & Cremation Service.

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Wayne Everett Collier

Wayne Everett Collier, 71, of Harrison, went to be with the Lord on Friday, May 19, 2017.

He was born in Charlottesville, Va., and was brought to Chattanooga as part of the management team for Kmart. He was an avid lover of music and an active member of Bayside Baptist Church and the choir.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Irving and Hattie Lee Collier; brother, James Junior (Gay) Collier; and sister, Earline (David) Wells.

He is survived by his wife, Mary; three children: Jonathan (Rounak) Collier of Birmingham, Ala., Suzanne (Jim) Melesuc of Jonesboro, Ark., and Angela (Tom) Bliss of Savannah, Ga.; five grandchildren: Amber Melesuc, Julian Collier, Jayme Melesuc, Emma Bliss and Benjamin Bliss; one brother, Harold (Polly) Collier of Lee Summit, Mo.; as well as several nieces and nephews and his loyal canine companion, Madeline.

The family will receive friends this afternoon from 1 to 4 p.m. at Bayside Baptist Church, 6100 Highway 58, Harrison, TN, 37341, and will have a Celebration service at 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to Bayside Baptist Church Music or Missions Ministries.

You are encouraged to share a memory of him and/or your personal condolences with his family by visiting his memorial webpage and guestbook at www.companionfunerals.com.

Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to serve the Collier family.

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Brenda Gilbert

Brenda Gilbert, 62, of Ringgold, Ga., died on Thursday, May 18, 2017, at Parkridge East Hospital.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced later by Companion Funeral & Cremation Service.

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Sheila Diane Hawkins

Sheila Diane Ogle Hawkins, 55, of Cleveland, passed away Thursday morning, May 18, 2017, at her residence.

She loved her family very much. She loved the outdoors, music, and her friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Luther Hawkins.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her mother, Doris Hawkins; daughter, Courtney Byars of Monterey; three sisters: Michelle Longwith (Terry), Teresa Goss (Ronnie), and Lisa Hawkins; two special aunts: Wanda Roper and Sue Childs; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and her special dog, Rio.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2017, at Companion Funeral Home located at 2419 Georgetown Road N.W., Cleveland, TN 37311.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 1 p.m. on Monday following the visitation at the funeral home. Interment will follow the service at the Fort Hill Cemetery.

You are invited to share a personal memory of Ms. Hawkins or

your condolences with her family at her online memorial located at www.companionfunerals.com.

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Greg Linden

Greg Linden, 79, a resident of Cleveland, passed away Thursday, May 18, 2017, in a local hospital.

He was the son of the late John and Zoe Linden; and was also preceded in death by his sister, Karen Horbelt.

He was retired from M&M Mars in Cleveland as a research and development chemist. He was a member of the St. Therese Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Alice Linden; his daughter, Donna Swafford; a son, Stephen Linden, all of Cleveland; grandchildren: Ryan Linden, Kayla Swafford, Madison Swafford and Jordan Linden; five great-grandchildren; sister, Joy Loeffler and her husband, Richard, of Cambridge, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

A Remembrance of Life service will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services North Ocoee Street Chapel with Father Mike Nolan officiating.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, from 5 until 7 p.m., at the funeral home.

You are encouraged to share your memories and or condolences with the family by going to www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.

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Ed Malone

Ed Malone, 89, a resident of Cleveland, went to his heavenly home on Thursday, May 18, 2017, in a local nursing facility.

He was of the Church of God faith and a retired roofing contractor.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Cordelia Malone; daughter, Ruth Curtis of Corpus Christi, Texas; brothers: Claude, Paul, Homer, and Jack Malone; and sisters: Nell Richardson and Paralee Pike.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife of 59 years, Dixie Malone; daughters: Linda Cain (Charlie) of Corpus Christi, Texas, Ann Gilbert (Larry), and Ethel Bullington (Tony); sons: Eddie Malone and Phil Malone; grandchildren: Tammy Baker, Joe "Bubb" Weaver, and Charlie Cain of Corpus Christi, Texas, Lori Riad (Mark), Kayla Bullington, and Nathaniel Malone, all of Cleveland, and Robert Curtis (Joy) of Warsaw, Ky.; and several great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 22, 2017, at Companion Funeral Home, located at 2419 Georgetown Road N.W.

A Celebration of Life service will be held following the visitation at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private family interment will be held on Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

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

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Roberta Marchant

Roberta Marchant, 83, a resident of Georgia, passed away in a local Cleveland health care facility.

She was a member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. She loved traveling and was a member of the Coachman Travel Club.

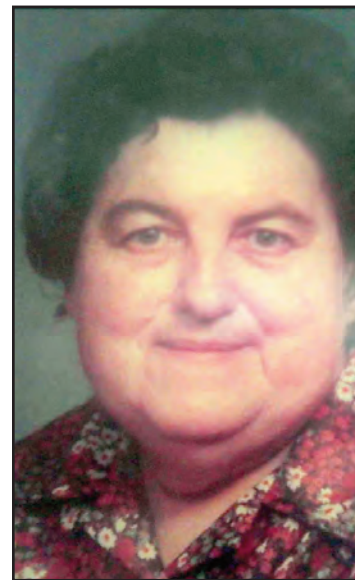
She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Marchant; and parents, William Earl Masengill and Melba Frankie Masengill.

She is survived by one child, Monique Moore of Ringgold, Ga.; three grandchildren: Casey McCulley, Zachary McCulley and Courtney McCulley; two great-grandchildren: Axy Vaughn and Makelti Vaughn; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral will be conducted at 1 p.m. on today, May 21, 2017, in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home, with Pastor Steve Huff officiating. Interment will follow in Hilcrest Memorial Gardens, with a white dove release ceremony and bagpipes concluding the service.

Send a message of condolence and view the Marchant family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.

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Blanche M. Morgan

Blanche M. Morgan, 90, a resident of Spring Hill, Fla., and formerly of Cleveland, passed away Sunday, May 14, 2017, in a Brooksville, Fla., health care facility.

She was the daughter of the late Mildred Murphy Geygan and Daniel Geygan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Eugene Morgan; her daughter, Sharon Morgan; and her half sister, Mary Thomas.

She was retired in housekeeping with medical facilities after many years of service. Her life was her church and her church family. She loved teaching children, and was a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include her sisters-in-law: Thelma Morgan of Spring Hill, Fla., Linda Noble of Lockport, Ill., and Sue Noble of Indiana; her brother-in-law, Lloyd Morgan of Niota; and several nieces and nephews.

The Remembrance of Life graveside service and interment will be conducted on Monday, May 22, 2017, at 1 p.m. from the Zion Baptist Church in Polk County with the Rev. Jim Hibbard officiating.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 12 noon Monday at the Jim Rush Funeral and Cremation Services Wildwood Chapel.

You may share your condolences and your memories with the Morgan family at www.jimrushfuneralhomes.com.

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Jethabhai Patel

Jethabhai Patel, 79, a resident of Cleveland, passed away Saturday, May 20, 2017, at his residence.

He was born in Gujarat, India. He was preceded in death by his parents, Madhabhai Patel and Amthiben Patel; and one brother.

He is survived by his wife, Manguben Patel; two sons: Bharat Patel and Raju Patel of India; one daughter, Nayana Patel of Cleveland; two grandchildren; one sister; four brothers; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

A memorial service will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today, May 21, 2017, in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home.

You are invited to send a message of condolence and view the Patel family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.

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Submitted photo

BCSO DEPUTY BRANDON COFFEL is presented the Commendation Medal by Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson. From left are Watson, Coffel, Lt. Bob Hancock, and Public Safety Unit Sgt. Mario Santos.

Coffel receives commendation for assisting a woman in need

Special to the Banner

Deputy Brandon Coffel has been awarded the Bradley County Sheriff's Office Commendation Medal for his outstanding public service demonstration, according to Sheriff Eric Watson.

While on duty, Coffel saw a woman struggling with the soap brush while attempting to wash

her pickup truck at local car wash. Noticing her difficulty walking, Coffel offered his help and washed her truck for her.

The woman at the car wash had previously had five hip operations and had to use support mechanisms to get around.

During the ceremony the sheriff stated, "Deputy Brandon Coffel is truly an example of a

public servant who is willing to help anybody in need."

Coffel is currently assigned to the Public Safety Unit, which is a specialized entity in the Patrol Division that investigates vehicle accidents, provides educational courses to encourage safe driving, and coordinates roadside safety checkpoints to target reckless and impaired driving.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Chuck King will be the speaker for the His Hands Extended Devotional at Garden Plaza, 3500 Keith St., Wednesday at 7 a.m.

Lebanon Baptist Church, 1411 Old Parkville Road N.E., will celebrate homecoming today. Bowers Quartet will sing. Morning service is at 11 a.m., followed with lunch at noon.

Homecoming services will be today at Community Chapel Church, 180 Blythe Ave. S.E. The Rev. Ronnie Bishop will minister in the morning service at 10:30. After lunch, a gospel singing will feature Jeremy

Eperson and Meadow Lane.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, 3406 Blair Road, presents an Evening of Joyful Singing on today at 3 p.m. Special guests are Cleveland's own Jermaine Purifory and Denise Ferguson of Chattanooga, along with other local area singers.

Bailey Davis will be the youth speaker today, 10:45 a.m., at Elkmont Baptist Church, 4030 Old Frewill Road.

Ronald Ledford will speak at 6 tonight at Lighthouse Ministries.

Road work to cause delays

The Bradley County Road Department will be working on Michigan Avenue Road and Dry Valley Road, from the Cleveland city limits to Chatata Valley Road for the next few months, according to Sandra Knight Collins, road superintendent.

"Please expect long delays and avoid traveling in these areas as much as possible. There will be times the roads will be closed in some areas for tile replacements," she said.

"We appreciate your patience while we are trying to improve these roads," Collins said.

Polk schools announces free summer feeding

Special to the Banner

Polk County Schools Nutrition Director Jill Nix has announced this year's summer feeding program.

Polk County Schools will be offering a summer feeding each day from May 30 through June 2, as well as June 5 through 9.

Breakfast will be served from 8 to 8:30 a.m., and lunch will be from 11:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.

Any person 18 years of age and under may come to Copper Basin Elementary School, South Polk Elementary School, or Benton Elementary School for a free breakfast or lunch on those days.

To find free summer meals for anyone 18 and younger in the community, you can visit <https://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks>.

I SEE BY THE BANNER

Decoration Day will be held at Johnston Cemetery in Meigs County today with a business meeting at 2 p.m.

Poteet Family and friends reunion will be May 27 at the Delano Lions Club from noon to 6 p.m. Bring food, drinks, chairs, musical instruments, outdoor play gear, family pictures, history, genealogy information, etc.

Information for Church Activities, I See by the Banner or It's a Special Day for should be sent to news@clevelandbanner.com, mailed to Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland, TN 37320-3600 or dropped at the office, 1505 25th St. Information should be in by noon the day prior to publication.

The Board of Directors of the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library will meet on May 23 at 4 p.m. in the Library Community Room.

Decoration Day will be May 28 at Coffey Cemetery, Meigs County beginning at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be served followed by the 1 p.m. business meeting.

IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Doug Blackwell, Cindy Worley, Sandra Rowland and Effie Bryant, who are celebrating birthdays today.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn:

Tennessee

Saturday

Cash 3 Evening: 4-7-9, Lucky Sum: 20

Cash 3 Midday: 6-4-6, Lucky Sum: 16

Cash 3 Morning: 0-7-7, Lucky Sum: 14

Cash 4 Evening: 0-7-5-0, Lucky Sum: 12

Cash 4 Midday: 4-6-1-2, Lucky Sum: 13

Cash 4 Morning: 2-3-2-0, Lucky Sum: 7

Friday

Cash 3 Evening: 2-5-6, Lucky Sum: 13

Cash 3 Midday: 6-0-6, Lucky Sum: 12

Cash 3 Morning: 4-8-7, Lucky Sum: 19

Cash 4 Evening: 4-9-0-7, Lucky Sum: 20

Cash 4 Midday: 3-8-0-2, Lucky Sum: 13

Cash 4 Morning: 9-2-7-8, Lucky Sum: 26

Mega Millions: 01-04-05-24-30, Mega Ball: 1, Megaplier: 3

Tennessee Cash: 04-11-14-23-27, Bonus: 3

Georgia

Friday

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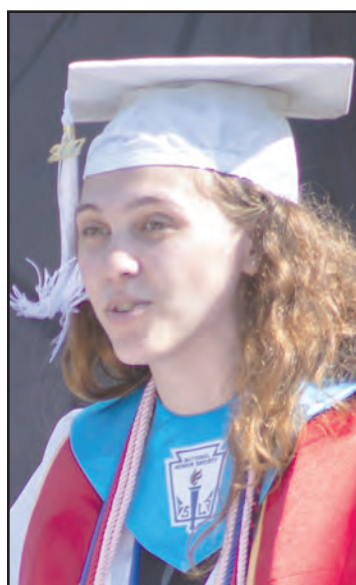
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SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT Sarah Taylor introduces the upcoming speakers: Class Representative Cade Baker; Salutatorian Amanda McKinney; and Valedictorian Sarah Milliron.

AT THE 2017 BCHS Annual Commencement, Salutatorian Amanda McKinney challenges her classmates to go onward and find a passion that sets their hearts on fire.



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REFLECTING ON HER classmates' previous speeches about the past and the future, Valedictorian Sarah Milliron urges each graduate to focus on the "now," to "choose what you want to remember," and then she closes with a science joke: "You matter."



STUDENTS POUR ONTO Bear Stadium's field to begin their final steps before becoming graduates.



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JORDAN DARNELL, left, and Meghan Wilson stop for a picture before finding their place in the lineup for the procession.



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CLASS REPRESENTATIVE Cade Baker confidently proclaims to his fellow graduates that "you can and will be successful at what you choose to do."



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READY FOR THE DAY, these students earned the right to walk across the BCHS stage as graduates. Front row, from left, are Omar Rosero, Mikeala Rinker and Levi Rose; back, Joshua Riebschlager, Thaddeus Stedman, Gavin West and Dawson Snyder.



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SOME STUDENTS during their graduation ceremony attempt to stay cool with fans and shades.



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ASHLEY WEST, left, and Danyua Stephens get ready to cross the stage and become graduates.

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A PROUD GRADUATE celebrates on his way to the stage at the Bradley Central High School Class of 2017 Commencement.



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GERALD REIDENBACH, Jonathan Rude, Cynthia West and Sarah Taylor come together for a "family" picture just before the procession onto Bear Stadium's field begins.



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DASHA KIYAN, left, Dakota Hall and Abby Guthrie, right, squeeze in tight for one last picture as BCHS students.

Unruly, 'disheveled' man subdued on jet heading to Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — A man on a Hawaii-bound flight described as unruly and disheveled was subdued by passengers and a flight attendant who used an airplane drink cart to block him from getting to the front of the jet. He was then immobilized with duct tape in a seat until the plane landed in Honolulu Friday, escorted on the last leg of its journey by two fighter jets.

The man on the plane was identified as Anil Uskanli, 25, of Turkey. He was taken into cus-

tody after the plane landed and given a medical evaluation before facing a possible federal charge of interference with a flight crew, Paul Delacourt, special agent in charge of the FBI's Honolulu office, told reporters in Hawaii.

Passengers among the 181 flying on American Airlines Flight 31 staffed with six crew members took notice of Uskanli before the jet took off from Los Angeles.

Among the first to board were first class passengers Mark and Donna Basden, who found a lap-

top computer in a seat pocket in front of them.

The couple, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, assumed someone on a previous flight left it there but a flight attendant said it probably belonged to a man who was in the bathroom.

A man Donna Basden described as a "disheveled looking fellow" emerged and Mark Basden gave him the laptop. The man scowled, took the laptop and opened it and closed it and then tried to sit in another first class

seat, Mark Basden said.

The man "clearly looked out of place" and was sent to the economy section of the plane after a flight attendant asked to see his boarding pass and told him he would have to go to row 35 at the back of the plane, Donna Basden said.

Halfway through the six-hour flight, the couple saw the same man again holding his laptop with something over his head that they thought was a towel or a blanket. "He was very quiet, moving very

sluggish. He was trying to approach the cabin, like where the captain is," said another passenger, Grant Arakelian.

At that point, a flight attendant ran down the aisle with her serving cart and blocked the entrance to first class, said passenger Lee Lorenzen, of Orange County, California.

"She jammed the cart in that the doorway and she just said, 'You're not coming in here.'"

The man pushed the cart, trying to get through but passengers

came up behind him and grabbed him. He spent the rest of the flight restrained in a seat with duct tape.

"This unfortunate incident highlights the tremendous professionalism of American's team members, and specifically, in this situation, our flight attendants," American Airlines said in a statement. "Their decisive actions ensured the safety of everyone onboard the flight. We are proud of our crew and are grateful to them for their actions."

Tre Hargett: Tennessee is 'on the rise'



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TENNESSEE Secretary of State Tre Hargett addressed members of the 2016-17 class at Leadership Cleveland, during their recent graduation ceremony.

By **BRIAN GRAVES**
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Tennessee Secretary of State Tre Hargett told the 2016-17 class of Leadership Cleveland that Tennessee is "on the rise."

Hargett spoke at the class' graduation exercise held Thursday at the Cleveland Country Club.

The goal of Leadership Cleveland is for participants to develop leadership skills and a greater knowledge about Cleveland and Bradley County through a series of one-day sessions.

Topics covered include education, public safety, law enforcement, local economy, health care, local and state government, and "charting the future," presented through lectures, discussion, tours, on-site visitations, and informal question-and-answer sessions.

"The purpose of the leadership program is to try and bring leadership qualities to our community," said Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce President/CEO Gary Farlow.

Hargett has served in his position since 2009 and told the graduates that Bradley County "has a fantastic delegation" to the state Legislature.

"We had an exciting time in Nashville this year," he said. "The legislators did such a fantastic job conducting the state's business."

Hargett said Tennessee "continues to have a state that is on the rise in so many different ways."

"We are running the state government in a fiscally conservative fashion," he said. "We are among the least indebted states in the nation. We are the least taxed of any state in the country."

Hargett said those attributes makes Tennessee attractive for businesses.

"They recognize that Tennessee is where we have set the table for economic success," he said.

This year's Leadership Cleveland graduates include: Jill Beaty, Cleveland Utilities; Rachel Brannen, Junior Achievement of the Ocoee

Region; Shannon Clark, Trousdale School; Brian Conn, Lee University; Cindy Dawson, Cleveland State Community College; Rita Haynie, Southern Heritage Bank; Matthew Holden, Bowater Employees Credit Union; Cynthia Martin, Southern Heritage Bank; Woody Miller, Cleveland Utilities; Rodney Murray; Cleveland Family YMCA; Shannon Rico, Tennova Healthcare - Cleveland; Kathy Rosenberger, Coldwell Banker/Hamilton & Williams; Rebecah Taylor, Boy Scouts of America/Cherokee Area Council; and Jane Triplett, Erlanger Life Force.



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FOR MONDAY CITY COUNCIL

Budget amendment, fire station update are on agenda

By **LARRY C. BOWERS**
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Some new business and an amendment to the city's proposed budget are listed on the agenda for Monday's 3 p.m. City Council meeting at the municipal building. This regular meeting will be preceded by a work session at 1 p.m.

In new business, Council members will receive an update on the bidding process for the new South Cleveland fire station, the city's sixth fire facility. The discussion is also expected to include another issue pertinent to the fire department, and future development.

At the Council's meeting two week earlier, property owner Alvin Word addressed a parcel he owns at 37th Street and Tasso Road, which he said was earmarked for the city's seventh fire station in the northeast area of the city.

He said the parcel, which is listed at \$200,000, is destined for the commercial market — if the city does not have an interest. He was planning to move ahead with a commercial sale immediately, but after discussion with Council members, agreed to wait two week until this week's meeting for a decision.

City Manager Joe Fivas was asked to come up with some numbers and information concerning the property for this week's meeting. He is planning to provide this data during his update in the work session.

Fire Chief Ron Harrison was asked by Council member Richard Banks, two weeks ago, if he was familiar with the property — and it's prospective value to the city.

Harrison said, "It's unusual to find a piece of property exactly where you need it."

Fivas has listed other updates for the work session. They include a discussion and update on the proposed Downtown Action Plan; and letter, resolution, and agreement from the city for Bradley County's education plans for the old American Uniform property; and a discussion of rules and procedures for firework displays.

Joe Kirkpatrick is scheduled to attend the work session and discuss an issue concerning the

Cleveland Beer Board.

The mid-afternoon voting meeting will include a public hearing to hear public comments, if there are any, concerning the 2018 fiscal year budget. There will also be announced plans for Public Works Week.

There are several items on the consent agenda. They include:

- Final passage of an ordinance amending zoning regulations to create provisions which will allow for review and approval for greater densities of development on properties in R3 Multi-Family Residential;
- Adoption of the 2018 budget;

- A resolution authorizing Mayor Tom Rowland to sign the 2018 Tennessee Department of Transportation Highway Maintenance contract;

- Authorizing the mayor to sign a letter of engagement and contract with Arnett, Kirksey, Kimsey, Sullivan, Lay and Hall for the city audit;

- Approving fiscal year 2018 appropriations;

- Directing payment by the Cleveland Utilities Board to the City of Cleveland's tax equivalent payment for the utility's water system;

- Directing payment for the utility's wastewater system;

- A resolution regarding the Cleveland School System's Federal Project Fund;

- Annual review of the city's debt management policy;

- The initial resolution authorizing the incurrence of indebtedness by the city not to exceed \$3 million for costs of infrastructure at the Spring Branch Industrial Park;

- Authorizing a loan in the principal amount not to exceed \$3 million and approved issuance of a bond for costs of Spring Branch infrastructure;

- Adopting the city's public records policy;

- Authorizing the mayor to sign a subscription agreement with Siteimprove Inc. to assist staff with the city's website;

- Designating depositories for the city; and

- Sound and lighting equipment for the Greenway stage near Raider Drive.

There will be the opportunity for reports from each of the Council members.

The Council will not meet on

Monday, June 12. This meeting has been canceled due to a conflict with the Tennessee Municipal League (TML) Conference.

Cleveland's Historic Preservation Commission will meet at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday at the municipal building, with two items on the agenda. They include:

- George and Charlotte Thorogood are requesting a certificate of appropriateness for 1843 North Ocoee St. N.W. for the replacement of a roof.

- Dustin and Raven Tommey are requesting a certificate of appropriateness for property on 18th Street N.W. for the placement of a fence to the back yard, and addition of a storage building.

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Police probe, grand jury leave teen's family 'dissatisfied'

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The family of a black 13-year-old boy fatally shot by a white Columbus police officer after a suspected robbery last year said it is "completely dissatisfied" with how the investigation was handled after a grand jury voted not to indict the officer.

The Franklin County grand jury was considering whether Officer Bryan Mason should be charged criminally in the September 2016 shooting of Tyre King. Police have said Mason shot the teen after he pulled a BB gun that looked like a real firearm from his waistband during a foot pursuit.

Attorney Sean Walton issued a statement on behalf Tyre's family after the grand jury's decision on Friday.

"Tyre's family is saddened and completely dissatisfied with how the entire investigation was handled by the City of Columbus, the Columbus Division of Police and the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office," the statement said. "The deliberate indifference for the lives of its' citizens displayed by the City of Columbus and the pain Tyre's family has dealt with since his death was only exacerbated by the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office's apparent bias in presenting evidence and witnesses to the grand jury."

Demonstrators gathered Friday night about a block from where Tyre was shot, calling for more accountability in the justice system and more involvement from elected leaders.

BRADLEY COUNTY VIRTUAL SCHOOL GRADUATION



Class Representative Kelsey Nix

'Heroes Among Us' challenge given Virtual School graduates

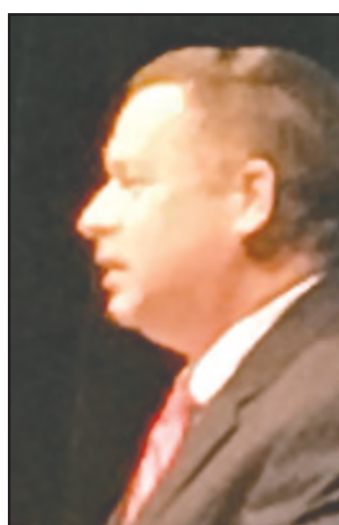
Bradley County Virtual School Class of 2017 graduation ceremony was held on Friday at the Bradley Central High School Fine Arts Building. The theme for the evening was "Heroes Among Us."

Student representatives Naja Morrison and Kelsey Nix along with Salutatorian Cheyenne Burchfield and Valedictorian Nicholas Korseska talked about their journey of leaving the traditional school setting and why the choice took a personal heroic step of conviction to become an independent learner.

These 13 graduates boast an impressive average GPA of 3.2 with an average grade of 90 percent. Several of the BCVS graduates entered their virtual journey prior to high school while others joined as late as their senior year.

The graduating seniors completed 16 honors, 8 Cambridge IGCSE, and nine dual enrollment classes.

One of the highlights of the evening was a special video presentation of the graduates. Pictures of each of the gradu-



Chris Edmonds

ates were contributed by their parents and compiled and produced by administrative assistant Crystal Morris.

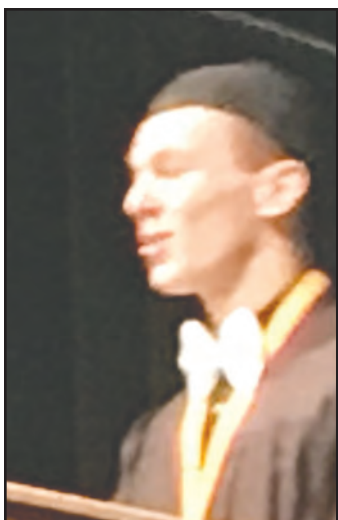
Pastor Chris Edmonds of Maryville, guest speaker, challenged the students to "Be A Hero," and provided each student with a "superman" type T-shirt with this challenge.

Edmonds is the son of World War II hero Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, whose fearless bravery saved the lives of Jewish American soldiers in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. The stunning reality of his father's heroic deed was not realized until recently when Pastor Chris learned of the Jewish Americans who are still alive today because of Sergeant Edmonds' refusal, even with a gun pressed up to his temple, to give up the identity of his 200+ Jewish soldiers by stating about his entire regiment of 1,300 men, "We are all Jews."

His inspirational story is unfolding daily as Edmonds learns more about the lives his father protected. He was recently honored on his father's behalf with the "Righteous Among The Nations" award in Israel, and by President Obama on Jan. 26, 2016.



Salutatorian Cheyenne Burchfield



Valedictorian Nicholas Korseska



Class Representative Naja Morrison

City mistakenly honors man suspected of killing officer

CINCINNATI (AP) — The mayor of Cincinnati has tearfully apologized to city police after his office unwittingly approved a proclamation honoring a man suspected of killing an officer in an ambush.

Mayor John Cranley delivered his apology Thursday at the police union hall, saying the proclamation was stamped by a new staffer.

The proclamation designated June 1, 2017, as "Tre Day" in honor of Treppierre Hummons.

Investigators say Hummons was hoping for "suicide by cop" when he killed Officer Sonny Kim in June 2015 before being gunned down by another officer.

The mayor said a request for the proclamation, submitted by Hummons' father, did not mention Hummons' full name. The request said a proclamation would honor his commitment to fighting mental illness.

The proclamation has been retracted.



Photos courtesy Bradley County Sheriff's Office

A GRADUATION CEREMONY was held at Black Fox Elementary School to honor fifth-graders who completed the DARE program taught by School Resource Officer Deputy Tim Myers. Each student submitted an essay at the conclusion of the program, and the best essay was chosen from each of the four classes. The best essay winners were Tim Kibble, Jalaya Lindsey, Aislyn Welch and Arianna Biggs. These students read their essays during the ceremony, and were presented a medal and certificate from Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson, Principal Kim Fisher, and Myers. From left, back, are Myers, Fisher and Watson; front, Kibble, Lindsey, Welch and Biggs.



Suicide prevention forum planned for Tuesday at YMCA

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The Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network's Bradley, Meigs, McMinn and Polk County Task Force will be holding a Suicide Prevention Forum at the Cleveland Family YMCA on Tuesday.

It is the task force's hope that the community will come out to participate in this forum, so their voice can be heard.

"As providers and community members there's this idea of what we think the community needs, but that's not always what the community perceives as their need. We wanted to do something to start that conversation as to what does the community see their needs as — our goal here is to create some action items out of this com-

munity forum," TSPN East Tennessee Regional Coordinator Amy Dolinky said.

"We would really love for everyone to be there. Where we go in the future really depends on what the community says, so we want everyone's voice to be there."

The forum will be held from 5 to 7:30 p.m., with refreshments being provided by the Bradley County Health Department.

Local providers will be on hand to go over community resources, as well as the TSPN.

The evening will start out with an overview of suicide statistics and then transition into a panel discussion. Included in the panel will be a clinician, a faith-based representative, Dolinky, a suicide loss survivor and a suicide attempt survivor. "We want get all of those

voices to the table," Dolinky said.

Those in attendance will be able to write down questions on cards, which will be screened due to the "triggering nature" of the topic.

"The biggest thing is safety," the East Tennessee Regional coordinator added.

In 2014, Bradley County had 12 suicides for a rate of 12 suicides per 100,000 people. That number increased to 15 suicides in 2015, or a rate of 14 per 100,000. Polk County had three suicides in 2014, a rate of 18 per 100,000 and saw a disturbing increase in 2015 with seven suicides for a rate of 42 per 100,000.

McMinn County had 10 suicides in 2014 for a rate of 19 per 100,000, which decreased to six suicides in 2015, a rate

of 11 per 100,000. Meigs County had two suicides and a rate of 17 per 100,000 in 2014 and in 2015 had three suicides for a rate of 25 per 100,000 people.

The national rate is 13 per 100,000 and Tennessee's rate is 16 per 100,000. Most alarming has been the nationwide increase in youth suicides, with Dolinky adding it has become a prime concern for the TSPN.

There is a 24-hour helpline available for those struggling with suicidal thoughts, 1-800-273-TALK, as well as a text messaging service, simply text "TN" to 741741.

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Student fatally stabbed in Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — A University of Maryland student fatally stabbed a visiting student on campus early Saturday in what appears to be a random attack, police said.

A Bowie State University student was with two friends at the College Park campus around 3 a.m. Saturday when a University of Maryland student stabbed him in the chest with a folding knife, local media outlets reported. The victim was pronounced dead at a hospital, police said.

Police said the attack was random and unprovoked and that the victim and suspect didn't know each other.

Sgt. Rosanne Hoaas, a spokeswoman for the University of Maryland Police Department told The Associated Press that the suspect is white and the victim is black. Police don't have any reason to believe that race played a role in the attack, she said.

Hoaas said the stabbing was captured on surveillance cameras and that charges against the suspect are pending.

Neither the victim nor the suspect's identities have been released.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan said in a statement on Facebook that the state is working closely with the school as it investigates the stabbing.

"Our students deserve to feel safe, and violence on our campuses will not be tolerated," Hogan said.

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Cleveland State receives two retention, success grants

Cleveland State Community College recently received good news, in the form of two new Student Engagement Retention and Success grants.

The first grant is targeted toward establishing pathways-focused learning communities for new adult students, while the second is for CSCC Honors program expansion.

The first grant awarded, "Communities of Success: Establishing Pathways-Focused Learning Communities Targeted at New Adult Students," was in the amount of approximately \$33,500.

This grant will enable the college to establish one pathway-focused learning community in each of the college's so-called pathways: Fine Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences, Education, Business, Advanced Technologies, STEM and Health

Sciences.

Each learning community will served approximately 25 students. These communities will be designed as part of an intensive training and planning process to ensure that the courses are focused on student success. These will help solve the challenge of engaging students with content specific to their pathway as early as possible by implementing material within a college success course, a general education course and a course specific to the pathway.

The college will further support these communities by embedding success coaches, tutors, advisers and supplemental instructors within them to ensure that students who are fully engaged with their proposed path of student and with the college personnel who can

support their success.

In order to achieve Governor Bill Haslam's Drive to 55 initiative, CSCC must increase the number of adult graduates.

"We believe that for adults engaged in University Parallel programs, one challenge is a perceived lack of connection between courses in the first semester and students' academic and professional goals," said Dr. Robert Brandon, dean of Humanities and Social Sciences.

"By creating learning communities tied to our guided pathways, we can assure that students not only have the opportunity to take a course within their major in the first semester, but also have a series of general education courses which use the students' pathways to guide the instruction of the course."

The second grant for the CSCC Honors Program Expansion was in the amount of \$27,500. This grant will enable the college to renovate an existing classroom to be used as honors education space. Not only will the space be used for honors classes, but it will also be used to hold preparatory workshops focused on scholarship applications, transferring from CSCC to four-year colleges and universities, as well as conference preparation.

These initiatives reinforce CSCC's commitment to the 2020 Community First Plan, the college's strategic plan. The creation of a dedicated honors classroom speaks to Goal II of the strategic plan, which states that "CSCC will provide state-of-the-art learning environments that promote student

success."

Implementing honors faculty recruiting, coordination and training speaks to Goal III of the plan which reads, "CSCC will be considered a top-performing college for effective educational practices and a thriving campus community through campus engagement."

The efforts toward conference preparation speaks to Goal V of the strategic plan, which reads "CSCC will offer relevant programs that satisfy the needs of students ... and deliver them in modes that maximize student engagement and completion."

Brandon continued, "Both of these grants focus on widening the use of high-impact student learning and engagement practices on our campuses and on expanding already successful programs to include more students. One grant will allow us

to add new elements to our Honors Program that will allow us to achieve the highest possible state ratings.

"The other will develop six new, career-community focused student learning communities, which allow real-life learning opportunities for students interested in engineering, health care, business, mass communication, and social sciences. These two grants are exciting additions that connect with our mission to provide the highest possible educational experience for our students," Brandon said.

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SEVEN NEW CASA advocates were sworn in earlier this month by Judge Dan Swafford. From left are Josiah Vacheresse, program director; new advocates Holly Newman, Jenny Paris Evans, and Jane Wright; Swafford; new advocates Lois and Gerald Crawford; CASA case manager Raif Santiago; and new advocates Shelly and Joe Surbeck.

CASA welcomes seven new advocates

Special to the Banner

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of Bradley and Polk Counties added seven new child advocates to their volunteer team during a recent swearing-in ceremony at Bradley County Juvenile Court earlier this month.

Judge Daniel R. Swafford conducted the swearing in ceremony, and led each new advocate through the recitation of the CASA oath. This swearing in ceremony legally appoints volunteer advocates with a guardian-ad-litem status, which allows them to speak on behalf of children in court.

With the swearing in of these seven volunteer advocates, CASA has now recruited,

trained, and sworn-in eleven volunteer advocates this year. CASA hopes to swear in a total of 25 volunteer advocates this year, so they are still looking for 14 more individuals to join their team. This recent group of volunteers hails from a variety of backgrounds and includes a previous law enforcement agent, a local boutique manager, an active nurse, and two retired couples.

CASA case manager Raif Santiago led the volunteer advocates through the five-week, 30-hour pre-service training program.

"I am enthusiastic about the service that our advocates are going to provide Bradley and Polk Counties," Santiago said. "Their keen service will without

a doubt impact many children that are in need of a voice. I am confident that our judges, lawyers, and family service agencies will be encouraged by the effort that our advocates will put toward their cases."

Every year 1,200 children end up in Bradley and Polk counties courts primarily as a result of abuse or neglect. In 2016 alone, CASA advocated on behalf of 175 of these children. Already in 2017, CASA has given a voice to 67 local children.

An increase in volunteer advocates directly translates to an increase in children served. Therefore, CASA is always accepting applications from community members interested in becoming volunteer advocates.

The next advocate pre-service training program takes place June 2 through June 30, and meets once a week on Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Evening trainings will be held later in the year.

Those interested in the program can learn more by visiting www.casabp.org, by emailing outreach@casabp.org, or by calling the CASA office at 423-472-5800.

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Tick and mosquito season is here; 'Fight the Bite' strategies offered

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Ticks and mosquitoes are now out in force, and looking for food. The meal of choice for both creates opportunities to spread a variety of serious illnesses, such as the Zika virus and Rocky Mountain spotted fever as they move from one bite victim to another.

"For many people, a bite from a mosquito or tick won't cause much more than an itchy, irritating spot on the skin or sometimes mild, flu-like symptoms," said Tennessee Department of Health Commissioner Dr. John Dreyzehner. "But for others, a bite can cause a serious illness with major consequences like severe pain, long-term or permanent nerve and brain damage and even death."

Dreyzehner added that at this time of year, "Fight the Bite" strategies are essential in reducing risk of infection and in preventing the potential spread of disease in communities.

Ticks often wait in tall grass or on bushes and similar vegetation for their next food source to arrive. They do not fly, but can attach to people as they brush against plants and trees. People can also get ticks from pets that may carry them. In Tennessee, by the ticks are Rocky Mountain spotted fever and ehrlichiosis.

In 2016, there were 581 cases of Rocky Mountain spotted fever in Tennessee; between 2004 and 2014, there were 16 deaths attributed to Rocky Mountain spotted fever in the state.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever and ehrlichiosis are preventable by avoiding tick bites, promptly removing ticks that do get on the skin and seeking medical care for a fever or rash after a possible tick bite.

All common tick-borne diseases

found in Tennessee can be easily treated with antibiotics, if detected early.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the antibiotic Doxycycline is the most effective treatment of Rocky Mountain spotted fever and ehrlichiosis. It is the antibiotic recommended for the treatment of most tick-borne diseases in patients of all ages.

Keeping grass trimmed and plants cropped around homes are good practices to prevent tick bites. Wearing long sleeves and long pants, using Food and Drug Administration-approved insect repellents and treating clothing with permethrin can also help prevent tick and mosquito bites.

Diseases spread by mosquitoes include West Nile Virus, Chikungunya, Zika and many others.

Tennessee has already recorded two cases of West Nile Virus in 2017, which officials say is unusual for this early in the year. TDH continues to be concerned about the spread of Zika. While most people infected with Zika virus have very mild reactions, infection during pregnancy can cause birth defects.

In 2016, over 60 people in Tennessee were infected with Zika while traveling to other countries where the disease is common. TDH officials worked swiftly in each case to assure Zika would not be spread to others.

"Many of us think of mosquitoes as minor nuisances, when in fact they are among humanity's most serious enemies, causing numerous deaths every year around the world," said Dr. Abelardo Moncayo, director of the TDH Vector-Borne Disease Program. "All species of mosquitoes need water to lay their eggs, so removal or treatment of standing water near homes and businesses are

among the most important steps we can take to protect ourselves and our communities from the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses."

Travelers to areas where Zika is known to exist should understand the risk of contracting and transmitting the virus to others. For the most current updates on Zika from the CDC, visit www.cdc.gov/zika/.

TDH and CDC recommend women and men with possible exposure to Zika consult with their health care providers about attempting to get pregnant. In some cases, a provider may suggest delaying pregnancy for at least six months after travel to an area with local Zika transmission.

TDH and CDC also recommend: — Using insect repellents such as DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus or IR3535, following all label recommendations for usage. Pay particular attention to recommendations for use on children, and never apply any of these products around the mouth or eyes at any age. Consult your health care provider if you have questions.

— Using products containing permethrin, a highly effective insecticide, for clothing, shoes, bed nets and camping gear. Permethrin-treated clothing repels and kills ticks, mosquitoes and other pests and retains this effect after repeated laundering. Some commercial products are available pretreated with permethrin. As a caution, however, it is not to be used directly on skin.

— Tip and toss or drain and cover objects near your home or business that may contain water. A mosquito can lay eggs in a container as small as a soda bottle cap. Repair screens on your home to prevent mosquitoes from entering.

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ADAM FOSTER, class president, urges his peers to look forward to whatever endeavors they are pursuing, and closes with "may the force be with us all."



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HONOR GRADUATE Rachel Coats addresses the crowd at Raider Arena as "friends, Romans, (and) countrymen," as an homage to her love of literature.



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CLASS REPRESENTATIVE Jacob Griffin delivers his speech to the Cleveland High School Class of 2017.



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GRADUATES STREAM into Raider Arena to take their seats for the day's celebration.



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HONOR GRADUATE Allen Swetman speaks to the Cleveland High School Class of 2017 at Friday's graduation.



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ROSA ARCINIEGA, left, and Daniela Arango pause for a quick picture during lineup for the procession into Raider Arena.



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A GRADUATE scans the crowd for her loved ones at Friday's ceremony.



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ADAM KLIBISZ, left, Roger Lantigua and Joshua Lance, right, look poised and ready for their upcoming graduation.



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TAYLOR ALLISON, left, Tehya Dyer and Taylor Aloe, right, smile with excitement as showtime draws near.

TAKING A BREAK from the lineup exercises, at right, Ezequiel Jesurum, left, and Harbor Jefferson, smile one last time as students.



DAVID BECKLER, far right, a member of Cleveland High School's inaugural graduating class in 1967, challenges graduates to find the things in life that you "get to do" and love.

Oil company watches over pregnant polar bear under bridge

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A pregnant polar bear seeking to dig her maternity den chose an unlikely spot: a snow drift along a bridge leading to an artificial production island off the north coast of Alaska.

As a threatened species, polar bears are entitled to peaceful pregnancies and the operating oil company, Hilcorp Alaska LLC, took vigorous measures to make sure that happened. In consultation with federal wildlife authorities, Hilcorp restricted traffic on the causeway, monitored the den and kept things mostly quiet until mother and cub emerged three months later.

"The bear, wherever she decided to den, she's the emphasis," said Christopher Putnam, a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service supervisory biologist.

Polar bears are listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act because

climate warming is melting their primary habitat, sea ice. Short of action that effectively addresses Arctic warming, it is unlikely that polar bears will be recovered, according to the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Polar bears don't hibernate, but pregnant females create maternity dens to shelter newborn cubs. If a nursing mother is disturbed, she can abandon a cub. Upward of 50 percent of cubs don't survive their first year.

Oil companies working near known denning areas scout for bears using airplanes equipped with infrared cameras that detect bears in dens.

"Typically they pick locations that are away from oil field infrastructure," said Beth Sharp, Hilcorp's habitat and wildlife specialist, who has worked on Alaska's North Slope for nearly two decades.

A Hilcorp security officer in December spotted a hole in a

snow drift along the 1.5 mile- (2.4 kilometer) causeway leading to Endicott Island, a production island about the size of 34 football fields.

The hole looked like a den entrance, but Sharp was skeptical. Workers borrowed an infrared camera from the company fire department to take a photo inside the snow drift.

"There was a bear-shaped lightbulb as clear as could be," Sharp said.

Hilcorp and the Fish and Wildlife Service worked out a plan to minimize disturbance. Workers on their way to Endicott were shuttled by bus instead of individual pickups. Hilcorp parked a heavy-duty snow-removal truck. Non-essential traffic stopped.

Advocacy group Polar Bear International and Brigham Young University, which are collaborating on a long-term denning study, monitored the den with a remote camera system.



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service via AP

IN THIS UNDATED image taken by a remote camera and provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, a polar bear and her young cub stand next to a causeway bridge leading to an artificial island production platform in the Beaufort Sea in Alaska. Hilcorp Alaska oil field workers in December spotted the den alongside the bridge and restricted activity to make sure the female was not disturbed. The mother and her cub emerged March 18, stayed near the den for two weeks and headed out to see to hunt for seals.

PROFESSIONALS PUT WORDS TO MUSIC

TCPS students write the lyrics

By BRIAN GRAVES

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There is an infinite count of the broken dreams of songwriters on the sidewalks of Nashville.

It is a career, while talent is necessary, luck plays an even greater part in getting the words and the music someone has created to the masses.

Thanks to a grant from the Allied Arts Council of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce, the students at Tennessee Christian Preparatory School are getting their chance to write lyrics, and then hear them as they are set to music by some of the best professionals in the business.

"This is a unit called 'Words and Music Songwriting,'" explained TCPS music instructor Jessica Divel. "I got this from the education department of the Country Music Hall of Fame."

Divel attended a workshop there and, while attending, the instructors were able to do what their students are now being given the chance to do — write lyrics and hear them performed with music composed by professionals.

This is the second year Divel has taught the unit, which includes 10 lessons.

"We had a family here where the mother was a professional songwriter," Divel explained. "They moved away, but she has kept in contact and she is part of the Songwriters Guild."

Divel said third through fifth-graders as well as seventh- and eighth-graders went through the unit and their lyrics were sent to the former TCPS mother.

"She sent them out to her Songwriters Guild members — and they are professionals," she said. "They have stuff on all kinds of television and movie productions. They were really excited and happy to be a part of this."

Last year, the professionals composed two songs per class.

"This year, they are doing four per class. They are so excited — they even did extra," Divel said.



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RYAN SANDLIN, TCPS Upper School student, smiles as he hears his words set to music for the first time.

ONE OF THE dozens of professional songwriters who composed music for the words of TCPS students appears on screen talking about creating lyrics and composing music.

"So, we actually have 23 songs this year."

She said there is now a Lower School CD and an Upper School CD.

"The kids and the parents really look forward to what comes out," Divel said. "It's exciting for me, because we're working with these really professional people. That is their

career — being songwriters. And, seeing the kids' work come to life is really amazing."

"They learn about poetry and writing — very language oriented," Divel explained. "From the music side, they learn about rhythm which involves mathematics."

She said it can envelop other subjects.

"A lot of our kids in our Upper School wrote about what they were learning in history," Divel said.

"This is something that is recorded they will have for the rest of their lives," she said.

The songs can be heard on the TCPS website at <https://soundcloud.com/lydialashton/sets/tcp-s-songwriting-class-2017-1>.

Ex-CEO seeks vindication in blast after year in prison

NASHVILLE (AP) — After finishing a one-year prison sentence, a former West Virginia coal executive has wasted no time resuming a campaign for vindication in the deadliest U.S. mine disaster in four decades.

In a phone interview Friday, ex-Massey Energy CEO Don Blankenship took up the same fight he waged before his 2015 trial: to convince people that natural gas, and not methane gas and excess coal dust, was at the root of the explosion at Upper Big Branch Mine in West Virginia, which killed 29 miners in 2010.

Blankenship was sentenced last year for a misdemeanor conspiracy to violate federal mine safety standards at Upper Big Branch. He was acquitted of felonies that could have stretched his sentence to 30 years. He finished his prison term on May 10.

"I know who I am and what I am," Blankenship said. "And I'm

more than 100 percent innocent, and the charges were ridiculous. And all the emotion and all the publicity about it was just incorrect, which has been the case with me for years and years."

Authorities have long dismissed Blankenship's argument, and have shown no signs of changing that. U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin, a longtime rival, said he hoped Blankenship would "disappear from the public eye" after his release from prison.

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BHRC RESIDENTS enjoyed listening to the live music during Friday's party.



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A CROWD GATHERED under the tent to enjoy food, fun and live music at Bradley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center.

Bradley Healthcare celebrates 60th anniversary, Nursing Home Week

By SARALYN NORKUS
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Bradley Healthcare & Rehabilitation Center had plenty of reasons to celebrate on Friday.

Not only did their big party serve to cap off the National

Nursing Home Week festivities, but it also marked the starting point for the facility's 60th anniversary celebration.

"We are so excited about celebrating 60 years. No other facility in the area can say they've been around for 60 years — even this year we won for the Best of

the Best, so to me, it's just looking ahead and continuing to provide great care for our patients and their families," BHRC Marketing Director Annette Smith said.

"Also, we're trying to set up some new programs with our skilled nursing rehabilitation and we're excited about that as well." Future 60th anniversary festivities are in the works, as the facility continues to celebrate the milestone.

"It's quite a landmark event for any facility to survive 60 years in this day and age where we are buying and selling facilities left and right — for one county to keep and maintain a facility this long is really a credit to the government and citizens of the county," BHRC Administrator Scott Oliver stated.

The facility normally holds a party for its employees to honor National Nursing Home Week, but this year, it was made even larger in honor of the 60-year milestone. Bands Bethany Grace and Bad Tattoo and Courtney Daley and the Daley Grind provided the live music. Bagby's Critter Corral brought in a petting zoo for children and adults alike to enjoy. A Koana Ice Truck was on hand to help keep party goers cool, and Oliver's "world famous" pulled-pork barbecue was enjoyed by all.

The secret for Oliver's smoked barbecue?

"Slow going," he declared. "It takes 17 hours a batch and it's all in the rub and the wood."

The mood was festive, as employees and their families, as well as residents and their families, enjoyed the barbecue shindig.

"I've been here for 10 years now and it's a great place to be. There's a family kind of feeling, it's almost a small town inside there and that's nice," floor technician Robert Drozak said.

Nursing Director Sandra Lingo, who worked as a CNA at BHRC 25 years ago, is proud to have seen the building come so far.

"(We) are still caring for the people of our community and delivering quality care, adding technology daily to speed up that care and give it more efficiency," Lingo said.

"The training of our nurses and the new techniques and things they can use to care for our cardiac and stroke patients is very exciting to me — we're growing the field of what we can do to care for our residents and the community of Bradley County."



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EUGENE PETERSON JR. pets a long-haired rabbit in a petting zoo.



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BETHANY GRACE and Bad Tattoo were one of the bands who performed during the party. Standing, from left, are Bethany Grace and Chris Calandrino.



BRADLEY HEALTHCARE & Rehabilitation Center hosted a party for employees, residents and their families for National Nursing Home Week and to kick off the facility's 60th anniversary festivities.

Below: EMILY MULLIS, right, and Mariah Peterson, left, enjoy the feeling of the Alpaca's soft, plush fleece.



California Democrats take aim at Trump, GOP Congress

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — California Democrats had tough words for Republican President Donald Trump and the GOP Congress on Saturday as they continued their three-day convention with renewed optimism about their party's chances of tipping the balance of power in the U.S. House.

The party's elected leaders presented California as the epicenter of liberal resistance to Trump, urging fired-up activists to work against the 14 Republicans in the state's 53-member congressional delegation and aggressively attacking the president.

"The world, literally the world, is counting on all of you, counting on California to reject Trump's deception and destructiveness," said Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom, who is among a crowded field of Democrats running for governor next year.

U.S. Sen. Kamala Harris, often mentioned as a potential candidate for president in 2020, accused Trump of putting "Russia first, America second."

"Democrats, we need to keep up the fight and recognize that when our nation's very sovereignty is under attack ... This is wrong, and we need the truth," Harris said.

The convention comes less than a week after the U.S. Justice Department appointed a special prosecutor to investigate whether the Trump campaign colluded with Russia during last year's election — a charge Trump has vehemently denied and called a "witch hunt."

Outgoing party Chair John Burton, a longtime Democratic lawmaker and powerbroker known for his blunt and profane manner, extended two middle fingers in the air as the crowd cheered and joined him.

"F--- Donald Trump," he said.

The attacks on Trump united and enthused Democratic activists, who repeatedly stood to applaud. But beneath the surface, the party activists are deeply split, still struggling to mend the divisions that exploded in last year's primary between Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders.

The divide was on clear display in the race to replace Burton as party chair. It has highlighted strong disagreements between longtime party activists and a new breed of progressives eager for new party leadership that will more aggressively promote liberal priorities and reject money from corporate and establishment interests.

While both major candidates for party chair endorsed Clinton's presidential bid, Sanders supporters have rallied around Kimberly Ellis, the former head of an organization that works to elect Democratic women to office.

Ellis has called for new blood in the party. She faces longtime Los Angeles County Democratic Party Chairman Eric Bauman, the state party's vice chair, who says the party needs a steady hand to continue its dominance in California politics.

Bauman has lined up the support from the vast majority of elected Democrats and was the overwhelming favorite to win until agitators loyal to Sanders, including the influential California Nurses Association, surged Ellis' support.

Bauman has come under pressure for work his political consulting firm has done for corporate clients. Pharmaceutical companies paid the firm to work in opposition to a ballot measure that would have prohibited the state from paying more for prescription drugs than the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

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ON MAY 15 the Bradley County Democratic Party hosted guest speaker Mariah Phillips, who is the only registered Democratic candidate contesting the Congressional District 4 seat. The meeting saw more than 40 people in attendance, who were there to learn about Phillips' background and ideas. From left are Sara Keel, Bradley County Democratic Party chair; Tammy Davis, BCDP first vice chair; Phillips; and Baggs McKelvey, BCDP secretary.

Cleveland selected for stormwater program state QLP certification

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Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Commissioner Bob Martineau has announced that the city of Cleveland is the latest participant in the Tennessee Qualifying Local Program.

The program aims to eliminate the duplicative efforts at the state and local level in the stormwater permitting process.

"We have seen much success with this program in improving water quality and simplifying the permitting process," said Martineau. "In other communities across Tennessee, this program has helped streamline the permitting process for municipalities and customers. We are excited to work with the City of Cleveland in a supportive capacity to bring residents the highest quality service possible."

The QLP is designed to build efficiencies in how construction stormwater permits are issued and improve water quality. The program allows a local Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) program to seek approval to become a QLP, if they meet specific program criteria.

Chris Broom, of the city's Stormwater Division, said it is hoped this certification as a QLP will save local developers time and money.

"It eliminates duplicate plans submittals, and will require only one fee (to the city), where they are now paying a fee to the city and to the state," he added. "We anticipate it will be a huge benefit to the development community."

Cleveland's participation in the QLP will begin Aug. 1, according to Broom.

Some of the most significant benefits of a QLP include:

- A more streamlined and efficient process for managing construction stormwater by eliminating permit and review duplication at the local and state levels;

- Eliminating additional effort at the state level for construction site operators by providing only one set of requirements to follow; and

- A more effective construction stormwater program resulting in greater water quality protection.

After a three-month provisional period, it is expected Cleveland's program will reach full QLP status by this August. The provisional period will provide an opportunity to educate stakeholders in the construction and environmental fields on the aspects of this new status.

In order to achieve QLP sta-

tus, an MS4 must demonstrate its construction stormwater program meets provisions of the state's Construction General Permit. Once an MS4 is selected to participate in the QLP program, construction activities receiving permit coverage from that program are authorized to discharge under the state's CGP.

The submittal of an application and related permit fee to the state is no longer needed, avoiding duplication of the review and approval process at the state level.

For more information about TDEC's Qualifying Local Program, or to submit an application for participation, visit <http://www.tn.gov/environment/article/tennessee-qualifying-local-program>.

Additional information about Stormwater Construction General Permit requirements is available at <http://www.tn.gov/environment/article/permit-water-npdes-stormwater-construction-permit>.

Cleveland has a Stormwater Regulation Board, made up of Darrell Tipton, Vice Mayor Avery Johnson, Kent Berry, Travis Henry and Mickey Torbett.

City Council appointees have staggered terms as follows: Two seats for a term of one year; One seat for a term of two years; One seat for a term of three years.

The Stormwater Board is staffed by the Development and Engineering Department of the City of Cleveland and may be reached at 423-479-1913.

The Stormwater Board's functions are to:

- Recommend from time to time to the City Council that it amend or modify the provisions of this chapter;

- Hold hearings upon appeals from orders or actions of the stormwater program manager, the public works director, or building officials as may be provided under any provision of this chapter;

- Hold hearings relating to the suspension, revocation, or modification of a stormwater discharge permit and issue appropriate related orders;

- Hold hearings relating to an appeal concerning any civil penalty imposed under this chapter;

- Hold such other hearings as may be required in the administration of this chapter, and make such determinations and issue such orders as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this chapter;

- Request assistance from any officer, agent, or employee of the city and to obtain such information or other assistance

as the board might need;

- Issue subpoenas requiring attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of documentary evidence relevant to any matter properly heard by the board; and

- Administer oaths to those giving testimony before the board.

Teen charged in death says 19-year-old shot Mississippi boy

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A Mississippi teenager charged with murder in the death of a 6-year-old told investigators that the boy was actually shot by another of the three teen suspects, according to an investigator's sworn statement.

The Associated Press obtained the sworn statement Friday from a source with knowledge of the case involving the death of Kingston Frazier. The boy was found shot to death at the side of a dead-end road inside his mother's abandoned car, hours after someone stole the Toyota Camry from a supermarket parking lot.

Mississippi Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Rusty Clark said in the sworn statement filed in connection with the case that 17-year-old Dwan Wakefield of Ridgeland told Clark and another investigator 19-year-old Byron McBride of Pickens was at fault.

"During this interview, Wakefield implicated Byron McBride as the person who actually stole the vehicle and shot and killed Frazier," Clark's statement said.

When asked for further comment, MBI spokesman Warren Strain declined, saying "the court document speaks for itself."

Wakefield, McBride and 17-

year-old D'Allen Washington of Ridgeland are being held without bail in Madison County, just north of Jackson, awaiting Monday morning court appearances. It's unclear if any of the three have lawyers.

Though all three are charged with capital murder, only McBride could face the death penalty. The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed the death penalty for crimes committed by people younger than 18 in 2005.

Madison County Coroner Alex Breeland said Kingston was shot multiple times. District Attorney Michael Guest said authorities are still looking

for the gun used to kill Kingston but are confident they have enough evidence against the three teen suspects to proceed without it.

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Times Square driver wanted to kill them all

NEW YORK (AP) — A man who was behind the wheel of a car that barreled through crowds of pedestrians in Times Square told police after his arrest that he had been smoking marijuana laced with the hallucinogenic drug PCP, according to a criminal complaint.

Richard Rojas, 26, made his first court appearance Friday, a day after he was arrested in what police are now calling an intentional attack that killed an 18-year-old Michigan woman and injured 22 other people.

"He murdered in cold blood," Assistant District Attorney Harrison Schweiloch said dur-

ing the brief proceeding.

Rojas, wearing the same red T-shirt and jeans he was photographed in a day earlier, appeared subdued as prosecutors detailed murder and attempted murder charges.

He didn't enter a plea and was held without bail. After he was detained, he said he wanted to "kill them all" and police should have shot him to stop him, a prosecutor said in court Friday.

Officials are awaiting toxicology results, though Rojas "had glassy eyes, slurred speech, and was unsteady," during his arrest, the complaint said.

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BARRY MAPLES, father of Justin Maples, speaks at the special memorial remembrance ceremony for his son Friday.

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officers who may have never knew him."

"He loved this community and his country," recollected Maple's father, Barry, who spoke at the ceremony. "The brave men and women in law enforcement place their lives at risk daily to protect and serve their fellow citizens. They do so without hesitation or prejudice and that is often taken for granted."

"We are honored and proud that our son was a member of those brave men and women in blue," he continued. "Justin always wanted to be a police officer. We are glad Justin was able to become a police officer and serve with the brave men and women of the Cleveland Police Department, and you will always be a part of our family."

His mother, Charlene, said there is never a day that passes she does not think of her son.

"I probably miss him more today than I have ever missed him," she stated. "And this police department has been so fantastic to us. He lives on through them."

Justin Maples is not only inscribed in the memorial wall, but a special section of 25th Street has been named for him, to keep the memory of this officer who gave his life to try to help another law enforcement officer.

His sister, Brittney Gobble, who was also in attendance at



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CLEVELAND POLICE CHIEF Mark Gibson talks to Barry Maples, father of Justin Maples, the Cleveland Police officer who died in the line of duty May 20, 2012. A special service was held for Maples on Friday at the Police Memorial Wall.

the ceremony and helped her son, Britton, release blue balloons into the sky at the end of the ceremony, said she "misses her brother very much."

"Justin was older by about three years, and he always picked on me," joked his sister. "But, as we became older, he just became a great friend, someone you could talk to about anything. He was always so protective."

She said Maples, even as a child, had a sense of wanting to help others. "I was so proud of him when he became a police

officer."

Many of the Cleveland Police were in attendance at the memorial on Friday, as were many city government officials and friends and family.

Maples was only the second Cleveland Police officer to lose his life while on duty. Former Bradley County Sheriff Bud Cash, who had moved to the police department after serving as sheriff, died while on duty in 1955. Five with the Bradley County Sheriff's office, whose names are also on the memorial wall gave their lives in the

line. They include Sheriff Israel L. Smith, shot in 1922 trying to apprehend bootleggers; Deputy Sheriff Taylor Caywood, killed in an automobile accident in 1932 transporting a prisoner from out of state; Deputy Sheriff Ken Wright Sr., shot in 1971 when pushing a Cleveland Police Department officer out of the line of fire; and Reserve Deputy David Allen McCollum, killed by carbon-monoxide poisoning in a 45-foot well during a rescue attempt in Meigs County.

Murray

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unit at McGhee-Tyson Air Base in Knoxville, has provided The Last Roll Call for several years.

A second feature event will be the presentation of the annual Bill Norwood Veterans Service Award. This award will be announced by Cid Heidel of the Southeast Tennessee Veterans Home Committee.

Veteran officials from the community expected to attend next Monday's ceremony.

These officials include: Bradley County Veterans Service Officer Larry McDaris, American Legion Post 81 Commander Randy Davis, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2598 Commander Nay Rogers, Disabled Veterans Chapter 25 Commander Bill Gray, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 596 President James Dean, AmVets Post 13 Commander Dan Koop, Voiture 735 40/8 Chef De Gare Mike Dickey, Sons of the American Revolution Benjamin Cleveland Chapter President James Cline.

Sons of the American Legion Chapter 81 Commander Maurice Suits, VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 2598 President Pam Catlett, American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 81 President Janet Allen, AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Post 13 President Kim Koop, Daughters of the American Revolution Ocoee Chapter Regent Laura Boyd, and Cabana 735 Femme 40/8 La Presidente Angela Trosclair.

Participating members of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets will be James Schone, Dane Hamilton,

T.C. Jones and John Waters.

The Cleveland High Band will perform, under the direction of Jim Burton.

Stewart was assisted in coordinating the program by co-chairs Mary Baier and Pedro Gonzales.

Murray, the guest speaker, is married to the former Dee Ciocca of Scranton, Pa. They have two children, Brandon, 36, and Sara, 30.

During his military service, Murray received the Defense Superior Service Medal, Air Force Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal with five oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Combat Readiness Medal with one oak leaf cluster, and Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with palm.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he joined the business community with Northrop Grumman.

Murray has reached very high levels in martial arts, after he began studying karate in 1968. He received his first degree black belt in 1971, and in 2016 won a first place at the Mid-South Karate Championships.

"From my study of karate, I learned self-defense, self-discipline, listening, learning, and concentration skills," he said. "It also taught me how to respect, and relate to others. More importantly, I learned how to use those skills to excel in other life pursuits."

Judd

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North Lee Highway and Tasso Road.

Judd was eventually charged in the case, and has since been out on bond pending his next hearing.

According to the Tenth Judicial District Attorney General's office, the next hearing for Judd is set for Aug. 7, which will be a status hearing.

A trial for the Decatur man will follow the next day, with Circuit Court Judge Andrew Freiberg presiding.

A scholarship has been set up in Lamberth's name.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol, which investigated the accident, indicated Judd allegedly ran a red light at the intersection, hitting Lamberth's car on the driver's side.

Judd, who was 20 at the time of the wreck, reportedly did not have a CDL license. This type of license, a Class B CDL, is required to operate a logging truck and other vehicles commercially in the state.

Officials said just after the accident that only someone 21 years of age or older is eligible for a CDL license.

Dethero

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Chairman Lou Patten when they will begin moving dirt, Fidler said, "We want to make sure we have all our materials on site."

The Jetport manager said it will probably be 30 to 45 days before the actual work begins. The anticipated completion date for the runway extension is Oct. 1.

In other business:

— Fidler presented native Cleveland/Bradley County resident Bill Dethero a gift of appreciation for all his volunteer work with Angel Flight. Dethero was at the meeting, accompanied by his wife, Gwen.

The Cleveland native, the nephew of the late Cleveland Mayor Harry Dethero, has been assisting Angel Flight for a number of years, providing free air transportation to people with medical hardships.

Angel Flight arranges transportation for people who need to travel to receive lifesaving medical treatment, but lack the means. The organization focuses on the fact illness isn't stopped by boundaries and cures shouldn't be either — whether the boundaries are geographic or monetary.

They help families focus on getting better instead of worrying about how to get there. Transportation is provided seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Fidler emphasized Angel Flight has provided more than 39,000 flights to people in need since 1983. Dethero has flown a number of those missions. There were 2,208 Angel flights in 2016, and the organization has a pool of volunteer pilots, like Dethero, and medical professionals.

Dethero was presented with a limited print from artist Sam Lyons. The print was provided to Fidler and the Airport Authority by Eastern Aviation.

"I am very humbled, and I'd like to thank everyone (for this honor)," said Dethero. "I do appreciate this."

"I'd also like to thank my wife, Gwen," he continued. "She allows me to do this."

— Fidler provided an update on an airplane which was damaged recently in an accident at the Jetport.

He said the craft was a total loss with damage to the fuselage. It was disassembled and transported to LaTrobe, Pa.

— The Civil Air Patrol holds a pancake breakfast at the Jetport every third Saturday of the month.

The Jetport manager extended an invitation to Authority member for the next event, saying there were 34 aircraft and 70 attendees at the last breakfast.

— Fidler said runway lights continue to be a problem, and he and his staff have brought in a lighting professional. He said the expense will probably be around \$1,000. "We want to have all the lights functional when the runway extension is completed," he said.

— Howell had an aggressive report from Contour Aviation, the management firm for the Jetport.

Howell said Cheryl Balazi will be the new manager for the firm in Cleveland. She will be replacing former manager Nora Cole, who has returned to full-time flying. Balazi participated in the company's start-up here, and is currently located in the Middle Tennessee area west of Nashville. She will be moving to Cleveland with her family.

"She is a young, energetic person," said Howell.

In addition, Howell said Keith Sewell is joining the flight instructing team at the Jetport. Sewell is also a police officer in Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Fentanyl

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doctor, "but that is not the type of fentanyl that we are getting. We are seeing an influx of fentanyl that has been mixed in other drugs, or made into tablet form, but when it is imported into this area, it is usually mixed with heroin or made into tablets."

According to information on the drug, when sold alone or mixed with heroin it may be sold on the street by the names Apache, China Girl, China White, Dance Fever, Friend, Goodfella, Jackpot, Murder 8, TNT, and Tango and Cash.

"All the fentanyl we have seized here in Bradley County has been in pill or tablet format. They look like other pills, such as oxycodone pills or Xanax pills," Cherry explained. "They, and I am not necessarily meaning those who have the finished drug, take a pill press to make it

look like another drug, and they infuse fentanyl inside that pill."

Cherry said there are currently court cases for those selling fentanyl, and others cases are being investigated for the possibility of fentanyl being involved in drug transactions.

District Attorney General Steve Crump said fentanyl is a Schedule II narcotic, and that schedule is based on additivity, so it is a highly addictive drug.

Fentanyl is similar to morphine, but it is 50 to 100 times more potent.

"Fentanyl is absorbed through the skin, so we have to be very careful with it," Cherry noted. "Across the country, there are numerous accounts of officers getting exposed and having overdose-type symptoms. We have developed a training for other departments because we know how dangerous it is and we

know it is here."

Crump said if anyone sells the drug and the buyer dies, it is very possible the seller can be charged with more than selling the fentanyl.

"Tennessee law makes it a violation of the homicide statute, specifically the second-degree murder statute, if we can prove that someone specifically sold or gave the drug to someone who dies," the District Attorney General said. "Right now, it is a technical area of the law. It is not an easy case to make, but that is something we are looking at."

He said while the DA's office has taken cases of those dealing heroin through the court system, they have not specifically addressed one dealing with fentanyl.

"Fentanyl is a fairly new drug to this area and we are not yet to

Texas lawmaker who seeks Trump impeachment threatened

HOUSTON (AP) — A black Texas congressman said Saturday that he's been threatened with lynching by callers infuriated over him seeking impeachment of President Donald Trump.

U.S. Rep. Al Green held a town hall meeting and played recordings of several threatening voicemails left at his offices in Houston and Washington, the Houston Chronicle reports. The seven-term Democrat

told the crowd of about 100 people that he won't be deterred.

"We are not going to be intimidated," Green said Saturday. "We are not going to allow this to cause us to deviate from what we believe to be the right thing to do and that is to proceed with the impeachment of President Trump."

One male caller used a racial insult and threatened Green with "hanging from a tree" if he

pursues impeachment. Another man left a message saying Green would be the one impeached after "a short trial" and then he would be hanged, according to the recording.

Green took to the House floor on Wednesday to say he believes Trump committed obstruction of justice and no one's above the law.

Trump, a Republican, has dismissed criticism of his firing of FBI Director James Comey

amid the agency's investigation of possible links between Russia and Trump campaign associates.

Green said he wanted his constituents to be aware of the hateful calls he's since received.

"When a person talks about lynching you, we think that's a pretty serious threat," said Green, a former president of the Houston branch of the NAACP, according to his congressional website.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Plane crashes into Los Angeles airport truck after landing

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Authorities say a plane collided with an airport utility truck shortly after landing at Los Angeles International Airport, injuring as many as six people.

The Los Angeles Fire Department said Saturday that a commercial passenger jet collided with the truck around 2:30 p.m., causing the truck to overturn.

The department says six people from the truck were being treated, including one in critical condition.

Fire department spokesman Brian Humphrey had no additional details.

Messages to the FAA and airport representatives have not been returned.

Sailor killed at Pearl Harbor finally buried in Michigan

PORT HURON, Mich. (AP) — The remains of a Michigan sailor killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor have been buried with military honors in the family's cemetery plot in Port Huron.

Mlive.com reports that more than 300 people attended Saturday's funeral services for Fred M. Jones after his casket was escorted from a Detroit-area airport.

Karrer-Simpson Funeral Home said in a statement earlier this month that the Navy recently identified Jones' remains. The 30-year-old was aboard the USS Oklahoma during the attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Mlive.com reports that Jones was a machinist's first mate when the battleship and other vessels were attacked by the Japanese during World War II. Helen Kellie Cosner said Saturday that the turnout for her grandfather's services was "overwhelming."

Winfrey extols life of 'inner truth' at Skidmore graduation

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP) — Oprah Winfrey advised graduates at Skidmore College to follow their "inner truth" and live a spiritual life during a commencement speech Saturday in upstate New York.

The author, actress and former talk show host spoke at the graduation in Saratoga Springs, where one of the more than 600 members of the Class of 2017 included a student who had attended her Leadership Academy.

The media mogul opened the academy in 2007 for poor girls in South Africa.

Winfrey is speaking at another commencement Sunday at Smith College, a women's liberal arts school in Northampton, Massachusetts. Another one of her Leadership Academy alumna will be receiving a degree there.

After receiving an honorary doctorate of letters in the arts from the private liberal arts college during the ceremony held at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center, Winfrey lectured graduates on some of the secrets to her success.

"I have been so blessed to live inside the dream of God," she said, noting that she has learned to follow her "inner truth" in career decisions going back more than three decades.

"It's a big, bad world out there," she advised, but encouraged the graduates by adding: "There is nothing more powerful than you using your personality to serve the calling of yourself."

Fans thankful to see 'Greatest Show on Earth' one final time

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) — Lions, tigers and clowns, no more. Oh my. It's curtains for the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

This weekend is the final chance for fans to see death-defying acrobats, exotic animals and flashy costumes as the circus ends its 146-year reign as one of the world's biggest big tops.

Ringling's parent company, Feld Entertainment, announced in January that it would take its final bow this year. On Saturday afternoon, under cloudy skies, fans streamed into the Nassau Coliseum in suburban New York to pay their last respects to the iconic show.

"I'm becoming an adult today," said 46-year-old Heather Greenberg, of New York City. "I can't go to the circus with my daddy anymore."

Greenberg and her parents, and her three children, along with her sister and extended family — 12 in all — clowned around, laughing and joking, as they walked into the show.

Her sister, Dawn Mirowitz, 42, of Dix Hills, New York, sobbed as she pondered a future without the Ringling Brothers circus.

"We'll never get a chance to take our grandchildren to the circus," she said.

Feld executives say declining attendance combined with high operating costs are among reasons for closing.

Ringling had two touring circuses this season, one ending its run earlier this month in Providence, Rhode Island.

The final shows of what was long promoted as "The Greatest Show on Earth" are being staged at the Nassau Coliseum in suburban New York. There are three scheduled shows Saturday and three on Sunday. For those who can't make it, the final circus show on Sunday night will be streamed live on Facebook Live and on the circus' website.

Clarissa Williams, a 38-year-old stay-at-home mom from West Hempstead, New York, was taking her 8-year-old daughter, Nylah, to the show.

"I'm thankful we get to see it before it leaves," she said. "I pray that when they end, they take the animals and put them in a safe, sacred place."

A spokesman for the circus says homes have been found for the animals that were owned by Ringling, including the tigers, horses and camels.

Cast member Vanessa Bayer leaving 'SNL'

NEW YORK (AP) — "Saturday Night Live" is losing cast member Vanessa Bayer following this weekend's season finale.

Bayer is finishing her seventh season with NBC's comedy institution, and her memorable impressions include Miley Cyrus, Rachel from "Friends" and Jonah the Bar Mitzvah Boy. She's been with the show longer than any other female cast member.

Bayer, who's acted in movies recently including "Trainwreck," announced her departure on Instagram Saturday. She said her tenure has been a dream come true.

Another veteran cast member, Bobby Moynihan, is leaving for a role on a CBS sitcom.

Video shows transit officer asking about immigration status

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Minneapolis Metro Transit police are investigating an incident shown on video in which a transit officer asks a light-rail passenger about his immigration status.

The agency announced it was investigating after Minneapolis artist Ricardo Levins Morales posted video of the incident to his Facebook page on Friday. Morales said the officer was checking passenger fares, which is routine. The video shows the officer asking one passenger for state identification. When the person indicates he doesn't have one, the officer asks, "Are you here illegally?" Morales then asked the officer if he was authorized to act as an immigration agent and the officer responded, "No, not necessarily."

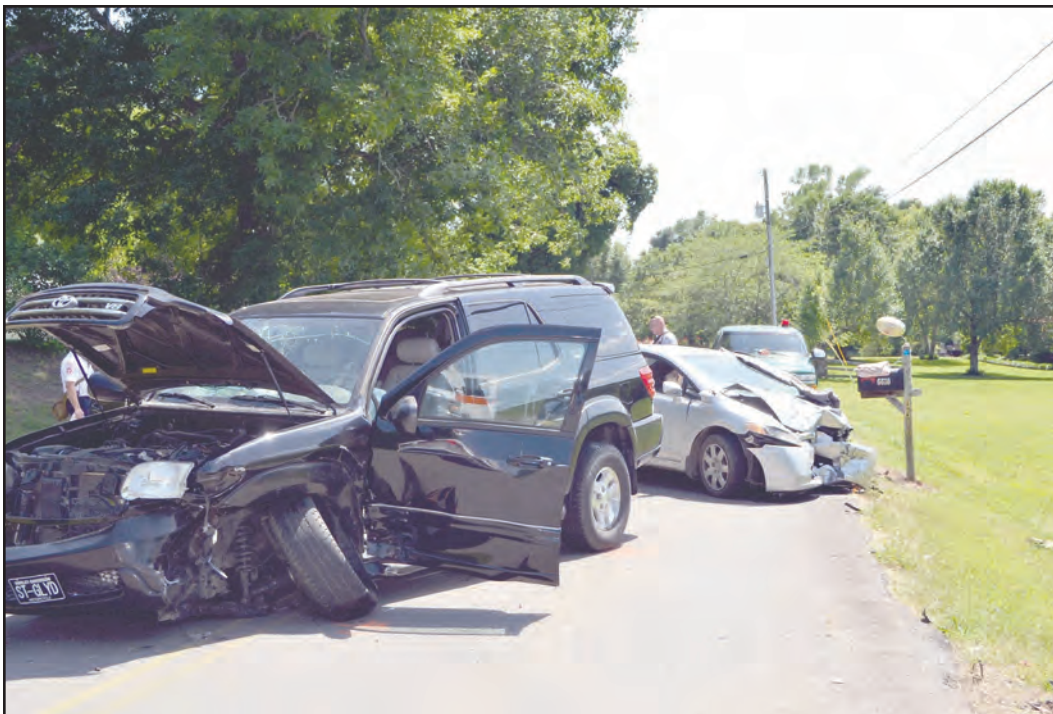
"Then I would stay out of that," Morales said to the officer. "It's very touchy legal territory." Morales went on to say, "I would not act on behalf of another agency if you're not legally empowered to do so." After that the officer said, "OK," and the video ends.

Metro Transit Police Chief Harrington said in a statement shortly after Morales posted the video that it's not his agency's practice to inquire about immigration status. Harrington said he has asked for an internal investigation into the encounter, which happened May 14.

"The main priority for our officers is to ensure that our riders and the communities we serve are safe," reads the department's policy, which Harrington referenced in his statement. "Our officers do this by enforcing our local and state statutes and have not been trained or empowered to act as Federal Immigration authorities."

The officer in the video is not identified. Harrington said in the statement that he's a part-time officer.

The passenger also is not identified. He has his back to Morales throughout the recording.



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THE LIFE FORCE medical helicopter was called to transport a patient from a two-vehicle accident in the 6600 block of Candies Creek Ridge Road Saturday afternoon. According to witnesses, the black Toyota was pulling from a driveway when it was struck head-on by the silver Honda, which was traveling north on the winding road. The driver of the Honda was transported by Life Force to a local hospital for medical treatment, while the driver of the Toyota was checked by the Bradley County Emergency Medical Service at the scene of the accident. The wreck was being investigated by the Tennessee Highway Patrol, which was continuing its analysis of the accident Saturday evening. Also responding to the accident, along with the THP, were BCEMS and Life Force, were the Bradley County Sheriff's Office and the Bradley County Fire-Rescue service. The roadway was blocked to through traffic for a while following the 2:30 p.m. accident.



Toddler wounded after shooting himself in face with gun

NASHVILLE (AP) — A man has been charged after his 18-month-old son was wounded by accidentally shooting himself Wednesday with a gun left on a bed.

The Tennessean reports 31-year-old Tommy Washington was charged with aggravated child neglect. Police say the boy was taken to a hospital with a non-life-threatening injury.

Washington told police that he had dropped off his wife at work and then spent some time working on his car after returning home. When he went inside his house, he saw his four children covered in hair removal lotion and gave them baths. At that point, the toddler got out of his sight and entered the bedroom, where firearms were on the bed.

Police continue to investigate. It's unclear if Washington has a lawyer.

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Low faculty morale revealed at Nashville State

NASHVILLE (AP) — An internal report on Nashville State Community College has found that professors feel they work in a climate of fear and hostility, engendered by top administrators.

The Tennessean obtained a copy of the report commissioned by the Tennessee Board of Regents and conducted by

consultants at Middle Tennessee State University that was shared with faculty last week. The report includes an analysis of 50 interviews with current and former administrators and professors and a survey of full-time faculty members, of which 81 percent of respondents identified a negative climate.

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Senators run into obstacles, consider options on health bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Remember the Republican health care bill?

Washington is fixated on President Donald Trump's firing of FBI chief James Comey and burgeoning investigations into possible connections between Trump's presidential campaign and Russia.

But in closed-door meetings, Senate Republicans are trying to write legislation dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law. They would substitute their own tax credits, ease coverage requirements and cut the federal-state Medicaid program for the poor and disabled that Obama enlarged.

The House passed its version this month, but not without difficulty, and now Republicans who run the Senate are finding hurdles, too.

A look at some of those obstacles and what senators are trying to doing about them:

SHORT-TERM FIX?

GOP senators say they're discussing a possible short-term bill if their health care talks drag on. It might include money to help stabilize shaky insurance markets with subsidies to reduce out-of-pocket costs for low-earning people and letting states offer skimpier, and therefore less expensive, policies.

It's unclear Democrats would offer their needed cooperation, but Republicans are talking about it.

"We've discussed quite a bit the possibility of a two-step process," said Sen. Lamar Alexander, chairman of the

Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee. "In 2018 and '19, we'd basically be a rescue team to make sure people can buy insurance."

That could mean Republicans might even temporarily extend Obama's individual mandate — the requirement that people to buy coverage or face tax penalties. It's perhaps the part of Obama's law that Republicans most detest. But it does prompt some people to purchase insurance, which helps curb premiums and make markets viable.

Alexander, R-Tenn., said there's a "strong bias" to address short- and long-term problems in a single bill.

"If we can't do the real thing, we'd have to do the next best thing," Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said of short-term legislation.

TIME IS TICKING

Because Democrats oppose the repeal effort unanimously, Republicans will need 50 of their 52 senators to back their overhaul so Vice President Mike Pence's tie-breaking vote would clinch passage. GOP senators show no signs of producing a bill soon.

Time is important, especially with Trump's problems distracting lawmakers. Insurance companies could grow increasingly spooked by the uncertainty and make health care markets even worse by raising premiums or pulling out.

Also, the longer it takes Republicans to write the legislation, the less time they'll have

for tax cuts and other GOP priorities.

GOP DIVISIONS

The House version would end in 2020 the extra federal payments that states get under Obama's law for expanding Medicaid to additional people. Senate conservatives prefer to start phasing out that money next year. But 20 GOP senators come from states that expanded Medicaid and want to protect those voters, so many would rather reduce the payments over many years.

Conservatives and moderates are also bickering over how tightly to cut future spending on the entire Medicaid program.

Many Republicans want to refocus the House's health care tax credits, which grow with people's ages, by boosting subsidies for lower earners. Eager to reduce premiums, many want to roll back Obama mandates such as requiring insurers to cover specified services, including substance abuse counseling, but there are questions about how far to go.

Decisions await on helping states subsidize people with costly medical conditions and keeping insurers from fleeing unprofitable markets.

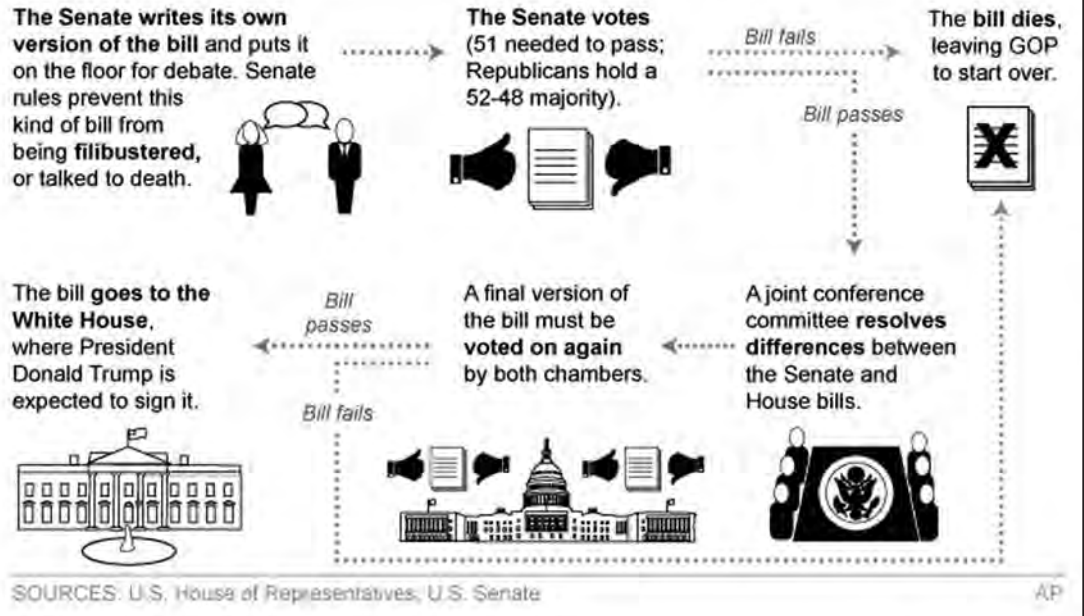
Making Medicaid, the tax credits and other programs more generous than the House will cost many billions of dollars. Senators will need ways to pay for that.

BUDGET UNCERTAINTY

The Congressional Budget Office plans to release its esti-

Tracking the health bill's journey

The bill to revamp the health overhaul known as the Affordable Care Act or "Obamacare" has passed the House of Representatives but still faces a long journey to becoming law.



mate Wednesday of the House health care bill's cost and how it would affect coverage. Those numbers will give senators a starting point and could be a big deal.

Congress' nonpartisan budget analyst projected in March that an earlier House version would mean 24 million additional uninsured people. That scared off many Republicans and complicated House leaders' job of passing their legislation.

Senators will examine whether the House bill still cuts Medicaid by \$840 billion over a decade and reduces taxes —

largely on higher earners and health industry sectors — by around \$1 trillion. Democrats targeted both reductions as unfair.

Also being watched is whether a number of late changes in the House bill will force the House to vote again on the legislation. That would be a major problem for the GOP, which nudged the measure through the House by four votes.

The budget office said the earlier House bill had \$150 billion in 10-year deficit reduction. But that was before House leaders added extra money and pro-

visions letting states reduce coverage requirements to win votes.

Congress approved special rules that will block Democrats from using a Senate filibuster to kill the health bill. To retain the filibuster protection, the bill that the Senate receives from the House must reduce the deficit by at least \$2 billion, including \$1 billion each from two Senate committees, over a decade.

If the final House bill doesn't meet those targets, the filibuster protections will vanish unless the House approves a new version that does.

That wouldn't be easy.



AP Photo/Evan Vucci

SAUDI KING SALMAN presents President Donald Trump with The Collar of Abdulaziz Al Saud Medal at the Royal Court Palace, Saturday in Riyadh.

Saudis welcome Trump with gold medal, receive arms package

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — President Donald Trump basked in Saudi Arabia's lavish royal welcome Saturday as he left behind, at least temporarily, the snowballing controversies dogging him in Washington. Trump rewarded his hosts with a \$110 billion arms package aimed at bolstering Saudi security and a slew of business agreements.

"That was a tremendous day, tremendous investments in the United States," Trump said during a meeting with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Nayef.

The visit to the kingdom's capital kicked off Trump's first foreign trip as president, an ambitious, five-stop swing that will take him through the Middle East and into Europe. He is the only American president to make Saudi Arabia — or any Muslim-majority nation — his first overseas trip.

Trump arrived in Riyadh besieged by the fallout from his firing of FBI Director James Comey and more revelations about the federal investigations into his election campaign's possible ties to Russia. Escaping Washington for the embrace of the Saudi royal family appeared to give Trump a boost.

After an overnight flight, the president was greeted at the airport by King Salman, which was notable given that the monarch did not show up last year to welcome President Barack Obama on his final visit to Saudi Arabia.

Trump descended the steps alongside first lady Melania Trump, who wore a black pantsuit and gold belt, but did not cover her hair in the ultra-conservative kingdom, in keeping with the traditions of Western delegations.

As Trump and the 81-year-old king, who was aided by a cane, walked along the red carpet, mil-

itary jets swept the sky, leaving a red, white and blue trail. During a ceremony at the grand Saudi Royal Court, Salman awarded Trump the Collar of Abdulaziz al Saud, the kingdom's highest civilian honor.

Trump bent down so the king could place the gold medal around his neck. Saudi Arabia has previously bestowed the honor on Russian President Vladimir Putin, British Prime Minister Theresa May and Obama.

Trump's warm welcome reflected the degree to which Saudi Arabia had become disillusioned with Obama. The Saudis deeply distrusted Obama's overtures to Iran and were frustrated by his restrained approach to the Syrian civil war.

As Trump arrived, Iranians had just re-elected Hassan Rouhani — one of Obama's partners in the landmark accord aimed at curbing Tehran's nuclear ambitions — for a second four-year-term as president, validating his push for greater freedoms and outreach to the wider world. U.S. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said he hoped Rouhani would use his new term "to begin a process of dismantling Iran's network of terrorism."

Trump made no substantial remarks on his first day abroad and spent most of his time shuttling between opulent palace ballrooms with the king. The two were overheard discussing natural resources and arms, and Salman bemoaned the destruction caused by Syria's civil war.

The most tangible agreement between the two leaders was the \$110 billion sale of military equipment to Saudi Arabia that is effective immediately and could expand up to \$350 billion over 10 years. The deal includes tanks, combat ships, missile

defense systems, radar and communications, and cybersecurity technology. The State Department said the agreement could support "tens of thousands of new jobs in the United States."

Trump was joined on the trip by the CEOs of several major U.S. companies, which announced their own agreements with the Saudis. Among them was a \$15 billion arrangement with GE focused on power, oil and gas, and health care.

The president was trailed on the trip by a large number of advisers, including Tillerson, chief of staff Reince Priebus and chief strategist Steve Bannon. Trump's son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and daughter Ivanka, both senior advisers, were also part of the official delegation.

Ivanka's presence dominated Arabic Twitter traffic, with the phrase "bint Trump" — Arabic for daughter of Trump — trending.

The Saudis' welcome appeared to lift the spirits of Trump's beleaguered staff, ensnared in a seemingly endless cycle of negative stories involving Comey's firing and the intensifying Russia investigations. After a lavish lunch with the Saudi delegation, Kushner high-fived national security adviser H.R. McMaster.

Later Saturday, Trump was greeted by a traditional troupe of Saudi drummers and sword-waving dancers. Trump smirked and bopped to the beat as he made his way through the crowd.

On Sunday, Trump and the king were to join more than 50 regional leaders for meetings focused on combating the Islamic State group and other extremists. The president was to give the signature speech of his trip, an address that aides view as counter to Obama's 2009 speech in Egypt to the Muslim world.

Trump's wife keeps her head bare during Saudi Arabia visit

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Ignoring President Donald Trump's past admonition, U.S. first lady Melania Trump did not cover her head Saturday when they arrived in Saudi Arabia on the opening leg of his first international tour since taking office.

Two years ago, then-citizen Trump criticized then-first lady Michelle Obama's decision to go bare-headed on a January 2015 visit with her husband.

"Many people are saying it was wonderful that Mrs. Obama refused to wear a scarf in Saudi Arabia, but they were insulted. We have enuf enemies," Trump tweeted at the time, including a two-handed spelling for "enough."

Under the kingdom's strict dress code for women, Saudi women and most female visitors are required to wear a loose, black robe known as an abaya, in public. Most women in Saudi Arabia also cover their hair and face with a veil known as the niqab.

But head coverings aren't required for foreigners and most Western women go without.

While Mrs. Trump dressed conservatively Saturday in a



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FIRST LADY MELANIA Trump talks with Saudi Crown Prince Muhammad bin Nayef during a ceremony to present The Collar of Abdulaziz Al Saud Medal to President Donald Trump, at the Royal Court Palace, Saturday.

long-sleeved, black pantsuit accented with a wide, gold-colored belt, her below-the-shoulder brown hair blew in the breeze at King Khalid International Airport in the capital city of Riyadh.

She followed the example set by other, high-profile Western women, including Mrs. Obama.

On visits earlier this year, British Prime Minister Theresa May and German Chancellor Angela Merkel also shunned head coverings. Then-first lady Laura Bush generally went without covering her head, though she once briefly donned a headscarf that she received as a gift.

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PIPPA MIDDLETON, right and James Matthews walk, after their wedding ceremony, at St Mark's Church in Englefield, England Saturday. Middleton, the sister of Kate, Duchess of Cambridge married hedge fund manager James Matthews in a ceremony Saturday where her niece and nephew Prince George and Princess Charlotte was in the wedding party, along with sister Kate and princes Harry and William.

English wedding: Pippa Middleton marries as the royals look on

ENGLEFIELD, England (AP) — Two likely future British kings were there, along with one of the world's most photographed women, the often-adorable Prince Harry, a multi-lingual tennis legend and a brash TV reality star.

But all eyes were on Pippa Middleton on Saturday as she walked down the aisle of a 12th-century church wearing a custom hand-embroidered gown with a tiara and long veil to marry hedge fund manager James Matthews.

Reporters, photographers and camera crews invaded the small village of Englefield west of London, home to St. Mark's Church, and nearby Bucklebury, where a lavish reception was being held Saturday night at the estate of the bride's parents, Michael and Carole Middleton.

Middleton, 33, is not royalty. But the star-studded wedding took on some aspects of a royal wedding, with well-wishers gathering outside the church grounds hoping for a glimpse.

She arrived in a vintage Jaguar to enter the church on the arm of her father. Older sister Kate, also known as the Duchess of Cambridge, looked after the page boys and bridesmaids, who were all under five years old and included her own children, Prince George, 3, and Princess Charlotte, 2.

Prince William and Prince Harry, decked out in formal morning suits, seemed relaxed as they strolled into the church and were greeted by the groom's well-known brother,

Spencer Matthews, a star on the TV show "Made in Chelsea."

Matthews, 41, smiled broadly and sported elegant formal wear set off by a pale blue vest.

The new couple emerged from the church an hour later. The children dropped flower petals in their path before the couple celebrated their union with a kiss. Then it was off for champagne and, later, a short spin in a different Jaguar.

Ingrid Seward, editor of Majesty Magazine, said the Middletons could take pleasure in the day: Their first daughter, Kate, had married a future king, and their second daughter, Pippa, had married an extremely wealthy, charming and handsome man.

"You can't do better than that," she said.

Matthew and Pippa briefly dated in 2012 but became serious last year. He proposed during a visit to the enchanting Lake District, setting in motion what is being called the society wedding of the year.

The wedding plan was not without risks — including having such young children in the wedding party. But George and Charlotte — and the rest of the page boys and bridesmaids — did extremely well in public, winning hearts along the way in their custom-made outfits.

Roger Federer and his wife Mirka were among the guests.

Pippa had kept the identity of her wedding designer a secret until she stepped out wearing a fitted, dramatic frock by English designer Giles Deacon.



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KATE, DUCHESS of Cambridge, right, stands with Princess Charlotte and Prince George, who were among flower boys and girls at the wedding of Pippa Middleton and James Matthews at St Mark's Church in Englefield, England Saturday. Middleton, the sister of Kate, Duchess of Cambridge married hedge fund manager James Matthews in a ceremony Saturday where her niece and nephew Prince George and Princess Charlotte was in the wedding party, along with sister Kate and princes Harry and William.

Iran's president trounces hard-liner

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's moderate President Hassan Rouhani trounced a hard-line challenger to secure re-election Saturday, saying his country seeks peace and friendship as it pursues a "path of coexistence and interaction with the world."

Friday's election was widely seen as a referendum on the 68-year-old cleric's push for greater freedom at home and outreach to the wider world, which culminated in the completion of a landmark 2015 nuclear deal that hard-liners initially opposed.

The nuclear deal won Iran relief from international sanctions in exchange for limits on its contested nuclear program. But Iran continues to suffer from high unemployment and a dearth of foreign investment, putting pressure on Rouhani to show he can do more to turn the sluggish economy around.

Rouhani highlighted his desire for further outreach — and with it, the prospect of creating jobs through outside investment — in his victory speech.

"Today, Iran — prouder than ever — is ready to promote its relations with the world based on mutual respect and national interests," he said in a televised address flanked by photos of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and his predecessor, the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, the leader of Iran's 1979 revolution.

Iran "is not ready to accept humiliation and threat," he continued. "This is the most important message that our nation expects to be heard by all — particularly world powers."

Rouhani secured a commanding 57 percent of the vote in a race that drew more than seven out of every 10 voters to the polls. His nearest rival in the four-man race, hard-liner Ebrahim Raisi, won 38 percent of the vote, according to official tallies that covered more than 99 percent of votes cast.

Although considered a moderate by Iranian standards, Rouhani was the favorite pick for those seeking more liberal reforms in the conservative Islamic Republic.

He appeared to embrace a more reform-minded role during the campaign as he openly criticized hard-liners and Iran's pow-



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THIS COMBINATION of two file photos shows Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, left, and Iranian cleric Ebrahim Raisi when they register their candidacies for the May 19 presidential elections at the Interior Ministry in Tehran. Iran's state television declared incumbent President Rouhani the winner of the country's presidential election on Saturday, giving the 68-year-old cleric a second four-year term to see out his agenda calling for greater freedoms and outreach to the wider world. His nearest challenger was hard-line cleric Raisi, with 15.5 million votes. He is close to Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's supreme leader, who stopped short of endorsing anyone in the election.

erful Revolutionary Guard, a paramilitary force involved in the war in Syria and the fight against the Islamic State group in neighboring Iraq.

That gave hope to his supporters, who during recent campaign rallies called for the release of two reformist leaders of the 2009 Green Movement who remain under house arrest. The two figures, Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi, both endorsed Rouhani, as did Mohammad Khatami, another reformist who served as Iran's president from 1997 to 2005.

Many female drivers held out the V for victory sign and flashed their car lights on highways to celebrate the win in Tehran's affluent north.

"I feel that I did a huge thing. I voted for my country's future," said one, 32-year-old Sarah Hassanpour, who wore a loosely fitting headscarf covering only the back of her head. "I am so happy, because there will be no war and insecurity."

As night fell, tens of thousands of Rouhani backers celebrated by pouring into the streets of downtown Tehran, setting off fireworks and chanting in support of Mousavi.

Many wore ribbons of

Rouhani's color purple as well as green in support of the opposition leaders under house arrest.

Rouhani was first elected in 2013 with nearly 51 percent of the vote.

Cliff Kupchan, chairman of the Eurasia Group, said the landslide win gives Rouhani a mandate he lacked in his first term.

"Though he'll remain a centrist, Rouhani will be more aggressive in pursuing reforms," he predicted, though he cautioned the path would not be easy.

"Rouhani will continue to face an uphill climb on political reform; the hard liners will dig in around education and other issues," he wrote. "But working with a centrist parliament, he will begin to ease the political darkness that followed the 2009 election."

Iran's president is the second-most powerful figure within Iran's political system. He is subordinate to the supreme leader, who is chosen by a clerical panel and has the ultimate say over all matters of state.

Election officials repeatedly extended Friday's voting hours until midnight to accommodate long lines of voters, some of whom said they waited hours to

cast their ballots. Analysts said a higher turnout would likely benefit Rouhani.

Rouhani's first comment on the win highlighted the limits on expression that still exist in Iran despite his promises for greater openness.

"Great nation of Iran, you are the winner of the election. I humbly bow down before you. I will remain loyal to my promises to you," he wrote on Twitter, which is banned by government censors but followed widely by Iranians able to get around the curbs.

Raisi, his nearest challenger, is close to Khamenei, who stopped short of endorsing anyone in the election. Raisi ran a populist campaign, vowing to fight corruption and fix the economy while boosting welfare payments to the poor.

Many of Raisi's critics pointed to his alleged role condemning inmates to death during Iran's 1988 mass execution of thousands of political prisoners, and feared a victory for the hard-liner could worsen human rights in Iran and put the country on a more confrontational path with the West.

The two other candidates left in the race, Mostafa Mirsalim, a former culture minister, and Mostafa Hashemitaba, a reform figure who previously ran for president in 2001, each garnered fewer than half a million votes compared to Rouhani's more than 41 million.

The Tehran Stock Exchange rallied after the election results came out, extending a recent winning streak to close nearly 1 percent higher at its highest level in three months.

One of the first world leaders to congratulate Rouhani was Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose government is strongly backed by Tehran. He congratulated him for the "confidence that the Iranian people gave to him to go forward in boosting Iran's status in the region and the world."

Iran's president oversees a vast state bureaucracy employing more than 2 million people, is charged with naming Cabinet members and other officials to key posts, and plays a significant role in shaping both domestic and foreign policy.

U.S. makes proposal to Russia for managing Syria battlefield

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has proposed to Russia a plan for managing an increasingly complex battlefield in Syria's main oil-producing region, where U.S.-backed forces fighting Islamic extremists are in conflict with Russian-backed Syrian forces.

Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford declined to describe the proposal in detail, but said the Russian military is eager to find ways to avoid an armed U.S.-Russian conflict in the area around Deir el-Zour on the Euphrates River.

The U.S. sees that area, from Deir el-Zour down the Euphrates River Valley to al-Qaim on the Iraqi side of the border, as the next major battleground in the evolving coalition campaign to destroy the Islamic State group.

"We have a proposal that we're working on with the Russians right now," Dunford said at a news conference with Defense Secretary Jim Mattis. "I won't share the details, but my sense is that the Russians are as enthusiastic as we are to de-conflict operations and ensure that we continue to take the campaign to ISIS and ensure the safety of our personnel."

Asked whether the proposal to Russia would address the problem of a Syrian army presence in Deir el-Zour, Dunford said, "It will. It will. And we've talked about that as a specific area that requires" avoiding U.S.-Russian conflict.

Russia's support for the Syrian government is a complicating factor in the battle to rid Syria of IS. That was demonstrated on Thursday when the U.S. bombed a contingent of pro-Syrian government forces in southeastern Syria that Mattis said were advancing in a threatening way toward a rebel camp near the Jordanian border where U.S. advisers were present.

Mattis told reporters those forces targeted by airstrikes were "Iranian-directed forces."

Russia on Friday denounced the U.S. airstrike.

"Whatever the reason for the U.S. strike was, it was illegitimate and marked another flagrant violation of Syria's sovereignty," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said in Cyprus.

Three years into America's campaign, President Donald

Trump is pushing for an accelerated campaign to destroy IS. He hasn't yet announced results of a strategy review he ordered from the Pentagon in late January. But Mattis said Friday that Trump approved a recommendation for a "tactical shift" toward surrounding IS militants in their strongholds, such as the Syrian city of Raqqa, so that the foreign fighters among them cannot return to their home countries.

"By taking the time up front to surround these locations, instead of simply shoving them from one

to another and actually reinforcing them as they fall back ... we now take the time to surround them," Mattis said. "And why do we do it? Because the foreign fighters are the strategic threat should they return home to Tunisia, to Kuala Lumpur, to Paris, to Detroit, wherever. Those foreign fighters are a threat. So by taking the time to de-conflict, to surround and then attack, we carry out the annihilation campaign so we don't simply transplant this problem from one location to another."

Much fighting remains to fully expel IS from Mosul in northern Iraq, and the battle for Raqqa has barely begun.

But the follow-on battle lines are already clear. They will be drawn from Deir el-Zour, which has come under increasing U.S. aerial bombardment, to the western Iraqi city of al-Qaim. The Pentagon refers to this area as the Middle Euphrates River Valley. IS leaders and operatives have gravitated there in apparent anticipation of losing Mosul and Raqqa.



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DOZENS OF MOTORCYCLISTS participated in the Meigs/Bradley Roughnecks ride Saturday to benefit the Cleveland 100. Bikes include Harley Davidsons, Hondas, Victories and Yamahas, to name a few, and began their ride from Applebee's at the Bradley Square Mall.

PARTICIPATING IN THEIR first Operation Hero ride were Tim and Annette Torres, photo top right, of Calhoun on a Harley Davidson 2005 Heritage Softtail. The Meigs/Bradley Roughnecks staged the ride, the second held by the group, to benefit Cleveland 100.



TERESA DUNN, at right, of Dayton was one of the motorcyclists participating in the ride for Cleveland 100 on Saturday. She rode her 05 Victory Kingpin on the route that went north to Calhoun, east along State Route 163 (Bowater Road), south on U.S. Highway 411, east through State Route 30 alongside the Hiwassee River, then west back to Cleveland on U.S. Highway 64. The riders stopped at the Police Memorial Wall just off Inman Street before returning to their starting point at Applebee's.

Injured Kingsport eagle released on Holston River

KINGSPORT (AP) — An American bald eagle attacked and injured by a flock of Canada geese last month was released back into the wild.

About a dozen local bird enthusiasts flocked to Riverfront Seafood on Wednesday morning to join with representatives of the American Eagle Foundation and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency to witness the release of Chief, an eagle rescued behind the restaurant last month after coming under attack by a small group of seven or eight geese.

"We brought it back to the area where it was found," said Al Cecere, president and CEO of the AEF. "It flew pretty nicely today, so we're very happy it's back in the wild. It seemed like it was flying strong, and we hope it doesn't have any more problems out here."

The feathered skirmish between the eagle and the geese took place behind Riverfront Seafood in early April along the

banks of the South Fork of the Holston River. Witnesses say the eagle fell into the river after being attacked by a flock of geese, and the geese continued to attack the eagle in the water.

"We've had a bunch of bald eagles in the area recently and someone hollered 'eagle,' so I was getting ready to go out and do a Facebook Live video and noticed something was not right," said Wayne Michelli, owner of Riverfront Seafood. "I could tell the eagle was in distress."

Distress could be an understatement. The eagle was defending itself from a mating pair of geese, along with five or six others. Wildlife officials and local birding enthusiasts believe the geese were defending a nest.

"Every time the eagle went near the nest, the geese would chase her into the water, then the others jumped on top of her," Michelli said. "I ran in and got a broom and ran the others away."



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Lee linksters climb to 7th at NCAA Championship

Lady Flames finish strong

From Lee Sports Information

FINDLAY, Ohio — The Lee University women's golf team saved its best play for the final round as it fired a 309 to end the program's first NCAA Division II National Championship with a seventh place finish on Saturday afternoon at the Findlay Country Club.

Junior Sam Burrus rolled in a 15-foot birdie putt on her final hole, the difficult par 4 ninth, to lead the Lady Flames with a 4-over-par 76.

"I discussed the read with Bernadette (assistant coach), looked at it and felt confident that it was going to go," Burrus said after the tournament.

"I feel so honored to be a part of this team and Lee Athletic history. The course and event were wonderful even though it was really challenging."

Junior Caroline Moore was the steady force in the lineup for the Lady Flames all week long. She was the only player to shoot every round in the 70s as she finished with a 77. Moore fired a 311 total and ended in 16th place.

Annika Gino, the team's lone senior, continued her steady improvement from round one and fired her best round of tournament with a 78 on Saturday.

Freshman Anne Hedegaard bounced back as well to finish with a 78 and a 321 total to place her in a tie for 44th.

Freshman Haverly Harrold carded an 81 to round out the scoring and ended the tournament with a 325 total.

"It's been a great week and I feel like we got better as the tournament went on which is



LEE UNIVERSITY junior Sam Burrus, right, and head coach John Maupin watch her tee shot on the par 3 17th hole Friday at the Findlay (Ohio) Country Club during the NCAA Division II National Championship. The Lady Flames finished seventh in their first trip to the event.

Lee University photo

think we learned a lot from this experience. The girls can be very proud to lock up the school's best finish at an NCAA Championship and they represented the school very well this week. I couldn't be more proud of all of them," concluded Maupin.

Barry wins team title on final hole

Barry University (1222) won the team title by a single stroke over Dallas Baptist (1223) in a thrilling finish that came down to the 72nd hole. The Bucs finished with a par from Charlotte Puts while Dallas Baptist and their top player Ann Parmeter settled for bogey on the par-five 18th hole.

The University of Indianapolis (1232) came in third while West Texas A&M (1248) and St. Mary's (1258) followed in fourth and fifth. Rollins College was sixth at 1264 while the Lady

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Raiders roll into state field

From Staff Reports

A pair of goals in stoppage time propelled Cleveland High to the TSSAA State Soccer Championship Tournament.

The third-ranked Blue Raiders got a hat trick from District 5-AAA Player of the Year Tommy

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what you want to see," said head coach John Maupin.

"The last few days we finished our rounds strong and I think if

we continue that trend moving into next season we can have

another special run.

"We have a young roster and I



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SENIOR CENTERFIELDER Tucker Mendenhall throws home in a TSSAA Sectional between Walker Valley and Blackman High School Friday evening. The Mustangs fell 4-1 on the road to end their season at 23-14 overall. Mendenhall finished the season with a .356 batting average, 34 runs scored, 28 RBI and 21 stolen bases.

Seniors leave Mustang program in better shape

By PATRICK MacCOON

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Before the prep high school baseball season not many believed Walker Valley would be one of the team's to beat.

Picked to finish sixth in District 5-AAA, the Mustangs roared past expectations to finish as one of the Top 16 teams in all of Class AAA instead.

While snubbed of a trip to the state tournament in a 4-1 road deficit to Blackman in a TSSAA Sectional meeting Friday night, a season of defying the odds still was one for keepsakes.

"My favorite part of this season was how much fun we all had," said senior third baseman Grayson Rountree. "It wasn't a

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Local pros off to strong starts

By JOE CANNON

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Despite both local professional baseball players having changed locations this season, they are off to strong starts — one six weeks into his campaign, while the other just got started nine days ago.

After a little bit of a slow start, Ryan Casteel has bounced back to push his numbers upward to get into the Top 30 in a pair of Texas League hitting categories, while Logan Longwith is taking on a role he hasn't done



Longwith

since high school.

Strictly a relief pitcher in his first two pro seasons, after being named the Reliever of the Year in the Appalachian Athletic Conference in his final season at Tennessee Wesleyan, it has been since his days at Walker Valley that Longwith has started a game on the mound.

"I felt good in my first start. It takes a little getting used to since I've been a reliever all my career but I think I will like it more,"



Casteel

Longwith related by text Saturday.

"They are working with me on my off speed so I can be a three-pitch guy. I need that to be a successful starter."

After being taken by the Detroit Tigers in the 2015 Major League Draft, Longwith posted a 3-4 pitching record with five saves and a 4.14 earned run average in 41 games, with 66 strikeouts, 78.1 innings, and just 11 walks over the last two summers playing for the organiza-

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Diamond Lady Flames go out swinging

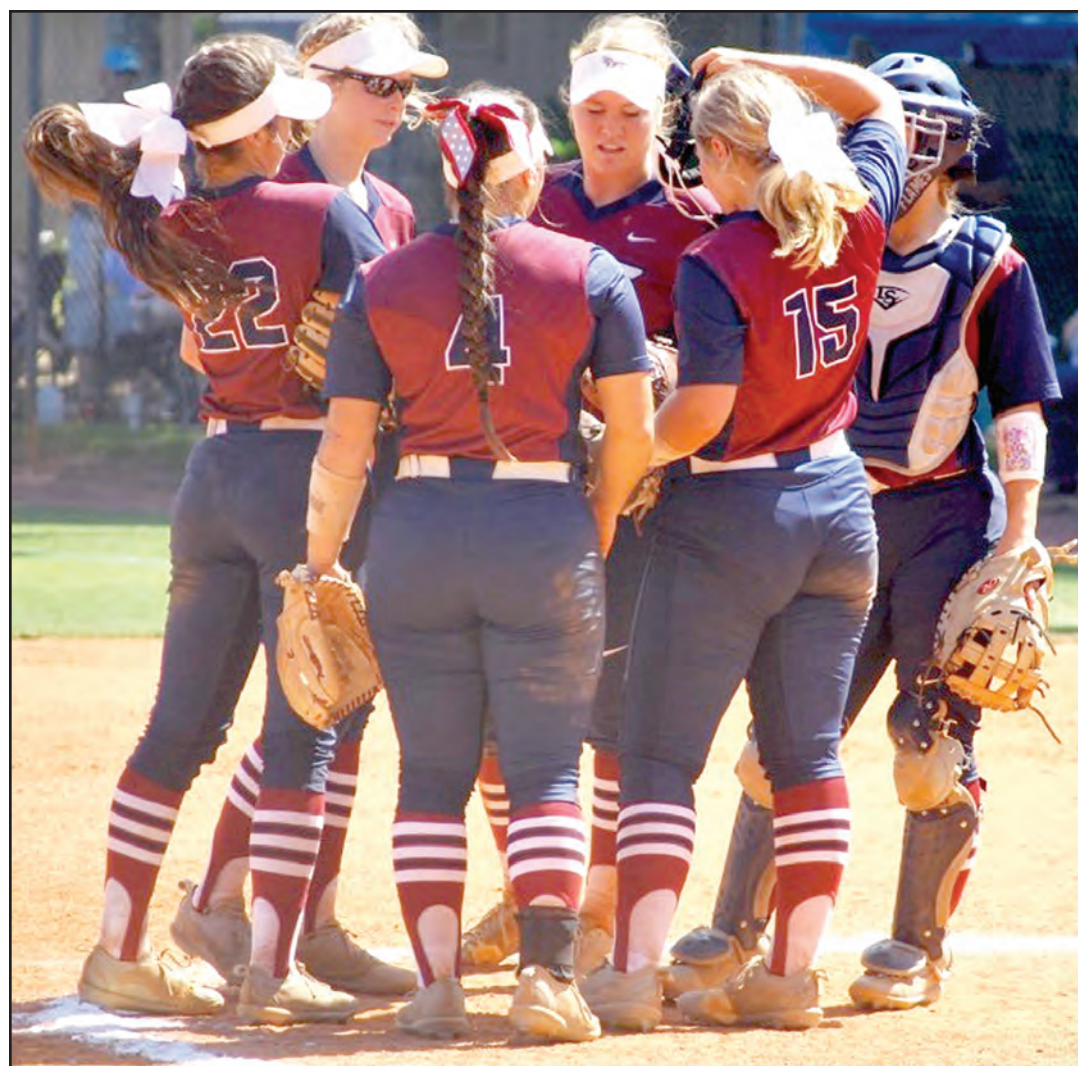
From Lee Sports Information

PENSACOLA, Fla. — A historic season for a young and talented Lee University softball team ended on Friday when they fell to 10th-ranked West Florida in a hard-fought 7-6 battle in the final game of a two-out-of-three series in the NCAA Division II Super Region hosted by the University of West Florida.

"What a great year. We are thankful for our seniors contributions to our program. They came to Lee when we were entering the NCAA and everything changed. They believed in our vision and helped us build what we have today. They made lasting impressions and their fingerprints are and will be on the program from here on out. They made history for the school and our program and I am forever thankful for their hard work and dedication," said coach Emily Russell as she praised the senior leadership.

After a pair of scoreless innings, the Lady Flames jumped on top 2-0 in the bottom of the third inning. Annabeth Pruet reached on an error and took second on a passed ball. Kayla Louie put down a bunt single and Courtney Crawford had a one-base knock to score Pruet.

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Lee University photo

THE LEE UNIVERSITY infielders and pitcher gather in the circle to discuss strategy during the hard-fought battle with the 10th-ranked Lady Argonauts of West Florida at the NCAA Super Region playoffs Friday in Pensacola, Fla.

Unbelievable late rally lifts Tennessee to region final

From UT Sports Information

KNOXVILLE — No. 8 Tennessee rallied for an unbelievable comeback win, scoring seven runs with two outs in the seventh inning to defeat No. 25 USC Upstate, 7-3, in Saturday's NCAA Regional at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium.

The Spartans' pitching duo of Lexi Shubert and Holly McKinnon held the Volunteers without a hit for 6.2 innings before Haley Bearden broke up the no-hitter with a clutch, pinch-hit single to drive in Megan Geer and Scarlet McSwain, who both reached on walks earlier in the inning. The hit cut the Upstate lead to 3-2 before Aubrey Leach launched a three-run homer to center field to send the crowd into a frenzy and give UT its first lead of the afternoon. It was just the second career home run for the sophomore leadoff hitter, who is primarily a slapper.

The Vols (46-10) continued to pour it on with a Meghan Gregg two-run blast into the outfield bleachers to extend the lead to 7-3. The homer was Gregg's 13th of the year, tying a career high, and also increased her RBI total to 75, putting her in sole possession of third place on Tennessee's single-season RBI list.

Freshman pitcher Caylan Arnold was solid in her NCAA Tournament debut, allowing just one earned run and three hits in six innings of work. The Maryville, Tenn., native improved to 20-8 on the year with the win and defeated a ranked opponent for the ninth time this season in the process.

UT found themselves in an early hole after committing two errors and giving up a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Vols came out on the wrong side of a play at the



Photo By Joy Kimbrough/Tennessee Athletics

TENNESSEE INFILDER AUBREY LEACH (10) IS GREETED by her teammates after blasting a home run during the seventh inning of a NCAA Tournament game against South Carolina Upstate Saturday at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium in Knoxville.

plate after Upstate's Ansley Gilstrap was ruled safe at home after being caught in a run-down. Replay showed that she never touched the plate but the call was upheld. Ryan Rector drove in another run with a sacrifice fly to give the Spartans a 2-0 lead after one inning of play. Following the rocky start, Arnold settled in to retire the next 14 batters she faced before allowing two hits and a run in the run in the bottom of the sixth.

Shubert carried a perfect game into the sixth inning before walking the bases loaded with one out. McKinnon came

on in relief to strike out pinch hitter Taylor Rowland and get Gregg to ground out to keep the no-hitter intact and end the threat.

Megan Obier led the USC Upstate (45-12) attack with a hit, a run and an RBI while Rector also drove in a run for the Spartans in the loss. Upstate will take on the winner of today's second game between Ohio State and Longwood in an elimination game later this evening at 5 p.m.

UP NEXT: Tennessee advances to tomorrow's regional final and will face the winner of tonight's elimination game at

noon on Sunday. The Vols need just one win to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals next week.

ONE FOR THE AGES: Tennessee entered the seventh inning of Saturday's incredible comeback win with no hits and a three-run deficit. It was the Vols' first victory this season when trailing entering the seventh inning (previously 0-7). The Big Orange recorded all four of their hits and all seven runs with two outs in the inning. UT had just three runners reach base entering the seventh, all via walks in the sixth inning.

LEACH LAUNCHES GAME WINNER: Sophomore second baseman Aubrey Leach came up with the biggest hit of her career, hammering a 3-2 pitch over the center-field wall to put Tennessee ahead 5-3 in the seventh. The Vols were down to their final strike before the Texas native hit her second home run of the season, which proved to be the game winner.

FRIDAY'S OPENER: Meghan Gregg and Jenna Holcomb each drove in a pair of runs while Matty Moss was dominant in the circle in a 5-0 victory for No. 10 Tennessee over Longwood in Friday's NCAA

Regional at Sherri Parker Lee Stadium.

Volunteers co-head coach Ralph Weekly earned his 1,300th career win as the Big Orange advanced to tomorrow's winner's bracket game against USC Upstate at noon ET.

Moss tossed a one-hit, complete-game shutout and tied a career high with 10 strikeouts to lead the Volunteers to their 13th shutout of the year. The sophomore right hander improved to 24-2 on the year with her sixth complete-game shutout of the season.

With her two RBIs, Gregg increase her season total to 73, just four off the UT single-season record of 77 held by Kristi Durant (2005) and Bridget Jackson (1995).

The Vols opened the scoring early with a pair of runs in the bottom of the first inning. After a leadoff single by Aubrey Leach, Holcomb and Gregg recorded back-to-back RBI singles to spot the Vols a quick two-run lead.

The duo of Holcomb and Gregg struck again in the third with two more big hits. Holcomb singled to center field to drive in CJ McClain and Gregg hit a monster home run into the parking lot past the right-field wall to make it 4-0.

Brooke Vines added to the Tennessee lead with a solo shot of her own in the sixth inning. The California native lined a 1-1 pitch into the outfield bleachers in right-center field for her fourth home runs of the season, giving the Big Orange a 5-0 lead heading into the seventh inning. Vines finished the day 2-for-3 with a run and an RBI.

Jordan Clark had the lone hit for Longwood (28-28) while Elizabeth McCarthy took the loss for the Lancers, giving up four runs on six hits in four innings of work.

Boston creamed: Cavs back home after demolishing Celtics

CLEVELAND (AP) — LeBron James wrapped up his postgame news conference, popped a toothpick in his mouth and pushed back from the podium as if he had just completed a satisfying meal.

He and the Cavaliers feasted on the Celtics.

Breaking records and Boston hearts, the defending NBA champions continued an unblemished romp through these playoffs — and on course to clash again with Golden State in the Finals — on Friday night with a 130-86 win that was so thoroughly dominating that James sat out the final quarter.

With Cleveland leading by 38 in the third quarter, Cavs forward J.R. Smith mocked some Boston fans by pretending to sweep a broom across their famous parquet floor.

A mop would have been more appropriate for this carnage.

"It's hard," Celtics forward Al Horford said. "It's hard to take."

It's probably going to happen again.

Boston's chances at a comeback took a major blow Saturday as star point guard Isaiah Thomas was ruled out for the remainder of the post-

season with a hip injury. Thomas had been dealing with the injury for more than a week and he was forced to sit out the second half on Friday.

It's a disappointing ending for Thomas, who had played so well following the tragic death of his sister earlier in the playoffs.

Locked and loaded from the start, the Cavaliers were precise on both ends in the Game 2 bludgeoning on Friday. With ease and relentlessness, James and his teammates imposed their will on the top-seeded and over-matched Celtics, who just days earlier had been filled with optimism after beating Washington in seven games and then winning the NBA draft lottery.

Boston basketball boss Danny Ainge might want to offer that No. 1 pick to Cleveland for James. Because until further notice or he moves, the Eastern Conference is the domain of this king.

Shortly before Friday's tip-off, the NBA announced that Russell Westbrook, James Harden and Kawhi Leonard are finalists for league MVP, leaving James out of the Top 3 in voting for the regular season award for the first time since 2008.

And while the youthful 32-year-old said he was unaware of the shocking omission when he took the court, he proceeded to score 30 points with four 3-pointers, seven assists, four rebounds, four steals and three blocks, including another one of those chase-downs that have become his calling card.

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There may be much more of that ahead in Games 3 and 4 as the Cavs will look to push aside the Celtics quickly and get as many as eight days off before the Finals start on June 1.

That's a bit presumptuous, of course, but there are no signs Boston can contain the indomitable James, who in his 14th season may be playing better than at any time in his life.

He's scored at least 30 points in eight consecutive playoff games, this first to do that since Kareem Abdul-Jabbar in 1970 and the three-time champ seems as driven as ever, pushing himself and the Cavs to greater heights as they seek another title. Cleveland has won 10 straight in these playoffs and a record-tying 13 in a row dating to Game 5 of last year's Finals.

Only the 1998-99 Los Angeles Lakers have won as many straight in the postseason as the Cavs, who can take sole possession of the mark on Sunday.

During his postgame media session, James insisted the MVP snub didn't bother him. His teammates were plenty irritated.

"Just another chip on his shoulder, which helps us," Smith said. "He got a vote for second team?"

"Somebody's trippin'," forward Tristan Thompson offered from an adjacent locker.

"Yeah, somebody's trippin'," Smith continued. "Everybody's entitled to their own opinion. But I don't see how you could not put him in at least the top three. If he's not going to win it and you don't even put him in the top three? It's crazy, but it's all good. I like it like that. He's driven by a completely different monster. He's not playing for Russ or James.

"He's chasing a ghost. Right now, that's the only thing to compare to him."

The ghost is Michael Jordan, and pursuing his legacy is something James has used as motivation since he was a hoops prodigy on the courts in Akron.



AP Photo/Mark Humphrey

ANAHEIM DUCKS defenseman Kevin Bieksa (2) battles against Nashville Predators center Ryan Johansen (92) in the second period of Game 4 of the Western Conference final in the NHL Stanley Cup playoffs Thursday, in Nashville. Johansen had to have emergency surgery after the game and is out for the rest of the playoffs.

Predators left surprised, determined by Johansen's injury

Editor's note: Game 5 of the NHL Western Conference finals between the Nashville Predators and Anaheim Ducks was not complete as of presstime Saturday evening. Full details will be in Monday's edition of the Banner.

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Nashville Predators are still stunned by the loss of top scorer Ryan Johansen to a season-ending thigh injury after Game 4 of the Western Conference finals.

They're also determined not to allow his absence to stop their quest for their first berth in the Stanley Cup Final.

In the franchise's first public comments about losing Johansen, Peter Laviolette declined to give any details about the top-line center's apparently serious injury when the coach spoke before Game 5 against the Anaheim Ducks on Saturday night. Nashville and Anaheim split the series' first four games.

"That's a factor, sure, that we're without Ryan," Laviolette said. "With regard to our players' heads, they've been in the right place, I think, through the entire playoffs, and they remain in the right place. We've got a job to do tonight. We wish Ryan was here with us, but he's not.

We've got to move forward, and there's a lot of trust and belief inside of our room that we can be successful."

Laviolette only confirmed that Johansen was hurt during Game 4, but played through the injury and finished the game. Afterward, doctors determined Johansen needed emergency surgery.

Johansen's teammates apparently had no idea he was seriously hurt during the game. Johansen skated slowly to the bench and grimaced in pain after a late-game check from Ducks defenseman Josh Manson, but it's still unclear whether the injury was caused by that innocuous hit.

"I had no idea it happened," Nashville defenseman Mattias Ekholm said. "Apparently it wasn't that big of a deal, or big of a hit, or what have you. So yeah, it's tough for him. He had a really good go here in the playoffs, especially, and we're definitely going to miss him."

Johansen led the Predators with 13 points in 14 playoff games while centering their dangerous top line alongside Filip Forsberg and Arvidsson. Laviolette declined to reveal his forward combinations before Game 5, and he declined to give

any update on the condition of center Mike Fisher, who took a hit to the head in Game 4 when he ducked in front of a leaping Manson.

"I think we're very deep up front," said forward Colin Wilson, who could slide into a center role. "We have a lot of great centermen and a lot of forwards who can contribute offensively. Obviously Joey, certainly (is) leading our team in points there and doing a great job, but there's a lot of offensive talent up front, and we're confident in ourselves."

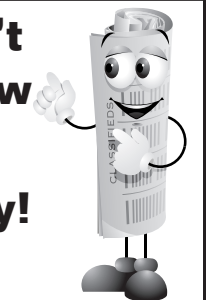
Johansen hadn't missed a game all season for the Predators. He shared the club scoring lead with Viktor Arvidsson in the regular season, posting 61 points.



AP photo/Elise Amendola

BOSTON CELTICS guard Isaiah Thomas (4) tries to move the ball in front of Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) during first half of Game 2 of the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals, Friday, in Boston.

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Cloud Computing springs upset in Preakness

BALTIMORE (AP) — Cloud Computing caught Classic Empire in the final strides Saturday to win the Preakness by a head.

The 13-1 long shot was one of five fresh horses in the race that didn't run two weeks ago in the Kentucky Derby.

Derby winner Always Dreaming and Classic Empire dueled for most of the race before Classic Empire stuck his nose in front midway on the far turn. It looked as if Classic Empire would go on to win, but Cloud Computing ran him down on the outside.

Always Dreaming faded to eighth in the 10-horse field on a cool and cloudy day at Pimlico. A record crowd of 140,327 was on hand.

Ridden by Javier Castellano, Cloud Computing ran 1 3/16 miles in 1:55.98 and paid \$28.80, \$8.60 and \$6. It was just the dark brown colt's fourth career start, the fewest of any horse in the race, and only his second win.

Classic Empire returned \$4.40 and \$4, and 31-1 shot Senior Investment was another 4 3/4 lengths back in third and paid \$10.20.

New York-based trainer Chad Brown earned his first victory in a Triple Crown race. Castellano won for the second time. He rode Bernardini to victory in the 2006 Preakness.

Castellano comes from a racing family, with a father, uncle and brother who have been



AP photo/Mike Stewart

CLOUD COMPUTING (2), ridden by Javier Castellano, wins the 142nd Preakness Stakes horse race ahead of Classic Empire, ridden by Julien Leparoux, Saturday at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore.

jockeys.

"We've been working for a long time for this moment," he said. "It's great for the family."

The 142nd Preakness had been billed as a match race between Always Dreaming and

Classic Empire, and it was from the start.

They broke out of the starting gate next to each other and the fight was on. Always Dreaming took a slight lead with Classic Empire on his flank.

Meanwhile, Cloud Computing was back in third as Castellano watched the duel unfold in front of him.

Always Dreaming was the first to throw in the towel, surrendering the lead to Classic

Empire midway around the final turn.

"We didn't have an excuse," said Todd Pletcher, who trains Always Dreaming. "We were in a position we expected to be, and I think the turnaround was a lit-

tle too quick. He ran so hard in the Derby and today just wasn't his day."

Always Dreaming lost for the first time in five races this year. He'd won his first four by a combined 23 1/4 lengths.

Classic Empire and Julien Leparoux went into the stretch with three-length lead, seemingly on his way to the winner's circle.

At that point, trainer Mark Casse thought he was headed there, too.

"Of course," he said. "But I thought I was going to win a lot of times before, so it doesn't shock me."

But Classic Empire also paid a price for putting away Always Dreaming. Classic Empire fought on to the finish line, but couldn't hold off a fresh horse in Cloud Computing.

"Certainly I'm not going to dispute the fact that I brought in a fresh horse as part of our strategy," Brown said. "Our horse is very talented, too. Classic Empire and Always Dreaming are two outstanding horses, and our strategy was, if we are ever going to beat them let's take them on two weeks' rest when we have six (weeks), and it worked."

After Cloud Computing ran third in the Wood Memorial, Brown and the owners decided the colt would benefit from skipping the traffic-choked conditions in the 20-horse Kentucky Derby. He was coming into the Preakness after a six-week break.

Hahn's 64 gives him Nelson lead on a day of birdie streaks

IRVING, Texas (AP) — James Hahn knows how close he came to making a couple of more putts down the stretch in the third round of the AT&T Byron Nelson. He still did enough to take the lead.

Even with his eagle chance at the 16th and birdie putt at 17 both stopping just inches short, Hahn shot a bogey-free 6-under 64 on Saturday to finish ahead of several players who had birdie streaks.

"That's golf," Hahn said.

As for replaying those so-close putts in his mind, or thinking about having the 54-hole lead, the two-time PGA Tour winner had other plans after finishing his round.

"Tell me what my tee time and I'll just show up. You know, prepping for tomorrow I feel like is so hard. Sleeping on the lead, you can overthink it," he said. "I just like to go home with my

wife, our 2-year-old daughter, watch some cartoons. Just kind of keep everything low key, casual."

With his 12-under 198 total Hahn was a stroke ahead of Billy Horschel, who birdied his last three holes for a 66 to take second place alone.

Jason Day had his own string of birdies, five in a row midway through his round and then a 60-footer at the 17th, during a 63 that was the best of the day and got him to 10 under. The fourth-ranked player in the world was tied for third with Kokrak, who shot a 72 after setting a Nelson 36-hole record with a five-stroke lead.

"I'm definitely not out of this golf tournament," Kokrak said. "I'd rather be stalking people than any other way."

Cameron Tringale and Sergio Garcia also finished with birdies on Nos. 16-18. Tringale was fifth

at 9 under after a 67, with defending Nelson champion and Masters winner Garcia tied for sixth at 8 under after a 64 that also included three straight birdies at Nos. 11-13.

"I wasn't that far off on the front," Garcia said. "Then finally on the back nine ... started rolling some putts in, and it all comes down to that. Get a little momentum and confidence."

Top-ranked Dustin Johnson shot a 71 with five bogeys and four birdies and was seven strokes off the lead, tied for 19th.

Hahn shared the first-round lead after an opening 64, but slipped back with a 70 on Friday before another impressive round for him at TPC Four Seasons that included a 65-foot chip-in birdie at the par-4 No. 3 hole. This is Hahn's fourth Nelson, and he has shot 64 or 65 in half of his 14 rounds there.

After missing four consecutive cuts for the first time since his rookie year in 2011, Horschel is in the final group at the Nelson. The last of his three PGA Tour wins was in 2014.

"The last four, six weeks hasn't been ideal for me," he said. "I've been working hard and keep believing."

The last birdie for Day in his long streak came after driving the green at the 311-yard par-4 11th and two-putting from 37

feet.

Day's only bogey came when he blasted out of greenside bunker at the 14th, then pushed his 4-foot par chance just left of the hole and 2 1/2 feet past. When his 60-footer at the par-3 17th caught the left edge of the cup and dropped in, Day lifted both arms into the air, pumping his right fist while still grasping the putter in the other hand.

"Seemed like it was on auto

pilot today, which was nice for a change," Day said. "It always helps when things are clicking that way."

About the same time Day's 16-foot birdie try at No. 18 curled just under the hole, causing him to wince, Hahn went to 11 under for the lead with his 13-foot birdie at the 15th hole and then added another birdie at the 527-yard par-5 16th after coming so close to an eagle.



AP photo/Tony Gutierrez

JAMES HAHN checks out his putting line on the 11th green during the third round of the Byron Nelson golf tournament, Saturday in Irving, Texas.

Kyle Busch wins Charlotte Truck race

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — Kyle Busch raced to his second straight NASCAR Truck Series victory Friday night, leading 90 of 134 laps in a dominating run at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

Busch has 48 career Truck victories — three short of Ron Hornaday Jr.'s series record — and 173 wins overall in NASCAR's top three series, also winning 38 Cup races and 87 Xfinity events. "Hopefully I can pass Ron on the Trucks side and when I am all said and done I will run my retirement series on the Truck Series and get the trifecta," said Busch, who has already won Cup and Xfinity championships.

That's probably still a long way down the road for the 32-year-old Busch, the winner last week at Kansas.

But at this rate, it won't take long for him to fly past Hornaday, just as he did the rest of the field Friday night.

Busch led all three stages en route to his seventh Truck Series win at Charlotte.

Points leader Johnny Sauter was second. Christopher Bell, Busch's teammate who started on the pole, battled back from a lap down to finish third. Ryan Truex was fourth, followed by Timothy Peters and Matt Crafton.

Busch provided the highlight of the night when

he went from fifth to first on one lap, taking the lead when he pulled off a nifty move by squeezing in between Crafton and Sauter to take control of the race.

"I thought the middle was going to close up, but Crafton left me a lane in the middle and I was able to blow by both of them," Busch said.

Busch began to pull away with 25 laps remaining building nearly a 3 second lead before a caution came out with seven laps remaining.

But Busch ended any potential drama by steadily driving away on the restart. Sauter said he did everything he could to catch Busch on the final restart but it was useless.

"He just kept pulling away," Sauter said. "That No. 51 is fast."

It was Sauter's third second place finish of the season.

"We're knocking on that door," Sauter said. "We're getting close."

Bell said he was "bummed" that he finished third in what he called a "second-place car."

But Bell had to overcome a spinout on the second lap of the race when a tire went down.

He spent most of the race trying to get back on the lead lap. Once he did, he flew through the field to challenge the lead pack of drivers.

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SCOREBOARD

ON TAP

Friday, May 22
TSSAA Class AAA
Track and Field Championships
at Middle Tennessee State University
 Decathlon Day 1 (Cleveland's Eric Parker and Walker Valley's Bryce Nunnally and Zeke Westfield), 12

Tuesday, May 23
TSSAA Soccer Championship
at Richard Siegel Complex
Murfreesboro
 Cleveland participating if they won Saturday evening's Sectional game, opponent, site, time TBD

TSSAA Class AAA
Track and Field Championships
at Middle Tennessee State University
 Decathlon Day 2, 11

Wednesday, May 24
TSSAA Class AAA
Track and Field Championships
at Middle Tennessee State University
 Pole Vault Finals (Bradley Central's Madi Cantrell and Gracie Hamilton), 3

Thursday, May 25
TSSAA Class AAA
Track and Field Championships
at Middle Tennessee State University
 Shot Put Finals (Walker Valley's Lauren Pate), 10 a.m.
 Discus Finals (Walker Valley's Sophie Frederick), 12:30 a.m.
 Pole Vault Finals (Bradley's Gage Mathews), 2

4 p.m. — Running Events Finals
 4x800 meter relay (Walker Valley's Kendall Harris, Kyla Downes, Ashlyn Frazier, Bailey Mullet) 100 meter dash (Cleveland's Tyanina Johnson) 400 meter dash (Cleveland's Nariissa Riley) 300 meter hurdles (Bradley's Sara Mullis) 800 meter run (Walker Valley's Kendall Harris) 200 meter dash (Cleveland's Tyanina Johnson)

Friday, May 26
TSSAA Class AAA
Track and Field Championships
at Middle Tennessee State University
 Long Jump Finals (Cleveland's Keegan Jones and David Dorsey), 10 a.m.
 Shot Put Finals (Bradley's Spencer Goode)
 Triple Jump Finals (Cleveland's Eric Parker), 11:15 a.m.

Discus Finals (Bradley's Spencer Goode and Bailey Timmons), 12:30 p.m.
High Jump Finals (Cleveland's Eric Parker), 12
4 p.m. — Running Events Finals
 4x800 meter relay (Cleveland's Cole Shiffer, Bryan Byerly, Blaine Coley, Cole Millard) 110 meter hurdles (Cleveland's Benjedi Casseus and Walker Valley's Zeke Westfield) 100 meter dash (Bradley's Cason Still) 400 meter dash (Bradley's Jake Presley) 300 meter hurdles (Cleveland's Eric Parker and Benjedi Casseus and Walker Valley's Zeke Westfield)

800 meter run (Cleveland's Mel Obadiah) 200 meter dash (Cleveland's Keegan Jones) 4x400 meter relay (Cleveland's Mel Obadiah, Blaine Coley, Cole Millard, Benjedi Casseus)

ON AIR

Sports on TV
Sunday, May 21
AUTO RACING
1 p.m.

NBC — Global RallyCross Series, finals, at Louisville, Ky.

4 p.m.
 ABC — IndyCar Series, Indianapolis 500, qualifying, at Indianapolis

5 p.m.
 FS1 — ARCA Series, Menards 200, at Toledo, Ohio (same-day tape)

BEACH VOLLEYBALL
5 p.m.
 NBCSN — AVP Pro Beach Tour, at Austin, Texas

COLLEGE LACROSSE
Noon
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, quarterfinal, Towson vs. Syracuse, at Newark, Del.

2:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, quarterfinal, Albany (NY) vs. Maryland, at Newark, Del.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
Noon
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament, Regional, teams TBA

2:30 p.m.
 ESPN — NCAA Tournament, Regional, teams TBA

7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Regional, teams TBA

9:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, Regional, teams TBA

DRAG RACING
2 p.m.
 FS1 — NHRA, Menards Heartland Nationals, finals, at Topeka, Kan.

GOLF
5 a.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, The Rocco Forte Open, final round, at Sicily, Italy

1 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, AT&T Byron Nelson, final round, at Irving, Texas

3 p.m.
 CBS — PGA Tour, AT&T Byron Nelson, final round, at Irving, Texas

GOLF — Champions Tour, Regions Tradition, final round, at Birmingham, Ala.

5 p.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, Kingsmill Championship, final round, at Williamsburg, Va.

7 p.m.
 GOLF — Web.com Tour, BMW Charity Pro-Am, final round, at Greer, S.C. (same-day tape)

M.L.B. BASEBALL
1:30 p.m.
 FSSO — Washington at Atlanta

2 p.m.
 MLB — Regional coverage, San Francisco at St. Louis OR Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs

8 p.m.
 ESPN — Texas at Detroit

NBA BASKETBALL
8:30 p.m.
 TNT — NBA Playoffs, Eastern Conference finals, Game 3, Boston at Cleveland

NHL HOCKEY
3 p.m.
 NBC — Stanley Cup Playoffs, Eastern Conference finals, Game 5, Ottawa at Pittsburgh

SOCCER
6:50 a.m.
 FS1 — FIFA U-20 World Cup, Italy vs. Uruguay, at Suwon, South Korea

10 a.m.
 BRAVO — Premier League, Bournemouth at Leicester City

CNBC — Premier League, Crystal Palace at Manchester United

EI — Premier League, Stoke City at Southampton

ESQUIRE — Premier League, West Bromwich Albion at Swansea

MSNBC — Premier League, Tottenham at Hull City

NBC — Premier League, Everton at Arsenal

NBCSN — Premier League, Middlesbrough at Liverpool

OXYGEN — Premier League, West Ham at Burnley

SFY — Premier League, Sunderland at Chelsea

USA — Premier League, Manchester City at Watford

5 p.m.
 ESPN — MLS, Los Angeles at Minnesota United

7 p.m.
 FS1 — MLS, New York City at Orlando City

3:50 a.m. (Monday)
 FS1 — FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, Ecuador vs. United States, at Cheonan, South Korea

FS2 — FIFA U-20 World Cup, group play, France vs. Honduras, at Cheonan, South Korea

WNBA BASKETBALL
3 p.m.
 NBA — Chicago at Atlanta

BASEBALL

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	25	16	.610	—
Atlanta	17	22	.436	7
New York	17	23	.425	7½
Philadelphia	15	25	.375	9½
Miami	14	27	.341	11
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	25	18	.581	—
St. Louis	21	18	.538	2
Chicago	21	20	.512	3
Cincinnati	20	22	.476	4½
Pittsburgh	19	24	.442	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	25	17	.614	—
Los Angeles	25	18	.581	1½
Arizona	25	18	.581	1½
San Francisco	18	25	.419	7½

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Friday's Games
 Milwaukee 6, Chicago Cubs 3
 Philadelphia 7, Pittsburgh 2
 Colorado 12, Cincinnati 6
 N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Angels 0
 Atlanta 7, Washington 4
 San Francisco 6, St. Louis 5
 Arizona 10, San Diego 1
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Miami 2

Saturday's Games
 Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, ppd.
 Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 3
 Cincinnati 12, Colorado 8
 Washington at Atlanta, after presstime
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Mets, after presstime
 San Francisco at St. Louis, after presstime
 Arizona at San Diego, after presstime
 Miami at L.A. Dodgers, after presstime

Sunday's Games
 Colorado (Freeland 4-2) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-3), 1-10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Chavez 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-1), 1-10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Nola 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-4), 1:35 p.m.
 Washington (Strasburg 4-1) at Atlanta (Garcia 1-2), 1:35 p.m.
 San Francisco (Cain 3-1) at St. Louis (Wainwright 3-3), 2:15 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
 Miami (Worley 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Godley 1-0) at San Diego (Richard 2-5), 4:40 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Colorado at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.
 San Francisco at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Anderson 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 4-3), 2:20 p.m.
 Miami (Worley 0-0) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 3-1), 4:10 p.m.
 Arizona (Godley 1-0) at San Diego (Richard 2-5), 4:40 p.m.

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	24	16	.600	—
New York	24	16	.600	—
Tampa Bay	23	22	.511	3½
Boston	21	21	.500	4
Toronto	18	25	.419	7½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	21	17	.553	—
Cleveland	22	19	.537	½
Detroit	20	20	.500	2
Chicago	18	22	.450	4
Kansas City	17	24	.415	5½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	29	14	.674	—
Texas	23	20	.535	6
Los Angeles	22	22	.500	7½
Seattle	20	23	.465	9
Oakland	20	23	.465	9

Friday's Games
 Baltimore 5, Toronto 3, 10 innings
 N.Y. Mets 3, L.A. Angels 0
 Tampa Bay 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Texas 5, Detroit 3
 Cleveland 5, Houston 3
 Minnesota 4, Kansas City 3, 10 innings
 Oakland 3, Boston 2, 10 innings
 Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1, 10 innings

Saturday's Games
 Kansas City at Minnesota, ppd.
 Oakland 8, Boston 3
 Cleveland 3, Houston 0
 Tampa Bay 9, N.Y. Yankees 5
 L.A. Angels at N.Y. Mets, after presstime
 Texas at Detroit, after presstime
 Toronto at Baltimore, after presstime
 Chicago White Sox at Seattle, after presstime

Sunday's Games
 L.A. Angels (Chavez 3-5) at N.Y. Mets (Milone 1-1), 1:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-2) at Tampa Bay (Archer 3-2), 1:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Estrada 2-2) at Baltimore (Miley 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
 Cleveland (Salazar 2-4) at Houston (Mugroge 3-3), 2:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (TBD) at Minnesota (Hughes 4-2), 2:10 p.m., 1st game
 Boston (Rodriguez 2-1) at Oakland (Triggs 5-2), 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Holland 3-3) at Seattle (Overton 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Kennedy 0-3) at Minnesota (Mejia 0-1), 5:40 p.m., 2nd game
 Texas (Darvish 4-2) at Detroit (Boyd 2-3), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Kansas City at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Minnesota at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
 Cleveland at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.

BASEBALL
NBA Playoff Glance
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 2, Boston 0
 Wednesday, May 17: Cleveland 117, Boston 104
 Friday, May 19: Cleveland 130, Boston 86
 Sunday, May 21: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30
 Tuesday, May 23: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30
 x-Thursday, May 25: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30
 x-Saturday, May 27: Boston at Cleveland, 8:30
 x-Monday, May 29: Cleveland at Boston, 8:30

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 2, San Antonio 0
 May 14: Golden State 113, San Antonio 111
 May 16: Golden State 136, San Antonio 100
 Saturday, May 20: Golden State at San Antonio, after presstime
 Monday, May 22: Golden State at San Antonio, 9
 x-Wednesday, May 24: San Antonio at Golden State, 9
 x-Friday, May 26: Golden State at San Antonio, 9
 x-Sunday, May 28: San Antonio at Golden State, 9

GOLF
PGA Tour
Byron Nelson Par Scores
Saturday
At TPC Four Seasons Resort
Irving, Texas
Purse: \$7.5 million
Yardage: 7,166; Par 70
Third Round

James Hahn	64-70-64—198	-12
Jilly Horschel	68-65-66—199	-11
Billy Day	68-69-63—200	-10
Jason Kokrak	66-62-72—200	-10
Cameron Tringale	66-68-67—201	-9
Sergio Garcia	73-65-64—202	-8
Jason Dufner	69-68-65—202	-8
Bud Cauley	67-67-68—202	-8
Scott Brown	71-67-65—203	-7
Scott Piercy	68-69-66—203	-7
Grayson Murray	72-63-68—203	-7
Chad Campbell	68-67-68—203	-7
Byeong Hun An	68-66-69—203	-7
Kyle Reifers	69-69-66—204	-6
Scott Stallings	72-66-66—204	-6
Matt Kuchar	66-71-67—204	-6
Danny Lee	70-70-64—204	-6
Sean O'Hair	67-69-68—204	-6
Louis Oosthuizen	69-70-66—205	-5
Tony Finau	75-65-65—205	-5
Ryan Armour	67-69-69—205	-5
Kevin Tway	71-70-64—205	-5
Dustin Johnson	67-67-71—205	-5
Joel Dahmen	68-70-68—206	-4
Jamie Lovemark	72-66-68—206	-4
Gary Woodland	70-68-68—206	-4
Sung Kang	69-68-69—206	-4
Brooks Koepka	67-69-70—206	-4
J.J. Henry	68-69-69—206	-4
Ryan Palmer	71-68-68—207	-3
Marc Leishman	68-71-68—207	-3
John Huh	67-72-68—207	-3
Willy Wilcox	70-67-70—207	-3
Charley Hoffman	72-69-66—207	-3
Morgan Hoffman	69-66-72—207	-3
Michael Putnam	71-68-69—208	-2
Patrick Reed	70-69-69—208	-2
Jason Bohn	68-70-70—208	-2
Michael Kim	68-71-69—208	-2
Rod Pampling	69-67-72—208	-2
Nick Taylor	63-65-71—209	-1
Boo Weekley	69-69-71—209	-1
Sebastian Munoz	71-67-71—209	-1
Smiley Kaufman	70-69-70—209	-1
Ken Duke	70-68-71—209	-1
Bauer Hossler	74-67-68—209	-1
Keegan Bradley	69-68-72—209	-1
Zac Blair	70-71-68—209	-1
Ian Poulter	66-68-75—209	-1
Jonathan Vegas	72-70-67—209	-1
Brian Gay	71-68-71—210	E
Bob Estes	71-68-71—210	E
Seamus Power	69-69-72—210	E
Greg Owen	69-70-71—210	E

HOCKEY

NHL Playoff Glance
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 2

Saturday, May 13: Ottawa 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT
 Monday, May 15: Pittsburgh 1, Ottawa 0
 Wednesday, May 17: Ottawa 5, Pittsburgh 1
 Friday, May 19: Pittsburgh 3, Ottawa 2
 Sunday, May 21: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 23: Pittsburgh at Ottawa, 8 p.m.
 x-Thursday, May 25: Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Nashville 2, Anaheim 2
 Friday, May 12: Nashville 3, Anaheim 2, OT
 Sunday, May 14: Anaheim 5, Nashville 3
 Tuesday, May 16: Nashville 2, Anaheim 1
 Thursday, May 18: Anaheim 3, Nashville 2, OT
 Saturday, May 20: Nashville at Anaheim, after presstime
 Monday, May 22: Anaheim at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 24: Nashville at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

NASCAR

Editor's note: The NASCAR All-Star race was held after presstime Saturday evening. Full results will be in Monday's edition of the Banner.

NASCAR Camping World Truck
North Carolina Education Lottery 200 Results
Saturday Results
At Charlotte Motor Speedway
Concord, N.C.
Lap length: 1.50 miles
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 134 laps, 0 rating, 0 points.
 2. (3) Johnny Sauter, Chevrolet, 134, 0, 53.
 3. (1) Christopher Bell, Toyota, 134, 0, 40.
 4. (11) Ryan Truex, Toyota, 134, 0, 41.
 5. (10) Timothy Peters, Toyota, 134, 0, 36.
 6. (6) Matt Crafton, Toyota, 134, 0, 46.
 7. (16) Grant Enfinger, Toyota, 134, 0, 30.
 8. (5) Ben Rhodes, Toyota, 134, 0, 41.
 9. (15) Noah Gragson, Toyota, 134, 0, 32.
 10. (9) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, 134, 0, 27.
 11. (2) Chase Briscoe, Ford, 134, 0, 36.
 12. (19) Austin Wayne Self, Toyota, 134, 0, 25.
 13. (8) Austin Cindric, Ford, 134, 0, 24.
 14. (26) T.J. Bell, Chevrolet, 134, 0, 23.
 15. (22) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 134, 0, 0.
 16. (17) Cody Coughlin, Toyota, 134, 0, 21.
 17. (23) Justin Haley, Chevrolet, 134, 0, 20.
 18. (7) Brett Moffitt, Toyota, 134, 0, 19.
 19. (18) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 133, 0, 0.
 20. (27) Spencer Boyd, Chevrolet, 133, 0, 17.
 21. (25) Jordan Anderson, Chevrolet, 133, 0, 16.
 22. (13) John Hunter Nemechek, Chevrolet, 132, 0, 23.
 23. (28) Stewart Friesen, Chevrolet, 132, 0, 14.
 24. (24) Matt Mills, Chevrolet, 132, 0, 0.
 25. (14) Austin Hill, Chevrolet, 130, 0, 13.
 26. (30) Norm Benning, Chevrolet, 130, 0, 11.
 27. (31) Jennifer Jo Cobb, Chevrolet, 130, 0, 10.
 28. (29) Wendell Chavous, Chevrolet, garage, 106, 0, 9.
 29. (20) Regan Smith, Ford, accident, 101, 0, 8.
 30. (12) Kaz Grala, Chevrolet, accident, 70, 0, 7.
 31. (21) Brandon Jones, Chevrolet, accident, 62, 0, 0.
 32. (32) Todd Peck, Chevrolet, electrical, 4, 0, 5.

Race Statistics
 Average Speed of Race Winner: 110.099 mph.
 Time of Race: 1 hour, 49 minutes, 32 seconds.
 Margin of Victory: 0.986 seconds.
 Caution Flags: 9 for 38 laps.
 Lead Changes: 10 among 8 drivers.
 Lap Leaders: C.Bell 1-2; K.Busch 3-42; R.Chastain 43-45; B.Jones 46-48; P.Kligerman 49-54; J.Sauter 55-74; K.Busch 75; J.Sauter 76-77; K.Busch 78-82; A.Cindric

Markakis, Suzuki deliver in 8th, Braves beat Nats

Editor's note: The Braves-Nats Saturday game was delayed by rain and was not complete by presstime Saturday evening. The final score will be in Monday's edition of the Banner.

ATLANTA (AP) — For at least one night, the Braves were able to make up for the loss of their top hitter and use strong relief pitching to beat the NL East-leading Nationals.

Nick Markakis hit a go-ahead single in the eighth inning and Kurt Suzuki added a two-run homer to give Atlanta a 7-4 win over Washington on Friday night.

Markakis has taken the No. 3 spot in Atlanta's lineup that was left vacant when Freddie Freeman was sidelined for about 10 weeks with a fractured left wrist.

"The loss of Freddie, that's going to sting," Suzuki said. "That's going to sting for a while. I don't know if it's ever going to go away. ... But it's our job to go out there and win ball-games and keep ourselves in a good spot."

Four Braves relievers combined to throw 3 2/3 perfect innings.

It was a stark contrast to Washington's ongoing relief woes. Shawn Kelley escaped a bases-loaded jam in the seventh before the Braves scored three

runs off left-hander Enny Romero (2-2) in the eighth.

"The bullpen is getting roughed up," Nationals manager Dusty Baker said. "Right now, we're kind of limping. . We need some help, period. But who is going to give you some help?"

With one out in the eighth, Romero walked Brandon Phillips, who then stole second base. Markakis lined a single and Phillips scored on a head-first slide as right fielder Bryce Harper's throw skipped past Matt Wieters.

"The key was walking Brandon Phillips," Baker said. "Markakis hits lefties well. (Romero) couldn't get his secondary pitches over and they could sit on the fastball."

Romero's ERA rose to 5.75 — still better than Kelley's 6.08. Suzuki drove in three runs on two hits, including an RBI double off Gio Gonzalez in the fifth for a 4-all tie.

Arodys Vizcaino (2-1) recorded three straight outs, two on strikeouts, in the eighth. Jim Johnson pitched a perfect ninth for his seventh save. Jason Motte and Jose Ramirez combined for 1 2/3 perfect innings.

"Those guys did a great job, all of them," Braves manager Brian Snitker said.

Dansby Swanson hit a two-run homer off Gonzalez in the



AP photo/David Goldman

WASHINGTON NATIONALS' Daniel Murphy, left, loses his glove, allowing Atlanta Braves' Ender Inciarte to steal second base, in the second inning of Friday's game in Atlanta.

second. Jace Peterson, making only his second career start at first base, missed Harper's grounder in the third for a field-

ing error that allowed two runs to score, giving the Nationals a 3-2 lead. Trea Turner had a run-scoring single earlier in the

inning. Atlanta's Matt Kemp hit his seventh homer in the third. Washington's Daniel Murphy led

off the fourth with his eighth homer off R.A. Dickey.

Gonzalez gave up four runs on nine hits and three walks in 5 2/3 innings. Dickey allowed four runs, two earned, on eight hits and three walks in 5 1/3 innings.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Nationals' RHP Max Scherzer pointed to his left knee and said, "It's unbelievable, I don't even have a mark" after a line drive hit by Philadelphia's Michael Saunders hit him in Sunday's game. Scherzer fell to the ground, but recovered to last two more innings and is set to start the second game of the series on Saturday.

Braves' Snitker said he would be "real surprised" if 3B Adonis Garcia (left Achilles tendon tendinitis) doesn't come off the 10-day DL when eligible next week.

STRANGE STEAL

Ender Inciarte stole second base in the second even though Murphy caught a strong throw from Wieters and was waiting for Inciarte's slide. Inciarte slid into the glove, knocking it off Murphy's hand, and the ball remained in the glove on the ground.

Murphy picked up the glove and showed it to second base umpire David Rackley, who still called Inciarte safe.

Fireworks fly as Rays down Yanks

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Corey Dickerson homered twice and the Tampa Bay Rays won their season-high fourth in a row, beating the New York Yankees 9-5 Saturday in a game that included three hit batters, three ejections and one animated argument.

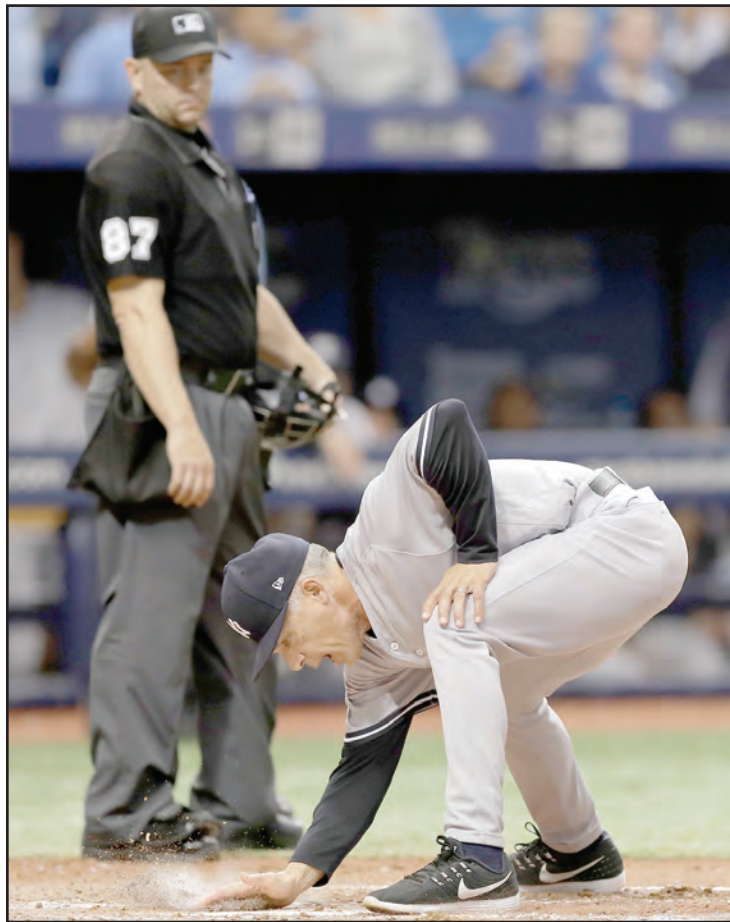
Yankees rookie Aaron Judge hit his 15th home run, most in the majors. He also doubled and has a career-best eight-game hitting streak.

New York manager Joe Girardi used his hands to cover the plate with dirt after being tossed by umpire Scott Barry in the fifth inning. That came right after pitching coach Larry Rothschild was ejected by Barry during a mound visit.

Rays starter Matt Andriese hit Matt Holliday after giving up a home run to Gary Sanchez in the fifth. In the bottom half, Yankees reliever Tommy Layne plunked Dickerson, who had hit two home runs off Masahiro Tanaka.

Andriese (4-1) hit Aaron Judge with a pitch leading off the sixth and was thrown out. The 6-foot-7 Judge dropped his bat and calmly went to first base after being struck.

Tanaka (5-3) struggled for the second consecutive start, allowing six runs and nine hits, including three homers, in three-plus innings. The Yankees ace gave up a career-high eight runs and career high-tying four homers over 1 2/3 innings in a 10-7 loss last Sunday to



AP photo/Chris O'Meara

NEW YORK Yankees manager Joe Girardi covers home plate with dirt after being ejected along with pitching coach Larry Rothschild by home plate umpire Scott Barry during the fifth inning of Saturday's game against the Tampa Bay Rays, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Houston.

Dickerson hit a leadoff homer in the first and a three-run drive in the fourth. Longoria also

homered for the Rays and Logan Morrison had a two-run single during a three-run fifth that made it 9-4.

Clevinger, Indians shut out Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cleveland Indians have needed someone to step up with ace Corey Kluber on the disabled list with a back problem.

On Saturday it was Mike Clevinger who filled that role, pitching no-hit ball into the seventh inning before Andrew Miller and Cody Allen completed the three-hitter to give the Indians a 3-0 victory over the Houston Astros.

"I just thought he was terrific," manager Terry Francona said. "They present so many challenges as a lineup and he continued to make pitches. You see a young pitcher come up and do something like that it makes that glass look a lot more half full."

Clevinger (2-1) yielded two hits and struck out a career-high eight in 7-plus innings, the longest outing of his career.

He preferred to talk about the team rather than his performance.

"This is the Cleveland Indians making a statement," he said. "We might have hit a little lull but we're a good ball team and we're a team to still look out for."

Houston didn't get its first hit until Jose Altuve's sharp grounder down the left field line for a single with no outs in the seventh inning.

"He had a day where he was on, and we couldn't figure him out," Josh Reddick said.

Clevinger was lifted after Evan Gattis singled with no outs in the eighth. Miller struck out two in the eighth and Allen allowed one hit in the ninth to convert his 12th save in as many opportunities and give him 21 straight dating to Aug. 18.

Lonnie Chisenhall had two hits and homered for the second straight day with a solo shot off Mike Fiers (1-2) in the fourth inning to help the Indians take their second straight from Houston.

Raiders

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Marino, the final two of which came in after time was stopped on the clock and in the hands of the head official for a 3-1 win over Murfreesboro Oakland Saturday night at the Greater Cleveland Soccer Complex.

The senior scorer dented the nylon in the 24th minute of the opening half to go with his pair of late goals to raise his personal total to 21 scores this season.

Senior goal keeper Braxton Wiggins helped out with seven saves as Cleveland set a new school record with its 21st win.

Coach John Brose's crew will find out this afternoon who and what time they will open play in the Spring Fling Tuesday in Murfreesboro.

Full details on the victory and the pairings will be in Monday's edition of the Banner.

Mustangs

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chore to come to practice or go to a game. This was the most fun I have had playing baseball in my four years at Walker Valley."

A group of eight seniors helped make for a .304 team batting average and the program's most wins (23) since 26 victories in a run to the state tournament in 2012.

Senior Jacob McCall, who played four different positions for the Mustangs, was proud of his squad's composure in an arduous journey.

"We had so many games where it could have stressed anybody out," McCall said. "I came in some situations where I could have had a panic attack on the mound, but having the team behind me and a strong bond helped. It allowed me to trust everything would be OK and to have fun out there."

Rountree led Walker Valley with a .388 batting average (45-for-116) and five wins while McCall finished as one of the best closers in school history with five saves and a 0.72 ERA against district opponents.

Other senior team leaders included: Tucker Mendenhall (.356 avg., 14 extra base hits, 34 R, 21 SB), Brady Swafford (.339 avg., 9 doubles, 32 RBIs) and Mason Oran (15 stolen bases).

Trae Carlton, Jacob Weir and Chayse Wooten also helped leave a positive mark for future

Mustangs to try and build on in the field and on the mound.

"The biggest takeaway is we had eight seniors who helped bring this program back up," WVHS skipper Joe Shamblin said. "All of them contributed and they will be missed greatly."

They are going to be good dads, husbands, employees and bosses down the road. I know they will make our school proud."

Walker Valley outscored its Bradley County competition 35-14 this season on the outfield scoreboard.

The Mustangs finished with 122 stolen bases and seven players with double-digit swipes.

BLACKMAN 4, WV 1

The Blaze landed all the runs needed on a strange play in the bottom of the second.

With the bases loaded and no outs, Derick Junker hit a foul ball halfway down the right field line that Walker Valley right fielder Mason Oran appeared to catch on a head first dive into the fence.

While the ball landed in Oran's glove in mid-dive, once he crashed to the ground it jarred loose. However, shaken up from the play and with the ball under his stomach the umpire did not have enough evidence to reverse what turned out to score two Blackman base runners.

Rountree drove home the first and only run for the Mustangs

black out. You see it and you hit it and you don't know what happens after," said Pinder, who put his head down and didn't even watch the ball land.

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Mateo Lozano helped a state tournament berth with two sacrifice bunts and Connor Mitchell's suicide squeeze made for another insurance run and a 4-1 Blackman advantage in the bottom of the sixth.

Walker Valley's Hunter Shamblin finished a hot post-season stretch with a 2-for-3 evening at the plate. The junior catcher went 8-for-16 over his final five games and drove in four runs.

Junior shortstop Blake Peterson doubled to deep center in the final frame for the Mustangs to chase Blackman starter DJ Wright.

However, Junker followed through for a two-out save as he robbed Caleb Lawhon of a run-scoring hit and forced a fly out to center to cue a dog pile.

Wright picked up the win with 6 1/3 innings of one run baseball in which he allowed five hits and struck out five.

Walker Valley junior Matthew Pigg allowed two earned runs over five innings and struck out one. Rountree fanned one in an

Braves get 1B Adams from Cards as fill-in for Freeman

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Atlanta Braves acquired first baseman Matt Adams from St. Louis on Saturday in an attempt to help fill the void left by injured star Freddie Freeman.

The Cardinals sent Adams and cash to Atlanta for minor league infielder Juan Yenez. The deal came three days after the Braves lost Freeman to a broken wrist.

Freeman was expected to miss 10 weeks after being hit by a pitch from Toronto's Aaron Loup. Freeman was leading the majors in slugging percentage when he was hurt, hitting .341 with 14 home runs.

Braves general manager John Coppolella said Adams will be valuable to the Braves beyond his fill-in duty at first.

"He's also played left field," Coppolella said. "He's a good bat off the bench. He will help us even when Freddie Freeman comes back to the Braves."

Jace Peterson, a utility player, was the Braves' first choice to take over at first base. Coppolella and president of baseball operations John Hart said the team had no first basemen in the minors ready to be a fill-in starter in the majors.

Coppolella said Adams is expected to join the team in time for Sunday's game against Washington. He will be expected to handle the position, at least against right-handers.

"He will have a chance to play a bunch early," Coppolella said. "We will face all right-handers the rest of the homestand."

The Braves signed veteran James Loney to a minor league contact on Thursday as insurance.

"We wouldn't have signed James Loney if we thought the trade would happen," Coppolella said. "Now that we had a chance to get a player like Matt Adams, we feel it's a way to make our club better right now."

Athletics hit 4 HRs in 3rd straight win

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Chad Pinder had never hit a ball that hard or that far — and only slugger Mark McGwire had done so previously for the Oakland Athletics.

Pinder hit a monster home run tracked at 460 feet and Khris Davis and Mark Canha also connected in the fifth inning, and the Oakland Athletics cleared the fences four times in all to beat the Boston Red Sox 8-3 on Saturday for their third straight win.

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black out. You see it and you hit it and you don't know what happens after," said Pinder, who put his head down and didn't even watch the ball land.

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"We want to go on and be successful," said Rountree, who will play baseball and football at Emory & Henry College. "You have to look forward to the life ahead of you. You can't be in high school forever. We have to go out and find ourselves in college now or in the work force. Just live and become a man."

McCall added, "Baseball has left such an impact on my life. It has taught me so many lessons. I am blessed for all the mentors who have helped shape who I am. It's time to go on and make an impact with our lives."

The future, nonetheless, remains bright for Walker Valley, who will return five with valuable varsity experience next season, which includes starting second baseman Jordan Munk and designated hitter Lawhon.

Pigg (1.99 ERA, 59.2 IP, 66 K) will return and look to lead the pitching staff as well in his senior season.

"We have a good core of guys coming back," Shamblin said. "The future is bright, but we will definitely miss these seniors. We also wish Blackman the best of luck."

GAME SUMMARY
Walker Valley 001 000 0 — 1 5 3
Blackman 021 001 x — 4 8 0
WP: DJ Wright 6 1/3 IP 5 H 1 ER 5 K. LP: Matthew Pigg 5 IP 6 H 4 R 2 ER 1 K. SV: Derick Junker 2/3 IP. 2B: Blake Peterson (WV); Junker (B). LOB: WV 4, B 8. Highlights: Hunter Shamblin 2-for-3, Grayson Rountree RBI, Tucker Mendenhall R (WV); Junker 2 RBIs, Connor Mitchell RBI, Zavien Lindsey 2-for-2 BB RBI. Records: WV 23-14, Blackman 28-10.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Editorial

Dumping old tires both a crime and a hazard

Sooner or later, most communities — big, midsize or small — face the same environmental hazard: the illegal dumping of used tires.

Not long ago, sections of Hamilton County were victimized by such reckless actions, and Polk County, too, has been plagued by the same dilemma. We suspect the same can be said for other neighbors as well — McMinn, Monroe, Rhea and Meigs, among others.

Bradley County can be added to the mix of host sites for discarded rubber, and now it's Cleveland's turn.

The issue surfaced recently, and was detailed in a front-page story in a recent edition of this newspaper, when the Cleveland Police Department and Cleveland Codes Enforcement Office announced a new campaign — and an ongoing partnership — to crackdown on the illegal dumping of old tires.

Municipal officers had recently come upon a pile of formerly wheeled rubber, a discovery prompting immediate action. One step was a reminder to the public that such dumping is not only illegal, it is hazardous to the environment as well as to anyone who might come upon the discards.

An obvious question asked by some in refute might be, "Why?"

The lesser issue is that piles of dumped tires are unsightly. The bigger problem is they pose health risks to all within their immediate surround.

For instance, piles of old tires hold rainwater and eventually become breeding grounds for mosquitoes in the warmer months; plus, such eyesores can become infested with rodents ... namely, rats. When it comes to mosquitoes and vermin, each can carry disease.

Environmentally, there's another hazard. Old tires will burn, and when they burn — whether the rubber is set afire intentionally or is swept up by a brush blaze — they will burn and burn and burn, seemingly endlessly until the inferno is extinguished. And until that time, the smoke is suffocating and poses the same kind of health risks as a wildfire.

So that's "why" the illegal dumping of old tires is a menace to anyone, and to everyone, whether it happens in a rural corner of Bradley County or in the overgrown yard of an abandoned house or barn or former business or shuttered factory.

Dumping inside the Cleveland city limits is nothing new — whether it's domestic trash, building materials or old tires. But its frequency is now forcing the CPD and Codes Enforcement Office to organize an all-out campaign against those who commit such pre-meditated acts.

"Basically, we have had issues with illegal dumping, but especially with used tires," Codes Enforcement Supervisor Joel Prince told our newspaper. "We are working toward certain mechanisms to make things safer for the general public."

He added, "These tires, obviously, burn easily so if there is a fire, they can present a hazard. Also, mosquitoes want to breed in them, not to mention that these tires are unsightly."

Generally, those who take it upon themselves to pollute our community do it in areas that go unseen by the public. Exceptions to this crime have been recorded, such as a Bradley County church not so very long ago whose property became a dumping ground for old tires.

The point is this: It doesn't matter where such dumping occurs — whether it's within a dry creek bed somewhere back in the hills or in downtown Cleveland, it's an irresponsible, and uncaring, act carried out by perpetrators who feel no moral obligation to take the tire refuse to their rightful destiny ... the Bradley County Landfill.

We encourage the public to get on board with the CPD and Codes Enforcement campaign to prevent illegal dumping. If you see something, call somebody.

Prince says it better.

"If residents see someone loaded down with tires that seems suspicious and heading toward a certain place, call us immediately and we will respond," he said. In most cases, CPD will be the first on the scene depending on the availability of a Codes Enforcement officer.

Prince also offered a warning to those whose trail of illegal dumping is being closely monitored, as well as to those who would be tempted to take up such a habit: "We are really going to go after these people because we are getting a lot of complaints. We are working with other cities and counties because this is happening there also."

Another reminder to all is the legal impact. Those illegally dumping tires can be charged with criminal littering (Tennessee Code Annotated 39-14-5). In addition, the crackdown includes Cleveland City Attorney John Kimball who is reported to be adding more teeth to local enforcement by drawing up a municipal ordinance allowing for local charges to be levied against violators.

"We just want people to be vigilant and let us know if they see anything unusual concerning trucks hauling large amounts of tires, or are seeing these tires dumped, or are victims of having these tires dumped on their property," Prince stressed.

For more information, or to report suspicious activity, contact the Codes Enforcement Office at 423-473-3201 or the CPD at 423-476-7511.

It's our community. It's our environment. It's our safety. And the protection of each is our responsibility.



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THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF OLD TIRES is becoming more of a problem in and around the Cleveland and Bradley County community. In response, the Cleveland Police Department and Cleveland Codes Enforcement Office are partnering to conduct a crackdown. Dumping grounds, such as the one pictured above, are a hazard to public safety and the environment. For more information, or to report suspicious activity, contact the Codes Enforcement Office at 423-473-3201 or the CPD at 423-476-7511. See the editorial on this page.



KEEPING IT GREEN

Cameron Fisher

This week a long-awaited project begins on the Cleveland/Bradley County Greenway.

Crews begin prep work and construction will start soon on a new section of Greenway — a connector — that will link the Tinsley Park section of the current Greenway with North Ocoee Street.

What has been called the Ocoee-Tinsley Connector was officially named by the Cleveland City Council a few months ago for previous City Manager Janice Casteel. It will be known as the Casteel Connector.

The project started out as a grant application to the Tennessee Department of Transportation back in 2012. The reasoning for the connector was well justified when it outlined how the connector would link several neighborhoods — and hundreds of families — with our popular Greenway.

When complete, the connector will provide safe passage from established neighborhoods along North Ocoee. Part of the fulfillment of the grant requirements was for the city to install sidewalk down North Ocoee to the corner of Ocoee Crossing. This

After four years of waiting, new connector work to begin

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has been complete for nearly two years.

When our local Parks and Recreation officials were notified of the nearly \$500,000 matching grant, the city received a bonus as Gov. Bill Haslam came to present the "big check" in person. I was proud to stand with our governor with that check on July 13, 2013.

Almost four years later, the day has finally arrived when every "i" has been dotted and each "t" crossed, all the environmental tests and reviews have been completed, and a contractor has been hired. I have been told that May 25 is the day when the clock starts ticking, giving Cherokee Construction an official deadline for completion.

While I am not positive on the exact route of the project, I know it will begin (or end) at the corner of North Ocoee and Ocoee Crossing, on the north side of Fillauer Branch. It will snake along the small creek until crossing over it at the current bridge. A new concrete path will be poured

beside Ocoee Crossing before turning right behind Logan's restaurant. When the new Greenway reaches Keith Street it will go under the bridge and emerge near the entrance to Tinsley Park. The new connector will follow the current road into Tinsley, until veering right to circle the softball fields along the creek. It will then merge with the current Greenway at the pedestrian bridge that crosses Mouse Creek.

A short groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 8, at 10 a.m.

The start of the Casteel Connector is exciting and now joins the growing list of active projects along the Greenway.

It comes on the heels of the recent changeover of light pole banners to a new set of four messages, and the ongoing progress of Phase VI between Willow and Inman streets.

There are a few more improvements and/or projects in the hopper ... we'll save those for another column!

Online: www.cbgreenway.com
Facebook: The Greenway

Dear Annie: With this ring

Advice

Dear Annie: I was engaged for about two years and ended the engagement and relationship after realizing that despite our fondness for each other, we would just not be able to live together. There was an argument at least once a week.

After the breakup, I asked for the ring back, and she declined, saying I had broken her heart. In the meantime, I asked three or four female friends whether they thought it was OK to ask for the ring back and whether they thought she should return it. All said yes.

Having had some unexpected expenses — and seeing as my former fiancée has now been married for nine months — I emailed her and asked for the ring back. Once again, her response was that I had broken her heart and she should not have to defend why she wants to keep the ring.

Is it acceptable to ask for and expect the engagement ring to be returned? — Just Curious

Dear Just: Etiquette holds that it's proper to return a ring after the engagement ends. However, this situation seems beyond the realm of etiquette. There are clearly some very hurt feelings here, and your ex is holding on to resentment even tighter than she is holding on to that ring.

You have a couple of options when it comes to trying to have the ring returned. You might ask a mutual friend to serve as a mediator, someone she might be more inclined to listen to. Or, depending on where you live, you might have the law on your

side. Some states consider an engagement ring a conditional gift, meaning it is returned to the giver if the engagement ends. See whether your state is one of them.

Once you've exhausted those options, it's time to move on — with or without the ring. It's unfortunate that things ended acrimoniously, but it would have been far worse to marry the wrong person.

Dear Annie: My next-door neighbor is becoming quite annoying, and I don't know how to handle the situation. Often she goes out during the day wearing a short house-dress. For health reasons, she cannot bend down well, so she bends from the waist and exposes her personal parts to the world. We have a beautiful view of the water, but this is certainly ruining our outlook, as she has a tendency to be very close to or on our property when she does this.

That brings me to another issue. She walks her dog around our property in the morning and at night and can be seen peering into our house. It has gotten to the point

that I don't sit on my veranda very much at all anymore, as I am beginning to resent her for these things. I don't know how best to communicate this to her. Help! — A Villager

Dear Villager: Good curtains make good neighbors, and I strongly recommend investing in some, if you haven't already. Some privacy trees might help, too.

That said, I would give this woman the benefit of the doubt. Unless she has her face pressed up against the glass, you can't be sure she's actually looking in. She may just be absent-mindedly staring into space. No one could fault you for wanting her to stop trespassing on your property, though. You don't need to explain yourself. Simply ask her nicely not to walk in the yard.

Now, what to do the next time she bends over in a too-short housedress? That's easy. Avert your eyes.

(Editor's Note: Send your questions for Annie Lane to dearannie@creators.com. To find out more about Annie Lane and read features by other Creators Syndicate columnists and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate website at www.creators.com.)

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INK SPOTS

Rick Norton

"There is a growing wave in this country of fear, and of intolerance which springs from fear. Sometimes it is a religious intolerance, sometimes it is a racial intolerance, but all intolerance grows from the same roots."

— Eleanor Roosevelt
Longest-serving
U.S. first lady (12 years)
(1884-1962)

Climbing out of my car the other morning in the dark air of the newspaper parking lot, I regretted not being able to catch what the NPR newsmen was getting ready to talk about — the growing pandemic of intolerance in today's society.

Specifically, he was going to analyze why we in America want to get our news from organizations that best parallel our own political views.

For example, when watching TV news a growing number of conservative viewers prefer to tune in to Fox News, while their more liberal counterparts choose CNN or maybe MSNBC.

The theory is not 100 percent watertight, but it has merit. Anyone who doesn't agree probably isn't watching too much cable TV.

NPR itself comes under frequent fire for what some say is liberal reporting, but I would like to have heard that morning radio dialogue because it was speaking to an American anomaly.

And it's one that is no longer limited to TV news. It's spilling over into the world of newsprint, as well. In my job here at a midsized community newspaper, I'm seeing it more and more.

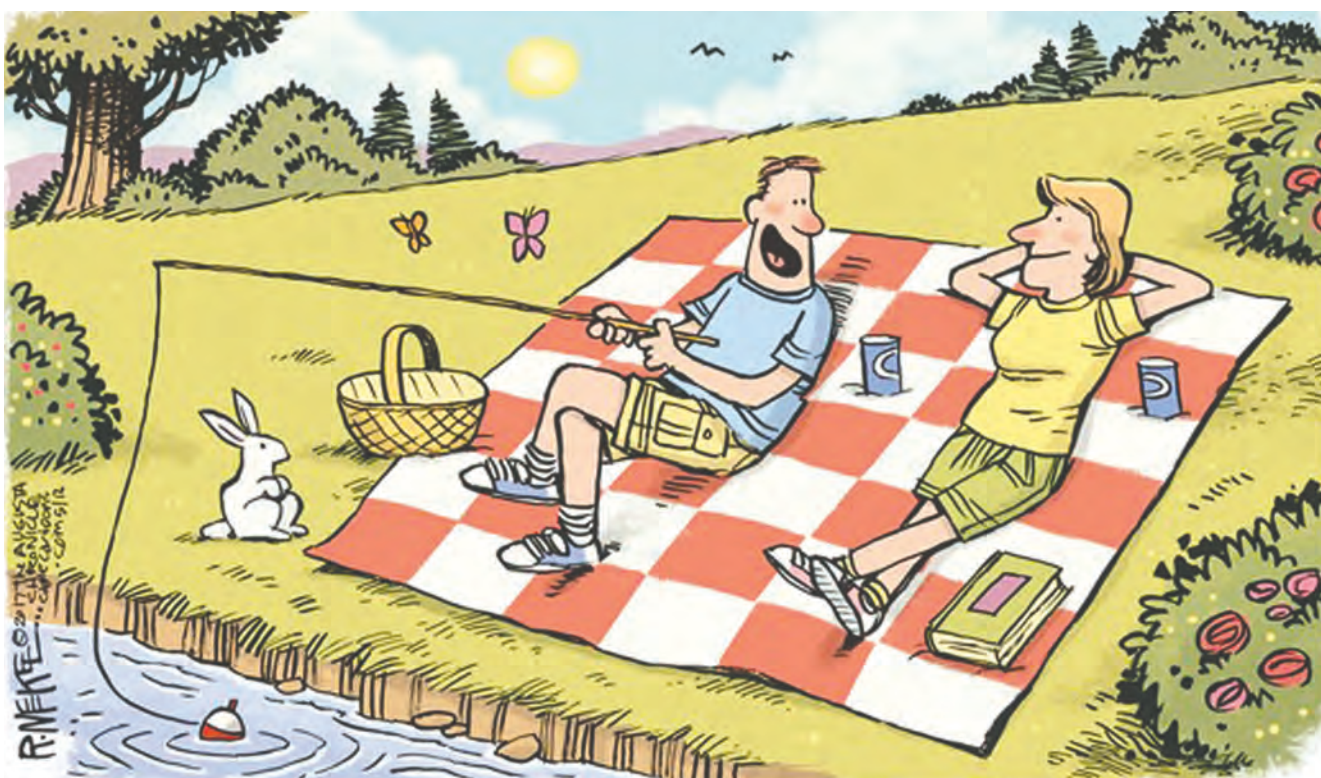
I'm hearing it, as well. The latest incident came early last week. I'll get to that in a minute.

Make no mistake. This change in news preferences has been building for several years. It might have started during the presidency of Barack Obama. It might have started sooner. I can't say ... because I don't know. But I know this. It has grown exponentially since the launch of the most recent presidential campaign, and continues to grow under the White House administration of President Donald Trump.

Trumpeteers believe the left is picking on their guy by dissecting his every move like a frog in a biology lab. Subsequently, they're looking to conservative outlets like Fox to give what they believe is a more balanced view of the news.

The anti-Trump movement claims America's new commander in chief — thanks to rumblings about that wall, the proposed Muslim ban, the hotly debated repeal of the Affordable Care Act, tax cuts for the wealthy, proposed budget reductions in social service programming and a string of executive orders that they feel favor the rich — is widening the scary divide that is stretching its way across America.

'You the one who puts in those editorial cartoons?' It's a question that signals the start of a bad day



"WHAT A GREAT DAY! THE SUN IS SHINING, THE BIRDS ARE SINGING, AND WE'RE IN A CARTOON THAT'S NOT ABOUT TRUMP!..."

The president's opponents believe diversity is at risk, and when diversity goes so grows the hotbed of intolerance. The president's followers say America has reached her crossroads, meaning the time for change is now and the need for "draining the swamp" has never been greater.

There's truth in both camps. But these days, Americans want their truth in news from the talking heads that best depict their own political lean.

It didn't used to be this way. In a time long ago, the nation turned to guys like Walter Cronkite, Chet Huntley, David Brinkley, Peter Jennings, Frank Reynolds and Dan Rather, among others, to get the latest updates, both in-country and around the globe. The network wasn't the preference. It was the faces, and the trust, in the anchors delivering the news.

Then came cable, and with it cable news. Then came the race for ratings. Then blew in the biggest cloud ever to blanket the face of objective reporting — political partisanship on the air ... live, in color and delivering what the viewer wanted; that being, the viewer's opinion in the spot where reporter objectivity used to be.

So as not to lay blame exclusively on the doorsteps of TV news, I'll freely admit we're seeing a similar conundrum in the world of print.

Too many major newspapers are writing what they want, however they want it and they're doing it without regard to total truth and unconditional fair comment. They defend their dis-

honor by claiming, "It's what the people want."

Maybe. Maybe not. But it does speak to this point: Some news observers are no longer as concerned with accuracy as they are with finding the media outlet that best espouses their own personal views.

And that's sad. Back to my incident last week. A longtime Cleveland Daily Banner reader — an older, and likable, gentleman who didn't introduce himself — was escorted to my office by a Circulation Department receptionist. Standing in the open door to my office, she told me he had something to say.

Already in a meeting with one of our reporters, I nonetheless invited him to step in and speak his piece. I had already guessed it wasn't good. And it wasn't. A once loyal subscriber was canceling his subscription.

Here, I need to be clear. The following dialogue is not exact. The quotes — both his and mine — aren't word-for-word. They're just the general gist of the brief conversation, one that was carried out in a firm-but-calm tone.

His demeanor was pointed, yet polite. "You the one who puts in those editorial cartoons?" he asked, now standing alone in the doorway, the Circulation lady having returned to her desk.

Thinking back on that chance meeting, I hope my eyes didn't roll. I knew what was coming. I had heard it a few times already in the past two years.

"Yes sir, I am," I answered. "I'm tired of seeing that stuff," he

continued. "It's obvious which way your newspaper leans. And on Monday, you had that cartoon in there comparing Trump to Richard Nixon. I don't have to put up with that. So I won't be reading your newspaper any more."

I told him I choose editorial cartoons based on the selection that's made available on the Cagle Cartoon Syndicate, an organization that makes available some of our Editorial Page content ... specifically, cartoons and guest "Viewpoints."

I also told him our newspaper, and many others across the country that subscribe to this newspaper service, had registered our complaints to the founder of the online syndicate about all the anti-Trump material ... that we don't necessarily oppose the negative content, but we do want more balance. We wanted some good with the bad.

The syndicate founder delivered. Within a few days he was posting on his website a few selections of what he called "Trump-Friendly" cartoons. Their numbers are a lot fewer than the anti-Trump stuff, but they at least help us to provide both sides in our Cleveland newspaper.

"Why publish the bad stuff?" the mild-mannered man asked.

"Because it provides balance," I replied.

"Why publish cartoons at all?" he inquired.

"An Editorial Page needs a cartoon," I answered. "But the cartoons need to be balanced; at least, as balanced as we can provide."

Fresh from the frantic city life of a place like L.A., it's great to be back home: Part 1



LIFE CHAPTERS

Bill Stamps

My wife Jana, our dogs — Cowboy and Scout — and I have been living in Cleveland for a year and a few months. We moved here from Los Angeles where I have lived and worked, in the entertainment business, for the better part of 40 years.

Jana and I have been together almost 20 years. Ironically, we met in Nashville back in the mid-90s.

Jana was teaching at Vanderbilt and finishing up her masters. She's not only beautiful but brainy. Started college at William and Mary in Virginia when she was 16. Speaks four languages and has the sweetest disposition you've ever run across.

I had returned to my birth place, Nashville, with my 16-year-old son, Jesse, who had come to live with me in Beverly Hills the year before. He had been living with his mother a thousand miles away. I had missed him, terribly.

My son had gone through so much during his mother's and my divorce. It was my chance for me to love and raise him the way I had wanted. To make up for some of the things he had had to endure. I was thrilled to have him with me.

His coming to live with me was an adjustment. I was a bachelor and out most of the time. Running the traps. Making deals on cocktail napkins and dating the craziest women on earth. Actresses! It was time for me to step out of the fast lane.

I enrolled my son into Beverly Hills High School. I knew some of the school board members, due to a deal I had made on their behalf to retain licensing rights from the Aaron Spelling TV show, "Beverly Hills 90210." I felt my boy would be in good hands, there. It's an excellent school. Jesse excelled scholastically and played second base for the baseball team.

He had made some pretty good fiends, there. Many of the kids were the children of celebrities. Scotty Caan, James Caan's son, was a couple of grades above Jesse. His closest friend was Manny Davis, Sammy Davis Jr.'s son. They remain friends to this day. Manny's a great kid. I say kid, but he and Jesse are coming up at 40.

That's what happens when you're my age. Forty seems like puppies.

Anyway, Beverly Hills High School just didn't feel right to me. Maybe too many kids running around with the "entitled" attitude. Too much materialism. I didn't want those traits to rub off on my son. Like my grandmother used to say to me, "You throw a white ball at a dirty wall, pretty soon it comes back dirty."

Plus, I was burnt out. They say the only job more stressful than the presidency is a "suit" in the entertainment business. A deal maker. That was me. I was right in the thick of it. It was time for a big change.

At the time, I was handling promotions for the TV show, "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous," starring Robin Leach. I talked to Robin a couple of years ago. He's living in Las Vegas, basking in his glory. The producers of the show agreed with me, that I could do what needed to be done for the show, from Nashville.

My plan was to enroll Jesse in high school for a year. Give him a chance to see what real life was all about. Go to school with kids from Christian-based families. Instead of a bank on every street corner, he'd live in a city with churches on the corners. Then, we'd head on back to L.A.

My son ended up loving Nashville! So much so, that we ended up staying on. He graduated from Hillsboro High and went on to UT.

As for me, in between Hollyweird deals, there wasn't much for me to do.

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So, on a whim, I went back to my "radio roots" and hosted a morning drive radio show on Super Talk WTN. Dave Ramsey, not yet a national personality, came on the air after me. He's a good guy.

It was the first time I'd been on the air since a show I did in Hawaii in the early '70s. We garnered a big audience. And, I produced and hosted a weekly TV show, "Nashville Jams." We shot it at the Union Station Hotel. It ran for three years.

To this day, I feel that the move back to Nashville was the best gift that I've given to my son. Some of those great southern manners have stayed with him. I got a gift, too. All wrapped up in a big red bow. I met Jana. I was 45. She was 25. Yes, I robbed the cradle. For a while there, we got looked at funny.

Those 3 1/2 years I spent in Nashville afforded me the luxury of taking long drives in the countryside. Not far south of Nashville is where I grew up. I drove down paved roads that, in my childhood years, had been dirt and gravel. I crossed bridges that lay over creeks where I had gone fishing and swimming, with other little "country boys."

They say that you can tell when it's winter in L.A., when they replace the plastic flower arrangements with plastic autumn leaves. Basically, every day's the same. Sunny.

I was back from where I came. Four definitive seasons of the year. It was good to be able to smell spring's fragrance in the air. Shovel some snow. Watch the oaks and maples turn red and golden. And, my favorite, to endure the summer heat and humidity, and to be rewarded with — what my grandmother's maid, Elizabeth,

used to call — "a gift from God." A summer afternoon thunderstorm. Those big cumulus clouds that turn the sky black. You don't get that kind of rain in Southern California. Ever.

It's like that song, "New York's a Lonely Town, When You're the Only Surfer Boy Around." It was time for me to get back to L.A., where I did my best work. Reacquaint myself with my contacts and friends, and start hustling again. I had stayed on in Nashville until I could be sure that my son would be OK with me being so far away. He was fine.

I think I knew back then that I would someday return to Tennessee, just as Miz Lena had said.

She told me, "Honey Baby, you'll know when it's time for you to return to yore Tennessee roots. Yore more a Southerner than all that Hollywood mess. Ain't none a that, out there, gonna git yuh any closer to God. You'll see. You ain't gonna be missin' nothin'. You'll come home."

She had her very own way with words.

Jana and I returned to Los Angeles. I put in another 20 years of work. They were good years.

After a few years back in Los Angeles, and when I turned 52, I decided to retire. We bought a home in the desert and joined a country club. You can only play so much golf. Drink and play cards. Go out at night to my favorite watering hole and try to avoid getting pinched by rich old women, with purple hair, on my way to the men's room. Retirement didn't last long.

Eight years ago, something happened. Out of the blue, God came back into my life. Nothing fanatical. I simply started praying again. For guidance. Just like I had done when I was a child growing up in Tennessee. To my amazement, my prayers began to be

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I told him he'd be shocked by some of the cartoons our newspaper had rejected.

"Some of them are that bad," I added. "Truth be told, when I get an editorial cartoon that has nothing to do with politics or President Trump or the White House or the president's family, that's a good day for me."

"So you've got a choice as to what cartoons you use?" he asked.

"Yes," I confirmed. "I have a choice." "So you could decide not to print the anti-Trump stuff if you wanted to?"

After my reluctant nod, I assured him as a balanced newspaper we needed to print both views — the anti-Trump and the pro-Trump.

"If we were strictly a conservative newspaper, we'd probably publish just the good Trump cartoons. If we were strictly liberal, we'd probably publish just the bad ones. But we try to stay middle of the road. We publish both views. We want Republicans to be exposed to how Democrats are feeling, and we want Democrats to know what Republicans are feeling."

I reminded him our newspaper had published at least three editorials since election night — and I had written two personal columns — urging the anti-Trump protesters and the "Not My President" movement to give our president a chance to make a difference before writing him off as a bad seed.

"The way I see it is if President Trump succeeds, then America succeeds. And if America succeeds, then Americans succeed," I stressed. "But he'll never succeed if we don't give him a chance."

With a pause, he acknowledged my words. Yet he returned to the same question, "But you do have a choice?"

Accepting my cause as lost, I sighed, "Yes sir, I do have a choice."

"Well, thank you for inviting me in to talk," he said. "But I still disagree with you. And this is the only thing I can do to show it."

I understood. But I don't understand.

America's intolerance is growing. And we in the media must bear some of the blame ... not because of what we report, but because of how we're doing it.

It's sad, really.

Losing a newspaper subscriber is bad. Losing one for the wrong reason is worse.

I fear for our nation. I fear for our people. I fear the unknown.

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answered. It had been awhile.

I stopped drinking and taking drugs. Jana was there for me all the way. We started talking about moving back to Tennessee. We wanted to start a new way of life. More real. The glam thing is cool, for awhile, but it has no substance. You can lose your soul to fame and fortune, if you don't watch it.

Before my dad passed, 11 years ago, he told me that I should try to find my way back on radio. He also suggested that I try my hand at writing. At the time, I didn't give much thought to it.

A little over a year ago, around four in the morning in the living room of our home in Malibu, I got down on my knees and asked God to give me some direction. The thrill was gone. I wanted out. Almost four decades is long enough to be in the streets and deal with people who will complain about the inconvenience of having to step over your dead body, on their way to lunch.

The next thing I knew, I was telling my wife about this little town in which I had lived back in the early '60s. My two brothers, me and our Dad. I told her that those years were the happiest days of my childhood. Beautiful country and good people. Maybe, I could try my hand at writing. Maybe, after all these years, do another radio show.

Maybe, I'll just throw it to the wind, and follow the path that Dad had suggested. Yep, I think I will.

Less than two months later, Jana and I and the pups — bags packed, and with a leap of newfound faith — were on our way to the little city with the big spirit, Cleveland, Tennessee.

The plan was, "Let's give it six months and see what happens."

To be continued next week ...

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Bee industry buzzing: Stolen hives recovered in California

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The bee industry is buzzing over the arrest of a man accused of stealing thousands of hives worth nearly \$1 million from California's almond orchards in one of the biggest such thefts on record.

The case has thrown a spotlight on a business many city slickers probably never knew existed: Beekeepers in the U.S. move their colonies around the country by truck and rent them out to farmers to pollinate their flowering crops.

In California, which relies on bees brought in from such places as Missouri, Montana and North Dakota to produce more almonds than any other place in the world, hives began to vanish overnight across several counties three years ago.

The break in the case came in late April, when a tip led authorities to a ramshackle "chop shop" of stolen beehives on a corner lot outside Fresno. They arrested 51-year-old Pavel Tveretinov, a beekeeper-turned-criminal from suburban Sacramento, on suspicion of possessing stolen property, investigators said.

"Bees are big money," Sgt. Arley Terrence of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office agriculture crimes unit said Tuesday. "There's a lot of motive to steal."

The unexplained mass die-offs of bees in recent years and booming demand for almonds have helped drive up the value

of hives.

Almonds have increased in popularity amid a marketing push urging health-conscious Americans to eat them in energy bars, crunch on them raw, sprinkle slivers on their salads or pour almond milk on their cereal.

Almond growers rent hives for a few weeks when their trees blossom, allowing the bees to pollinate the flowers as they fly from tree to tree. The blossoms then turn into nuts.

Investigators say Tveretinov, the prime suspect in the thefts, went to work at night, removing the hives when the bees are dormant.

One of the biggest single thefts came in January, when more than 700 hives vanished from two orchards north of Sacramento. They were recovered in Fresno, more than 200 miles to the south.

In total, Tveretinov is responsible for stealing 2,500 hives and equipment worth \$875,000, investigators say.

He was released on \$10,000 bail after his arrest April 28. A telephone number for him could not be found. It was not clear whether he had an attorney who could comment on the charges.

The tip came from a beekeeper who needed a place to store his hives and came across the lot used by Tveretinov. There, the beekeeper recognized hive boxes belonging to a friend of

his in Missouri who had fallen victim to theft, said sheriff's Detective Andres Solis.

Beekeepers customize their boxes to make them unique, imprinting identification numbers and painting them different colors with their logos.

Investigators showed up at the lot and found Tveretinov at work amid a field of mismatched hive boxes.

"It's like a chop shop for beehives," Solis said. "They're scattered all over the place."

Investigators asked California beekeeper and almond farmer Ryan Cosyns to help sort through the case. He said it was obvious that Tveretinov had sloppily painted over the boxes with his own brand and used a grinder to remove identification numbers.

"The average person isn't going to be able to look at a box and realize it was stolen," Cosyns said. "Or they're renting at a price where nobody is asking any questions."

Beekeeper Yelena Storojenko of Colusa County, who has now recovered some damaged hives filled with dying bees, estimated her family's business lost \$200,000 in rental income, equipment and queen bees, which are necessary for breeding. Each hive is rented out for \$175.

"We didn't get everything back," Storojenko said. "The beehives are in horrible condition."



SIMBA IS A sweet 1-year-old female Chihuahua in need of a forever home. She's a cute, petite girl who would just love to cuddle. Fanta is a beautiful, 7-week-old female Siamese mix who was surrendered with her sister. They are both searching for a home. Come meet both of them and all of the highly adoptable animals at Cleveland Animal Control, 360 Hill St. Shelter hours are Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.



MARK AND TINA BOWLING lost their longtime feline companion of 20 years. For Mother's Day, Mark wanted to adopt a kitty for Tina and himself. They spent time playing with cats in The Ark's cage-free cat habitat. Both BluBlu, left above, a large British Blue, and Carrie, right, a tortoiseshell, seemed right for them. They adopted Carrie. A few minutes after leaving The Ark, Mark called to say they were coming back to adopt BluBlu. This keeps these kitty friends together in the same home.



A COUPLE MONTHS ago, the Ark received three senior Chihuahuas when their human entered assisted living. While the first two dogs were quickly adopted, Rico, who is 12 to 15 years old, had some health issues. When he finally became ready for adoption, Rico had adopted Bob Caylor. "There was plenty of space and love for Rico," Caylor said. Rico is adjusting well to a home with three Chihuahuas, a beagle, a terrier and two cats.



AP Photo/Scott Smith

SEVERAL OF THE thousands of bees recovered in stolen beehives in California are shown in this May 16 photo near Sanger, Calif. The bee industry is buzzing over the arrest of a man accused stealing nearly \$1 million in hives from California's almond orchards in one of the biggest such thefts on record. California relies on bees brought in from such places as Missouri, Montana and North Dakota, producing more almonds than any other place in the world. Hives began to vanish overnight across several counties three years ago.

Orcas prey on great white sharks in S. African waters

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The great white shark is one of the ocean's most powerful predators, yet it is sometimes prey for orcas that killed several of the formidable creatures off South Africa's coast this month.

Rare autopsies conducted on carcasses that washed ashore show how orcas dominate the marine food chain at the expense of great white sharks, whose ferocious reputation (thanks partly to the 1975 movie "Jaws") belies their vulnerability to shark nets, fishing, poaching, pollution — and the biggest member of the dolphin family. Orcas, which also face human threats, have a softer image (the 1993 film "Free Willy" helped) due to their intelligence and accessibility at water parks.

Bite marks on the carcasses in South Africa were inflicted by orcas seen recently near Cape Town, conservationists said. The livers of all three sharks were removed, suggesting the orcas, also known as killer whales, targeted the nutrient-rich oil and fat in the organs and discarded the rest of their prey.

Each of the sharks had a big wound on its underside, a sign of the dexterity of the orca, whose biggest males can be well over nine meters (30 feet) long — considerably larger than great white sharks.

"It's just a classic sort of scenario of what orcas are capable of doing," said Alison Towner, a marine biologist with the Dyer Island Conservation Trust, which seeks to protect the fragile ecosystem in waters around the southern tip of Africa. Towner participated in autopsies on the sharks, providing rare confirmation of orca

killings of the big fish off South Africa.

Even if they have an advantage, orcas are unlikely to hunt great white sharks on a regular basis, said George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research. But smaller sharks can be a routine part of an orca diet, and studies have shown that the rough texture of shark flesh grinds down the enamel on orca teeth over time, he said.

Two of the sharks in South Africa were recovered in Gansbaai and another in Struisbaai. Closer to Cape Town, several cow shark carcasses were discovered with their livers removed in False Bay after orca sightings, South Africa's department of environmental affairs said.

"Killer whales are apex predators and while we are accustomed to viewing great white sharks as occupying the top of the food chain in our waters, orcas are much more specialized hunters and consider almost anything in the ocean as potential prey," the department said. It said the mammals have highly developed social groups as well as a large brain, the capacity to learn and the ability to locate with the help of sound waves that bounce off objects.

"Orcas are known to have culture, much like humans do, and different orca cultures specialize on different prey and different hunting strategies," said Boris Worm, a marine research ecologist at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia, Canada.

"Offshore orcas are rare, and very mobile, so it is very conceivable that they show up in an area where they were previously not seen and exploit sharks in that region," Worm wrote in an

email to The Associated Press. "Of course, a white shark would be a difficult prey to tackle due to its power and size, but orcas (again like humans) use group hunting strategies that can out-smart almost any prey."

Orcas have been seen attacking cow sharks off Cape Town, New Zealand and South America. Additionally, orcas were filmed attacking great white sharks around the Farallon islands off California and Neptune islands off Australia.

South African cage-diving operators reported a drop in great white shark sightings around the time that the three sharks were killed, a sign that other sharks had left the area, at least temporarily, because of the orcas.

"We, as shark biologists, recognize that the sharks are going to get eaten sometimes by predators, just like they eat things themselves," said Burgess, the Florida expert. "It's all part of the give-and-take of the natural world."

California tortoises died trying to reproduce during drought

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Scientists examining the deaths of female desert tortoises in Southern California said it appears the animals died while exhausting their water and energy to lay eggs during California's historic drought.

Researchers want to know why female tortoises are dying in greater numbers than males in the Joshua Tree National Park.

U.S. Geological Survey biologist Jeffrey Lovich said he believes the tortoises died during a desperate attempt to fight extinction. He called it an "evolutionary gamble" — choosing to try and reproduce despite harsh conditions.

"Females will go out of their way to produce a clutch of four or so eggs," Lovich told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "They'll do it during a drought, when they can't find the water they need, to have a chance to win at the game of life."

A team led by Lovich was surveying a study area of several square miles when it discovered

the remains of 14 female and three male tortoises — and 15 live animals, most of them males.

Judging from the deterioration of the carcasses and chalkiness of the bones, Lovich concluded the animals died over the last five to 10 years, a span including five consecutive years of severe drought.

One of California's wettest winters in years prompted officials to declare an end to the historic cry spell in nearly all of the nation's most populous state. But Lovich said the risk to tortoises could remain throughout desert areas as tempera-

tures rise and forage diminishes because of global climate change.

Over the past three decades, Joshua Tree's tortoise population has plummeted from about 30,000 to an all-time low of roughly 3,000.

Desert tortoises are a threatened species that typically have 50-year lifespans in the wild, with some living 80 years.

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Flames

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Flames came in seventh four shots back at 1268.

Coors edges Puts For Medalist Honor

Marie Coors, who qualified as an individual from Saint Leo University, was the individual champion with a 7-over par 295 total. Coors nipped Puts of Barry by two strokes.

Parmeter of Dallas Baptist ended with a 299 and finished

third while her teammate Hanna Harrison and Annika Haynes of Indianapolis tied for fourth with a 301 total.

Special season for Lee ladies

Lee finished the historic 2016-17 season as one of the hottest teams in all of women's golf.

The Lady Flames won their first three tournaments of the

spring, finished second in their final regular season event, were second at the Gulf South Conference Championship, third at the NCAA regionals and ended the year with the seventh place finish at the National Championship.

Lady Flames improved two spots on Friday

After moving up from 10th place to ninth the day before, a

fast start helped propel Lee seventh place after Friday's third rounds.

The Lady Flames battled through a chilly rain and more blustery wind to climb up two spots on the leaderboard after shooting a 317 total.

Lightning delayed play for an hour early in the afternoon, just as Lee had just made the turn.

Harrold shot even par on her first nine holes and finished

with a 78 to pace the Lady Flames in round three.

Moore and Burrus followed closely behind with a pair of 79s. Burrus finished her final six holes at 1-under par and hit a big seven-foot putt on the treacherous ninth green to save par and shoot her second consecutive round of 79.

Gino improved her score for the second straight round and carded an 81 for Lee while Hedegaard rounded things out

with an 82.

"I thought the key today was focus," said Coach Maupin after Friday's play. "I thought from the start today we were all engaged and focused on each shot."

"Yesterday (Thursday) we were a little carefree but today we really focused on every shot."

"My hope is we come out the same way and are aggressive tomorrow and just enjoy the moment and opportunity."



Lee University photo

LEE UNIVERSITY'S women's golf team finished seventh at the program's first ever NCAA Division II National Championship Tournament held in Findley, Ohio, this week. Team members are, from left, head coach John Maupin and daughter Addie, Annika Gino, Caroline Moore, Sam Burrus, Haverly Harrold, Anne Hedegaard, assistant coach Bernadette Little, and assistant coach Hunter Vest.

Pros

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tion's teams in Florida, Michigan and Connecticut.

Struggling some during Spring Training earlier this year, the Tigers released the lanky right-hander, but he wasn't deterred from pursuing his dream and signed with the Florence Freedom, an independent league team in a northern Kentucky suburb just across the river from Cincinnati.

The Freedom have won their first half dozen games to lead the Frontier League, with Longwith making a pair of appearances, winning his first start since his days at Walker Valley.

Even for the Mustangs, he was a standout shortstop who would come on in relief.

"I think I only started once or twice at Walker Valley," he related.

Longwith went 5-3 on the bump his senior season on the north end of the county with the vast majority of his appearances being in relief, including a six-inning jewel in 10-7 win over Warren County for the region championship. The WV starter had given up six runs before getting the first out of the second inning and Longwith came on for the final half dozen frames, striking out eight and not allowing an earned run.

For the Freedom so far this young season, he had a two-inning "hold" appearance last Sunday in which he allowed just

one hit and a walk while striking out three, before getting the start Thursday in the nightcap of a doubleheader. Longwith went the first five innings, recording 4 K's while giving up just one free pass and three hits, but did allow a couple of earned runs on his way to nothing the victory.

"We have a really good team here. These guys can really hit and that's what pitchers need to pitch comfortably. We have really good team chemistry," Longwith stated.

He will have plenty more opportunities to showcase his abilities as the Frontier League plays a 96-game regular season through Sept. 3, before their playoffs.

Playing in his eighth Minor League season, Casteel stumbled a little out of the gate after having a strong Major League Spring training with the Seattle Mariners

Now a month and a half into the season, he has rebounded to push his batting average to .274, which ranks 23rd in the Texas League, while his on base percentage of .345 is 27th.

"Baseball is a game driven by failure," Casteel said of his early struggles. "You just have to stay the course and trust the process."

Batting clean up for the Arkansas Travelers, the former Bradley Central and Cleveland

State standout's recent surge was highlighted by a 3-for-4 performance with a walk and a run batted in during an 8-7 Mother's Day victory over the Springfield (Mo.) Cardinals.

The 6-foot, 215-pound first baseman has a half dozen doubles and a home run in his 34 hits in 33 games so far this season. He has also drawn 14 free passes, scored a dozen times and driven in 11 teammates.

Ironically Casteel's current .274 batting average is also the same as his career mark in 559 games since being taken by the Colorado Rockies in the 2010 MLB Draft. In his career, he has jacked 53 homers, ripped 135 doubles and 14 triples while notching 293 RBIs.

While Casteel is surging in the right direction, the Mariner's Double-A team, that won the Southern League last season, is struggling since moving from Jackson to Little Rock, with a Texas League worst 15-24 record.

"This is a great league and I'm really enjoying being back in it, but it is an adjustment," stated Casteel, who was an Texas League All-Star when he played for the Tulsa Drillers in 2014. "I've got a great bunch of teammates and we'll get it turned around."

Diamond

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Abby McKinney picked up a RBI on a fielder's choice that scored Louie.

The Lady Flames put a single run on the board in the fourth. Leigh Beatenbough walked and Sarah Merced was called on to pinch run. Pruet's sac bunt pushed the runners to second and third and Merced crossed the dish on a single by Louie.

Lee extended the lead to 4-0 in the fifth inning. McKinney doubled, Taylor Moran singled and McKinney tallied on a fielder's choice by Brooklynn Frazier.

The Lady Flames ran into deep trouble in the sixth inning when the host Lady Argonauts put together seven runs on five hits and three costly errors by the Lady Flames. The aggressive West Florida club picked up a key triple in the inning by Baleigh Boltz.

With the Argos on top 5-4 coach Emily Russell went to the circle and called on Beatenbough to relieve the workhorse Moran. The freshman

hurler had pitched 34 straight innings over the last two tournaments. West Florida took advantage of an illegal pitch and an error to plate the two scores against Beatenbough.

The never-say-die Lady Flames came battling back in the bottom of the sixth inning. Pruet singled, Louie walked and a fielder's choice by Crawford scored Pruet. A one-base knock by McKinney quickly took the margin to 7-6. The Lady Argos called on Becca Taylor to put out the fire in the sixth inning and she also retired the Lady Flames in order in the bottom of the seventh.

Lee (36-20) had nine hits in the loss. McKinney and Louie had two hits apiece. Crawford and McKinney collected two RBI apiece while Frazier and Louie drove in the other runs. Louie finished with a perfect 2-for-2 on the afternoon and she joined Pruet in scoring four of Lee's six runs.

Rhiannon Sassman paced the

Lady Argos with two hits. Meghan Toney and Boltz each drove in a pair of runs. West Florida (45-13) only had six hits in posting the win and advancing on to the NCAA Division II Championship in Salem, Va.

Moran hurled five innings and allowed five hits and five earned runs. Beatenbough came on for the final two innings and allowed just one hit and an earned run. Sarah Maloney (14-3) picked up the pitching win. In five innings she allowed three earned runs. Taylor was credited with the save. In two innings, she surrendered two hits and two earned runs.

"Last year we didn't qualify for the conference tournament and this year we were at a super regional. Today we played six innings of great ball but we couldn't get out of the 6th soon enough and lost by one. It was a tough loss but it's hard to be disappointed when you are looking at the whole season," Coach Russell concluded.

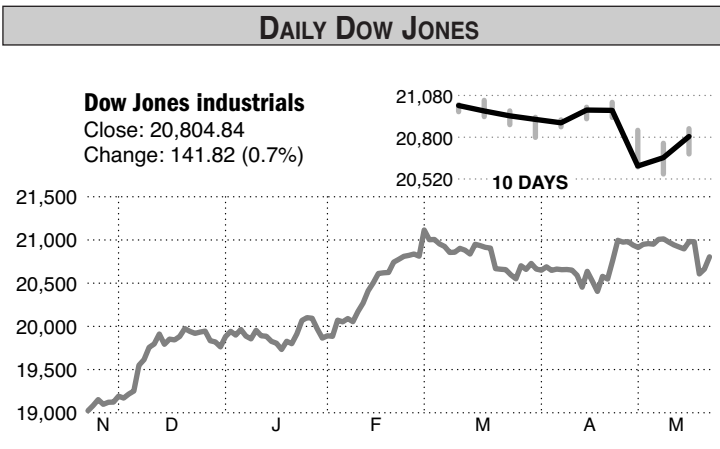
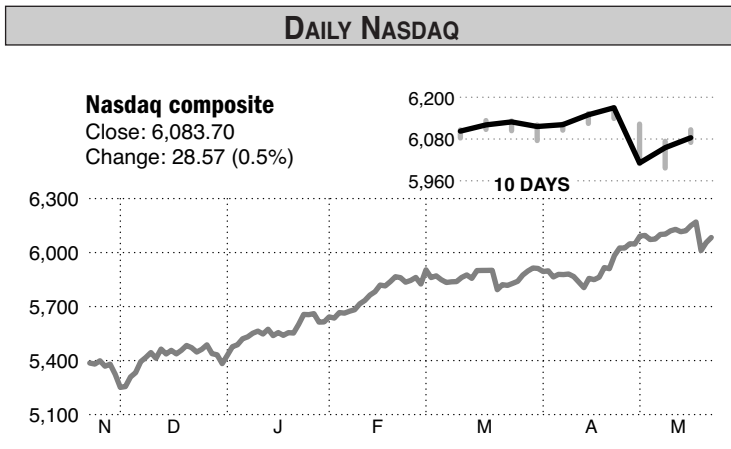


Lee University photo

LEE UNIVERSITY'S softball team proudly displays their hardware after a Friday loss in the Super Region to University of West Florida in Pensacola, Fla. The Lady Flames made a historic run in NCAA Division II tournament competition.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW



MONEY RATES

	Last	Pvs Wk
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Discount Rate	1.50	1.50
Federal Funds Rate	75-1.00	75-1.00

CURRENCIES

	Day Ago	Pvs Day
Australia	1.3408	1.3488
Britain	1.3033	1.2936
Canada	1.3514	1.3622
Euro	.8923	.9009
Japan	111.38	111.49
Mexico	18.6468	18.7995
Switzerland	.9735	.9803

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

STOCK MARKET INDEXES

52-Week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg
21,169.11	17,063.08	Dow Industrials	20,804.84	+141.82	+0.69	+5.27	+18.88
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Transportation	8,879.19	+60.61	+0.69	-1.82	+15.74
723.83	616.19	Dow Utilities	703.27	+2.57	+0.37	+6.62	+8.18
11,688.45	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,542.69	+108.62	+0.95	+4.39	+12.61
6,170.16	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,083.70	+28.57	+0.47	+13.01	+27.55
1,064.64	883.20	S&P 100	1,050.79	+6.35	+0.61	+5.99	+15.58
2,405.67	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,381.73	+16.01	+0.68	+6.38	+16.05
1,761.08	1,409.53	S&P MidCap	1,712.08	+17.04	+1.01	+3.10	+18.07
25,052.13	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	24,762.35	+173.16	+0.70	+5.71	+16.70
1,425.69	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,367.33	+6.25	+0.46	+7.5	+22.93

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Div	Yld	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.96	5.1	15	38.24	+29	+0.74	+10.1
AMD	...	...	...	11.41	+14	+0.6	+6
Ambev	.06	1.1	5	5.66	+16	+15.3	+15.3
BB&T Cp	1.20	2.8	15	42.25	+12	+0.1	-10.1
BkofAm	.30	1.3	15	23.05	+31	+4.3	+4.3
B IPVxST rs	...	...	...	14.64	-1.10	-42.6	-42.6
ChesEng	1.60	27.7	53	5.78	+21	+17.7	+17.7
Cisco	1.16	3.7	16	31.21	-17	+3.3	+3.3
CocaCola	1.48	3.4	27	43.90	+10	+5.9	+5.9
CmtyHlt	...	...	...	9.84	+47	+76.0	+76.0
DukeEngy	3.42	4.1	18	83.37	+12	+7.4	+7.4
Eaton	2.40	3.1	18	78.01	+194	+16.3	+16.3
FstHorizon	.36	2.1	18	17.16	-04	-14.2	-14.2
FordM	.60	5.5	6	10.87	+08	+10.4	+10.4
FrontierCm	.16	11.0	...	1.46	+16	+56.8	+56.8
GenElec	.96	3.4	19	28.05	+57	+11.2	+11.2
GlycoMim	...	...	...	12.76	+2.09	+109.2	+109.2
HomeDp	3.56	2.3	23	156.30	+60	+16.6	+16.6
iShBrazil	1.03	2.9	...	34.96	+2.21	+4.9	+4.9
iShEMkts	.84	2.0	...	41.15	+86	+17.5	+17.5
iS Eafe	1.70	2.6	...	66.11	+76	+14.5	+14.5
iShR2K	1.77	1.3	...	136.03	+65	+9	+9
ItauUnibH	.32	2.9	...	10.88	+66	+5.9	+5.9
Kroger s	.48	1.6	14	29.23	+14	+15.3	+15.3
Lowes	1.40	1.7	21	84.59	+54	+18.9	+18.9
NorfolkSo	2.44	2.2	20	113.27	+47	+4.8	+4.8
Olin	.80	2.6	33	31.20	+44	+21.8	+21.8
PaneraBrd	...	...	...	47	313.05	+17	+52.6
Petrobras	...	...	...	8.96	+41	+11.4	+11.4
PwShs QQQ1.52	.8	...	...	137.84	+58	+16.3	+16.3
PUVxST rs	...	...	...	12.95	-2.18	-11.5	-11.5
RegionsFn	.28	2.0	16	14.09	+08	+1.9	+1.9
S&P500ETF4.13	1.7	...	...	238.31	+154	+6.6	+6.6
Scotts	2.00	2.3	23	88.10	+77	+7.8	+7.8
SouthCo	2.32	4.7	17	49.88	+11	+1.4	+1.4
SPDR Fncl	.46	2.0	...	23.35	+20	+4	+4
SunTrst	1.04	1.9	15	54.05	-02	-1.5	-1.5
Target	2.40	4.3	12	55.99	+16	+22.5	+22.5
UtdCmBks	.36	1.4	17	26.21	-24	-11.5	-11.5
VanEGold	.12	5	...	22.86	+21	+9.3	+9.3
WalMart	2.04	2.6	18	78.77	+123	+14.0	+14.0
Whrpt	4.40	2.5	13	179.08	+1.88	+1.5	+1.5

MUTUAL FUNDS

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American Funds AmrcnBalA m	MA 58,504	26.11	+1.5	+12.6/B	+11.4/A	5.75	250
American Funds CptWdGrncA m	WS 53,356	48.68	+4.8	+20.1/B	+12.1/B	5.75	250
American Funds CptllncBldrA m	IH 70,299	61.35	+2.7	+11.4/C	+8.5/A	5.75	250
American Funds FdmlInvsA m	LG 49,948	59.09	+3.0	+21.8/A	+15.8/A	5.75	250
American Funds GrdAmrcA m	LB 79,563	46.66	+3.6	+23.5/A	+16.4/A	5.75	250
American Funds IncAmrcA m	AL 75,405	22.53	+1.7	+12.8/D	+10.1/C	5.75	250
American Funds InvCAmrcA m	CL 60,556	38.43	+1.8	+18.5/C	+14.9/B	5.75	250
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	WS 38,172	40.65	+5.5	+21.7/A	+13.4/A	5.75	250
American Funds WAMtlInvsA m	LV 53,976	42.97	+1.9	+17.7/C	+14.2/B	5.75	250
Dodge & Cox Inc	CI 49,309	13.81	+0.5	+4.8/A	+3.5/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FB 60,040	43.74	+7.0	+31.5/A	+11.4/A	NL	2,500
Dodge & Cox Stk	LV 65,546	189.57	+1.8	+28.3/A	+17.5/A	NL	2,500
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	CI 44,421	10.73	+0.1	+2.6	+3.7	NL	100,000
Fidelity 500IdxPremium	LB 67,399	83.51	+2.1	+19.2/B	+15.4/A	NL	10,000
Fidelity Contrafund	LG 79,724	112.42	+4.9	+21.6/B	+15.3/B	NL	2,500
Franklin Templeton Inca m	CA 45,983	2.35	+1.7	+16.9/A	+8.2/A	4.25	1,000
T. Rowe Price GrStk	LG 39,969	62.21	+4.8	+26.7/A	+16.9/A	NL	2,500
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	LB 199,100	220.45	+2.1	+19.2/B	+15.4/A	NL	10,000
Vanguard DivGrlnv	LB 33,293	173.84	+1.5	+19.0/B	+15.4/A	NL	10,000
Vanguard HCAdmrl	SH 36,105	86.06	+3.9	+11.5/D	+13.5/D	NL	3,000
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	MI 48,180	14.15	+0.5	+0.6/A	+2.9/B	NL	50,000
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IN THIS FILE PHOTO, gym members use a treadmill to warm up for a morning exercise class in Addison, Texas. A study released on Wednesday suggests that heavy seniors who want to lose pounds safely shouldn't skip the weight machines or the treadmill. Losing weight plus aerobic activity and strength training improved the health of older obese people more than weight loss plus either type of exercise alone.

THE RIGHT EXERCISE COMBO

'Fat and frail' seniors can benefit from correct combination

By **CARLA K. JOHNSON**
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO (AP) — Heavy seniors who want to lose pounds safely shouldn't skip the weight machines or the treadmill, new research suggests.

Experts have worried about recommending weight loss to older, obese people because it speeds up bone and muscle loss, increasing the danger of falls and broken bones. Losing weight plus aerobic activity and strength training improved their health more than dieting plus either type of exercise alone.

The results suggest a combination of exercises is the safest approach, and may have big implications for helping people continue to live independently as they age. Medicare, the U.S. health insurance program for people 65 and older, now covers

behavioral therapy for weight loss and some plans offer gym memberships.

"It is the worst of both worlds, being fat and frail," said Dr. Dennis T. Villareal of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, who led the study under a grant from the National Institute on Aging.

More than a third of Americans ages 65 and older are obese. Obesity can make the elderly vulnerable to medical problems, but losing weight can worsen frailty by hastening muscle and bone loss.

The study, published Wednesday by the New England Journal of Medicine, involved 141 older obese people who were randomly assigned to a diet-and-exercise program. They scored in the frail range on a standard test used with seniors.

One group did aerobics such as treadmill walking. Another did

strength training with weight machines. A third group did aerobics and strength training. All exercised three times a week.

A control group didn't diet or exercise and only attended monthly nutrition classes.

After six months, all the groups — except the do-nothing group — had lost weight, about 19 pounds on average.

The combination and aerobics-only groups built their ability to use oxygen most efficiently, which can increase endurance. The combination and strength-only groups preserved the most lean mass and bone.

The health differences showed up in follow-up testing where participants did a series of nine tasks including picking up a penny, standing up from a chair and climbing stairs.

Most improved was the combination group with a 21 percent

average increase in scores compared to 14 percent improvement in the aerobics-only and strength-only groups.

"It's never too late to change lifelong unhealthy habits," Villareal said.

Minor injuries such as knee pain and shoulder pain among the exercisers were not enough to outweigh the benefits, he said.

The study excluded people with severe heart disease and other serious health problems, so the results apply only to people well enough to start an exercise program.

"You get more bang for your buck with doing both types of training, especially when it comes to improving frailty scores," said Dr. Lawrence Appel of Johns Hopkins University, who was not involved in the study.

Few doctors discuss cancer costs with patients, study finds

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

Most doctors did not discuss the cost of cancer treatment with patients, spent less than two minutes on it when they did, and usually did so only after patients brought it up, a study that taped hundreds of visits at several large hospitals finds.

Cancer patients are three times more likely to declare bankruptcy than people without cancer are, but many doctors are not having the conversations that might help prevent this and sometimes don't know the cost themselves, the results suggest.

"That would not occur in any other industry I can think of" where a service or product is sold, said the study leader, Dr. Rahma Warsame of the Mayo Clinic.

Results were released Wednesday by the American Society of Clinical Oncology and will be discussed next month at its annual meeting in Chicago.

The study has some limitations — it's not nationwide, and it includes newly diagnosed patients, where cost is most likely to come up, as well as others further along in treatment who may have discussed this earlier.

But the larger point is clear, Warsame said: The "financial toxicity" of treatments that can cost more than \$100,000 a year is growing, and talks about that aren't happening enough.

"I've had people say 'no' to really life-extending therapies" because of worries about bankrupting their family, she said.

For the study, researchers taped 529 conversations between doctors and patients with various types of cancer at three outpatient clinics — the kind of places chemo often is given — at Mayo, Los Angeles County Hospital and the University of Southern California's Norris campus in Los Angeles.

Patients and doctors knew they were being taped but didn't know why. Cost came up in 151 of the visits. Patients brought it up in 106 cases and doctors did in 45.

Appointments lasted about 15 minutes on average at the two California hospitals and half an hour at Mayo, but cost discussions ran only one to two minutes when they occurred at all.

Even when doctors acknowledged a cost concern, they rarely acted on it. Only six patients were referred to social services to seek help with affording care.

"Maybe a lot of patients don't know to ask questions" about cost, said Karla Mees, 63, a nursing instructor from Rochester, Minnesota, who was treated for breast cancer at Mayo Clinic.

Doctors warned her in advance that she might have to pay \$4,500 for gene tests on her tumor to help determine care, but she never knew how much chemo and radiation would cost until the bills came.

"I just remember thinking, 'I need the stuff, I'll worry about payment later,'" she said, thankful that her insurance capped her annual out-of-pocket costs at \$2,500.

Doctors also may be reluctant to talk money and have to give medical issues top priority in the short time they have during patient visits, said Dr. Lowell Schnipper, a cancer expert at Boston's Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and head of the cancer group's panel on value in cancer care.

"Most of us are not very well skilled in bringing it up," he said. "In school you're trained to simply take the best care you can of your patient and not worry about anything other than doing exactly that."

AN ORAL CANCER RISK

Vaccine may cut HPV infections in men

By **MARILYNN MARCHIONE**
AP Chief Medical Writer

The HPV vaccine that helps prevent cervical cancer in women also might lower the risk in young men of oral infections that can cause mouth and throat cancers, a new study finds.

These cancers are rising fast, especially in men, and research suggests that HPV, the human papillomavirus, is spreading through oral sex. The actor Michael Douglas brought attention to this risk several years ago when he blamed his cancer on it.

This is the first study of whether the vaccine might prevent oral HPV infections in young men, and the results suggest it can. No men who had received at least one dose were later found to have infections of HPV strains linked to cancer, but more than 2 percent of unvaccinated men had them.

"There may be additional benefits to vaccinating your son or daughter" besides the problems the vaccine already is known to prevent, said Dr. Maura Gillison of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Results were released Wednesday by the American Society of Clinical Oncology ahead of presentation at its annual meeting next month.

THE VIRUS

HPV is very common — most sexually active people have been exposed to it. Some types cause genital warts. Usually, the virus causes no symptoms and goes away, but some people develop long-lasting infections of strains that can cause cancer.

The vaccine was approved in 2006 to prevent cervical cancers in women, and later, for some others including anal cancer in men. But acceptance has been slow — only about half of those eligible are getting it now, according to the latest information.

Now, awareness is growing of HPV's other risks — oral infections are blamed for 70 percent of cancers in the mouth and back of the throat. About 11,600 of these occur each year in the U.S. and rates are rising 5 percent per year. They're four times more common in men than women.

There are now more mouth and throat cancers caused by HPV in the U.S. each year than there are cervical cancers.

Oral sex is the main risk factor for getting an HPV infection in the mouth or throat, Gillison said. While "oral sex does not give you cancer," the infection in rare cases can develop into cancer over many years, she explained.

THE STUDY

She led the study, funded by the National Cancer Institute, while previously at Ohio State University. Researchers interviewed 2,627 men and women ages 18 to 33 years in a national health study from 2011 to 2014 about whether they had been vaccinated, and tested oral rinse samples from them for HPV.

Infections with worrisome HPV strains were found in far fewer people who had received any shots — an 88 percent lower risk. The results in men were striking — no infections in the vaccinated group versus 2.13 percent of the others.

The study was observational, so it can't prove the vaccine was responsible. But it may no longer be ethical to do an experiment where one group gets no vaccine, because its benefits for preventing other cancers is known. It might be possible to do such a study in people over 26, the age limit now for HPV vaccination, Gillison said. If a benefit were shown, it might lead to expanding the group for whom the vaccine is recommended.

The bottom line is that the vaccine helps, and "so few people who should be getting it are," said Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer of the oncology society who had no role in the

study.

WHAT PATIENTS SAY

Scott Courville wishes it existed when he was young. The 43-year-old construction inspector from St. Martinville, Louisiana, was treated last year for HPV-related tonsil cancer that spread to lymph nodes.

"I went through 33 rounds of radiation and six rounds of chemotherapy," lost 100 pounds, and now has damaged taste buds and sinuses, and constant ringing in his ears, he said.

His three teenaged sons and stepsons are getting the vaccine. "There was no question at all" that they would, only how soon, he said.

Tom Jackson also had an HPV-related tonsil cancer, found in 2013, and works to fight stigma over an infection that is largely sexually spread.

As a school board trustee in Houston, "I believe strongly that all children should receive all vaccinations," Jackson said. "The horror of HPV cancer is tremendous," and not to be "white-washed" by squeamishness or reluctance to discuss prevention, he said.

THE VACCINES

The vaccines are recommended mostly for young people, ideally before they're exposed to HPV.



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TOM JACKSON, 65, of Houston, shows where he first noticed a tumor related to his HPV-related tonsil cancer, found in 2013. Jackson spoke from his home on Wednesday. He said doctors told him the cancer could have taken away his voice.

Merck's Gardasil is approved in the U.S. for females 9 through 26 to prevent cervical, vulvar, vaginal and anal cancers and genital warts. For males ages 9 through 26, it's approved for preventing anal cancer and genital warts. A newer version of Gardasil that includes more HPV virus types is approved for males 9 through 15.

GlaxoSmithKline's Cervarix vaccine is approved for females 9 through 25 to prevent cervical

cancer. All require two or three shots, depending on age.

Other ways to help prevent oral HPV infections are limiting the number of sex partners and not smoking. Condoms or dental dams may help.

Signs and symptoms of mouth and throat cancers may include a long-lasting sore throat, earaches, hoarseness, enlarged lymph nodes and pain when swallowing.

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Business

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Cleveland SmartBank holding grand opening on Monday

Special to the Banner

SmartBank, a subsidiary of SmartFinancial, Inc., will open its newest branch at 3200 Keith St. N.W. in Cleveland, on Monday. This marks the 14th full-service branch for SmartBank, whose footprint extends throughout East Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle. SmartBank announced the acquisition of the FSG Bank branch, a division of Atlantic Capital Bank, in December of 2016 and this branch opening completes the final stage of the acquisition.

"We are excited to introduce the SmartBank brand to the Cleveland community, and are eager to deliver exceptional value to our clients," said Matt Jenne, SmartBank Senior Vice President and Cleveland Market Leader. "Our ability to offer a broad variety of products and services, both commercially and to consumers, makes SmartBank a perfect fit for the area."

According to Jenne, SmartBank offers a wide array of dynamic banking solutions including innovative products and services as well as a full suite of e-banking products. SmartBank's Cleveland team is comprised of veteran bankers Matt Jenne, Beau Burris and Tina Turner, who truly understand the local market and are ready to help clients with their financial needs.



Matt Jenne



Tina Turner

"Seeing the value that our Cleveland team brings to the area is exciting for SmartBank," added Barry Watson, SmartBank's Chattanooga Regional President. "The team's combined years of experience and depth of knowledge in this market lend well to SmartBank's future success."

SmartFinancial, Inc., based in Knoxville, is the bank holding company for SmartBank. SmartBank is a full-service commercial bank founded in 2007, with 14 branches and two loan production offices spanning East Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle. Recruiting the best people, delivering exceptional client service, strategic branching and a disciplined approach to lending have contributed to SmartBank's success. More



Beau Burris

information about SmartBank can be found on its website: www.smartbank.com.



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SMARTBANK'S CLEVELAND branch will open on Monday.

Clevelander finishes second in U.S. Xpress Max Tech competition

Special to the Banner

Chattanooga — U.S. Xpress, a leading provider of transportation services throughout North America, recently hosted the Second Annual MAXimum Technician Competition at the company's terminal in Tunnel Hill, Ga.

Teddy Humphries, a diesel technician for the Whirlpool Dedicated fleet in Cleveland, placed second overall for trailer technicians. With 28 years of experience as a mechanic in the trucking industry, he decided it was time to put his knowledge to the test.

Of the more than 200 techs company-wide who took a strenuous entry exam earlier this year, he was chosen as one of 29 "best of the best" to compete in Tunnel Hill.

Expert competitors representing Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Mississippi, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas completed a series of hands-on challenges at 16 stations at the MAXimum Technician Competition, or "MAX Tech."

Humphries, who enjoys the multiple opportunities to seek training and certifications through U.S. Xpress, sees MAX Tech as yet another great way to become a better tech.

"I was nervous going in, but you just have to prepare the best you can and do what you know," he said. "To have won alongside guys I know are excellent techs was a great experience."

His favorite part of the competition, however, was having his wife of 34 years, Ann, accompany him to the competition. "Having my wife there when I won was the best part of the whole thing," he said.

"Teddy's work ethic is unmatched. He takes pride in knowing that his repairs are done right the first time. He will not stop until he finds the solution," said Steven Crane, the Southeast Region Maintenance Manager for U.S. Xpress. "He's driven by perfection and is one of the most intune techs that we have in the southeast region. I'm elated



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A TECH FROM Cleveland, Teddy Humphries, placed second overall for trailer technicians in the U.S. Xpress Max Tech competition.

and couldn't be more proud of Teddy."

"As we strive to be on the forefront of the quickly evolving technologies in the transportation industry, this com-

petition gives us a chance to invest in the real assets—our technicians," said Gerry Mead, Senior Vice President of Maintenance for U.S. Xpress. "They are essential to what elevates us from being good to being great."

MAX Tech was created in 2016 to prepare tractor and trailer technicians for the Technology & Maintenance Council's National Technician Skills Competition (TMC SuperTech). This year, five tractor and two trailer technicians will advance to TMC SuperTech in Orlando this fall:

- First Place Tractor - James Teglas, Springfield, Ohio
- Second Place Tractor - James Bowers, New Caney, Texas
- Third Place Tractor - Junior Rooker, Olive Branch, Miss.
- Fourth Place Tractor - Gary Wilson, Jacksonville, Fla.
- Fifth Place Tractor - John Welsh, Duncan, S.C.
- First Place Trailer - Nick Alspaugh, Shippensburg, Pa.
- Second Place Trailer - Teddy Humphries, Cleveland.



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THE CLEVELAND/BRADLEY Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting for member BancorpSouth at its Mortgage Loan Office, 1520 Clingan Ridge Drive N.W., Cleveland. The office currently has two mortgage loan officers, Sharon Howard and Marta Carson, and one mortgage loan processor, Chynna Ward. "At BancorpSouth, commitment to the community is a large part of who we are," said a representative.

Boatwright joins Legacy Senior Living admin

Special to the Banner

Melissa Boatwright has joined Legacy Senior Living, a Cleveland-based management company of assisted living and memory care facilities, as the director of Clinical Support.

Boatwright began her Legacy Senior Living career in 2015 as the director of Resident Care of Legacy Village at Park Regency in Moultrie, Ga., where she ensured the highest quality of care and well-being for residents and employees of that assisted living and memory care facility.

In July, 2016, Boatwright was promoted to the Executive Director of Legacy Village at Park Regency. She also initiated quality assurance calls for each of the Legacy Senior Living facilities.

Boatwright is a licensed RN in the states of Georgia and Alabama. She earned her associ-



Melissa Boatwright

ate of science degree in nursing in 2010 as well as her associate's in applied science in microcomputers in 2006.

"Melissa's long-time experience in nursing, coupled with her administrative skills as an execu-

tive director, makes her well-qualified for this new position. She will be visiting each Legacy Senior Living facility to better train and support the resident care directors and frontline caregivers," Bryan Cook, COO of Legacy Senior Living, said.

Legacy Senior Living operates a family of senior living communities throughout the Southeast specializing in independent living, assisted living or Alzheimer's care services. Headquartered in Cleveland, the company is committed to serving the 'Greatest Generation of Americans' with honor, respect, faith and integrity.

The company was founded in 2002 by Barry Ray and Bryan Cook, senior living industry veterans. More information is available at legacysl.net or by calling (423) 478-8071.

Paying cash should always be first option

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are looking at buying a new home. We've been really blessed with our finances, and we're at a point where we can pay cash for a new house and still have plenty of money in the bank. Should we do this, or is it a better idea to get a mortgage for the tax deduction?
— Brian

Dear Brian,

I think the real question is this: Why wouldn't you pay cash if you have the ability to do so? I would never advise someone to get, or keep, a mortgage just for the tax deduction, because these tax deductions



DAVE SAYS

Dave Ramsey

are never 100 percent.

Let's pretend you had a \$200,000 mortgage at five percent interest. That would be \$10,000 a year in interest. If you take a \$10,000 tax deduction and you're in a 25 percent tax bracket, that would save you 25 percent of \$10,000 on

your tax bill — or \$2,500. So, you would never send \$10,000 to your mortgage company just to avoid sending \$2,500 to the IRS. You don't keep a mortgage just for the tax deduction. That's trading a dollar for a quarter, and you don't want to do that. Everybody thinks losing the tax deduction is an awful thing, but you could give \$10,000 extra to your church — something you don't have to be in debt to do — and get the same tax write-off.

There are numerous positive aspects to staying out of debt. One big thing it does is change your risk level. It gives you a level of peace and security you'll

never have when debt is hanging over your head. All that money that was going out the door to the bank can be used to build wealth and give like never before!
— Dave

(Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including *The Total Money Makeover*. The *Dave Ramsey Show* is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @DaveRamsey.)

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GOAL ACADEMY GRADUATION



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PLATINUM AND GOLD Honors graduates stand proud as the GOAL Academy Class of 2017.



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PRINCIPAL PAGE took a moment to recognize one GOAL student who died before reaching this celebration night, Donato Logan Velazquez. Logan was a Platinum Honors student, which is the highest honor for a GOAL graduate.



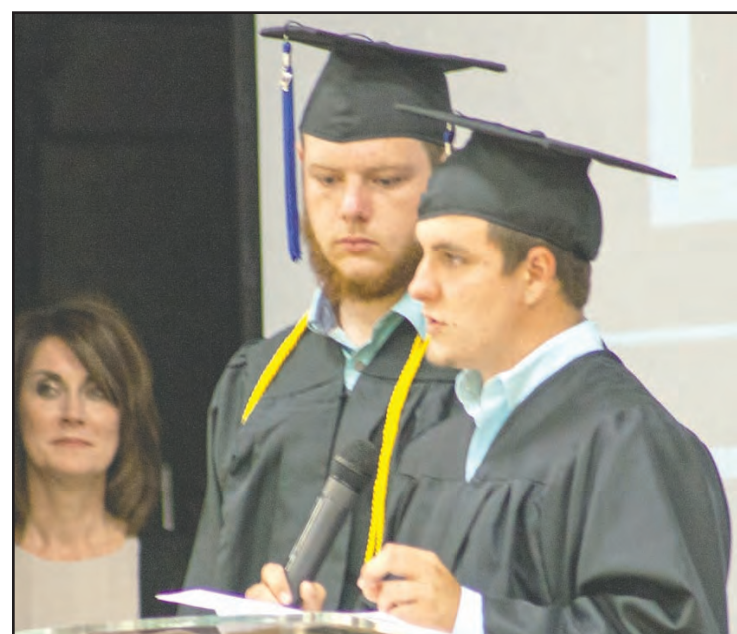
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PRINCIPAL KYLE PAGE begins the ceremony with some words about his initial enthusiasm on his first day with this class and the sense of pride that he has now in what this group of GOAL Academy students have accomplished. The GOAL Academy Commencement was held at the Ocoee Middle School "gymnasium" on Saturday.



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GABRESHIA RITTENBERRY, front, and Jacob Payne, give their statements of appreciation at the 2017 GOAL Academy Commencement.



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JOSHUA MCNABB, front, and Cory Harbin, give their statements of Appreciation at the 2017 GOAL Academy Commencement Saturday evening.

Appeals court strikes down FAA drone registration rule

WASHINGTON (AP) — An appeals court on Friday struck down a Federal Aviation Administration rule that required owners of drones used for recreation to register their craft.

The ruling was a victory for hobbyists and a setback for the FAA, which cited safety concerns as it tried to tighten regulation of the fast-growing army of drone operators.

Some pilots of commercial airliners have reported close calls with drones flying near airports.

About 760,000 hobbyists have registered more than 1.6 million drones since 2015, and sales have skyrocketed. The FAA estimates that hobbyists will buy 2.3 million drones this year and 13 million by the end of 2020. Commercial operators from photographers to oil pipeline and cellphone tower owners were forecast to buy another 10 million through 2020.

The FAA decided in 2015 to require hobbyists to register their drones, or model aircraft. Violators could be sentenced to prison.

The registration requirement was challenged by John A. Taylor, a drone hobbyist in the Washington, D.C., area.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit agreed with Taylor, saying that a

law passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama in 2012 barred the FAA from imposing new regulations on model aircraft.

The three-judge panel said that safety was obviously important and making hobbyists register "may well help further that goal to some degree," but it was up to Congress to repeal the ban on FAA rules for model aircraft.

A spokesman for the FAA said

the agency was reviewing the decision.

The ruling demonstrated the schism in the drone world. The Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, whose members include big commercial drone operators and manufacturers, expressed disappointment with the court's ruling. The group's president, Brian Wynne, said registration "helps create a culture of safety that deters careless and reckless

behavior." He vowed to seek a legislative fix in Congress.

A lawyer for China's DJI, the world's biggest drone maker, said registration was reasonable and fostered "accountability and education to drone pilots." Brendan Schulman said he expected more discussion between industry and governments over the program.

Some model aircraft enthusiasts had complained that the registration requirement was too

burdensome.

"On balance this is probably a good thing," said Vic Moss, a commercial photographer and drone operator in Colorado. "The FAA definitely overstepped their boundaries with the registration, and the fact that they called it an emergency action didn't help them look good."

Moss was worried, however, that the issue was so contentious that the FAA might successfully lobby Congress for

clear authority to regulate hobbyists.

Registration cost \$5 and had to be renewed every three years. It required owners to mark aircraft with an identification number and imposed civil and criminal penalties on those who did not comply.

Taylor also challenged FAA restrictions on where drones can operate in the Washington area. The court said that appeal was filed too late.

Report: China cripples CIA operations, kills informants

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Chinese government "systematically dismantled" CIA spying operations in China starting in late 2010 and killed or imprisoned at least a dozen CIA sources over the next two years, The New York Times reported Saturday.

The newspaper cited 10 current and former U.S. officials, who described the intelligence breach as one of the worst in decades. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

The report said U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies scrambled to stem the damage, but were bitterly divided over the cause of the breach. Some investigators were convinced there was a mole within the CIA, while others believed the Chinese had hacked the covert system the CIA used to communicate with its foreign sources. The debate remains unresolved, the paper said.




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IAN HENRY is shown outdoors prior to receiving the rank of Eagle Scout on April 21.

Ian Henry earns Eagle Scout rank

Ian Henry, of Boy Scout Troop 75, received the rank of Eagle Scout in a Court of Honor Ceremony held at the Cleveland Country Club on April 21.

Tenth District Attorney General Stephen Crump was the guest speaker and Scout Master Marty Frix served as master of ceremony.

Crump talked about the direction the youth of today are going and how Boy Scouts helps to lead young men in the right direction. He also mentioned the many Eagle Scouts, such as Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who have gone on to achieve success. He stated it was an honor to participate in the celebration of such an award.

As part of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout, Ian earned many merit badges throughout the years. For his Eagle project, Ian, with the help of family, friends and fellow scouts, built and installed

barn owl boxes and chickadee boxes at Fletcher Park.

Ian is the son of Russ and Jackie Key Henry. He is a freshman at Walker Valley High School, where he is a member of the band, Beta Club, and Circle of Champions. He is a member of First Baptist Church of Cleveland.

Ian grew up in Cleveland and was a member of Cub Scout Pack 3044. He joined Boy Scout Troop 75 in 2011.

As a scout, he has biked the Virginia Creeper Trail and attended summer camp at Skymont Scout Reservation



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IAN HENRY, right, is congratulated on attaining the rank of Eagle Scout by 10th District Attorney General Steve Crump during a recent Court of Honor ceremony.

and Bert Adams. He is preparing to go to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico this summer.

He is a member of the Talidandaganu' 293 Order of the Arrow, where he serves as

the Ocoee Region chapter chief. With the OA, he has attended Summit Betchel Reserve for PRISM, NEXT at the University of Indiana, National Leadership Seminar, and Conclaves.

Fresh fruits and vegetables are favorites of Lyles

By WILLIAM WRIGHT
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If you prefer fresh produce over fruits and vegetables, you may have more in common with Bobby Lyle than you might think.

Lyle, 79, has been providing fresh produce to local residents for nearly a decade in Cleveland.

Lyle, a Cleveland native who went to East Cleveland Elementary School, said he believes eating fresher produce means living a healthier, more nutritious lifestyle. There is no question that as soon as fruits and vegetables are picked, vitamins such as C, E, A, and some B vitamins begin to deteriorate and decrease. Even if it was picked two weeks ago, it still provides a lot of nutrients, but it just won't be as rich as

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FRESH IS BEST for Bobby and Fay Lyle, a Cleveland couple married 57 and going strong, thanks in part to eating farm fresh fruits and vegetables, which they also sale to the public.



THE TIMPANI will bring some percussion focus on the lively selection of music planned Monday at the Cleveland Pops Band concert.

POPS ON THE GREENWAY

Cleveland Pops Band to play Monday at Greenway Festival

The Cleveland Pops Band (The Greater Cleveland Concert Band), under the direction of acclaimed conductor and director Sarah Pearson, will perform their final two concerts of the season on the Greenway.

The location is easily accessible with ample parking, and is across the road from Cleveland High School at the city's recently constructed facility.

All of the concerts are free. The last event will honor local law enforcement agencies and all service veterans.

"The lively musical selections provided and your attendance are one way we can express our thanks to all of these special people," a band spokesman said.

For the Monday concert, the band will include Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson, playing his electric bass guitar for one of the renditions.

The concert will be Monday, 7 p.m., with Pops tunes as part of the third annual Greenway Festival. They will be presenting season highlights.

At 7 p.m. on May 29, a Patriotic Concert on the Greenway will celebrate Memorial Day with lively tunes in support of the holiday and honoring all law enforcement and veterans for their service.

The Cleveland Pops band is comprised of 50-plus musicians from the greater Cleveland area who volunteer their time, energy,

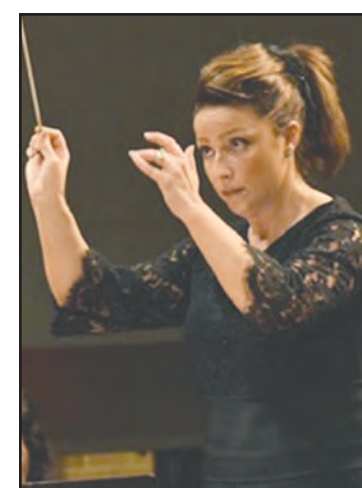


and musical expertise to provide entertainment and music to the greater Cleveland Community.

The band is funded from public contributions. Your attendance is greatly appreciated and important for the promotion and continuation of concerts in the Cleveland area.

For these Greenway concerts please bring your lawn chairs or blankets, and enjoy the music.

If you have any questions about the band's performance schedule, please call communications director Paul Loseby at 423-614-1737.



MEMBERS OF THE Woodwind section of the Cleveland Pops Band are preparing for a Monday concert at the Greenway stage.

SARAH PEARSON will be conducting the Pops Concert Monday evening at Greenway Park.



Family Works

Rob Coombs
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Balance

As I was gathering my thoughts for this column, a friend came limping by. Yesterday, she was walking through her yard and injured her ankle in a small, hidden pothole. Family was near and actually heard the ankle give way. Shock waves of pain raced up her leg and then the throbbing began. Now she's on her way to get an X-ray in order to find out what damage she might have done.

It's amazing how quickly our bodies can be thrown out of balance. A twisted ankle and the struggle to cross a room, or simply stand upright, become challenges. Equally amazing is how quickly our lives can be thrown out of balance. There are many potholes where we can easily step, that twist our lives in directions that leave us throbbing with pain, wondering how we might, if ever, regain our balance.

As important as balance is to walking, balance is important to living. The Quakers understand this and have come up with 10 essentials for maintaining balance in life. Every day, they challenge each of us to take time to:

1. Work: It is the price of success. Lack of productivity fuels depression. Find what and where you can contribute, and seek to make a worthy contribution.

2. Play: It is the secret of perpetual youth. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy. If you have a busy work life, schedule playtime every day. You will feel younger and contribute longer.

3. Think: It is the source of power. Think beyond the mundane thoughts of every day, the grocery list, what's for dinner, what you will wear. Take time to think about life and how well you are living.

4. Read: It is the fountain of wisdom. Turn off the TV and discover the wealth of information available to all of us that makes life an immeasurably richer experience.

5. Pray: It is conversation with God. Prayer takes us beyond ourselves and gives a wider perspective to life. With that perspective, a better direction often emerges.

6. Laugh: It is the music of the soul. Humor is key to success. Laughter may not change the conditions of your life, but it certainly will change the quality of your life.

7. Listen: It is the pathway to understanding. Have you ever wondered why you have two ears and one mouth? Perhaps we are meant to listen twice as much as we speak.

8. Dream: It is hitching your wagon to a star. Show me a person who has no dreams and I will show you a person who has little reason to live. Dreams, goals and aspirations keep us alive.

9. Worship: It is the highway of reverence. True worship leads to reverence as we become increasingly aware of the specialness of the precious gift of life.

10. Love and Be Loved: It is the gift of God. A life without love isn't worth living. Love yourself and seek opportunities to express love to others.

Rob Coombs is a professor with a doctor of ministry degree and a doctor of philosophy with an emphasis in Family Systems.

Take your medicine

Whether it is a visit to out-of-town family and friends or a grand tour, more seniors than ever before feel up to taking a trip, but they should take precautions, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

Top of the list, says AMAC, is to make sure you bring along enough of the medications you take and then some. In fact, make a list of your prescriptions just in case there is an unexpected travel delay and need refills.

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Jake Wagner earns full scholarship to UAH

Jacob "Jake" Wagner recently received a full scholarship to the University of Alabama, Huntsville.

The Charger Distinction scholarship is awarded students with a high school GPA of at least 3.5 and a composite ACT of 30.

Wagner plans to study physics at UAH. He hopes to have travel opportunities to do research at other organizations around the country.

Wagner said his goal is to receive his doctorate from a "prestigious university."

He said as a "scientist he wants to do research in particle physics, theoretical quantum mechanics and relativity. I hope to apply my research to the development of spacecraft propulsion techniques, including methods such as electromagnetic propulsion, matter-antimatter propulsion and relativistic space travel."

Among his other career goals is to work on spacecraft to send the first humans to Mars and eventually to work on the first crafts aimed toward the stars.

He hopes to work either for NASA or a private company developing programs geared toward space.

He selected UAH because of its proximity to the Marshall Space Center in Huntsville.

Wagner said he has always been interested in the natural sciences, particularly physics, because of space science.

"I have always been the one to ask why things are the way they are," he said.

As a youngster, he sharpened his interest in space at Space Camp.

Wagner was in the graduating class of 2017 at Cleveland High School. He graduated as a Distinguished Student.

He attended school at E.L. Ross, Charleston and during middle school McCallie.

At CHS, Wagner was a member of the band, where he played the trombone. He played trumpet and baritone sax for a time, he said. He played in both middle school and high school.

As a youngster, Wagner attended Space Camp.

He also was a swimmer and member of the local Waterdogs team.

Since the age of 6, Wagner has been involved in scouting. On March 5, he was the 114th boy to earn the Eagle Scout designation.



Wagner



JAKE WAGNER, center, recently signed with the University of Alabama, Huntsville, with a full Charger Distinction Scholarship. With him at the academic signing were his parents, Anne and Rex Wagner.

tion in Troop 10, which is chartered to Broad Street United Methodist Church.

Each Eagle Scout is required to complete 13 merit badges, plus an additional eight, and complete a service project to benefit the community. Wagner had completed 37 merit badges.

For his Eagle Scout project was the construction and installation of six wooden benches at

Fletcher Park and to cleanup and stabilization work in the picnic area.

He was a top three finalist for the Jeff Ligon Memorial Eagle Scout scholarship.

Wagner plans to continue in scouting as a Venture Scout.

Among his other accomplishments was nomination to attend a leadership summer program in Washington, D.C., offered by

Envision EMI.

He attended the University of Alabama's Introduction to Engineer camp last summer.

He is awaiting results from a waste reduction challenge in which he recently participated. He is expecting the results in July.

He is the son of Anne and Rex Wagner.

LIBRARY CORNER

'Build a Better World' with summer reading program

Today, the Sweet Sounds Jazz Combo will perform at 5 p.m., on the Jarnigan House front porch. Bring your lawn chairs to enjoy a great time.

Also at 1:30 p.m., the Tween Movie Matinee is showing the film, "Secret Life of Pets." All ages are welcome to view this showing at 1:30 p.m., about these lovable animals.

Registration for the Summer Reading Program has begun. All sign-ups are online. The theme this year, "Build A Better World."

Monday at 4:30 p.m., the teens gather for gaming in the Teen Zone. They have board and card games as well as Wii and Xbox gaming. Feel free to bring a multi-player E-Rated game to share. For more information, email teenzone@clevelandlibrary.org.

Join the Cleveland Couponing Club every Monday at 6:30 p.m., in the Carmichael Room. This group is dedicated to helping you save money through couponing.

Indulge your creative side in Origami Adventures Monday at 4 p.m., and Coloring Corner Wednesday at noon. All skill levels are welcome but participants must be able to complete the projects on their own. These programs are held in the Serving Grace Cafe and supplies are provided for you by the cafe and library. They will happen every week this month.

Movie nights for adults 18 years and up is back this week. Join in every month to watch a film related to STEM. Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m., "Limitless" rated PG-13 will be showing.

Free popcorn.

Thursday at 4:30 p.m., the tween and teen writing clubs will meet to write their own works of art. Scribblers for tweens meets in the Children's Room and is for ages 9-12 and the teen Scribblers meets in the Teen Zone. Both of these groups work through creative writing prompts and participants are encouraged to share their writing projects.

The Crossover Book Club is meeting Friday at 7 p.m., to discuss the Young Adult hit "Firstlife" by Gena Showalter. Join them for heavy hors d'oeuvres and book games for a night of hands-on learning fun.

Story times are happening all the time at the library. Little ones, 0 through 3, have Wiggle Worms on Mondays at 3 p.m. and Baby Bookworms on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and at 1 p.m.

Bring your younguns to enjoy the music and interactive play offered by these events. Pre-school aged children can attend on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Families of all ages can enjoy stories on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Family Story Time. All of these groups will have stories read to them and partake in an activity or craft.

Don't forget that the library offers free Zumba classes every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning at 8 a.m.

The library will be closed on May 29 for Memorial Day.

For more information on the library, its resources and programs, visit www.clevelandlibrary.org.



BOBBY AND FAY LYLE say tomatoes are the best seller, but all of the vegetables are in demand.

Lyles

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when first picked.

Other factors such as the exposure to air, artificial lights and temperature changes can also contribute to the decrease in nutritional value. So, the longer food sits, the more it decreases in nutritional value.

Lyle, who runs Bobby's Produce in an open space on Stuart Road, said he gets his produce to the public as quick as possible, and it is not exposed to artificial lights or as many changes in temperature as most grocery stores. While very few pesticides are used, he is not aware of any hormones, antibiotics or genetic modifications done on the fruit and vegetables he sells.

"Besides, it's convenient for the people and its less expensive, because our overhead is less," he said, adding the fewer

steps there are between you and your food reduces the likelihood for contamination, which could of course negatively affect your health.

According to Lyle, tomatoes are his biggest sellers. They are also his personal favorite.

Many economists say buying directly from farmers gives them a better return for their produce, and gives them a fighting chance in today's globalized economy. But these are not the reasons why Lyle enjoys selling produce directly to the public.

"The big thing for me is meeting the people," he admits. "I like socializing."

"This has been a good business for us," said his wife, Faye. "We have lots of good customers and a lot of repeat customers. We appreciate it. I

really enjoy meeting the people."

Lyle said he worked for Fay Swafford who recently passed away, making handbags for Fay Swafford Originals.

"I worked there for 14 years, then I worked at American Uniform for 14 years," he said. After he retired, Lyle, who has been married 57 years admits, "I couldn't do it without my wife. She keeps me straight."

They have one daughter, two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

They also have a vested interest in their community. So, whenever you take a bite of local fruit or vegetables, ask yourself, is it really fresh? And remember, you are not just tasting fresh fruit, you're savoring the taste of small-town life.

BANNER BABIES

Andrew and Rachel Bennett of Chattanooga, along with Paul and David, announce the birth of Luke Daniel, their 20-inch, 7-pound, 12-ounce son, on May 17, 2017, at Tennova Healthcare. Grandparents are Ed Callais and Denise Rogers Callais of Cleveland, and Marilyn and Lance Bennett, also of Cleveland.

BANNER POLICY: Birth announcements cannot be accepted by email or fax due to legal considerations. Submitted information must be on an official form and accompanied by photo ID.

There is a \$10 charge to include additional information such as deceased grandparents or family members other than siblings and grandparents. (Announcements including a photo must go through paid advertising.) Call the Banner for more information at 472-5041.



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BRADLEY COUNTY Family and Community Education Club members delivered "Books for Newborns" to new mothers at Tennova Health Care. From left are Kaye Smith with Cindy Placek, Tennova clinical coordinator, Jean Cross and Linda Humphreys. Smith, Cross and Humphreys are members of the Bradley County FCE Clubs. The Bradley County FCE members have been coming together for more than 25 years to sew cloth "Books for Newborns" to be distributed to new mothers during Mother's Day weekend at Tennova. This program is part of an effort to improve literacy for children. Contact Justin Thomas at the local UT Extension office at 728-7001 for more information about FCE programs and activities.

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THE BETA SIGMA PHI 85th Founders Day event was held recently at the Tea Cottage in Chattanooga. From left are Laureate Zeta members Brenda Hjellum, Jeannette Cochran, Wilma Jean Pippenger and LaRonda Cochran.

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WILMA JEAN PIPPENGER, left, was recognized at the Founders Day event for having 42 years of perfect attendance.

BRENDA HJELLUM, far left, received the Golden Circle for membership of 50 years.

Beta Sigma Phi celebrates 85th Founders Day

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority International Cleveland Chapters held its 85th Founders Day event at the Tea Cottage in Chattanooga.

Joan Day welcomed the members. Johnell Knoop gave the Beta Sigma Phi Grace and Laney Wooten gave the Founders Day Pledge and did

the toast.

Connie Spencer announced the 2017-18 theme and read the message from International. Margie White recognized each

chapter's Woman of the Year which included Brenda Hjellum from Epsilon Delta Master, Sherry Torp from Laureate Mu, and Sue Ogle from Laureate

Zeta. She also introduced the Valentine Queens, which included Wilma Jean Pippenger, Sherry Torp and Kay Martin.

Chapter attendance honors went to Epsilon Delta Master, first-place, Laureate Mu, second-place and Laureate Zeta, third-place.

Several ladies were honored for their number of years of being Beta Sigma Phi members. Those receiving the ritual for the Silver Circle for 25 years membership were LaRonda Cochran,

Billie Ammons and Margie White.

Wilma Jean Pippenger and Jeannette Cochran, 53 years members, assisted by LaRonda Cochran, did the ritual for the Golden Circle for Brenda Hjellum, a 50-year member.

Wilma Jean Pippenger was recognized for having 42 years of perfect attendance.

The highlight of the evening was announcing the Cleveland Woman of the Year, Sue Ogle, of Laureate Zeta Chapter.



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OEOEE CHAPTER DAR guest speaker Ken Rush, director of the Ducktown Basin Museum, poses with vice regent Leigh Ann Boyd.



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HOSTESSES for the May Ocoee Chapter DAR meeting were, from left, Nancy Guinn, Jane Rumbaugh and Joanne Swafford.

Ocoee Chapter DAR receives 22 awards at conference

The Ocoee Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution held its May meeting recently at the Elks Lodge.

Regent Laura Boyd presided and led the ritual. Maureen Jagers led the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," and Chaplain Jane Rumbaugh gave the blessing.

Boyd introduced guest Lyn Burns and announced the names of those members having birthdays in May.

Boyd announced 22 awards were won by the chapter recently at the 112th DAR State Conference in Franklin.

She also announced there will be a meeting at the Nancy Ward grave site near Benton on May 20 at 10 a.m. to discuss plants and the bulldozing issues. The dedication of the Nancy Ward marker will be held June 17 at 11 a.m., with a potluck sandwich lunch to follow.

The Cherokee District Registrar's meeting will be held May 27 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Carmichael Room at the Cleveland/Bradley Public Library.

Helen Riden presented the Chapter's Bronze Medal award to the JROTC winner on May 5 at the Cleveland Country Club.

Chapter members Janice Dugan and Joanne Swafford will be participating in the National New Members Course.

Annual reports were presented by Laura Boyd, Leigh Ann Boyd, Carolyn Hendrix, Janice Dugan, Helen Riden, Nancy Guinn, Gussie Ridgeway, Jane Rumbaugh, Katy Tippens and Mildred Maupin.

Maggie Evans will attend a Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Sons of the American Revolution grave marking ceremony and will bring the Ocoee Chapter DAR wreath for inclusion.

National Defense Chair Sarah Dorset spoke about Revolutionary War Patriot and heroine Nancy Hart, who lived from 1735 to 1830. Noted for her exploits against loyalists in Northeast Georgia, Hart was characterized as a tough, resourceful frontier woman who repeatedly outsmarted Tory soldiers, and even reportedly killed a few of them.

Hart was 6 feet tall, had red hair, was the mother of eight children, and was a skilled hunter. In 1912, railroad workers found sev-

eral skeletons buried around her cabin in Hart County, Ga. They were assumed to be the skeletons of Tories Hart had killed.

Vice Regent Leigh Ann Boyd introduced guest speaker Ken Rush, who has been the director of the Ducktown Basin Museum since 1989.

Rush holds a bachelor of science degree in history with an emphasis in historic preservation from Middle Tennessee State University. He spoke about the history of the Copper Basin, and presented a slide show of pictures taken before and after the reforestation of the area.

The discovery of copper by a gold miner in the 1800s and the mining operations that moved into the area resulted in the Ducktown Basin being called the "Copper Basin."

The landscape of the Copper Basin bears the scars of 150 years of mining, but also preserves the history of a way of life. Most of the 2,500 employees of the mining company did not work underground, but on the surface, processing the ore that came out of the mine.

While most people think the area became deforested by the by-products of the copper smelting process, Rush explained every tree standing within a 50-square mile area was cut for fuel between the years 1850 and 1878.

In the 19th century, there was no railroad into the Copper Basin, there was no road at the beginning of the mining operations, and the road that later opened was basically just a wagon trail through the Ocoee River gorge. Thus, the only fuel available for smelting the ore was the timber in the area.

Rush explained the mining "hard rock mining." Until 1904, rocks containing the copper were blasted loose and brought to the surface to roasting ovens for smelting the ore.

The ore was 25 percent sulfur, and the smelting process produced sulfur dioxide gas, causing the acid rain that killed all the vegetation and led to the erosion of about 5 feet of the topsoil, exposing the red clay underneath. Capturing the sulfur dioxide to produce sulfuric acid proved profitable. Beginning in 1929, the mining companies worked in cooperation with state and federal agencies to bring vegetation back

to the area. TVA, the U.S. Forest Service, the Soil Conservation Service, and the Tennessee Division of Forestry were major partners in helping bring the 32,000 acres of trees back to the area.

The Burra Burra mine, named after a famous mine in Australia, is now the only historic copper mine in the Southern U.S. open to visitors. Underground operations ceased in 1958, with above-ground activities continuing until 1975.

DAR Schools Committee Chair Mildred Maupin collected donations for the DAR schools and will continue to accept donations at the June chapter meeting.

Members voted to elect Helen Riden as recording secretary and Sarah Dorset as historian to finish the terms of the two office vacancies. The installation of these officers will take place at the June chapter meeting.

During the business session of the meeting, Riden read the minutes of the April meeting, which were approved. Carolyn Hendrix gave the treasurer's report, and Janice Dugan gave the registrar's report.

Boyd read President General Ann T. Dillon's message to the Daughters which includes the following:

"The travel schedule of the President General has been the subject of much discussion. Several years ago a task force established a plan to section the states by three regions with the President General traveling to one of the areas each year of her administration. Meeting Daughters and learning about the accomplishments of the many states is one of the most rewarding aspects of the President General's commitments.

"Many of the planned President General's Project tasks have started. The fountain in the Memorial Garden needed to be renovated, and that project is now underway. Planning for the Museum Gallery took a while longer, but work has now begun on this space. And, during Congress, be sure to stop in the Connecticut Board Room and see the beautiful work done there.

"I look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C., for the annual gathering of our members, June 28 to July 2, 2017. As usual, there are many activities through-

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THE TOP THREE overall point earners in the Accelerated Reader program at Park View Elementary School for the 2016-17 year were recently recognized. From left are third-grader Logan Kanipes, second place; fifth-grader Shaily Mistry, first place; and fourth-grader Gage Hedrick, third place. Students at Park View had a great time reading and earning AR points this year for rewards like field trips, snowcones, AR store credit and a student teacher basketball game.



THE CAMBRIDGE GRADUATE DINNER was held recently on the campus of Lee University. This event honored the students who graduated through the Cambridge program at Bradley Central High School on Saturday. The honor, which a student works toward throughout high school, is difficult to earn. Administration and faculty say they are pleased to recognize hard work and outstanding achievement. In the front row, from left, are Maggie Bentley, Sarah Taylor, Meghan Wilson, Jordan Darnell, Caroline Gregory, Rachel Fields, Cynthia West, Mercedes Forgey, Amanda McKinney, Sarah Milliron, Jada Frerichs and Danny Coggin, supervisor of secondary education for Bradley County Schools. In the back row are Cade Baker, Donovan Deeter, Jonathan Rude, Andrew Campbell, Seth Cooper and Jerry Reidenbach. Other student honorees, not pictured, were Emma Kate Brown, Kaorie Bondoc and Elizabeth Montgomery.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Area students make Dean's List at Belmont University

NASHVILLE — Five area students achieved the Dean's List at Belmont University for the Spring 2017 semester.

Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality GPA of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

The following students achieved the honor:

- Colby Brandt of Cleveland;
- Heather Carpenter of Cleveland;
- Kelby DeJarnett of Cleveland;
- Rebecca Meigs of Georgetown; and
- William Shirer of Benton.

Approximately 30 percent of Belmont's 7,700 students qualified for the spring 2017 Dean's List.

Belmont Provost Dr. Thomas Burns said, "This achievement for the spring semester indicates that these students have placed a high priority on their work at Belmont and have invested time and energy in their studies. It is our strong belief that consistent application in this manner will reap great benefits, which will equip them for a lifetime of learning and growing."

Belmont consists of more than 7,700 students from every state and more than 25 countries. It currently offers more than 90 areas of undergraduate study, 19 master's programs and five doctoral degrees.

Local students graduate from Southern Adventist University

COLLEGEDALE — Four local students graduated from Southern Adventist University during its commencement May 7.

The following are now alumni of the university:

- Lindsay Inger (Ortega) Bright, who received a Master of Science in Nursing, launching her career as a family nurse practitioner;
- Warren Burke, who received

a Master of Science in Nursing and is launching his career as an acute care nurse practitioner;

- Susanna Neely, who received a Master of Nursing and is launching her career as a family nurse practitioner;
- Elizabeth Lee Pope, who received a Doctor of Nursing Practice and was a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

Founded in 1892, Southern enrolls nearly 3,000 students pursuing degrees ranging from associate to doctoral.

Bryson named to Dean's List at Berry College

ROME, Ga. — Megan Bryson of Cleveland was named to the Spring 2017 Dean's List at Berry College.

The Dean's List honors students who posted an academic average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale while carrying a class load of at least 12 hours during the semester.

Berry is located on more than 27,000 acres near Rome, Ga., and it currently enrolls more than 2,200 undergraduate and graduate students.

Ware among recent graduates of Tusculum College

GREENEVILLE — Jason I. Ware of Cleveland was among the 292 students who recently achieved an educational goal by earning a degree at Tusculum College.

The accomplishments of these graduates were celebrated during the spring commencement ceremonies on May 6 at Tusculum College.

Ware earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology, pre-pharmacy concentration.

Tusculum College, the first college in Tennessee and the 28th oldest in the nation, has approximately 1,800 students enrolled on the main campus in Greeneville and two off-site locations in East Tennessee.

BLACK FOX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

recognized three outstanding students at the annual Fifth Grade Banquet, and each was awarded a plaque and \$100. The Herbert Lackey Reading Award was presented to Stella Davis. Shelby Stone

was selected for the Citizenship Award presented by Bradley County Board of Education member Amanda Lee. The Black Fox Top Scholar recipient was JimBo Canida. From left are Davis, Stone and Canida. Joining them are Lee and Black Fox Principal Kim Fisher.



TWO STUDENTS from Walker Valley High School won prestigious awards during this year's Tennessee SkillsUSA competition. Brianna Bevan, left, won first place for Technical Drafting/Design in the state competition, and Casey Petersen won second place Architecture drafting.



IZZY WILSON AND MASON SEAVEY, both Engineering Design III students at Walker Valley High School, show off the certificates they received for becoming Certified Solidworks Associates. These students are now proficient in Solidworks 3D modeling software and related computer-aided design concepts.



WALKER VALLEY High School Engineering Design III students recently celebrated earning the Certified Solidworks Associate certification with diploma distinction. From left are engineering instructor Jennifer Miles, Bridgette Jaskowski (perfect score), Emily Marr, John Snyder, Keaton Lloyd, Brandon Solsbee, Ethan Porter, Danny Nguyen and Principal Nat Akiona.

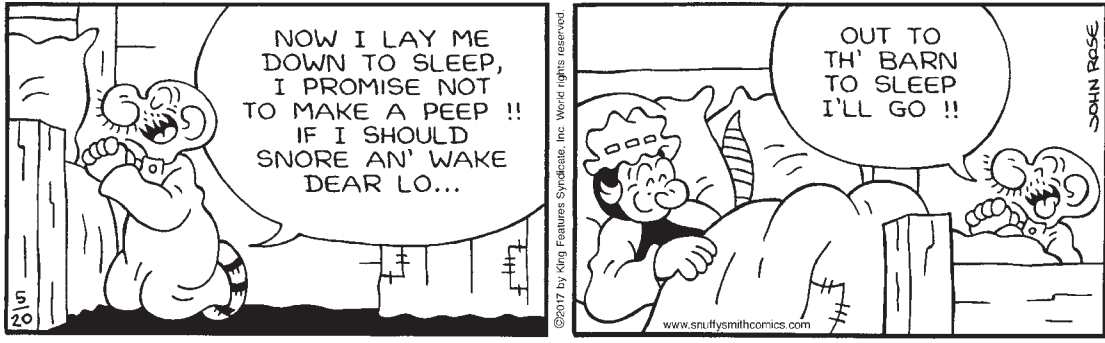


STUDENTS in the Engineering Design III course at Walker Valley High School recently earned the Certified Solidworks Associate certification with diploma distinction. From left are Ethan McCutcheon, Brianna Bevan, Johnathan Petersen, Courtney Kile, Izzy Wilson and Mason Seavey. Not pictured are students Kyra Nipper (perfect score), Lachlan Baker, Mitchell Shirley and Caleb Lamon.

Baby Blues



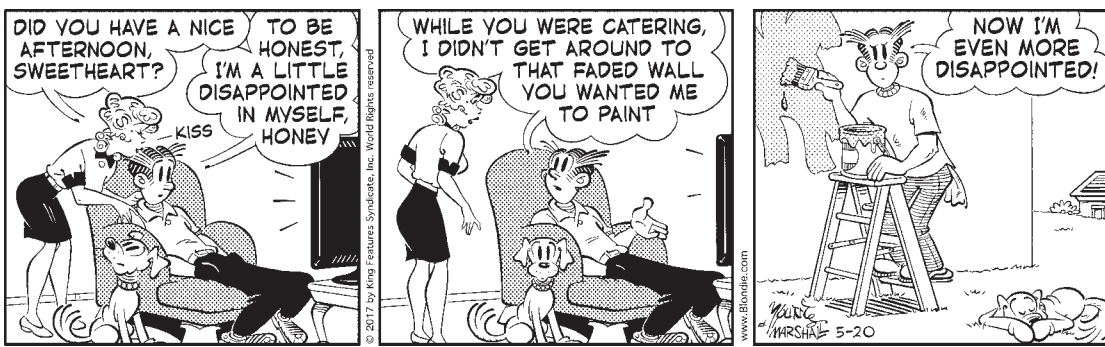
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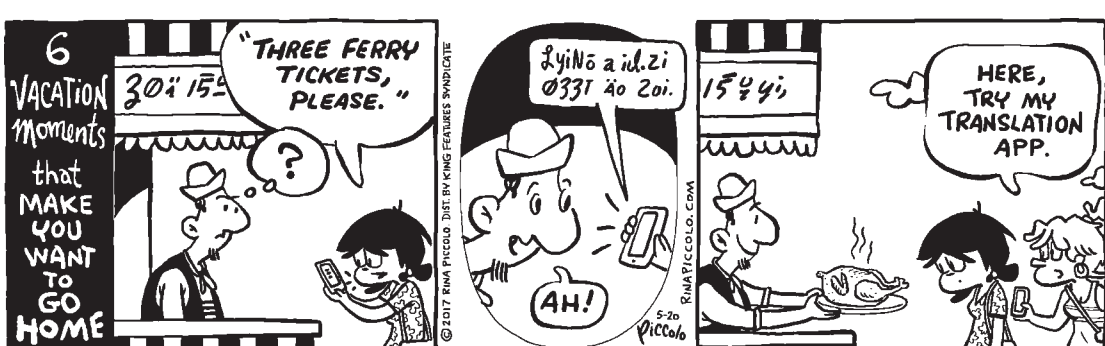
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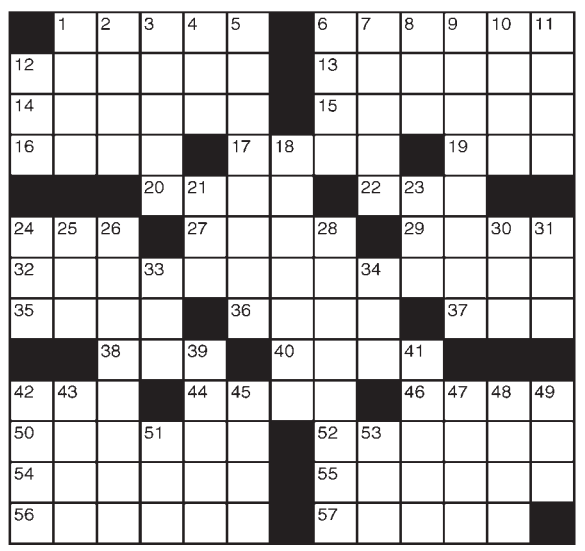
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ASTROLOGY

By Eugenia Last

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
 Fairuza Balk, 43; Lisa Edelstein, 51; Nick Cassavetes, 58; Judge Reinhold, 60.

Happy Birthday: Consider your options and the best way to convince others to see and do things your way. Anger is not an option that will lead to a happy ending. Compromise and incentives that allow everyone to feel good will help you accomplish the most. Set your goals high and try to make changes for the good of everyone. Your numbers are 5, 18, 23, 31, 37, 42, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your sights set on what you need to accomplish. Home improvements, getting together with friends or just planning something special with your loved ones will help you keep your emotions in check. Live in the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Consider your personal financial options. If you plan carefully, you can build a quality life with all the people and possessions that make you happy without feeling the pressure that overspending or living excessively can burden you with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Emotional reactions will lead to an unforeseen problem when dealing with others. Use your time and energy to prepare before you decide to share. The way you present your ideas will make a difference between getting support or rejection.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Someone will be intent on opposing you no matter what you do or say. Back up and give space to anyone who appears to be disgruntled. Put more time into doing things for and with people who share your sentiments and you'll achieve more.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You've got all the right moves, so don't let stubbornness stand

between you and your happiness. Embrace change and put all you've got into personal relationships. By offering to do your share, you'll gain respect. Love and romance are highlighted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Changes at home or within a relationship will cause confusion or mess up your plans. Use intelligence to work your way through any discrepancies you encounter and you'll find an alternative plan that will work better for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Look at the bright side of every situation, especially when dealing with relationships. Offer love and affection and a willingness to try something new that will make those you love happy. The rewards will be emotionally rewarding.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Face the music and be realistic about the things you want to pursue. You will receive help if you are receptive to scaling back so that your goal is doable. Instead of feeling defeated, look at your current position as a stepping stone to greater things.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Dig in and do what you like to do most. Making changes to the way you look or live will bring stellar results as well as compliments. Love and romance are featured and will improve your personal life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a step back and assess your situation. If someone is being erratic or pressuring you to make a choice, consider your alternatives. Use your intelligence to navigate your way through any situation that appears to be unstable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bring about change. You can make a difference that will mark the beginning of a new era in your community or to a cause you believe

in. Work from home or host a meeting that will help move your ideas forward faster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let things get to you. Anger will not solve any problem that arises in your personal life. Instead, look for ways to channel your emotional energy into something creative and meaningful to you. Avoid pushy or disagreeable people.

Birthdays: You are imaginative, unique and inspirational. You are appealing and energetic.

MONDAY, MAY 22, 2017
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
 Novak Djokovic, 30; Apollo Ohno, 35; Ginnifer Goodwin, 39; Naomi Campbell, 47.

Happy Birthday: Don't labor over what you cannot change or waste time trying to get others to see things your way. Instead, seize the moment and work toward the goals you set until you reach a point where no one can deny that you are headed in the best direction. Follow your heart and refuse to let anyone interfere with your dreams. Your numbers are 5, 13, 24, 29, 33, 38, 43.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can be surrounded by opportunity, but if you don't do anything about it, you aren't likely to succeed. Don't be idle when you should be making strides to advance. Self-promote, market and do everything you can to be irresistible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look for alternatives and take on responsibilities that will allow you to show your strength and value. You won't have to say much if you let your actions speak for you. An opportunity will come from an unforeseen source.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stick to the truth and question anyone who is prone to exaggeration. Getting the facts will help you avoid making a poor decision. Don't fear change, but do what you can to control the outcome. Let your emotions drive you to victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Go about your business. Interference or meddling will distract you and cause friction with someone you will need to get along with if you don't want to ruin your plans. Protect against insult or injury.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Seize the day. Bring about positive change and let your charm win over your peers. You've got everything going for you as long as you don't let jealousy or envy get in your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Ease into whatever you decide to do today. It's in your best interest to contemplate every angle of any move you want to make. Good results will come from knowing exactly what needs to be done to reach your goals.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Keep moving even if someone tries to distract you. Business trips or visiting someone you look to for information will be the pivotal point for a new adventure. Celebrate with someone you love to be around.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let uncertainty hold you back. Professional opportunities should not be overlooked. Negotiate on your own behalf and you will find a unique way to get what you want as well as some extras you didn't expect.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Press on and do what makes you happy. Network and interact with people who have something of interest to share. Gravitate toward fast-paced activities that require endurance, skill and competitive drive. Celebrate your victory with someone you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keeping a steady pace will help you avoid slipping into someone else's unsteady world. Walk away from anyone who is unpredictable. Stick close to home and work on projects that don't require you to share space or ideas with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Mix things up a bit. Get together with people you have worked with in the past and you'll be offered information that can lead to an interesting new position. Romance is in the stars and will improve your personal life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Be honest about what you want and the goals you plan to achieve. Unless you have a clear vision of the way you want to see things unfold, it will be difficult to put your plans into motion. Re-evaluate your options.

Birthdays: You are aggressive, outgoing and original. You are open-minded and curious.

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 5
 ♥ A 7 2
 ♦ A 10 8 7 3 2
 ♣ 4

WEST
 ♠ 10 8 7 6 4 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ 5
 ♣ Q 10 6 2

EAST
 ♠ J
 ♥ K J 10 8 4
 ♦ Q J 9
 ♣ K J 8 3

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 2
 ♥ Q 5 3
 ♦ K 6 4
 ♣ A 9 7 5

The bidding:
 South 1♣ West Pass North 3♦ East 1♥
 Pass Pass 3♦ Pass
 3NT

Opening lead — nine of hearts.
In most deals, declarer has a built-in advantage over the defenders because he sees his own hand and dummy's and so can more easily formulate a plan of attack based on the strength or weakness of the combined holdings. This natural edge held by declarer can be quickly lost, however, if he neglects to press his advantage properly.

Consider this deal where West led the nine of hearts following the auction shown. Declarer played low from dummy without giving the matter much thought, and East won with

the king. East then passed to take stock of the situation.

From his viewpoint, it seemed futile to continue hearts when South was known to hold the queen. Declarer would undoubtedly establish dummy's diamonds as soon as possible, after which he would almost surely have at least nine tricks.

East therefore decided that his side's only real hope lay in the club suit. So he switched to a low club at trick two, and declarer suddenly found himself in hot water. He ducked two clubs and won the third with the ace, but when he tested the diamonds and found them divided 3-1, he had to go down one. All told, he lost a heart, three clubs and a diamond.

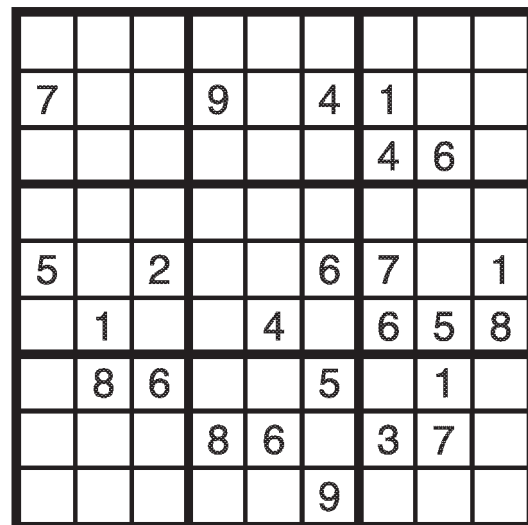
East's inspired defense notwithstanding, the outcome was entirely South's fault. He was asking for trouble when he ducked West's heart lead, and he got it.

Both the lead and the bidding placed the king of hearts in East's hand, so it was not necessary to protect the queen by playing low from dummy. More importantly, ducking the heart would give the defense a chance to shift to clubs.

For this reason, South should have gone up with dummy's ace at trick one and tackled diamonds immediately. This would have yielded 10 easy tricks. By ducking the first heart, declarer turned his natural advantage into a disadvantage.

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SUNDAY DAYTIME

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WRCB/NBC	3	Eyewitness News: Weekend	Sunday Today		Meet the Press (N) Ⓜ		English Premier League Soccer Arsenal FC vs Everton FC.		Premier League Goal Zone		Auto Racing Global RallyCross Series. (N) Ⓜ (Live) Ⓜ		NHL Hockey								
WELF/TBN	4	Casey Treat	Dr. Tony Ev	Live/Passion!	Touch Lives	Franklin	Turning Point	James	Winning Walk	Prince	Carpenter	Jesse	In Touch	PowerPoint	It Is Written	Pathway	Supernatural	Kelinda	John Hagee		
WTN	5	Around Town		Westmore Church of God		Book	Around Town		Around Town		Wesley UMC	Around Town	Gaither Gospel Hour		Country Music Today						
WFLJ/CW	6	Fabric/Family	Good News	In Touch W/Charles Stanley		King of the	Tummy Tuck	Larry King	Key of David		Red Bank Baptist Church		Murdoch Mysteries		Black College	Black College	African American Short	** "The Medallion" (2003)			
WNGH/PBS	7	Sesame St.	Daniel Tiger	Splash	Curious	Nature Cat	Ready Jet	Charlie Rose	Wash		The Changing Face of... The		The Queen's Castle		The Queen's Castle		The Queen's Castle		The Changing Face of... The		
DAYSTAR	8	Gospel Music	Creflo Dollar	Jack Graham	Jentezen	John Hagee		Marriage	Blessed Life		In Touch	Your Move	Winning Walk	Huch	Ron Phillips	Jewish Jesus	Kerry Shook	Don Wilton	Love Worth	Ralph West	
WTVABC	9	Good Morning America (N)		Good Morning	Weekend	This Week With George ...		Full Measure	Ankerberg		Baptist	Kids News	Landscaping	SeeClear	"Of Many" (2014) Premiere.		Regrow Hair	Worry Free	Top Blower	SeeClear	
WTCI/PBS	10	Arthur Ⓜ (E1)	Wild Kratts	Curious	Cat in the Hat	Thomas & Fr.	First Things	A-List	Charlie Rose		American	Antiques Roadshow		Chattanooga	Downton Abbey		Downton Abbey		Weekends	Antiques	
WTVCFox	11	Weird	Olivet Baptist	Perry Stone	Paid Program	J. Van Impe	Chapel	Fox News Sunday		LifeLock	Paid Program	Copper Chef	Darksports		Gospel Music Presents		African American Short		Tapping In: The Happiest		
WDFC/CBS	12	Paid Program	Abba's	In Search	It Is Written			Face the Nation (N) Ⓜ		LifeLock	United Meth.		LifeLock	Paid Program	RaceWeek		Amer. Athlete		PGA Golf		
QVC	13	(6:00) philosophy - beauty		Today's Top Tech						Today's Top Tech		In the Kitchen With David (N) Ⓜ								Today's Top Tech	
CSpan	14	Washington Journal (N) Ⓜ								NewsMakers	Washington This Week Ⓜ										
WGN-A	15	Search—Way	Your World	LifeLock	Key of David	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops
HSN	16	Slinky Brand Fashions (N)		Slinky Brand Fashions (N)		Minnetonka Moccasins (N)		Chef Curtis Stone (N) Ⓜ		Chef Curtis Stone (N) Ⓜ		Suze Orman Financial		Minnetonka Moccasins (N)		Chef Curtis Stone (N) Ⓜ		Mine Finds by Jay King		Mine Finds by Jay King	
E!	23	E! News Weekend		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		English Premier League Soccer: Saints vs Potters		What Happens at The Abbey		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians		The Kardashians	
ESQTV	24	The Getaway		The Getaway		The Getaway		English Premier League Soccer: Swans vs Baggies		Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight	Knife Fight
LIFE	25	In Touch W/Charles Stanley		Amazing	Jeremiah	Joel Osteen	Cindy's Skin	"A Neighbor's Deception" (2017) Ashley Bell. Ⓜ		"Open Marriage" (2017) Tilky Jones, Nikki Leigh. Ⓜ		My 600-Lb. Life Ⓜ		My 600-Lb. Life Ⓜ		My 600-Lb. Life Ⓜ		My 600-Lb. Life Ⓜ		My 600-Lb. Life Ⓜ	
TLC	26	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes	Say Yes
TBS	27	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ	Friends Ⓜ
TNT	28	Law & Order	(DVS)	Law & Order	"Amends"	Law & Order	"Thin Ice" Ⓜ	Law & Order	"Hubris" Ⓜ	** "Invincible" (2006, Biography) Mark Wahlberg. Ⓜ		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
USA	29	Amazing	Jeremiah	In Touch	Joel Osteen	Inside the FBI: New York		English Premier League Soccer: Hornets vs Citizens		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
FX	30	** "The Maze Runner" (2014)		Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario. Ⓜ		How I Met		How I Met		How I Met		** "Blackhat: Director's Cut" (2015, Suspense) Chris Hemsworth, Tang Wei. Ⓜ		** "Star Trek Into Darkness" (2013) Chris Pine. Ⓜ							
ESPN	31	SportsCenter		SportsCenter (N) Ⓜ		E:60 (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live) Ⓜ		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.	
ESPN2	32	World of X Games		E:60		SportsCenter (N) Ⓜ		E:60 (N)		SportsCenter Special		College Lacrosse: Tigers vs Orange		NCAA Update		College Lacrosse: Great Danes vs Terrapins					
FSTN	33	MLB Baseball	Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves.	Ship Shape	UEFA Mag.	UEFA	Spotlight	Focused	Destination	Postgame	UEFA Mag.	Braves Live!	MLB Baseball	Washington Nationals at Atlanta Braves. (N) (Live)							
SEC	34	Best/Paul Finebaum	SEC Now	SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now	
GOLF	35	(5:00) European PGA Tour Golf	The Rocco Forte Open, Final Round. (N)	Morning Drive (N) (Live)		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.		College Softball NCAA Tournament, Regional: Teams TBA.	
FS1	36	(6:55) 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup	Italy vs Uruguay. (N)	2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup	Argentina vs England. Ⓜ			Auto Race		NASCAR Racing		NHRA Drag Racing Menards		NHRA Heartland Nationals. (N)							
FSSE	37	Landscaping	Omega	BISSELL	FOX Sports	King of the	O'Neill Out	Accidents	Fashion	XTERRA Adv.	Gamecock In.	Pregame	MLS Soccer	Houston Dynamo at Atlanta United FC.		Postgame		WNBA Basketball		WNBA Basketball	
WEA	38	AMHQ Weekend (N) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ		Weekend Recharge (N) (Live) Ⓜ	
CNBC	39	Celeb Hair	Total Gym	Spiralize	Paid Program	King of the	BISSELL Pet	English Premier League Soccer: Red Devils vs Eagles		Paid Program	Paid Program	Regrow Hair	Paid Program	Total Gym	King of the	BISSELL	LifeLock				
MSNBC	40	Lockup: Raw	Business	PoliticsNation (N) Ⓜ		MSNBC Live (N) Ⓜ		English Premier League Soccer: Tigers vs Spurs		AM Joy (N) Ⓜ		State of the Union /Tapper		Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
CNN	41	New Day Sunday (N) Ⓜ		Inside Politics (N) Ⓜ		State of the Union /Tapper		Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)		Reliable Sources (N) Ⓜ		State of the Union /Tapper		Fareed Zakaria GPS		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
HDLN	42	New Day Sunday (N) Ⓜ		All News Updated hourly.		State of the Union /Tapper		Fareed Zakaria GPS (N)		Reliable Sources Ⓜ		All News (Left in Progress) Updated hourly.		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
FNC	43	(6:00) FOX and Friends Sunday (N) Ⓜ		Sunday Morning Futures		MediaBuzz (N) Ⓜ		America's News HQ		America's News HQ		America's News HQ		Fox News Sunday		The Journal Editorial Report					
HIST	44	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars
TRUTV	45	BISSELL Pet	LifeLock	Top Blower	Fashion	Fried Foods	PIYo Craze!	Top Funniest	Top Funniest	Upscale	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	
A&E	46	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	"Big Sea" Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ	Criminal Minds	Ⓜ
DISC	47	Cooper's Treasure	Ⓜ	Cooper's Treasure	Ⓜ	Cooper's Treasure	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ	Naked and Afraid XL	Ⓜ
NATGEO	48	BestPan!	Sexy Hair	BISSELL Pet	PIYo Wor.	The Truth Behind...		Secret History of UFOs		CIA Secret Experiments		Area 51: The CIA's Secret		Bigfoot: The New Evidence		Bigfoot: The New Evidence		Bigfoot: The New Evidence		Bigfoot: The New Evidence	
TRAV	49	Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum		Mysteries at the Museum		Legend Hunter		Delicious Destinations		Delicious		Delicious		Delicious		Delicious	
FOOD	50	P. Heaton	Trisha's Sou.	Contessa	Brunch at	Guy's, Bite	Valerie Home	Trisha's Sou.	Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.	Farmhouse	Giada in Italy	Aysha	The Kitchen		Iron Chef Gauntlet		Iron Chef Gauntlet		Iron Chef Gauntlet	
HGTV	51	Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying		Property Brothers: Buying	
ANPL	52	Tanked Ⓜ		Tanked "Fish Flip Hop Ho"		Tanked "Fish City, Kid" Ⓜ		Tanked Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ		Tanked "Tank of Jericho" Ⓜ	
FREE	53	*** "Dumbo" (1941, Children's) Ⓜ		** "The Smurfs" (2011, Children's) Hank Azaria. Ⓜ		**** "Pinocchio" (1940) Voices of Don Brodie. Ⓜ		(35) *** "Hercules" (1997) Voices of Tate Donovan. Ⓜ		(40) *** "Tarzan" (1999) Ⓜ											
DISN	54	Doc McSt.	The Lion	Roadster	Puppy Pals	Elena	Tangled: The	** "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" (2010) PG		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Andi Mack		Andi Mack	
NICK	55	Alvinn!!! and Alvin!!! and	Alvinn!!! and Alvin!!! and	Ninja Steel	SpongeBob	Teenage Mut.	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
TOON	56	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	** "Ben 10: Race Against Time" (2007)		Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans
TVLND	57	New Adv./Old Christine		Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
AMC	58	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H
TCM	59	"Prince-Pauper"		(:15) *** "Broadway Melody of 1940" (1940, Musical)		** "Crime of Passion" (1957, Crime Drama)		(:45) *** "A Foreign Affair" (1948) Jean Arthur, Marlene Dietrich.		** "Muscle Beach Party" (1964)											
HALL	60	I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	The Middle	The Middle	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls
OXYGEN	61	New Mixer	BISSELL Pet	Snapped "Rennie Pratt"		Snapped		English Premier League Soccer		Snapped "Omaira Nelson"		Snapped "Whitehead Twins"		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped		Snapped	
BRAVO	62	Southern Charm		Southern Charm "Fowl Play"		Andy Cohen's Then & Now		English Premier League Soccer		Housewives/Atl.		Invite Only Cabo		Below Deck Mediterranean		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC	
SYFY	63	Paid Program	BISSELL	*** "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" (1974) Ⓜ		English Premier League Soccer: Blues vs Black Cats		** "The Darkest Hour" (2011)		Emile Hirsch. Ⓜ		** "Odd Thomas" (2013, Fantasy) Anton Yelchin. Ⓜ									
SPIKE	64	PIYo Wor.	Perricone MD	Total Gym	Paid Program	Xtreme Off	Engine Power	Truck Tech	Detroit	Bar Rescue Ⓜ		Bar Rescue Ⓜ		Bar Rescue "Hole in None"		Bar Rescue Ⓜ		Bar Rescue Ⓜ		Bar Rescue Ⓜ	
COM	65	Total Gym	PIYo Craze!	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show	"70s Show
MTV	66	(6:00) ** "Bring It On" Ⓜ		Super Sweet	Proposal Ⓜ	*** "Drumline" (2002) Nick Cannon, Zoe Saldana. Ⓜ		*** "Scary Movie" (2000) Shawn Wayans. Ⓜ		** "Guess Who" (2005, Comedy) Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher. Ⓜ		** "Why Did I Get Married?"									
VH1	67	Cheaters Ⓜ	Cheaters Ⓜ	Cheaters Ⓜ	** "Dude, Where's My Car?" (2000) Ashton Kutcher. Ⓜ	** "Evan Almighty" (2007) Steve Carell. Ⓜ		** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Children's) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid. Ⓜ		(:05) ** "Alex Cross" (2012) Tyler Perry. A serial killer pushes Cross to the edge. Ⓜ		** "Fruitvale Station"									
CMTV	68	CMT Music Ⓜ		CMT Music Ⓜ		Hot 20 Countdown "Heart Country Festival" Counting down the 20 hottest videos. Ⓜ		** "Home Alone" (1990)		** "Fruitvale Station"											
BET	69	Demet Grier	Carpenter	Paid Program	Abundant	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns	Meet, Browns
SCIENCE	83	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made	How/Made
CSpan2	85	Former Rep. Troy Radel	Mary Jennings Hegar	Book TV in Trenton, New Jersey		Book TV		Book TV		After Words		Inez (N) Ⓜ		Madness</							

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WRCBNBC	3 Today				Today's Take		Today		3 Plus You		Eyewitness News Today		Days of our Lives		Rachael Ray		Crime Watch Daily	
WELFTBN	4 Joel Osteen	Prince	James	Joyce Meyer	Creflo Dollar	John Hagee	Joel Osteen	Prince	K. Copeland	Varied	S. Furtick	Blessed Life	Marriage	Varied	Robison	Varied	The 700 Club	
WTNB	5 Coffee, Country & Cody								Around Town	Varied	WTNB Today		Nancy's Neighborhood		Around Town		WTNB Today	
WFLICW	6 Sacred Name	Paid Program	Varied	Ministries	Paid Program	ES.TV	The Real		Maury		Jerry Springer		The Steve Wilkos Show		The Wendy Williams Show		The Robert Irvine Show	
WNGHPBS	7 Wild Kratts	Ready Jet	Nature Cat	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Splash	Sesame St.	Dinosaur	Peg Plus Cat	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Dinosaur	Splash	Curious	Nature Cat	Ready Jet
DAYSTAR	8 Joni: Tabl	T.D. Jakes	Robison	A. Wommack	Varied	Today	James	Benny Hinn	Varied	Enjoying-Life		Marcus and Joni	Varied Programs		Supernatural	Today	Prince	Gary Keesee
WTVABC	9 Good Morning America				Live with Kelly and Ryan		The Doctors		The View		News	This n That	The Chew		General Hospital		Steve Harvey	
WTVCPBS	10 Wild Kratts	Ready Jet	Nature Cat	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Splash	Sesame St.	Dinosaur	Peg Plus Cat	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Dinosaur	Splash	Curious	Nature Cat	Ready Jet
WTV2FOX	11 GMC: FOX Edition				Harry		Divorce Court	Divorce Court	The People's Court		Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Judge Ross	Judge Ross	Judge Faith	Judge Faith	Judge Mathis	
WDEFCBS	12 CBS This Morning				The 700 Club		Let's Chatt	Paid Program	The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless	Bold		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal	
QVC	13 Morning Q Live				Varied Programs													
CSPAN	14 Washington Journal				Varied Programs								U.S. House Meets for Legislative Business				Varied Programs	
WGN-A	15 Varied	Joyce Meyer	Paid Program	Creflo Dollar	Walker, Texas Ranger		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		Blue Bloods	Varied	Blue Bloods	Varied	Blue Bloods	Varied
HSN	16 HSN Today		HSN Today		Varied Programs													
E!	23 Varied Programs										E! News: Daily Pop				Varied Programs			
ESQTV	24 Car Match.	Car Match.	Car Match.	Car Match.	Car Match.	Car Match.	Varied Programs											
LIFE	25 Joyce Meyer	Varied	How I Met	How I Met	Killer Kids		The First 48		The First 48				Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy		Grey's Anatomy	
TLC	26 Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Say Yes: ATL	Varied Programs				Hoarding: Buried Alive		Hoarding: Buried Alive		My 600-Lb. Life		My 600-Lb. Life		Varied Programs	
TBS	27 Married	Married	Married	Married	King	King	King	King	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	Friends	Friends
TNT	28 Charmed		Charmed		Charmed		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Supernatural		Movie	
USA	29 Varied Programs								Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	
FX	30 Movie				Movie		Varied Programs				How I Met		How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Two Men	Two Men
ESPN	31 SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		First Take		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		Outside Lines	NFL Live			NBA: The Jump	
ESPN2	32 (6:00) Mike & Mike				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		The Dan Le Batard Show		First Take				NFL Live	
FSTN	33 Varied Programs						College Baseball								Postgame	Varied	College Baseball	
SEC	34 SEC Now		SEC Now	Varied	SEC Now		SEC Now	Varied Programs					Baseball					
GOLF	35 Morning Drive				Varied Programs													
FS1	36 (6:55) 2017 FIFA U-20 World Cup				Varied		Skip and Shannon: Undisputed						The Herd with Colin Cowherd				Varied Programs	
FSSE	37 Cook Smart	Paid Program	Varied Programs				Copper Chef	Varied Programs			MLB Baseball	Varied Programs						
WEA	38 (6:00) AMHQ				Weather Center Live								Weather Center Live				Weather Center Live	
CNBC	39 (6:00) Squawk Box				Squawk on the Street				Squawk Alley		Fast Money Halftime Report		Power Lunch				Closing Bell	
MSNBC	40 (6:00) Morning Joe				MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		MSNBC Live		Andrea Mitchell Reports		MSNBC Live	MSNBC Live			MSNBC Live	
CNN	41 Chris and Alisyn		Chris and Alisyn		CNN Newsroom With John		CNN Newsroom With John		At This Hour With		Inside Politics		Wolf		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
HDLN	42 Chris and Alisyn		All News		CNN Newsroom With John		CNN Newsroom With John		At This Hour With		All News		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
FNC	43 (6:00) FOX and Friends				America's Newsroom				Happening Now		Happening Now		Happening Now		America's News HQ		Shepard Smith Reporting	
HIST	44 Varied Programs																	
TRUTV	45 Paid Program	Varied Programs		Paid Program	Varied Programs													
A&E	46 Parking Wars	Parking Wars	Dog	Dog	Dog	Dog	Varied Programs											
DISC	47 Varied Programs																	
NATGEO	48 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs														
TRAV	49 Paid Program	Varied	Bikinis-Board.	Bikinis-Board.	Varied Programs													
FOOD	50 Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	Pioneer Wo.	Varied Programs						Pioneer Wo.	Pioneer Wo.	Varied Programs			
HGTV	51 Varied Programs												Fixer Upper	Varied Programs				
ANPL	52 Too Cute!		Dogs 101		My Cat From Hell		Animal Cops Philadelphia		Animal Cops Philadelphia		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Pit Bulls and Parolees		Varied Programs			
FREE	53 Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Baby Daddy	700 Club	The 700 Club		Gilmore Girls		Gilmore Girls	Varied Programs					The Middle	The Middle
DISN	54 K.C. Under.	Stuck/Middle	PJ Masks	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Roadster	The Lion	Elena	Sofia	Goldie	Doc McS	Roadster	PJ Masks	PJ Masks	The Lion	Jessie	Jessie
NICK	55 SpongeBob	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Team Umiz.	Team Umiz.	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Bubble	Bubble	Blaze	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Rusty Rivets	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	SpongeBob	SpongeBob
TOON	56 Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Tom & Jerry	Tom & Jerry	Movie		Varied		Gumball	Gumball	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	We Bare	We Bare	Movie	Varied
TVLND	57 Paid Program	LifeLock	Paid Program	Paid Program	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Varied	(10:51) Bonanza		Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	
AMC	58 Varied	Paid Program	Varied	Paid Program	M*A*S'H	M*A*S'H	Varied Programs											
TCM	59 (6:00) Movie	Varied Programs									Movie		Movie		Varied Programs		(4:5) Movie	
HALL	60 I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Home & Family				Home & Family				Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	Home Imp.
OXYGEN	61 Varied Programs																	
BRAVO	62 Varied Programs																	
SYFY	63 (6:30) Movie	Varied Programs																
SPIKE	64 Varied	Paid Program	Varied	Paid Program	Varied Programs													
COM	65 Varied	PIYo Craze!	Paid Program	Paid Program	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	(4:5) That '70s Show	'70s Show	'70s Show	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Archer	(3:5) Archer
MTV	66 Varied Programs																	
VH1	67 Hates Chris	Hates Chris	The Parkers	The Parkers	The Parkers	The Parkers	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	Wayans Bros.	
CMTV	68 CMT Music		CMT Music		Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Reba	Reba	Reba	Reba
BET	69 Prince	Joyce Meyer	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	George	George	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	House/Payne	Varied Programs					
SCIENCE	83 Varied Programs																	
CSPAN2	85 (6:59) Public Affairs Events		Varied Programs				U.S. Senate						Varied Programs				U.S. Senate	
EWTV	100 St. Michael	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Women of	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Chaplet	Intl. Rosary
WPXA ION	107 Fat Loss	Les Feldick	Varied Programs		Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Varied Programs								Yo-Kai Watch	Beyblade
DISXD	117 Right Now	Kalos Quest	Star-For.	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Lab Rats	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Gravity Falls	Star-For.	Yo-Kai Watch	Beyblade
GSN	144 Varied Programs		Match Game	Match Game	Card Sharks	Card Sharks	\$25,000 Pyr.	\$25,000 Pyr.	Catch 21	Catch 21	Wheel	Wheel	Match Game	Match Game	Chain Rctn	Chain Rctn	Chain Rctn	Chain Rctn
COOK	153 Varied Programs																	
WE	163 Varied Programs		LifeLock		Paid Program	Paid Program	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Varied Programs			
GALA	217 Noticias Dan.	(:33) Despierta con Carlos Loret de Mola			Al Aire, con Paola Rojas		(:03) Mi Destino Eres Tú	Mi Destino Eres Tú	Cuidado con el Ángel		Cuidado con el Ángel		Cuidado con el Ángel		Chespirito		XH Derbez	XH Derbez
TELE	223 Un Nuevo Día				Varied Programs		Decisiones	Corazón Valiente					Late Late Show Carpool		Suelta la Sopa		Lo Mejor de Caso Cerrado	
UNIV	224 Despierta América!								Amor bravío		Noticiero	Hoy	Hoy		Como Dice el Dicho		Mi adorable maldición	
NBCSP	311 Pro Football Talk		Varied Programs		Dan Patrick	Varied Programs												
DLC	319 A Baby Story	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	A Baby Story	Body Bizarre		Trauma: Life in the ER		Untold Stories of the E.R.		Varied Programs							

MONDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

MAY 22, 2017

	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
WRCBNBC	3 The Ellen DeGeneres Show		Live at 5:00	Live at 5:30	News	Nightly News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition	The Voice	The final four artists perform. (N) ☺			Running Wild-Bear Grylls		News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Seth Meyers	
WELFTBN	4 John Hagee	Jewish Jesus	Praise ☺		John Gray	Call2All	Rodriguez	Potters	Praise Christine Caine hosts.	Franklin	J. Duplantis	Graham	GregLau	Praise Christine Caine hosts.	Joel Osteen	Perry Stone		
WTNB	5 Nancy's Neighborhood		WTNB Today		Body	Standard	Deals Around Town		Around Town		Around Town	Rewind	Around Town		Around Town			
WFLICW	6 Maury ☺ ☺		Name Game	Name Game	Millionaire	Millionaire	Family Feud	Family Feud	Supergirl (Season Finale) (N)	Jane the Virgin ☺ ☺	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Hollywood	No-Dentures	Two Men	Two Men		
WNGHPBS	7 Martha Speak	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Arthur ☺ (E)	PBS NewsHour (N) ☺ ☺	Genealogy Roadshow ☺	Antiques Roadshow (N)		Ride Along Lincoln Highway		Antiques Roadshow ☺		Ultimate Restorations ☺		Unusual Buildings			
DAYSTAR	8 Mission Feed	Bill Winston	Love a Child	Reflections	Hour of Sal	Creflo Dollar	Manna Fest	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni: Tabl	Marcus and Joni	J. Duplantis	Ron Carp.	Kenneth W.	K. Copeland	Robison	Enjoying-Life	
WTVABC	9 Dr. Phil (N) ☺ ☺		News	News	News	World News	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	Dancing With the Stars (N)	The Bachelorette Rachel meets the bachelors. ☺ ☺				(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live ☺	(:37) Nightline			
WTVCPBS	10 Odd Squad	Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Arthur ☺ (E)	World News	Business Rpt.	PBS NewsHour (N) ☺ ☺		Antiques Roadshow (N)		Antiques Roadshow ☺		Reel South ☺ ☺		Southern	World News	Charlie Rose (N) ☺ ☺	
WTV2FOX	11 Harry (N) ☺ ☺		Family Feud	Family Feud	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang	Big Bang	Gotham (N) ☺ (DVS)	(:01) Lucifer (N) ☺		News at 10	Seinfeld ☺	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Paid Program	2 Brake Girls	
WDEFCBS	12 The Dr. Oz Show (N) ☺		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang											



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OAK GROVE SCHOOL'S reunion committee is planning its 58th reunion, to be held July 23 at the school cafeteria. Any student who attended Oak Grove from 1956-63 is invited. Brunch will be catered by Old Fort Restaurant. Cost will be \$15 and tickets must be purchased in advance — checks must be mailed by July 15 to get a head count for food supplies and prizes. Mail checks to Fike-Randolph Funeral Home, 2415 N. Ocoee St., Cleveland TN 37311. For more information, contact Phyllis Coffey Martin at 423-336-3877; Sandra Paul at 334-306-9602; or Jerry Mason at 479-1617.

CAITLYN BOLEN was recently pinned during a Registered Nurse ceremony at Chattanooga State. She is a 2011 graduate of Walker Valley High School. She is shown with her mother, Trina Bolen, R.N. and MSN, a nurse educator at Cleveland State Community College and charge nurse at Tennova Healthcare. Trina is a 1998 graduate of Cleveland State. Caitlyn is also the daughter of Casey Bolen. She is the granddaughter of Ruth and Clayton Pannell.



Dollywood's Splash Country debuts new family slide

PIGEON FORGE — As the days grow longer and the sun a little warmer, lifeguards at Dollywood's Splash Country become more eager to open the gates for another season of Smoky Mountain water park fun.

Opening day for 2017 was May 13, when the park opened a new family racing slide, attraction upgrades, new parking options, a new calming area, and newly recognized Platinum Award-winning lifeguards.

The most anticipated newcomer to Dollywood's Splash Country for 2017 is TailSpin Racer, a five-story slide complex that offers six people the opportunity to race each other in a thrilling rush. From its unique spiraling, high-speed AquaTubes to its splash-down finish, it's an all-out competition to see who can get to the end first. TailSpin Racer matches riders in a head-to-head race with the fun of a traditional mat racer-style slide and the tight turns and

daring drops of an enclosed slide. Guests will immediately spot the new attraction near the front of the water park, which only adds to the excitement.

"TailSpin Racer is our first new attraction since we opened our water coaster, RiverRush," explained Dollywood's Splash Country General Manager Mike Brown. "This is something our guests have been asking for and we are thrilled that we're delivering a family slide that gives six people the chance to race at the same time."

Dollywood's Splash Country also is thrilled to welcome back its team of lifeguards which recently earned the prestigious Platinum International Safety Award from Ellis & Associates. This team of water park guards is the only team in the state of Tennessee to receive this recognition. Dollywood's Splash Country is independently audited by a third party several times each

season. E&A, a firm specializing in international aquatic safety and risk management, presented the award. In 2016, E&A had 355 clients who qualified for an award; only 10 percent earned the Platinum Award. Both Dollywood's Splash Country and Dollywood's DreamMore Resort lifeguards were honored with Platinum for their vigilance in guarding the water.

"Of all the things we're proud of at our water park, our lifeguards deserve the highest praise," Brown continued. "Our guests trust us to keep their families safe as they splash and play with us; our guards take their roles seriously. We expect them to be alert and aware of everything happening in their zones. They do that, and more. We have the best lifeguards in the business."

Additionally, Dollywood's Splash Country guests can look forward to several upgrades

throughout the park. From the new option of Preferred Parking, to misters on walkways to cool feet, and new equipment to help streamline food purchases, the water park has refreshing upgrades to enhance guest comfort. And, based on the response to Dollywood's calming room, Dollywood's Splash Country will offer a new calming area for guests who experience sensory overload. The area provides an opportunity for individuals to take a break in a private area of the park.

Dollywood's Splash Country began daily operations Saturday. Daily operation continues through Sunday, Aug. 13. The park opens Aug. 15 and 17 and on weekends through Labor Day weekend until Sept. 4. For more information about Dollywood's Splash Country or any of The Dollywood Company properties, visit www.dollywood.com or call 1-800-DOLLYWOOD.

Dr. Smith speaks at Baptist Communicators Workshop

Lee University's Dr. Michael Smith recently spoke at the Baptist Communicators Association Workshop in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The workshop invited Baptist communicators to discuss the importance of cooperating, collaborating, and interacting with colleagues, multiple organizations, and specialized areas of work. It focused on sharing ways a communicator can successfully intersect almost every discipline in the field of communications.

Smith's talk highlighted the need for writers and communicators to practice self-disclosure, accuracy, good listening, and telling a gripping story. He drew from the acclaimed mys-

tery drama "Citizen Kane" and works by Ernest Hemingway to show examples. Smith's lecture also connected the idea of being an efficient communicator with the Christian faith.



Smith

"The best part of a conference of journalists is the mutual goodwill shared," said Smith. "Christian communicators have a difficult mission to arrest the attention of audiences, and the conference participants are doing some of the best work in journalism worldwide. They encouraged me and told me that I inspired them.

Believers can be a force for change in a needy culture and BCA is part of that innovation." Smith joined Lee's faculty in fall 2016 as a professor of public

relations in the Communication Arts Department. He is a nationally recognized communicator, an award-winning journalist and photographer, and the author of several books.

Smith has been quoted in the New York Times, The Boston Globe, the Chicago Tribune, The Philadelphia Inquirer, USA Today, The Arizona Republic, The Christian Science Monitor, The Louisville Courier-Journal, Editor & Publisher, Christianity Today, Writer's Digest, and many other periodicals. Additionally, he has been a guest on "France TV 24," which is a Paris-based television broadcast, and websites such as Ourblook.com.

Smith has written seven books, nine peer-reviewed journal articles, and hundreds

of articles for the popular press. Many of his books are used by universities as textbooks, such as "Media Bias, Finding It, Fixing It" and "The Jesus Newspaper," which explore the idea of the Christian journalist.

Smith spent a decade working in the newsroom and more than two decades working in the classroom.

BCA is a professional development association for Baptist communicators. Since 1953, the organization has brought benefits to a nationwide membership of approximately 300. Its mission is to assist Baptist personnel in communications in professional growth and fulfillment by providing a reinforcing fellowship for members and recognition for outstanding professional achievement.

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Eric Watson
Bradley County Sheriff

Training for a never-ending job

I've discussed the fact that, in today's world, it takes a lot to become a first responder. Much training, a lot of it hands-on, along with the proper mindset are some of the things required today to become a member of any EMS, fire department and rescue service or law enforcement agency.

Another, less visible part of law enforcement, yet as important as the officers on the roads, is Corrections.

Keeping the Bradley County Jail safe and secure for inmates and staff is foremost in our desire for the facility. To do that, it's important we bring in the right persons to serve as Corrections officers.

The Bradley County Jail is staffed with some of the finest men and women who have chosen to work in Corrections. When we seek to hire a new officer, it's an often slow and meticulous process. We make sure that the man or woman interested in serving Bradley County has the right mindset and the ability mentally and emotionally to successfully do the job of a Corrections officer.

The Bradley County Jail operates on the "direct supervision" philosophy. This transformation significantly reduced the problems with inmates by actively managing their behavior. Of the nine inmate pods inside the facility, seven are direct supervision; the remaining two pods are Segregation and Disciplinary pods.

In a Direct Supervision pod, the correctional officer has direct contact with all inmates inside the pod. Inmates housed in the direct supervision pods interact with their assigned pod officer on a daily basis.

This example is why having the ability to deal with inmates is the first thing we look at in a potential corrections officer. There are times that interaction can be negative in nature, with the CO determining what steps to take next. Of course, there are many positive outcomes in the interaction between our staff and inmates, as well.

Part of what makes a successful corrections officer is the training they are mandated to receive. The Tennessee Corrections Institute provides the 40-hour introductory training for correctional officers, which prepares a jail employee with the general and specific knowledge about the detention of prisoners in a local facility.

A corrections officer must complete this course within 12 months of their hire date. Completion of the "CO Basic" training leads to certification by TCI. Also, officers must continue their training with a 16-hour annual in-service training provided by TCI that is made available to all certified correctional officers. This course must be completed to maintain certification.

The tasks of a corrections officer are never-ending. Each shift, like their colleagues in patrol, is never "routine" in nature. You are dealing with human beings, the most unpredictable creatures on earth. These folks are living in a place they don't want to be, 24 hours a day, every day. That's why we work very hard to match the right personality with the necessary training for those who wish to work in the Bradley County Jail.

Above, I mentioned working in Corrections is a never-ending job. It's also a job with it's rewards, in that there are always opportunities to positively affect the lives of those incarcerated in the Bradley County Jail.

Finally, it's nearing graduation time for members of the senior classes of area high schools. Sincere congratulations for a job well done, as you enter the next season in your lives.

If you have a story idea you would like to share with the Banner writers, email news@clevelandbanner.com.



MARTHA CALFEE shared the photo, above, of daylilies.



LEE LOWE shared this photo of a beautiful iris from her garden.

MARY LEWIS shared this photo, below, of pink and blue irises.



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OPEN WIDE — This Eastern bluebird is feeding his baby. At left is a nest full of Eastern bluebirds, who are just about ready to fledge. These photos are courtesy of Jennifer Hardison.



"IT IS NOT always the appearance that is pleasing, but the character of the subject that is pleasing or speaks to the spirit of the observer ... Truly, a truth given to us from the Creator," notes Dennis White.

From the pages of The Banner

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

The following items were compiled by the History Branch of the Cleveland Bradley County Public Library from old issues of the Cleveland Daily Banner and its forerunners, the Cleveland Banner, the Journal, and the Journal and Banner.

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The city fathers met in regular session Monday night. All members were present. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved, and Asa Geren asked to be released from city taxes to the amount of \$18.

His request was unanimously granted. Luther Rains and James Rogers were released from taxes owing to physical condition. E.H. Thurston appeared before the board in behalf of the grand army post, to ask permission to erect a monument to the union soldiers of Bradley county in the city cemetery. Permission was granted to erect the same at the corner of the Worth Street entrance and the street entering from Ocoee Street.

The Louisville Land Company, through attorney P.B. Mayfield, presented a note of \$1,066 for collection, the same being a note due the said company for the site now occupied by the East Cleveland School. The matter was referred to the school board for settlement.

A proposition was presented by Mayor Thatch to the effect that it would be a good plan to issue bonds in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of rocking Inman Street to Ocoee and Ocoee from the junction of Inman to the college or beyond.

The proposition met opposition from alderman Mee, who

stated that the taxpayers of the city would object to spending the money in a way that would benefit comparatively few of them. After considerable wrangling and discussion, the matter was dropped.

Alderman Stewart called attention to a ditch running through Rymer, Hampton, Harle and other properties which is said to be in an unsanitary condition. No steps were taken to remedy the matter.

James Crowe was given permission to use his discretion in allowing E.H. Thurston permission to erect an overhead porch over the south sidewalk of Central Avenue where he now resides.

A new ordinance was introduced by Mr. McLain making it unlawful for anyone to permit stock to graze along the sidewalks, streets or alleys, a fine of \$2 to \$5 to be assessed against such offenses. The ordinance was passed on its first and second reading.

Alderman Mee moved that an ordinance be passed requiring ice dealers to have a scale on their wagon and to weigh all ice sold, giving the full weight charged for and making it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of from \$2 to \$10 for its violation. Such an ordinance was drawn and passed on the first and second reading.

Mr. Gamble, the sexton of the cemetery, stated that the work

in the cemetery at this season of the year was more than he could do and asked that extra help be furnished him. Aldermen Mee and Gibson felt that since the city paid him \$300 a year for this work, allowing him all fees for grave digging, he should himself pay for any extra help required, as the rush only lasts during a short period of the year and during the winter there is practically nothing to do but dig graves.

Aldermen Stewart, McLain

and Alley took the opposite view and contended that since Mr. Gamble had made an excellent sexton and was doing good work in keeping the cemetery in a beautiful condition, he should be given the necessary assistance. On motion of Mr. Alley, Mr. Gamble was given the services of one man three days in the week for a period of two and one half months, said help to receive \$1.25 per day compensation, the vote standing as follows: Alley, Shipley, McLain and Stewart, yes; Mee and Gibson, no.

Handsome engraved invitations have been received by friends in the city this week to the wedding of Mr. James Brainard Preston to Miss Margaret Stuart, which will occur at the Church Street M.E.

Church south Tuesday, May 26.

Miss Stuart is the second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Geo. Rutledge Stuart and was reared in Cleveland where she has many friends and acquaintances who wish her much happiness. Mr. Preston has for many years been private secretary for the Rev. G.R. Stuart. The young couple will leave immediately after the ceremony for a bridal trip. Quite a number from Cleveland will attend the wedding.

News was received in the city this week of the death of Capt. C.C. Thompson at his home in Decatur, Texas, on May 1. Capt. Thompson was reared in Cleveland and was a son of the late Dr. and Mrs. Gideon

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POLK COUNTY 4-H Honor Club initiates pose with state Rep. Dan Howell. From left, front, are Howell, Aib Bates, Ethan Queen, Aliah Lunsford, Maleia Bigham, Mackenzie Moore, Emma Ledford and Ashley Cowan; second row, Will Paxton, Liza Deverell, Pressley Davis, Jacob Hair, Haven Hall and Makenlee Waldroup; and third row, Cynthia Navas, Cade Bigham, Emily Cenicerros, Emily Lanning, Bayleigh Davis, JR Garrett and Ben Stone.

Polk Club has 24 new 4-H Honor Club initiates

Twenty-four members of the Polk County 4-H Clubs were initiated into the Tennessee 4-H Honor Club in an afternoon candlelight ceremony April 8.

The ceremony was conducted by senior members of the Polk County 4-H clubs. With 24 members initiated, Polk County is one of the top counties in the state in terms of the number of Honor Club members approved for membership in 2017.

4-H members initiated came from 4-H clubs from Chilhowee Middle School, Copper Basin High School, Polk County High School and 4-H Home School. Each member earned over 200 points each on the State 4-H Honor Club application and was accepted into Honor Club.

The 4-H Honor Club is a statewide organization of out-

standing junior high and senior 4-H members. Honor Club members are those who have shown exceptional 4-H project work and a willingness to share what they have learned with other 4-H'ers as a junior or teen leader.

4-H members initiated from Copper Basin High School were JR Garrett, Riley Smith, Maleia Bigham, Cade Bigham, Kharcee-Lane Hughes, Aliah Lunsford, Mackenzie Moore and Ethan Queen.

Initiates from Chilhowee Middle School were Emily Cenicerros, Ben Stone, Aib Bates, Ashley Cowan, Pressley Davis, Liza Deverell, Jacob Hair, Haven Hall, Emma Ledford, Cynthia Navas, Will Paxton and Makenlee Waldroup.

Initiated from Polk County

High School was Bayleigh Davis. Home-school students initiated were Emily Lanning, Colby Maynor and Shelby Maynor.

Honor Club is only the first step in Tennessee's recognition program for outstanding 4-H members. Senior members can earn a spot in All Stars through their citizenship and community service work. All Stars is the second step leading to the final step of recognition.

Vol State is the highest recognition a Tennessee 4-H member can earn, and it all starts with the Honor Club.

4-H Club membership is offered to all youth ages 9 to 19. Polk County 4-H members initiated into honor club received a certificate and an Honor Club Pin.

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Benefits for an unmarried couple

By AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor
Association of Mature American Citizens

Dear Rusty: A couple I am friends with has lived together for over 45 years. Unfortunately, he died last week and she is unsure about what happens to his Social Security benefits now that he has passed away. She's also not sure about her own status since they were never legally married. This woman is understandably distraught and I'm trying to help her get through this difficult time. Can you help? Signed: A Friend helping a friend.

Dear Friend: You are, indeed, a good friend for helping in her time of need. Here's what you need to know: His benefits cease immediately upon his death, and Social Security should be given timely notification of his passing. Typically, this is done by the funeral home if they have been given the deceased's Social Security number, but can also be done by another trusted individual.

His benefits for the month in which he died are not payable to his survivor. For example, if he died in March the benefit received in April must be returned. If a check is received, return it (and any future checks) without cashing. If his benefits were paid by direct deposit, notify the bank to return the payment, as well as

any future payments. If any of the decedent's after-death benefits are not returned, they will eventually come after them.

Even though this couple was not legally married, she may be entitled to survivor's benefits if she can prove to Social Security that they were in a marriage-like relationship and the state in which they resided recognizes common law marriage (state laws on common law marriage vary, and Social Security rules state that the common law marriage must have been established in a state that permits it). Proving this should start with submission to Social Security of Form SSA-754-F4 by the wife, and of Form SSA-753 by affidavits, who can be blood relatives or friends (both forms available at ssa.gov). Survivor's benefits are somewhat age-dependent, but given the length of this couple's relationship it's safe to assume that when he died they were both at least at their full retirement age as defined by Social Security. Thus, in addition to the \$255 lump-sum death benefit, as his widow she would be entitled to 100 percent of the benefit that he was receiving. If she is already collecting Social Security benefits based upon her own work record, and her survivor's benefit from his work record would be higher, she will get the higher amount.

After obtaining the forms online

and completing them, they should be taken to her local Social Security office, which can guide her through the rest of the process to prove her marriage and entitlement for survivor's benefits. She can find her local office, including location and hours of operation, at www.ssa.gov/locator. These things should be done as soon as possible to make sure she gets the benefits due her quickly.

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Flea-fighting facts

Dear Readers: Springtime brings warm days, beautiful flowers, birds chirping and, unfortunately, FLEAS. Discuss with your veterinarian flea control and prevention.



NORMA in San Antonio sent a picture of her frosty-faced pit bull mix, Ruby. Norma rescued Ruby off the streets, and boy, did Ruby hit the jackpot. She's had a fabulous, spoiled life.

There are a lot of good flea medications on the market today, but read the labels carefully. Here are some hints to keep in mind:

— Never give flea meds indicated for dogs to cats. This can be deadly. Have the number of the ASPCA (American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Animal Poison Control Center programmed into your phone, or written by the phone: 888-426-4435

— Use only one flea treatment (flea shampoo, drops, oral medications) at a time. Using more than one med on your pet could cause toxins to build up in the animal's system.

— Your source of information should be your veterinarian. There is so much you can find on the internet, and some of it is accurate, and some is not.

— Heloise

Teaching time

Dear Heloise: I work part time as a substitute teacher in an elementary school. It saddens me to see bright 6- and 7-year-



Hints from Heloise

old kids who are having trouble doing simple math.

One pupil was having trouble counting by 10. To help at home, it would be a fun game while, say, preparing dinner to practice counting by 10 with Mom. And start with a number like 6: 6, 16, 26, 36, 46, etc.

I know that every family is different and time is at a premium, but this can be a fun way to teach your kids math. — Theresa J. in Texas

Cat cleaner

Dear Heloise: I've discovered that cat litter makes a great absorbent. I had a grease stain in my driveway and sprinkled some cat litter on it. The stain was greatly reduced in just a couple of hours. I just sweep up the litter and dispose of it properly. — Amelia A. in Cleveland

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History

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Thompson and a brother of Mrs. Adelia Cross of Washington better known in Cleveland as Mrs. Adelia Craigmiles.

At a call meeting of the U.D.C. at the home of Mrs. J.E. Johnston, the following officers were elected: Mrs. J.H. Hardwick, president; Mrs. J.E. Johnston, first vice president; Miss Annie McKamy, second vice president; Miss Pauline Russell, treasurer; Mrs. L.J. Stamper, recording secretary; Mrs. Herbert Rogers, assistant; Mrs. John Taylor, corresponding secretary; Mrs. W.P. Lang, historian; Mrs. O.A. Knox, Registrar; Mrs. J.P. Lea, chaplain.

Beginning Sunday, the preliminary service and the sermon will be so abbreviated as to close the service not later than a quarter of twelve. The evening service will last one hour, beginning promptly at 7:30.

The morning service will begin promptly at 10:30. If you like the above program please give me your cooperation by being present at the time announced for the services to begin and we will adhere strictly to the program announced. — William F. Pitts, pastor.

Schoolboy wanted for steady, summer, part-time easy work. Must be bright, neatly dressed, and under 14 years of age. Give reference and mention day and hour when parent will come with the boy for interview. Good pay. Splendid training. Write to Box 455, Herald Office.

A little girl suffered painful but not serious injuries Tuesday morning.

About nine o'clock Tuesday morning a little girl, daughter of John Carson in East Cleveland, was knocked down and run over by a buggy driven by two ladies on Ocoee Street in front of the Taylor Mercantile Company's store.

The little girl, apparently about six years of age, accompanied by her sister two years older, was crossing the street and seemed to not take notice of the approaching vehicle. The ladies were not driving rapidly at all, but the driver seemed to have her attention drawn to something at the side of the street, so she did not see the child.

The buggy wheel passed over one of the child's limbs bruising the knee and foot, but fortunately not very seriously. The ladies stopped their buggy when they discovered the accident and waited until a physician had examined the limb and pronounced the injury not serious.

The little girl was very nervous from the shock of her narrow escape, but proved to be game. She would not consent to being sent home, but insisted that she could make the trip on foot. A number of bystanders saw the accident and Dr. T.P. Chambers, who happened to be near, hastened to the scene to determine whether or not the injury was serious.

The accident appeared to be due purely the child's ill-advised attempt to cross too closely in front of the buggy as the ladies who were apparently country people were not proceeding at a rapid speed. It is possible however that if the driver had been giving a little more attention to the street that the buggy could have been stopped before it struck the child.

Parents would do well to make this the occasion for giving their children a lecture on the importance of being careful in passing the streets. In this day of numerous automobiles, it has become a matter of wonder that more children are not seriously injured. Next week when the town will be full of people attending the Chautauqua, and it is especially important that children be cautioned to care.

Mrs. L.A. Newton, a sister of Mrs. G.M. McKnight of our city, died at her home in the vicinity of Charleston Sunday at the advanced age of 81 years. Mrs. Newton had been ill for some time and her death was expected.

Mrs. Newton had been twice married and was the mother of two sons, both of whom had preceded her in death. She no immediate family, but is survived by two brothers.

The funeral occurred Monday at the old Hiwassee cemetery in McMinn County and was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Mullindore, a minister of the Baptist church of which Mrs. Newton had been a long time member.

S.R. Osment of Stanford,

Texas, this week sent to his father-in-law J.M. London, east of here, half a dozen young prairie dogs. The youngsters were sent in a common big wire rat trap by express.

The dogs were perhaps one-third grown and arrived in good condition. They are frisky as you please and were busily engaged in eating grass and seeds that had been put into the cage. Mr. London will keep the animals for pets and hopes to establish a colony on his farm.

The church and Sunday School at Red Hill are preparing for a great occasion on Sunday. A program for a full day's entertainment is being prepared. Dinner will be served on the grounds, and quite a number of speakers have been engaged in addition to the program which will be rendered by the children.

The city has just put to use a new road roller which it bought through Bryant Hardware Company. The machine is of the latest patent manufactured by the International Harvester Company at its Milwaukee works.

The engine is 20 horsepower and may be used either as a tractor or merely for driving machinery. It may thus be hitched to a rock crusher for the purpose of preparing stone for the streets and may then be made to do the work of rolling them into the street.

The engine is driven by the explosion of a gas formed from kerosene oil mixed with air and hot water. It is claimed to be very economical. The machine is a rapid mover also, it being capable of making about two and a half miles per hour. It cost the city \$2,250 laid down in Cleveland. The new roller is being tried out this week on Inman and Church Streets, where stone has recently been placed.

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WOODMEN OF THE WORLD and Westside Ruritan representatives provided food last week for the children who attend the YCAP group at First Presbyterian Church. YCAP is an early intervention program for at-risk youth that serves boys and girls ages 10-14. Referrals for the program come from Juvenile Court and the school systems for kids who are struggling with behavioral issues and are falling behind in school. Each night individuals and groups like Woodmen and Ruritan donate meals to their program.

CBS pairs 'Big Bang' & spin-off; Conan O'Brien re-ups with TBS

NEW YORK (AP) — "Young Sheldon" and his grown-up version on "The Big Bang Theory" will be paired on CBS' Thursday night schedule this fall.

The "Big Bang" spinoff, centered on star Jim Parsons' character as a precocious 9-year-old Texas high school student, is one of eight new series coming to CBS in the 2017-18 season, the network announced Wednesday.

"It's not 'Muppet Babies,'" said CBS programming executive Kelly Kahl, but a gentle comedy in the mold of "Wonder Years" and "Doogie Howser, M.D."

Parsons and the rest of the "Big Bang Theory" cast are signed through the next two seasons, a recently wrapped negotiation that included CBS Corp. chief executive Leslie Moonves meeting with the actors of TV's No. 1 comedy.

"I hope it goes beyond that," Moonves told reporters Wednesday, but, he added, "I can't make any promises."

Other freshman CBS shows set for a fall debut include sitcoms "9JKL," described as having an "Everybody Loves Raymond" vibe with the story of an actor (Mark Feuerstein) living near his parents and brother, and "Me, Myself & I," which looks at a man at different stages of his life and stars Bobby Moynihan and John Larroquette.

CBS' new fall dramas are "Seal Team," with David Boreanaz ("Bones") as a member of an elite Navy SEAL team; "Wisdom of the Crowd," with Jeremy Piven as a tech guru who creates a crowd-sourcing app to solve crimes after his daughter is killed, and "S.W.A.T.," inspired by the TV series and movie and starring Shemar Moore.

The midseason slate includes "Instinct," with Alan Cumming as a former CIA operative who's pulled back into his old line of work, and the comedy "By the Book," about a man (Jay R. Ferguson) who challenges himself to live strictly in accordance with the Bible. It's based on A.J. Jacobs' best-selling book "The Year of Living Biblically."

Returning shows that will be held for later in the season include "Amazing Race," "Code Black," "Man with a Plan" and "Undercover Boss."

But CBS viewers have seen the last of canceled series "Two Broke Girls" and "The Odd Couple."

Stephen Colbert also took a victory lap at Wednesday's presentation. He's ridden relentless attacks on President Donald Trump to the top of the late-night ratings.

Colbert noted the rush of late-breaking political news happening this week at the time his show tapes.

"In the hour I'm on the air I can sound as out of touch about what's going on in the White House as Sean Spicer," Colbert joked.

Moonves offered his thoughts on competitors' plans unveiled earlier in the week to advertisers. He called ABC's plan to revive "Roseanne" for an eight-episode run a "stunt," then added diplomatically, "it's a good stunt. People will tune in for it."

Asked about ABC's decision to reboot "American Idol" next year after Fox dropped it in 2016, Moonves said CBS was offered the same chance but decided the show was so costly it would need an improbably big audience to break even.

In other TV news announced Wednesday, Turner said TBS has closed a new deal with Conan O'Brien that extends through 2022.

TBS and sister Turner network TNT plan to launch a total of six



Dan Watson/ABC via AP

IN THIS UNDATED image released by ABC, shows the cast members of "Roseanne," Michael Fishman as DJ Conner, seated from left, Roseanne Barr as Roseanne Barr, John Goodman as Dan Conner, and second row from left, Sara Gilbert as Darlene Conner, Alicia Goranson as Becky Conner and Laurie Metcalf as Jackie Harris. The original cast of "Roseanne" will return to ABC two decades after it wrapped its hit series, the network said Tuesday in announcing its 2017-18 season plans.

new series from stars such as Snoop Dogg, Daniel Radcliffe and Michael Moore. CNN has four new series in the works.

And TNT is working with filmmaker Ridley Scott to develop a night of original science-fiction programming.

Talk-show veteran O'Brien's new four-year pact with TBS keeps him at the network where "Conan" debuted in November 2010 after his abrupt exit from "The Tonight Show" when NBC reinstated Jay Leno as host.

But the format and distribution strategy for O'Brien's talents will evolve from his current Monday-through-Thursday hour. He will "expand the boundaries from a talk show to a range of personality-based, cross-platform experiences," according to TBS and TNT President Kevin Reilly.

"In the past few years I've stumbled across many new and exciting ways of connecting with my audience," O'Brien said, "and I'm eager to evolve my show into something leaner, more agile and more unpredictable."

Plans call for extending his Team Coco brand into digital content, podcasting, gaming, pay TV and live events.

With Ridley Scott ("The Martian," "Alien: Covenant"), TNT will develop an evening-long programming block of original science fiction in many forms, serving as a showcase for hour-long series, short form and other formats.

Meanwhile, TNT has announced "Who Run the World?" — a documentary series executive-produced by Sarah Jessica Parker and Morgan Spurlock ("Super Size Me"). Slated to premiere later this year, it will focus on the issues that women face in today's world.

And in late fall, TNT will debut "Michael Moore Live from the Apocalypse," a nonfiction series from the Oscar-winning filmmaker that promises to blow the whistle on everything from Washington politics to Wall Street shenanigans. Moore will star in the series as well as direct and produce.

TBS has given the green light to these four new series:

— "Miracle Workers," a heaven-set workplace comedy starring Daniel Radcliffe and Owen Wilson and executive-produced by Lorne Michaels ("Saturday Night Live").

— "Close Enough," an animated series from "Regular Show" creator J.G. Quintel.

— An update of the durable game show "The Joker's Wild" hosted by Snoop Dogg.

— An untitled series from the comedy trio The Dress Up Gang, whose viral videos include the "My Roommate, My Friend" series.

In addition, TBS is developing a fully interactive late-night programming block with the multi-platform studio Super Deluxe. TBS plans to launch the weekly 90-minute comedy block this fall.

TBS' previously announced comedy series that will star Tracy Morgan now has a title — "The Last O.G." — and supporting players: Cedric the Entertainer and Taylor Mosby ("Criminal Minds").

CBS said it will pair "The Big Bang Theory" with its spin-off sibling, "Young Sheldon."

The new comedy is centered on star Jim Parsons' character as a precocious youngster. "Young Sheldon" will follow "The Big Bang Theory" on Thursdays after debuting Monday, Sept. 25.

CBS Corp. chief executive Leslie Moonves said he hopes "Big Bang Theory" continues beyond the two-year deal that was just concluded.

In the just-ended season cliffhanger, Sheldon is seen proposing to longtime girlfriend Amy, played by Mayim Bialik.

CNN's new series set for 2018 include:

— "Detroit 1963: Once in a Great City," a four-part series about the city of Detroit at its high point.

— "American Heiress: The Patty Hearst Story," a six-part series that will follow the transformation of Patricia Hearst from heiress to terrorist after her kidnapping.

— "1968: The Year That Changed America," a four-part series that looks back at a year marked by seismic shifts in American politics, social movements and national leadership.

— "Kennedys: An American Dynasty," a six-part series that explores how personal relationships within the Kennedy dynasty helped shaped national and global events.

— "Pope," a six-part series that goes inside the Vatican to reveal the true power held by popes throughout the ages.

Spring SERVICE GUIDE

The window is open and warm, delicious little breeze comes wandering in. It smells of magnolias and dogwood and it whispers in our ears enticing little stories of gurgling brooks and cool woods. Yes, we have got spring fever and got it bad.

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A SUPPLEMENTAL membership was awarded to Larry Tatum for another Revolutionary War patriot, William Hinton. This patriot connects the Lawson family line. Prospective member Junior Lawson, left, posed for the photo with Tatum and President John Clines.



THE COL. BENJAMIN Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution presented Honorary Lifetime membership to George Allen, center, during the recent meeting. Allen and Honorary Lifetime member Bill Norwood, left, were also presented SAR War Service Medals, Allen for World War II and Norwood for Korea. Making the presentations were Stan Evans, right, chapter founder.

SAR program looks at leadership qualities of George Washington

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently held its May meeting, at the Elks Club.

The meeting was called to order by John A. Clines Sr., president. The invocation was given by Joe White. At the end of the meeting White also gave the benediction.

Leading the pledge to the flags were Dave Hicks, to the U.S. flag; Tommy McLain for the Tennessee flag salute; and Jim Pemberton for the SAR flag.

Visitors included Brock Harris, Junior Lawson, LuAnn Lawson, Margot Still and Makenzie White.

Dr. Andrew Bledsoe, an assistant professor of history at Lee University and author, gave a program on "Leadership Qualities of George Washington."

His talk centered on the Newburg Conspiracy near the close of the Revolutionary War and whether it was a military "coup d'etat" or not.

In December of 1782, Maj. Gen. Alexander McDougall and two colonels rode from Philadelphia to Newburg, N.Y., with a petition for the Continental Congress.

The major grievance was the pay received. The officers were concerned about receiving half-pay pensions promised by Congress in 1780. They feared the expense might induce Congress to repudiate the promise. They were willing to accept commutation of half pay to some equivalent lump sum payment; however, the memorandum contained a thinly veiled threat — "any further experiments on the Army's patience may have fatal effects."

Pay and half pay were symptoms of a deeper problem in the Army's Newburg camp and that of the Gen. George Washington's headquarters. It was the last major outpost keeping an eye on the British-occupied New York City until the terms of peace could be worked out. The officers and enlisted were concerned about returning home without pay.

Gen. Henry Knox and Secretary of War Benjamin Lincoln drafted McDougall's address. Gen. Arthur Clair told the officers to advise Congress that unless action was immediate, it could expect "a convulsion of the mostly deadly nature and fatal consequences."

During the week political conditions in Congress were nearing a crisis, with Virginia repealing its ratification of an important tariff passed in 1781 and Rhode Island refusing to ratify the tariff. Under the Articles of the Confederation, the measure was dead.

Robert Morris, superintendent of finance for the nation, and his nationalist political group, had been trying since 1780 to increase the power of the national government.

Nationalist such as Alexander Hamilton, Robert Morris, Gouverneur Morris and James Madison felt without the increase of national authority the union would collapse.

Hamilton predicted that without "certain revenues a government can have no power; that power which holds the purse strings absolutely must rule."

After convincing McDougall and his officers the only possible solution was to support the nationalist's financial program.

After learning of the manuring, Washington on March 11 called a meeting of his officers. Gen. Horatio Gates, an archenemy of the general, was presiding.

After receiving permission to



DR. ANDREW BLEDSOE, who was a speaker at the recent meeting of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, was presented a certificate of appreciation from chapter President John Clines, left.

address the meeting, Washington reminded the officers of their duty and the disgrace that would follow any step to sully the Army's glory or tarnish its deserved reputation for courage and patriotism. With a final appeal to reason and virtue, and a plea to reject "attempts to open the floodgates of civil discord" and "deluge our rising empire in blood," Washington ended his speech and produced a letter from a member of Congress.

After reading the first paragraph, Washington paused, fumbled in his vest and produced a pair of reading glasses.

"Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray but almost blind in the service of my country," Washington said.

The assembly was stunned. After months of tension, the imposing physical presence of the commander-in-chief, the speech and finally an act that emotionally embodied the Army's whole experience, combined at once. Some wept.

With this act, the conspiracy collapsed as he read the letter.

Washington was sympathetic to the plight of the Army. He sent copies of the earlier anonymous addresses drafted to Congress.

The "alarming intelligence" arrived while the Congress was debating the pension issue. By the end of March, Congress had agreed to commutation in the form of a lump sum of five year's full pay instead of the earlier proposed lifetime half pay pension.

Bret Lloyd, who had received the chapters Outstanding JROTC award, was also the recipient of the regular JROTC award. Jim McKinney made the presentation.

Claude Hardison presented the JROTC medal to Bradley Central High School's cadet at the annual Ball at the Cleveland County Club on May 6.

Bill Hamilton gave the report on the chapter accounts — fundraising and general operating account — and on the state Color Guard account. He said they were all in excellent shape. The funds from Wreaths Across America had also been received.

Clines reported on the Color Guard's participation in the May 5 Armed Forces Day parade in Chattanooga. The chapter was well represented.

Clines gave Larry Tatum a supplemental certificate for another Revolutionary War patri-

ot — William Hinton. This patriot connects the Lawson family from Bradley County. Junior Lawson, a perspective member, was included in the photos.

George Allen, who is the only Bradley County living survivor of the Pearl Harbor bombing, was given an Honorary Lifetime Membership. Honorary Lifetime Member Bill Norwood and Joe Davis, chapter member and Bradley County Veterans Affairs office were recognized.

Allen shared his activities in the U.S. Army on that Dec. 7 as bombs started dropping from Japanese planes. He said he narrowly missed being hit while cutting potatoes during KP duty.

Stan Evans, chapter founder, presented Allen with the certificate and the SAR War Service Medal (World War II) and certificate.

Norwood was also presented a War Service Medal (Korea) for this three to four year in combat and as a prisoner of war in Korea (1950-53.)

On May 6, the chapter hosted a grave dedication at Cavett's Station in Knoxville. Dave Whaley, who was primary planner, served as master of ceremonies. He coordinated with the West Hills Community Association and others making the site ready for the dedication.

The Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter had a large contingent in both continental and militia dress. There were many muskets available for the Combined Color Guard — Tennessee SAR, Texas SAR, Tennessee Sons of the Revolution and the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association.

Among those attending were Tennessee SAR President David Johnson; Cleveland chapter representative Dr. David Chaffin; chapter regent of the Cavett Station Chapter Tennessee Daughter of the American Revolution; president of the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association and members of the Cavett Station Homeowners.

A large group of Cavett family descendants were present, including Anita McLain, wife of local SAR chapter member Tommy McLain. Jay Lewall, a member of the Texas SAR and descendant, unveiled the Moses and Agnes Cavett headstones. Dale Seville, a descendant, unveiled the Patriot Marker for the Revolutionary War Patriot Capt. Moses Cavett.

Rendering of honors and the presentation of wreaths were made by the Tennessee State SAR, Tennessee State Color



THE COL. BENJAMIN CLEVELAND Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution recently participated in a grave dedication at Cavett's Station in the Knoxville area. Cleveland's Dave Whaley was master of ceremonies. Among the local members attending were, from left, John Clines, Stan Evans, Joe White and Shawn Pritchett.



DURING THE ARMED Forces Day Parade in Chattanooga, several members of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution formed part of the honor guard. From left are John Clines Sr., Jerry Hjellum, Claude Hardison, James Stone, Bob George and Randall Higgins.



THE COMBINED COLOR GUARD poses for a photo during the dedication ceremony at Cavett's Station on May 6.

Guard, two Tennessee SAR chapters, six Tennessee DAR chapters, Sons of the Revolution, and the Over Mountain Victory Trail Association. A three-shot musket volley salute was given by the Color Guard.

Randall Higgins, chapter member and Tennessee SAR District 3 director, presented the Cavett family descendants with descendant certificates.

If you would like to join the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, SAR, contact E. Lynn Freeman jr., registrar/genealogist, at 423-716-8120 or Indrul@aol.com. The chapter will help individuals trace ancestry to the American Revolution to assist you in joining th chapter.



THE JROTC AWARDS were presented at the recent Military Ball. Helen Riden, past Ocoee Chapter DAR regent, presented the DAR JROTC Award. Past Tennessee State SAR president, national trustee, and member of the Col. Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution Claude Hardison presented the Bronze JROTC Medal and a Certificate to a cadet.

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5. Lost And Found

LOST YOUR pet? Check daily at the Cleveland Animal Shelter, 360 Hill Street.

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LOST: SHORT legged black and tan male dog. Lost 2 weeks ago in Polk Co at the end of Ladd Springs Rd. and seen near new New Hope Rd. 423-299-3640 or 423-338-0853. He has a chip implant.

7. Personals

AL-ANON OFFERS help for families of alcoholics. For meeting information call 423-284-1612.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE support group for abuse victims. Meets Mondays. Call 479-9339, extension 15 or 25 for location.

IF YOU want to drink that's your business... If you want to quit, call Alcoholics Anonymous. Call 499-6003.

14. Want To Buy

I BUY junk cars, trucks, motorcycles and scrap metal from \$150 up to \$300, I will pick up. Call Donny at 423-404-1488.

IF YOU are searching for a product or service AND do not want to use loads of time searching everywhere, WHY NOT Advertise your need under the heading: 014 WANT TO BUY in THE CLEVELAND DAILY BANNER!!

15. Yard Sales

SYBLE'S FLOWERS Father's Day, Cemetery Flowers, Etc. Order Now! 423-762-1546.

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18. Articles For Sale

ALUMINUM HANDICAP Ramp for sale. 10x3 feet with rails. 423-472-1777.

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FOR SALE: John Deere Tractor. LA 130 Automatic with fertilizer spreader. \$2000. 423-310-1766

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LOSE 30 lbs. in 30 days! Medical doctors say the only way to lose weight is to eat less and exercise more. Learn how to avoid weight-loss scams. Call the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. A message from Cleveland Daily Banner and the FTC. Or visit our Web site at www.ftc.gov

19. Estate Sales

ENTIRE CONTENTS of house for sale, miscellaneous, antiques, furniture, by appointment only. 423-902-4239 or 423-339-5660.

29. Help Wanted - Part-time

FARM LABORER Friday- Sunday. Must be reliable and provide own transportation. Duties include feeding livestock, cleaning pastures and various other farm duties. If no experience, we will train you. If interested, please call 423-559-9100 or 423-479-9310.

PART TIME Help needed. 3pm-7pm Monday- Friday and 8am-12noon on Saturday. Apply in person at Champion Cleaners. 4590 North Lee Highway.

PART TIME medical office receptionist needed for afternoon and evening hours. 25+ hours per week. Send resume to: clerical_resumes@yahoo.com

PART-TIME personal caregiver needed in Benton Tennessee for a female with Alzheimer's. Requires assistance with activities of daily living. Approximately 15-20 hours per week. Wages based on experience. Call or text 423-618-7870.

PART-TIME summer employment with whitewater rafting company. Duties would include customer relations, reservations, retail, data entry and light cleaning. Must be punctual, personable; be able to type, good phone skills, able to work weekends. Application can be found at: questexpeditions.com. Email to: trips@questexpeditions.com or fax to 423-338-0283.

SCHOOL BUS Drivers wanted. No experience necessary. Will train. 423-716-8912.

30. Help Wanted - Full Time

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES - Volunteer Energy Co-operative (VEC), a member owned electric utility, seeks a highly motivated, dedicated and experienced Director of Human Resources in Decatur, Tennessee. This position provides administrative support encompassing all aspects of human resource management including benefits, workers compensation, employee training, Federal and State labor law compliance, recruiting, and employee programs. Duties include but are not limited to the following: 1. Direct, coordinate, maintain and administer the Human Resources Department. 2. Assist the President/ CEO and Vice Presidents of all departments with interpretation and administration of VEC's personnel policies. 3. Direct and coordinate employee recruitment, interviewing, applicant testing, pre-employment physical and drug testing, and new employee orientation. 4. Assist with the employee retirements. 5. Administers the medical (self-insured), dental, long-term disability, short-term disability, life insurance and vision insurance for active employees and retirees of the company. 6. Plan, coordinate and assist employee development programs such as, education programs, flu vaccinations, wellness programs, etc. 7. Create, update, and maintain position descriptions for VEC classifications. 8. Design and oversee personnel performance review form for each employee. 9. Maintain and post OSHA 300, Affirmative Action Program, VETS 4212, EEO-1 Report, Tennessee's New Hire Reporting, and required Federal and State posters. 10. Oversee and assist payroll, 401(K) and prepare the cooperative's quarterly tax reports. 11. Prepare reports, complete surveys, and all other types of forms upon request by the President/ CEO or employees.

Bachelor's Degree in Business, Human Resources or related field is required. Working knowledge of Federal and State employment laws. Proficient in Microsoft Office software skills. Detail oriented and organized with the ability to prioritize projects and tasks. Must relate well with internal and external customers and work as an effective team member. Please submit resume to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 277, Decatur, Tennessee, 37322, or Fax: 423-334-7102. Deadline is Tuesday, May 30, 2017. E O E

30. Help Wanted - Full Time

INSIDE CLASSIFIED TELEPHONE SALES REPRESENTATIVE

The Cleveland Daily Banner is hiring a talented and motivated sales person to join our advertising team in the position of Inside Classified Telephone Sales Representative.

The position includes developing, presenting and selling advertising solutions for new and existing customers.

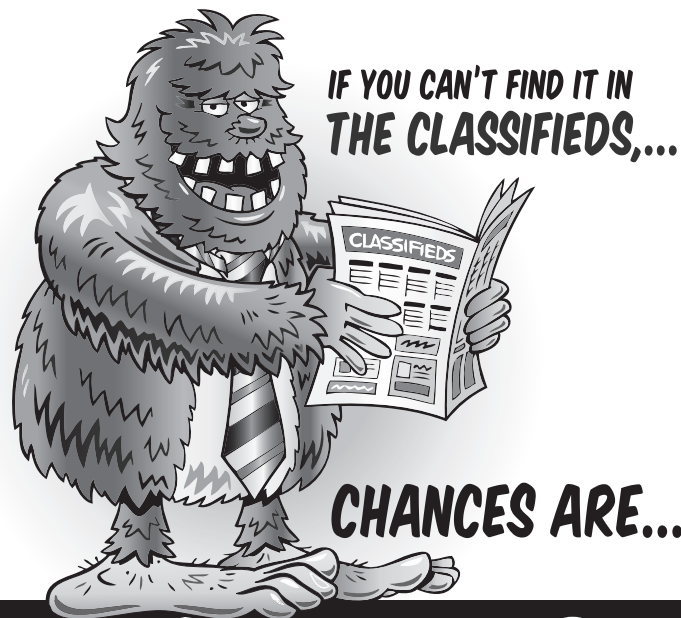
Successful candidate will be responsible for current accounts, prospecting for new ones, assisting walk-in customers, incoming calls, selling customers classified advertising, inputting ad copy and scheduling ads for publication.

Requirements:

- Must be detailed oriented with excellent written and oral communication skills
- Ability to meet sales goals
- Computer proficient
- Able to type 50 wpm accurately
- Deadline Driven
- Ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment
- Team player who can work with a variety of people, personalities and departments.

We offer a base pay plus commission; excellent benefits to include medical, dental, short-term disability, 401k, vacation, and more. Background check and drug screening required.

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Restroom Refurbishment

Bradley County Schools is accepting proposals from qualified vendors for restroom refurbishment of two restrooms located in the gym at Bradley Central High School. Bids will be publically opened and read on June 5th, 2017.

A copy of the proposal specifications may be seen by visiting the Bradley County Schools web site at www.bradleyschools.org/bids or by visiting the Central Office located at 800 South Lee Highway.

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BRADLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS Taylor Flooring Bid

Bradley County Schools is accepting proposals from qualified vendors for materials and labor for flooring for five classrooms at Taylor Elementary School. Bids will be publically opened and read on June 5th, 2017. A copy of the proposal specifications may be seen by visiting the Bradley County Schools web site at www.bradleyschools.org/bids or by visiting the Central Office located at 800 South Lee Highway.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed bids for the project "Masonry Wall Structural Remediation for: Bradley Central High School, Bradley County, Tennessee" will be received at the office of Bradley County Board of Education, 800 S. Lee Highway, Cleveland, TN 37311 until May 31, 2017 @ 1:00 p.m., at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Drawings and Specifications and other Contract Documents may be examined at the following locations:

Office of the Architect - Michael Bell Inc., 651 East Fourth St., Suite 500, Chattanooga, TN 37403
Associated General Contractors, ph: 423-265-1111
McGraw-Hill Construction Dodge, ph: 877-784-9556

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained for bidding purposes by Prime Bidders only by calling Erica Potter at MBI phone 886-251-4048. A link will be sent via email to a Dropbox file allowing access to the drawings and specifications.

A Mandatory Prebid Conference will be held May 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the project site. Attendance at this Prebid Conference is required for Prime Bidders and Masonry Sub-bidders.

Bids will be accepted only from those Prime Bidders attending the pre-bid.

5% Bidders Bond is required. Performance and Payment Bond in the full amount of the bid will be required.

All bidders shall be licensed Contractors as required by the Contractors Licensing Act of 1976 as currently amended.

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AIR CONDITIONING helper needed immediately. Experience helpful. Must have a valid driver's license. 423-339-1613.

DELIVERY DRIVER with F Endorsement needed. Apply in person at Scott's Furniture Company 1650 South Lee Highway, Cleveland.

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EXPERIENCED LUBE Technician with job experience only, some computer experience required. Apply at 917 Keith Street, Cleveland. No phone calls.

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CHEMICAL TANK Driver CDL Class A with Hazmat/ Tanker, and van drivers, no Hazmat required. Clean motor vehicle record, 2 years driving experience. Tank experience preferred. Call Buddy 423-364-3046.

CLEVELAND CITY Schools is now hiring Bus Monitors who wish to become Bus Drivers. Must have a clean driving record. In-house training for qualified applicants. Apply at Cleveland City Schools Maintenance and Transportation, 4300 Mouse Creek Road, NW, Cleveland, Tennessee, Monday- Friday 7:30am to 5pm. E O E

CLEVELAND FINANCE has immediate opening for full time customer service representative. Duties include customer service/ collections. Experience preferred. But, willing to train an outgoing individual. Apply in person at 430 Inman Street W, Cleveland, TN. Monday- Friday, 9am-5pm or fax resume to 472-5690. No phone calls please.

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30. Help Wanted - Full Time

DRIVERS, CDL- A: Excellent medical benefits. Great family home time. Bonuses. Rider program. No- touch. Drive newer equipment 1 year experience. call: 855-842-8498.

HELP WANTED Full Time. Experienced Book Keeper. Experience in general book keeping, sales tax, payroll, and Quickbooks is preferred. Candidate should also be friendly, organized, have a willingness to learn, and be able to multitask. Salary based on experience. Please send resume to: #795-P, c/o Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland, TN 37320-3600

FULL TIME Account Manager for established Cleveland based company. Experience preferred in customer relations, service industry and/ or retail. No nights or weekends, Monday- Friday 9am-5pm. Excellent bonus and benefits package. Please send resume to: #797-P, c/o Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland, TN 37320-3600

FULL TIME Call Center Specialists needed for expanding Cleveland company. Various shifts available, all Monday- Friday, no weekends. Experience preferred in call center environment or telephone communications/ customer service. Average hourly \$15- \$18 with benefits and bonuses. Please send resume to: #798-P, c/o Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland, TN 37320-3600

30. Help Wanted - Full Time

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30. Help Wanted - Full Time

DRYWALL HANGERS and Framers needed for work in Chattanooga area. Must PASS Drug Test have own tools and transportation. Must have at least 5 years. experience. \$18.25 plus Benefits. Call 423-322-7003 or for Spanish 865-323-7429.

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LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

**LEGAL PUBLICATION
BRADLEY COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS**

Bradley County property owners that had a change in the value of their property appraisal for tax purposes will receive a notice by mail beginning **May 20, 2017**.

If you wish to discuss the new value or schedule an appointment to appear before the Bradley County Local Board of Equalization, you may contact the Bradley County Property Assessor's Office at 423-728-7125. **The Bradley County Local Board of Equalization will begin meeting June 1, 2017 and the last day to schedule an appointment for the 2017 session will be June 14, 2017.**

Any owner of property who wishes to make an appeal to the County Board of Equalization must appear before said Board at this time personally or by personal appearance of an agent for the owner bearing the owner's written authorization. Failure to appear and appeal an assessment will result in the assessment becoming final without further right of appeal.
PURSUANT TO T.C.A. 67-5-508
May 21, 2017

**LEGAL PUBLICATIONS
Accepting Bids on Buses**

- 1998 Bluebird 182,292 72 passenger (#39)
- 2000 Bluebird 200,200 72 passenger (#31)
- 2000 Bluebird 219,438 90 passenger (#10)
- 2000 Bluebird 191,176 72 passenger (#8)
- 2000 Bluebird 261,555 72 passenger (#29) Engine problem

Call (423) 715-8600 for more information. Sealed bids must be in our office by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 1, 2017. Bids may be mailed to us at P.O. Box 665, Benton, TN 37307. The Polk County Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
May 17, 21, 2017

**LEGAL PUBLICATION
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

A. The City of Cleveland School System will accept bids for re-roofing a portion of the classroom buildings at George R. Stuart Elementary School, 20th Street NW, Cleveland, Tennessee until 10:00 AM, Monday, June 12th, 2017, in the Administrative Office Board Room, Cleveland City Schools, 4300 Mouse Creek Road NW, Cleveland, TN 37312.

B. There will be a pre-bid meeting at the project site on Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:00 PM. The purpose shall be to review the scope of work and answer questions that have risen.

C. Bidders may obtain one set of bid documents with a \$50.00 refundable deposit from the Architect:

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Cleveland, TN 37311
Fax (423) 478-3323
Phone (423) 476-1594

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30. Help Wanted - Full Time

FOWLER'S CONSTRUCTION is looking to hire a skilled carpenter. Must be able to perform a variety of trades. Please apply in person or call: 411 North Congress Parkway Athens, TN 37303, 423-649-2961.

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MEDICAL PRACTICE seeking experienced Medical Receptionist. Some of the duties include scheduling, referrals, insurance, check in and check out. We will only interview candidates with medical practice receptionist experience. #794-P, c/o Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland, TN 37320-3600.

MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST needed for busy practice. Must exhibit excellent computer data entry skills and knowledge of medical terminology. Please email resume to: medtranscript1@gmail.com

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WE ARE currently in need of an experienced heavy duty truck salesperson to specialize in used truck and trailer sales. This is a full-time position with benefits. If you have a desire to become part of a winning and growing team, please call: 423-698-4093 and ask for Dale Yommer.

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30. Help Wanted - Full Time

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33. Business Opportunities

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34. Money To Lend

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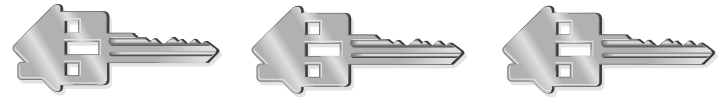
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TVA offers some summer energy saving tips to help keep you cool

This year — after a mild winter — temperatures are elevating across the Tennessee Valley even before the official start of summer.

Not to worry: To keep us all calm, cool and collected, the Tennessee Valley Authority has readied its electric grid for the strain summer temperatures can put on the transmission system. It's also prepared some tips for to help you keep your cool while you save money on your electric bill.

Remember that summer energy use is usually highest — and that it costs the most for TVA to generate electricity — between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. This is the warmest part of the day and also when the majority of residential customers usually arrive home from work. Reducing energy consumption between these hours will help TVA generate electricity at the lowest possible price, and pass the savings on to you through lower fuel costs.

These measures are either free or low cost, and can offset the additional energy needed to run your air conditioner throughout the summer, saving

the strain on your wallet:
 — Keep it clean when the sun goes down. Refrain from running your dishwasher, clothes washer or dryer during the heat of the day, and only run your dishwasher only when it's full.
 — Filter it out. Make sure your air conditioner filter is clean — a dirty filter means the air conditioner won't get as cool, and will use more power than necessary. Replace disposable filters with new ones, and thoroughly clean reusable filters. Following this easy measure can also add years to your HVAC system.
 — Mom was right ... shut those doors! Try to minimize the amount of times you open and shut the doors leading outside to keep the cool air in. The same theory includes the refrigerator door.
 — Do a fan dance. Use ceiling and floor fans to keep air moving in your home — they use a lot less power than setting your air conditioner lower.
 — Unplug to power down. Unplug any unused or unnecessary electronic devices — even when turned off, they still are generating heat if they're

plugged in.
 — Cut the cord to the old appliances. Got an old fridge out in the garage or down in the basement? Consider letting that sentimental dinosaur go ... it's still inefficient.
 — Lighten up. Make that switch to more energy-efficient light bulbs. You'll save money, and bonus! ... They put off less heat.
 — A slightly warmer house equals less sizzle on your budget. Setting your thermostat between 75 and 78 degrees F (~24° C) during the day (even higher if no one is home) can make a significant difference in your power bill.
 — Made in the shade. Create your own shade by keeping curtains closed during the day on the south, west, and east sides of the house to block out sunlight.
 — Kiss the hot cook goodbye. Plan menus ahead of time for meals that require less range or oven heat. Consider using the microwave instead ... it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as stovetop cooking.
 — Or, get out of the house. Consider using your gas or

Summer Energy Tips
Saving energy from the inside out.

- Insulate your attic, and walls, and seal cracks and openings to prevent warm air from leaking in.
- Keep curtains closed on the south, east and west sides of the house during the day.
- Perform a do-it-yourself home energy audit. Online and paper versions are available at EnergyRight.com/residential.
- Caulk and weatherstrip around windows and doors.
- Turn up your cooling system's thermostat to 78° F or even higher.
- Use fans to keep air circulating.
- Change air filters monthly.
- Keep your outside air unit clean and clear of debris or weeds.
- Run your washer and dryer only when full.
- Set the refrigerator temperature at 36° to 39° F and your freezer at 0° to 5° F.
- Run your dishwasher only when full.
- Use the recession when possible — it cooks faster and doesn't create as much heat as a stove burner.

Look for additional tips from your local power company and TVA at EnergyRight.com

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charcoal grill outside for cooking rather than kitchen appliances.
 — Keep your cool. Insulate your attic and walls and seal cracks to keep air conditioning inside where it belongs. Likewise, caulk and weatherstrip

around windows and doors.
 — But not too cool. Set the refrigerator temperature at 36° to 39° F and your freezer at 0° to 5° F.
 — Create some breathing room. Keep weeds and debris

away from your outdoor air conditioning unit.
 — Look within. Perform a do-it-yourself home energy audit. Online and paper versions are available at www.EnergyRight.com/residential.



TOMMY AND RUTH TOWNSEND, who married on May 19, 1967, are celebrating their 50th anniversary. They celebrated with their son, Brent Townsend, and his wife, Kim; and two granddaughters, Brianna and Abigail. The Townsends were honored with a reception on May 13 at Crossroads Baptist Church at Delano.



U.S. housing starts fell 2.6 percent in April

WASHINGTON (AP) — Construction of new homes fell for a second straight month in April, pushing activity to the lowest point in five months.
 Housing starts fell 2.6 percent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.17 million units, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. That followed a 6.6 percent decline in March and left home building at its lowest point since last November. The weakness was led by a big drop in construction of apartments, a volatile sector.
 Nevertheless, housing construction has been one of the bright spots for the economy. Analysts expect that the number of Americans seeking homes will rebound in the coming months, driven by strong employment gains and low unemployment.
 Applications for building

permits, an indicator of future activity, fell 2.5 percent in April, the second decline out of the past three months. But some analysts noted that previous weakness in permit applications has proven to be temporary.
 "We should keep in mind that several other housing indicators have been upbeat lately and also that we previously have seen some temporary soft patches in the permits data that did not derail the housing recovery," said Daniel Silver, an economist with JPMorgan.
 In April, construction of single-family homes edged up a slight 0.4 percent to an annual rate of 835,000 units. Construction of multi-family units dropped a sharp 9.2 percent to a rate of 337,000 units. The weakness was led by a 37.3 percent plunge in activity

in the Northeast and a 9.1 percent drop in the South. Those gains offset a 41.1 percent rise in the Midwest and a 5.4 percent increase in the West.
 While the overall economy grew at a lackluster 0.7 percent rate in the first quarter, the housing sector stood out with a solid 13.7 percent growth rate. Economists are looking for housing to continue to support overall growth for the rest of the year.
 The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder index rose to 70 this month, up two points from an April reading of 68. Reading above 50 indicate builders view sales conditions as good. The index has been above 60 since September and the reading hit 71 in March, the highest level since June 2005 during the height of the last housing boom.

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