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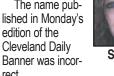
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Crash victim identified as Lisa Stafford

From Staff Reports

The name of the Cleveland woman killed in the Sunday evening traffic accident on

U.S. Highway 64 was Lisa Stafford. The name published in Monday's edition of the



Stafford, 47, died in the accident which occurred around 9:25 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 64 and Cherokee Drive, just east of Cleveland. The accident was investigated by the Tennessee Highway

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Inside Today



Raiders still perfect

The Cleveland Blue Raiders kept their basketball record spotless with a win over Alcoa. The Lady Raiders also held on for a win over the Lady Tornadoes. The Bradley Central Bears and Walker Valley Mustangs are set to do battle tonight inside Smiddy Arena. The Tennessee Volunteers' Derek Barnett has been named to the 2016 All-America team. See Sports, Pages 9-11.

Forecast



Today looks to be cloudy, with a 40 percent chance of rain showers and a high near 53. Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies and a 30 percent chance of rain, with a low around 36. Wednesday should be partly sunny, with a high near 52. Wednesday night calls for partly cloudy skies and a low around 25. Thursday should be sunny, with a high near 36. Thursday night should be partly cloudy and cold, with lows around 20.

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Around Town

Seth Hicks coming up with a clever battle cry for the upcoming new year ... T.A. Hicks excited about the current wrestling season ... Sheri Vincent thrilled that her son Shawn Cordell helped her find her "dream car" ... Mike Hoops having a little trouble playing tennis recently.



Council eyes funding plan for school

The proposed Candy's Creek Cherokee Elementary School on Georgetown Road (State Highway 60) was a major topic at the Cleveland City Council meeting Monday.

The Council approved a motion to pay \$138,000 for its part in the schematics for the new school, briefly reviewed a tentative timeline for the construction, discussed possible traffic problems, the state's widening of Highway 60 in front of the school, and the biggest challenge of all — funding.

It was pointed out that the city is expected to receive around \$6 million from

Bradley County's bond issue for construction of a new educational building and upgrades at Lake Forest Middle School. Last week, the Bradley County Board of Education approved a \$17,245,000 bid from Tri-Con Inc. of Cleveland for the Lake Forest project.

City Manager Joe Fivas and Finance Director Shawn McKay told the Council this means the city will still have to raise \$8 to \$9 million to build the new elementary school.

There was much discussion surrounding the funding issue.

Councilman Richard Banks said, "It

seems to me the county is trying to get around giving their fair share (to the city) of money for education." He said the agreement between the two governments (to share education funds two-thirds to one-third), "has stood the test of time."
Councilmen Bill Estes and Charlie McKenzie also had money questions. Estes

asked if the county can use the HCI funds from the sale of Bradley Memorial Hospital, while McKenzie asked if the city would receive any return from the county if it purchased the old American Uniform plant, near Ocoee Middle School, for educational

McKenzie was told that the only provision would be if the Commission were to approve another bond issue.

Attending Monday's meeting from the school system were longtime school board member and board Chair Dawn Robinson, school board member Charlie Cogdill, and Maintenance Transportation and Supervisor Hal Taylor.

Council members also approved a land swap of property near the new school location. Retail developers to the north of the school site are taking two parcels from the

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DANCING COP RETURNS

Sean Bulow still ringing in his cheer

By ALLEN MINCEY Banner Staff Writer

Sean Bulow has become an Internet sensation, and though he is humbled by the attention, he enjoys it because it shows that police officers help others in different ways.

Bulow is with the Cleveland Police Department, where he has served since 2015. He previously was an officer in Chattanooga.

"I am from Kettering, Ohio, just south of Dayton, and I am in Cleveland because I graduated from Lee (University)," he

Bulow said when he was growing up, he always wanted to be a police officer. "I saw how cops interact with the community," the officer stated.

He said he enjoys being a police officer and helping people, but an incident in Chattanooga made him realize that not everyone is fond of the boys in blue.

"I had a little kid at East Lake Courts come up to me and ask me why I wanted to shoot him," Bulow said. "I didn't like it — it made me feel bad to hear that from a youngster."

East Lake is located in an area of Chattanooga prone to police presence due to crime activity. Bulow said the child had probably been told that police officers are not good people and shoot people in that area, or he had seen or heard reports on TV, whether in Chattanooga or across the nation, where police have been involved in altercations that led to such actions.

"It made me stop in my tracks there. I had to regather myself," he said. "I just looked at (the child's) mom with disappointment."

Bulow said he told the youngster that "we don't want to shoot him." He said he hoped the fact he was nice to

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Banner photos, ALLEN MINCEY
BROTHERS JAK (at center above) and Asher Kraft "bust some moves" with Cleveland Police officer Sean Bulow at Walmart South on Monday afternoon. Bulow was once again at the store dancing and collecting donations for The Salvation Army campaign. Thanks to his newfound popularity, which is credited to a blitz of local, regional and national publicity, Bulow is finding more and more dancing partners wherever he

CLEVELAND POLICE officer Sean Bulow, left, dances with Walmart shopper Andrea Wells Monday afternoon. Bulow was collecting donations for The Salvation Army, a drive which he is helping to make extremely successful.

Watson confirms he'll send response to TMV

State commission seeks car info

By BRIAN GRAVES Banner Staff Writer

Bradley County Sheriff Eric Watson is denying any wrongdoing in response to allegations concerning his purchase and sale of used cars.

His comments come in light of a regional media report alleging he broke state statutes when he purchased several cars on a governmentbidding web-The sheriff admits he pur-



chased the 18 cars in question, but said he has done everything to make sure his actions were in accordance with state regulations.

Both Watson and his family's business, Best Buy Auto Leasing, have been sent letters from the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission asking for a written

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Shooting victim ID'd as teenager

By ALLEN MINCEY Banner Staff Writer

The man who died from a gunshot wound Monday morning at Springbrook Apartments has been identified by Cleveland Police.

Adam Johnson, 18, died at the apartments after he and another person were the victims of a shooting at the apartments, according to the Cleveland Police Department. The second victim is identified as a

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CHS honors City Council, school board

By SARALYN NORKUS Banner Staff Writer

With the new \$11 million Raider Arena in the midst of its first basketball season, Monday night proved to be the perfect night for Cleveland High School to honor the Cleveland City Council and Cleveland Board of Education for their efforts in getting the construction project approved and funded.

Both the Lady Raiders and Raiders produced wins over Alcoa, adding to the overall celebratory tone of the evening. "This is a dream-come-true for

any community. We feel like we



Banner photo, SARALYN NORKUS CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL honored the Cleveland Board of Education and City Council at Raider Arena before the boys' basketball game against Alcoa Monday night. Both the Board of

Bulletin

Brantley arrest is confirmed

By BRIAN GRAVES Banner Staff Writer

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office confirmed Tuesday morning the arrest of Donnie Brantley.

Brantley was arrested and charged with the 2009 murder of his wife, Marsha.

BCSO Public Information Director James Bradford confirmed the arrest to the Daily Banner.

The body of Marsha Brantley, who was reported missing in 2009, was never recovered and a cold case trial scheduled in 2014 was dropped so investigators could continue to collect evidence and information.

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Education and City Council were given basketballs from the first games at Raider Arena. See HONORS, Page 13

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OBITUARIES



Lawrence Bartley

Lawrence Bartley, 60, of Eton, Ga., passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, at his residence

He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and was a member of Fairy Valley Baptist Church.

Survivors include his parents, Jim and Jennie Bartley of Eton; brother and sister-in-law, Craig and Sheila Bartley of Crandall, Ga.; sister and brother-in-law, Janice and Anthony Ridley of Eton; special niece and spouse, Amanda Bartley Alexander and Matt Alexander of Ringgold, Ga.; and an aunt, uncle, numerous and many special friends.

The funeral to celebrate his life will be held today, Dec. 13, 2016, at 2 p.m. from the chapel of Peeples Funeral Home of Chatsworth, Ga., with the Rev. Bobby Green and the Rev. William Silvers officiating.

Interment will follow in the Murray Memorial Gardens.

The family will receive friends today from 11 a.m. until the service hour at 2 p.m. at the funeral

Flowers are accepted, or donations may be made to the Shepard Spinal Center 2020 Peachtree Road N.W. Atlanta, GA 30309.



Eulene 'Nene' Bivens

"Nene" Swafford Eulene Bivens, 82, a longtime resident of Cleveland, passed away on Sunday morning, Dec. 11, 2016, at her home surrounded by her

She was born in Birchwood on Sept. 11, 1934, a daughter of the late Alonzo "L.H." and Annabelle Swafford.

She and her late husband, Don Bivens, worked together for many years operating a local backhoe business.

She was an avid bowler who bowled on local leagues for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her precious sisters and her great-nephews and nieces as they came along, which is what she loved most. They were the twinkle in her eves.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Harry "Don" Bivens; one brother, Cecil Swafford; and five sisters: Virginia Swafford, Louella Posey, Jeanette Taylor, Edith Gaddis

and Faye Tucker. She leaves behind to cherish her memory a special brother-inlaw. Gene Tucker; beloved niece and nephews and their families, Kim and Rodney Dillard and their children Tucker and Shanna Dillard, Kaitlin Dillard and Olivia Dillard, Anthony and Kristi Tucker and their children Briley Tucker Aani Bella Tucker and Gary and Brenda Blackwell; and several other extended family members

and special friends. The family extends appreciation to the many caregivers to Don and Eulene over the past few years. To name a few, especially: Candace Creighton, Judy Creighton, Lora with Hospice of Chattanooga, Teresa Jenkins, Mary Westfield, Connie Litton

and Glenda "Gigi" Green. A celebration of her life is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at 3:30 p.m. in the chapel of Companion Funeral Home, 2419 Georgetown Road in Cleveland, with the Rev. Ronald Ledford officiating.

Entombment will follow in the Sunset Memorial Gardens. Anthony Tucker, Rodney Dillard, Tucker Dillard, Mike Wooten, Brandon Wooten and Bobby Goins and will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be and Gary

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

Blackwell.

The family will receive friends in the funeral home parlor from 1:30 until the 3:30 p.m. service time on Wednesday afternoon.

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



Sarah Katherine Burris

Sarah Katherine Hale Burris, 79, of Calhoun, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, at Life Care

Center of Cleveland. She was born in Riceville on 12, 1937, and lived her

entire life in McMinn County.

She graduated from Calhoun High School and married Henry Vernon Burris May 14, 1955. She was preceded in death by

her parents, John Willard and Frances Bacon Hale; and her sister and her husband, Ann Hale and Paul Roberson of Etowah. She was a member of Calhoun

United Methodist Church, where she taught Sunday School, was the church treasurer, and played the piano for 31 years.

She loved to make old-fashion stack fruit cakes. She loved to raise and can vegetables from her garden. Her favorite hobby was hand quilting for which she won many awards at the McMinn Heritage Museum Quilt Shows. She was past president of the Heritage Quilt Guild.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Burris of Calhoun; two daughters and their husbands: Elaine and Eddie Geren of Calhoun and Renee and Steve Medley of Cleveland; two granddaughters: Crystle Geren Wright and husband, David Wright, of Riceville and Shelley Geren of Knoxville; one great-grand-daughter, Carlie Ann Wright; a brother and sister-in-law, John Willard, Jr. and Marian Hale of Englewood; one uncle, James A Bacon of Knoxville; and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be conducted 11 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2016, at Calhoun United Methodist Church with Pastor Cory Miller officiating.

She will lie in repose for one hour prior to the service.

Interment will follow in Calhoun Johnny Lee Frye

The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m., today at Calhoun United Methodist Erlanger Medical Center in

Family members will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers will be Heritage Quilt Guild members.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers memorials be made in Katherine's name to the Calhoun United Methodist Church Music Fund, P.O. Box 185, Calhoun, TN

If you are unable to attend this service or visitation you may sign the guest register at www.smithfuneral&cremationservicesofathens.com.

Smith Funeral & Cremation Services of Athens is honored to serve the family of Sarah Katherine Hale Burris.



Ricky Lee Caldwell

Ricky Lee Caldwell, 56, passed away in his beloved Old Fort home on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 2016, attended by his wife, Barbara, and his sister, Doris.

He had recently moved to Tennessee from the San Francisco Bay area to be closer to his family and his roots.

He follows his eldest brother, Benny Caldwell, into the beyond. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Hawes Caldwell; son, Robert Lee Caldwell of Orlando, Fla.; sister, Ruth, wife of Russel Middleton of Calhoun, Ga.; his sister, Doris, wife of Keith Hines of Cleveland; and his brother, Calvin, husband of Shirley Caldwell of Old Fort; as well as the families of his siblings and cousins, and his two dear kitties: Penelope and PurrCinnamon, who gave him great comfort and

After serving his country in the Navy, he chose a lifetime career of working in security and had recently retired. He demonstrated his free spirit in this lifetime: he loved to play and his motto for life was, "If it ain't fun don't do it, and if it is fun do it again." Ricky enjoyed being in nature and he loved his family. Recently he fulfilled his dream of many years by returning to live in the country, and to be near his family again.

His family and friends will celebrate Ricky's life at his home in Old Fort on Sunday, Dec. 18.

Please contact a family member for the details. Funeral Companion Cremation Service was in charge

of arrangements.



Vivian Suzanne Deyhle

Vivian Suzanne Deyhle, 65, of McDonald, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at Parkridge Medical Center in Chattanooga.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.





Johnny Lee Frye, 60, a resident of Athens, passed away on Chattanooga.

He was a native and lifelong resident of McMinn County.

He served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne and later transferred to serve on the Military Honor Guard at Arlington Cemetery. He had served on the of Athens McMinn Department, the County Sheriff's Department and with TVA as a security guard. He later attended Lee College and did his student teaching at City Park Elementary School. He most recently was associated with Athens Products.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory two sons: Nathan Lee Frye of Athens and Daniel Kyle Frye and his wife, Annette, of El Paso, Texas; three grandchildren: Giovanni, Matthew and Audrey; his parents, John C. and Rose Breeden Frye of Riceville; a sister and her husband, Donna and Kim Wade of Riceville; his former wife, Marilyn Malone of Memphis; nephew and niece; Christian Wade of Riceville and SkyLinn Lvnn of Vonore; one greatniece, Madlin Lynn of Niota; and several other extended family members and a host a special

A graveside service is planned for Monday, Dec. 19, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the Chattanooga National Cemetery and will conclude with full military honors.

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

Companion Funeral Home and the Cody family are honored to assist the Frye family with his arrangements.



Correction

In Friday's edition of the Banner, the pastor of the Pine Hill Church of God was incorrectly identified. The pastor is Jason



Linda Jean Manis

Linda Jean Manis, 73, a lifelong resident of Cleveland, passed away on Saturday night, Dec. 10, 2016, at her home.

She was born in Cleveland on July 21, 1943, a daughter of the late Robert and Edith Conn.

She worked for many years as an administrative assistant for the Bradley Baptist Association, Church of God International Ladies Ministry and Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and her great-grandson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Manis.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory three children: Lisa Rogers and her husband, Ben, Kelli Fulton of Chattanooga and Trae Bromley and his wife, Corinia, of Harrison; four grandchildren: Macey Phillips (Lex), Tenlie Logsdon, Dakota Bromley and Kelci Bromley; one greatgrandson, Ace Phillips; one sister, Phyllis Liner of North Carolina; and several other extended family members and a host of special friends.

The family is planning a private memorial service to be held over the holiday. You can, however, share a memory of Linda and/or your condolences with her family by visiting her memorial web and guestbook www.companionfunerals.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made in Linda's memory to the Church of God Women's P.O. Box 2430, Ministry — Cleveland, TN 37320. Companion Funeral Home and

the Cody family are honored to assist the Manis family with these arrangements.





Carl Lee Melton

Carl Lee "Alright" Melton, 83, of Riceville, died Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016, at his home.

He was a lifelong resident of McMinn County and was a son of the late Hershel and Artie Dixon He was also preceded in death

by a sister, Vorus Ingle, and her husband, Bill Ingle; and a brother, Jack Melton.

He was a member of East Athens Baptist Church and was a member of Meridian Sun Lodge No. 50 F&AM, and was a 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite Chattanooga Consistory, and the Alhambra Shrine Temple.

He was associated with Mayfield's Dairy Farms as a routeman, retiring after 28 years of service.

He is survived by his wife, Vesta Watson Melton of Riceville; brother, Herman Melton and wife, Majorie, of Cleveland; sister-inlaw, Sarah Grace Melton of Cleveland; special niece, Linda Owens; special nephew, Tom Melton; special great-nephew, Greig Roberts; niece, Mitzi Gibson and husband, Chuck; nephews: Steve Melton and wife, Donna, and Dennis Melton and wife, Diannia; several greatnieces and great-nephews; special cousin, Carolyn Harris and husband, James; special second cousin, Vicki Harris; and special friends: Carl Hutsell, Fred McKinney, Vic and Jane Wooten, Dr. Eric DeFreitas and wife, Mary



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The funeral will be conducted 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016, in the chapel of Smith Funeral Home in Athens with the Rev. Bob Pruitt and the Rev. Mike

Dannel officiating.
Interment will follow in McMinn Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday prior to the service.

Pallbearers will be Steve Moses, Ron Morris, William (Tick) Lee, Ricky Mayes, Donnie Anderson, Jerry Millsaps, Drew Webb and Eddy Woody. Honorary pallbearers will be Carl Hutsell and Fred McKinney.

If you are unable to attend this service you may sign the guest register at www.smithfuneral& cremationservicesofathens.com.

Timothy J. Morris

Timothy J. Morris, 59, of Cleveland, died Monday evening, Dec. 12, 2016, in a local hospital. Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Helen Murphy

Helen Murphy, Chattanooga, died Monday morning, Dec. 12, 2016.

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Companion Funeral and Cremation Service.



Mary Grace Randolph

Mary Grace Randolph, 77, of Cleveland, died Monday, Dec. 12, 2016, at her home. Survivors and arrangements

will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Lee Smith

Lee Smith, 70, of Athens, died Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016, in a Chattanooga hospice facility.

Survivors and arrangements will be announced by Companion Funeral Home.



Jimmy Haslam to be deposed in hangar for Pilot lawsuit

KNOXVILLE (AP) — Cleveland Browns owner Jimmy Haslam was being deposed Tuesday in a civil lawsuit against the Pilot Flying J truck-stop chain owned by the family of Haslam and his brother, Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam.

According to a court notice filed in Franklin County, Ohio, the deposition that was originally to be videotaped at a Knoxville law office was moved to the conference room at the Pilot Aviation hangar at the airport.

The lawsuit was filed by companies that declined to participate in an \$85 million settlement between Pilot and 5,500 trucking companies in connection with a scheme to cheat customers out of promised discounts and rebates. The company also paid a \$92 million federal penalty in an agreement with prosecutors in which the company accepted responsibility for the criminal actions of its employees.

Jimmy Haslam has denied any wrongdoing or previous knowledge about the scheme and had sought to block the deposition in the case.

"Mr. Haslam's deposition is not warranted by the facts in these cases and plaintiffs' pursuit of his deposition is nothing more than harassment," attorney Steve Brody said in a statement.

"Mr. Haslam is nevertheless eager to put this gamesmanship behind him and therefore voluntarily agreed to sit for deposition by the remaining civil plaintiffs,' Brody said.

The depositions were not open to the public, according a Haslam spokesman.

Ten former Pilot employees have pleaded guilty in the scheme, and the company's former president and several others face trial next year in federal court.

The scheme became public after federal agents raided the company's headquarters in April 2013. A 120-page FBI affidavit unsealed after the search contained transcripts of secretly recorded conversations among the sales team deriding some trucing clients as unsophisticated, lazy and undeserving of

Pilot Flying J is the nation's largest diesel retailer with annual revenues of about \$30 billion.

EPA: 'Data gaps' block verdict on fracking, drinking water

WASHINGTON (AP) Hydraulic fracturing to drill for oil and natural gas poses a risk to drinking water in some circumstances, but a lack of information precludes a definitive statement on how severe the risk is, the Environmental Protection Agency says in a new report that raises more questions than answers.

The report removes a finding from a draft issued last year indicating that fracking has not caused "widespread, systemic" harm to drinking water in the United States. Industry groups hailed the draft EPA study as proof that fracking is safe, while environmentalists seized on the report's identification of cases where fracking-related activities polluted drinking

The final report takes pains to avoid drawing any conclu-

"The report provides valuable information about potential

water resources, but was not designed to be a list of docu-mented impacts," the EPA said in a statement provided to The Associated Press ahead of the report's release on Tuesday.

vulnerabilities to drinking

Fracking involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground to split open rock formations so oil and gas will flow.

It's a special DAY FOR ...

Hannah Evans, Stacy Gray and Kevin Gilbert, who are celebrating birthdays today ... Kim Keller, James Chapman, Tim Stinnett, Chuck Rymer, Lynn Perdue, Sam White and Molly Moore, who celebrated birthdays Monday .. Jimmy Delk, who turned 66 Monday.



A HANDWRITTEN, cardboard sign next to a nativity displays a message for whomever stole Mary from their yard's Nativity last week in Manchester, N.H. Shirl Kula and her husband have put up the Nativity almost every Christmas for the 16 years they have lived in their home, and they consider it a gift to the neighborhood. Kula says she is not looking to punish the thief, she simply wants Mary back. Jesus isn't in his cradle but hasn't been stolen. Kula and her husband wait until midnight each Christmas to put

TENNESSEE BRIEFS

Workshops scheduled for people interested in farming

SPRING HILL University of Tennessee Extension has scheduled a workshop for people who want to go into farming but don't know how to get started.

Starting Jan. 25, four workshops are scheduled across the state. The same materials will be presented at each event.

The full-day workshop is designed for those with little or no farming background. Program topics include the language of agriculture; a self-assessment of goals, desires and commitments; basic crop and livestock needs; evaluating land suitability; equipment and tools; and potential risks.

Registration to attend is \$25 per person.

The first workshop is set for Jan. 25 in Montgomery County. The next is scheduled for March 28 in White County, followed by a May 10 workshop in Grainger County and a July 11 workshop in Madison County.

Nashville man released 2 years after wife's false allegation

NASHVILLE (AP) — A Nashville man has been released from prison, more than two years after his wife lied about him threaten-

The Tennessean reports 33vear-old Robert E. Polk was released from a Tiptonville prison on Nov. 23, six days after the state's parole board agreed to reinstate his parole.

Polk's parole in a drug case was revoked in 2014 after his wife claimed she threatened him with a gun.

Assistant District Attorney General Vince Wyatt told the parole board in September that Polk's wife admitted she made up the incident. She has been convicted of perjury.

Polk's return to prison cost Tennessee taxpayers more than \$54,000, and cost Polk his job doing electrical work and separated him from his children. He is now visiting staffing agencies to find work.

Rhodes College names Marjorie Hass first female president

MEMPHIS (AP) — Rhodes College in Memphis has named Marjorie Hass as the school's 20th president.

Hass, who is currently president of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, will become the first female president in Rhodes' 168-year history. She succeeds current President William E. Troutt in July following his retirement after 18 years as Rhodes president.

Rhodes has an enrollment about 2,000 undergraduate students.

Hass earned her bachelor's. master's and doctorate degrees in philosophy from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She was a professor and provost Muhlenberg College in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She was named president of Austin

College in 2009.

Hass serves as board chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges Universities.

Governor seeks quick action on disaster request for Tenn.

NASHVILLE Tennessee's governor has sent a request to President Barack Obama to expedite a major disaster declaration for five of the state's counties to aid in recovery from wildfires and severe storms.

The counties included in Gov. Bill Haslam's declaration request are Coffee, McMinn, Polk, Sequatchie and Sevier.

Haslam says his goal is to help ensure those counties get the federal assistance needed to rebuild from the disasters.

A presidential disaster declaration could help the five counties with costs for debris removal, emergency protective measures and rebuilding and repairing roads, bridges, buildings, water control facilities, utilities and recreational facilities.

It might also help qualifying individuals with direct assis-

November revenues in Tennessee up slightly from prior year

NASHVILLE (AP) — Tennessee officials say the state's revenues for November were up slightly from the same month a year ago.

Finance and Administration Commissioner Larry Martin says last month's revenues of \$907 million were \$6.8 million in excess of the budgeted estimate. November revenues represent consumer spending occurred in October.

Martin says sales tax revenues showed moderate growth in November. Martin says franchise and excise taxes had negative growth for the month, which he says is not alarming since November is a small collection month for corporate revenues.

Officials say general fund revenues for November were \$7.7 million less than the budgeted estimate, and the four other funds that share in state tax revenues were \$14.5 more than the budgeted estimate

Terminally ill 5-year-old boy dies in Santa's arms

KNOXVILLE (AP) Tennessee Santa Claus says a terminally ill 5-year-old boy died in his arms after he gave the child a present in the hospital.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel reports Eric Schmitt-Matzen, who does about 80 events a year as Santa, was asked a few weeks ago to visit the dying boy.

Schmitt-Matzen says he gave the child a toy. He says the boy gave him a big hug, asked Santa, can you help me?" and died in his arms.

Schmitt-Matzen says it took him days to recover, but he's continuing to play Santa.

The News-Sentinel report didn't include details on the boy or the hospital. Schmitt-Matzen didn't immediately respond to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

Lawsuit claims GOP donor Andy Miller hired political allies

NASHVILLE (AP) — A lawyer for a prominent Republican donor is disputing former executives' claims that client Andy Miller Jr. hired political allies, friends and family to work do-nothing jobs.

that allegations are made in a lawsuit filed by three former executives who claim Miller caused cash flow problems at Life Watch Pharmacy in 2013 by misusing

The lawsuit alleges that those cash flow problems caused Miller to arrange funding through "highinterest loans from individuals and organizations."

State ethics disclosure forms show at least seven current and former state lawmakers had financial ties Miller companies. Perennial GOP candidate Joe Carr last year paid \$2,250 to settle a Federal Election Commission probe into interest earned from a \$200,000 campaign loan to Life

Miller confirmed to the newspaper earlier this year that then-Rep. Jeremy Durham, a Franklin Republican later expelled from the Legislature amid sexual harassment allegations, also loaned campaign money to Life Watch.

The case was filed by Steven Kress, George Clements and Oliver "Crom" Carmichael, who were executives with a holding called M2G-Med company

Management Group. The lawsuit claims that Miller offered Kress \$350,000 in late 2014 for his silence "regarding their business activities, actions and inactions

taken regarding M2G.' Miller's attorney Scott Sims called the allegations "baseless."

"At the end of the day, Andy Miller went above and beyond what he was required to do to try to make these companies successful," Sims said.

Miller has countersued the former executives, alleging that Kress and Carmichael tried to shift businesses away from M2G to another company not owned by Miller.

Sims said the companies went out of business, but that it "wasn't for anything that Andy Miller

In 2011, Miller bankrolled a trip to Europe for six state lawmakers billed as a "fact-finding mission" about the dangers of radical Islam, and he is the founder of the Tennessee Freedom Coalition that has brought Dutch anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders to speak in the state.

Miller, his brother Tracy and their Healthmark Investment Trust in September agreed to pay \$7.8 million to settle federal allegations that another one of their companies, QMedRx Inc., defrauded the military health care program Tricare.

NOTABLE QUOTES

Trump 'shoot someone' boast tops 2016 list

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Donald Trump's boast on the campaign trail that he could shoot somebody and not lose any voters tops a Yale Law School librarian's list of the most notable quotes of

Sound bites from the presidential campaign dominated the 11th annual "Yale Book of Quotations" list from Fred Shapiro, an associate director of the library. He chooses quotes that are famous or revealing of the spirit of the times, and not necessarily eloquent or admirable.

The list includes quotes from each of the national party conventions. At the Republicans' gathering in Cleveland, it was Trump saying: "I alone can fix it." At the Democrats' convention a week later, it was Khizr Khan, the father of an American soldier killed in Iraq, addressing Trump and saying: "Have you even read the United States Constitution? ... You have sacrificed nothing and

The yearly list is an update to the "Yale Book of Quotations," which was first published in 2006.

THE LIST

LOTTERY **Numbers**

(AP) — These lotteries were drawn Monday:

Tennessee

Cash 3 Evening: 5-1-4, Lucky Sum: 10 Cash 3 Midday: 4-5-6, Lucky Sum: 15

Cash 3 Morning: 7-9-8 Cash 4 Evening: 5-6-9-4, Lucky

Cash 4 Midday: 6-8-2-4, Lucky Sum: 20 Cash 4 Morning: 2-4-0-4

Cash4Life: 14-19-48-53-54, Cash Ball: 4

(fourteen, nineteen, forty-eight, fifty-three, fifty-four; Cash Ball:

Tennessee Cash: 09-19-22-24-29, Bonus: 2

Georgia

5 Card Cash: AH-3C-5C-4H-8S All or Nothing Day: 04-06-09-10-11-12-14-18-19-20-22-23

All or Nothing Evening: 02-04-05-06-07-09-16-17-18-20-23-24 All or Nothing Morning: 03-06-07-09-10-16-17-20-21-22-23-24 All or Nothing Night: 03-04-07-

08-09-10-11-12-13-14-16-20 Cash 3 Evening: 4-3-6 Cash 3 Midday: 9-3-5 Cash 4 Evening: 8-1-1-2 Cash 4 Midday: 2-6-8-3 Fantasy 5: 06-17-22-32-41 Georgia FIVE Evening: 3-7-3-4-6 Georgia FIVE Midday: 0-8-9-1-1 Jumbo Bucks Lotto: 07-11-12-15-30-45

of Fifth Avenue and shoot somebody, and I wouldn't lose any voters." — Donald Trump, speech at campaign rally, Sioux Center, Iowa, Jan. 23.

"When they go low, we go high." — Michelle Obama, commencement speech at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, April 23.

3. "You could put half of Trump's supporters into what I call the 'basket of deplorables." -Hillary Clinton, remarks at a fundraiser, New York, Sept. 9. 4. "And love is love is love is love

is love is love is love cannot be killed or swept aside." - Lin-Manuel Miranda, poem about Orlando massacre read at Tony Awards ceremony, New York, 5. "(In politics) you need both a

public and a private position." -Hillary Clinton, speech to National Multi-Housing Council released by WikiLeaks, Oct. 7.

6. "I alone can fix it." — Donald Trump, speech at Republican National Convention, Cleveland, July 21.

7. "Have you even read the United States Constitution? ... You have sacrificed nothing and no one." - Khizr Khan, addressing Donald Trump in speech at Democratic National Convention, Philadelphia, July 28.

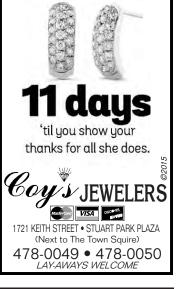
8. "Lucifer in the flesh. ... I have never worked with a more miserable son of a bitch in my life." -Former Republican Speaker of the House John Boehner, describing Ted Cruz during talk at Stanford University, April 27.

9. "His life will never be the one that he dreamed about and



1. "I could stand in the middle worked so hard to achieve. That is a steep price to pay for 20 minutes of action out of his 20 plus years of life." — Dan Turner, letter to judge prior to sentencing of his son, Brock Turner, after Brock's conviction for sexual assault of an unconscious woman, June.

10. "I'm not the next Usain Bolt or Michael Phelps. I'm the first Simone Biles." — Olympic gymnast Simone Biles, interview, Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 11.





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Federal budget deficit jumps to \$136.7 billion in November

eral government's deficit jumped sharply in November but for the first two months of the budget year is running 10 percent lower than a year ago.

The Treasury Department said Monday that the deficit for November totaled \$136.7 billion, compared to a deficit of \$44.2 billion in October.

For the first two months of the

new 2017 budget year, the deficit totals \$180.8 billion, 10 percent below the same period a year ago. However, that improvement mainly reflects calendar quirks that moved benefit payments October back into September, the final month of the 2016 budget year.

The deficit for all of 2016 totaled \$587.3 billion, a 34 percent spike from the previous year. And the Congressional Budget Office is forecasting that the deficit will worsen further this year.

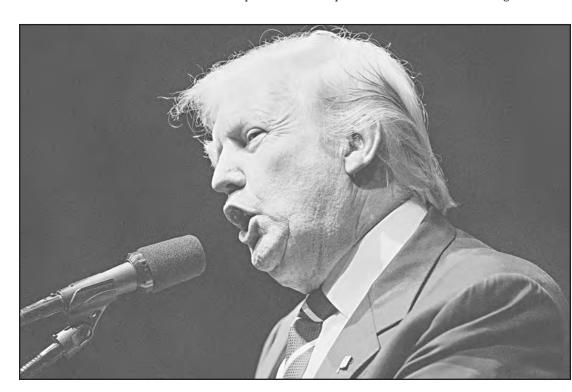
The CBO projects the deficit will increase by 0.5 percent to \$594 billion and keep rising through the next decade, hitting \$1 trillion in 2024. The CBO is projecting deficits will total \$8.6 trillion over the next decade if current law covering taxes and

entitlement remain in effect.

President-elect Donald Trump during the campaign proposed significant cuts in taxes and increased spending on defense and infrastructure which outside analysts have estimated will add trillions of dollars to current projected deficits if Congress goes along with the proposals without seeking offsetting deficit begins on Oct. 1 and ends on Sept. 30. Before leaving town, Congress last week passed a second stop-gap funding bill which will finance the government in the current budget year through April, allowing the new Trump administration to take office and submit its first budget to

Through the first two months

The government's budget year of this budget year, government receipts totaled \$421.6 billion up 1.3 percent from the same period last year. Government spending totaled \$602.4 billion, down 2.4 percent from a year ago. However, that figure was influenced by the fact that benefit payments due in October were actually paid in September of the 2015 budget year because Oct. 1 fell on a Saturday.



IN THIS DEC. 9 FILE photo, President-elect Donald Trump speaks in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Trump's criticism of Russia hacking claim could haunt him

WASHINGTON (AP) — Donald Trump is holding firm to his skepticism of the huge intelligence apparatus he's about to inherit, doubting the CIA conclusion that Russia tried to hack its way into tipping the U.S. election in his

Trump emphasized that he does not accept the conclusion that the Kremlin tried to disrupt the election in his favor, an idea he dismissed as "ridiculous" over the weekend. He also demanded to know why the subject hadn't been raised before Election Day which it was, repeatedly.

The focus of reporting by leading news organizations, the issue has been in the headlines since at least June — after hackers broke into computers at the Democratic National Committee, WikiLeaks began publishing Hillary Clinton's campaign chairman's hacked emails in October and after the Obama administration publicly blamed Russia's government, also in October.

"Unless you catch 'hackers' in the act, it is very hard to determine who was doing the hacking," Trump tweeted Monday. "Why wasn't this brought up before elec-

Trump himself had raised questions during a presidential debate in September about whose hackers were responsible, after Clinton blamed Russia. "She keeps saying 'Russia, Russia,' and

maybe it was. It could be Russia, but it could be China, could also be lots of other people," Trump said then. "It could be someone sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds."

Attempting to deflect blame Russia, Trump has embraced one of the truisms about cybersecurity. After a hacking, it remains a lingering challenge to identify whose hands were on the keyboard: foreign spies, cybercriminals, disgruntled insiders or bored teenagers. Skilled hackers can cover their tracks, use software tools traceable to others and feign their locations across borders or continents.

In the hacks against the Democrats, two U.S. cybersecurity firms found detailed evidence that the intrusions were linked to Russian hackers. The internet domains and registrants traced back to a hacking group, "Fancy Bear," linked to Russia's intelligence services. It's unclear whether there is other, classified evidence uncovered by the administration. The Defense Department is widely known to monitor international internet traffic that might be used in such attacks.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Ř-Ky., said Monday that he had "the highest confidence in the intelligence community and especially the Central Intelligence Agency," signaling that he disagreed with Trump.

"Obviously, any foreign breach of our cybersecurity measures is disturbing. And I strongly condemn any such efforts."

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday it was the "consensus view" of the intelligence community that the Russians sought to meddle in the election.

"You didn't need a security clearance to figure out who benefited from malicious Russian cyber activity," Earnest said

Trump's skepticism might be boxing him in as president. Openly questioning the U.S. intelligence assessment about what could be a historically important hacking will make it harder for him to persuade the public the next time the government looks to place blame for a cvberattack. Such official accusations effectively require the public to trust the government's findings since the blamed nation invariably denies involvement and intelligence officials are loath to reveal much about how they reached their conclusion.

Such a high-level accusation "only works if the president has credibility," said Rep. Adam Schiff California, the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee. "That only works if the country is going to believe and our friends and allies are going to believe and indeed our adversaries are going to believe that the president means what he

Trump pick to lead State known to back free trade and Russia

WASHINGTON (AP) - Donald Trump's choice to lead U.S. foreign policy is known for his longstanding support of free trade, international law and an expansive presence in the Middle East that doesn't fit with Trump's pitch to supporters.

ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson also is known for his Russia connections and would be Trump's most concrete outreach yet to Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Success in Russia required aligning the company's interests with those of the Russian government, mettle and good relations with Putin. Exxon steadily expanded its Russian business even as its rivals faced expropriation and regulatory obstacles, and in 2013 Putin bestowed the Order of Friendship on Tillerson.

"He's a world-class player," Trump said of Tillerson on "Fox News Sunday." "To me, a great advantage is he knows many of the players and he knows them well. He does massive deals in Russia, he does massive deals, not for himself, for the company."

Trump's own relationship with Russia was an issue through much of the campaign. The CIA has concluded with "high confidence" that Russia sought to influence the U.S. election on behalf of the Republican, an assessment Trump has rejected.

On Sunday, Trump called that assessment "ridiculous."

A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, Tillerson came to ExxonMobil Corp. as a production engineer straight out of the University of Texas at Austin in 1975 and never left. Groomed for an executive position, Tillerson came up in the rough-and-tumble world of oil production, holding posts in the company's central United States, Yemen and Russian operations.

In 2006, Tillerson won the battle to succeed former Exxon CEO Lee Raymond. Under the Texan's leadership, oil prices broke records and Exxon's profits helped make it the most valuable public company in the world, with a security force totaling thousands of employees, direct channels with governments worldwide and a strong aversion to American sanctions or limitations on where it could operate.

Tillerson has used Exxon's enormous profits to explore new regions for oil and gas and to



IN THIS AUG. 30, 2011, file photo, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, right, and Rex Tillerson, ExxonMobil's chief executive smile during a signing ceremony in the Black Sea resort of Sochi, Russia. President-elect Donald Trump selected ExxonMobil CEO Rex Tillerson to lead the State Department on Monday.

invest in new acquisitions like XTO Resources, a company that had helped pioneer drilling for natural gas in formations of shale in the United States. But over the years oil has become more difficult and expensive to find as large, easy-to-tap reservoirs in stable countries were slowly depleted. Exxon and other giant oil corporations found it ever more difficult to replace the oil they sold every day with new resources, and they were forced to look in every more difficult and hostile regions for oil and gas.

"Energy made in America is not as important as energy simply made wherever it is most economic," he said in 2007 in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations. "We are free-market, free-trade advocates," he said in another speech to the group five years later, declaring that the greatest boon for American energy security would be support for oil production and trading world-

While Tillerson advocates for a hands-off approach to markets, he's backed continued American engagement in the Middle East. After the Iraq war, Exxon agreed to develop a large project in stillunstable southern Iraq at terms that were less favorable to Exxon than most deals. In 2011, Tillerson announced an expansive relationship with Russia's Rosneft that will spend years and billions of dollars developing technology to explore and produce oil and gas in icy waters in the Russian Arctic.

While the revolutionary gains from shale fracking have poised the U.S. to supply far more of its own energy, Tillerson has said it would be a mistake to step back.

"The question you have to ask is, Well then, who steps into that void," he said, suggesting it would be a "large consuming country" such as China.

While his predecessor was a firm skeptic about the link between fossil fuel combustion and climate change, Tillerson has softened the company's position on the issue, even if he's unconvinced by the most dire predictions of the consequences.

At an industry conference in 2007, Tillerson acknowledged Earth's climate is changing, the average temperature is rising and greenhouse gas emissions are increasing. He also noted that climate remains a complex area of scientific study. Exxon remains under fire for its past efforts to undercut climate change — even as recently exposed internal documents show the company's own scientists recognized climate change's legitimacy as early as the 1970s.

But he said it's clear the risks of climate change to society and ecosystems could be significant, and it's prudent to develop and implement "sensible strategies that address these risks while not reducing our ability to progress other global priorities such as economic development, poverty eradication and public health."

THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Nasdaq composite Close: 5,412.54 Change: -31.96 (-0.6%) 10 DAYS 5,700 5,400 5,100 4.800 4,500

DAILY NASDAQ

STOCK MARKET INDEXES									
52- High	-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	%Chg	YTD %Chg	12-mo %Chg		
19,757.74	15,450.56	Dow Industrials	19,796.43	+39.58	+.20	+13.61	+13.98		
9,490.29	6,403.31	Dow Transportation	9,322.64	-84.55	90	+24.16	+24.47		
723.83	547.22	Dow Utilities	652.07	+6.21	+.96	+12.85	+17.73		
11,194.23	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	11,177.27	-14.52	13	+10.19	+11.92		
5,450.16	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	5,412.54	-31.96	59	+8.09	+9.30		
996.30	809.96	S&P 100	996.57	+.55	+.06	+9.34	+10.19		
2,259.80	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,256.96	-2.57	11	+10.42	+11.62		
1,698.70	1,215.14	S&P MidCap	1,682.51	-10.47	62	+20.30	+21.75		
23,679.65	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	23,619.34	-59.42	25	+11.58	+13.17		
1,392.71	943.09	Russell 2000	1,373.14	-14.93	-1.08	+20.89	+23.06		

MARKET SUMMARY - NYSE AND NASDAQ

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Achaogen	13.03	+7.78	+148.2	Ophthotech	า 5.29	-33.48	-86.4	BkofAm	1351346	22.61	48
Neonode	2.19	+.39	+21.7	Performnt	2.20	-1.66	-43.0	ChesEng	840936	7.35	37
OceanRig	2.66	+.44	+19.8	JohnsnOut	35.10	-9.76	-21.8	AMD	615001	10.68	+.34
MarPet	5.31	+.85	+19.1	PatriotN n	5.03	-1.27	-20.2	Achaogen	520639	13.03	+7.78
Mechel rs	6.09	+.95	+18.5	WinsFin	110.62	-27.38	-19.8	SeadrillLtd	423703	3.93	+.12
SabanCap	n11.95	+1.65	+16.0	AcornInt rs	6.26	-1.43	-18.6	Ophthotecl	n 402565	5.29	-33.48
GTx Inc rs	7.49	+.98	+15.1	IntPotash	2.17	48	-18.1	FordM	394204	12.82	35
Biomeri n	2.99	+.39	+15.0	HeliMAn h	4.32	89	-17.1	NobleCorp	340854	7.23	41
W&T Off	2.23	+.26	+13.2	BioAmber	4.05	75	-15.6	WeathfIntl	340539	5.46	
AlliHlthC	9.00	+1.05	+13.2	PhotMdx rs	3.59	65	-15.3	Pfizer	313184	32.40	+.70

DAILY DOW JONES 19,840 **Dow Jones industrials** Close: 19 796 43 19,440 Change: 39.58 (0.2%) 19.040 10 DAYS 20,000 19,200 18.400

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST													
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AT&T Inc	1.96	4.8	16	41.12	+.74		NorflkSo	2.36	2.1	20	110.69	+.09	+30.9
Achaogen				13.03		+127.0	Olin	.80	3.2	36	25.36	51	+46.9
AMD			:	10.68		+272.1	Ophthotech	٠				-33.48	-93.3
BB&T Cp	1.20	2.6	17	46.87	38	+24.0	PaneraBrd				210.31	-3.27	+8.0
BkofAm	.30	1.3	18	22.61	48	+34.3	Pfizer	1.20	3.7	13	32.40	+.70	+.4
ChesEng				7.35	37	+63.3	RegionsFn	.26	1.8	18	14.36	24	+49.6
CocaCola	1.40	3.3	25	41.90	10	-2.5	S&P500ET		1.8		226.25	26	+11.0
CmtyHlt				5.50	23	-74.8	Scotts	2.00	2.1	25	96.00		+48.8
CSVInvNG				3.99	+.59	-68.1	SeadrillLtd			2	3.93	+.12	+15.9
DxGBull s				7.76	+.07	_**:	SouthnCo	2.24	4.6	16	48.72	+.78	+4.1
DukeEngy	3.42	4.5	16	76.48	+.66	+7.1	SPDR Fncl		2.0		23.52	23	+21.5
Eaton	2.28	3.3	16	69.86	+.33	+34.2	SunTrst	1.04	1.9	15	54.10	74	+26.3
FstHorizon	.28	1.4	22	19.87	62	+36.8	Target	2.40	3.1	13	76.74	65	+5.7
FordM	.60	4.7	6	12.82	35	-9.0	Transocn				15.54	+.12	+25.5
GenElec	.96	3.0	28	31.86	+.08	+2.3	UtdCmBks	.32	1.1	21	29.01	97	+48.8
HomeDp	2.76	2.1	22	134.58	+1.19	+1.8	US OilFd				11.62	+.18	+5.6
iShEMkts	.84	2.3	•••	35.93	24	+11.6	Vale SA	.29	3.3		8.80		+167.5
iShR2K	1.77	1.3		136.85	-1.46	+21.5	VanEGold	.12	.6		20.75	+.08	+51.2
Kroger s	.48	1.4	16	34.22	56	-18.2	WalMart	2.00	2.8	15	71.67	+1.59	+16.9
Lowes	1.40	1.9	20	74.51	18	-2.0	Weathfintl				5.46	. :::	-34.9
NobleCorp	.08	1.1		7.23	41	-31.5	Whrlpl	4.00	2.3	13	176.20	+2.47	+20.0

Stock Footnotes: g = Dividends and earnings in Canadian dollars. h = Does not meet continued-listing standards. If = Late filing with SEC. n = New in past 52 weeks. pf = Preferred. rs = Stock has undergone a reverse stock split of at least 50 percent within the past year. rt = Right to buy security at a specified price. s = Stock has split by at least 20 percent within the last year. un = Units. y = In bankruptcy or receivership. wd = When distributed. wi = When issued. wt = Warrants. Mutual Fund Footnotes: b = Fee covering market costs is paid from fund assets. d = Deferred sales charge, or redemption fee. f = front load (sales charges). m = Multiple fees are charged. NA = not available. p = previous day's net asset value. s = fund split shares during the week. x = fund paid a distribution during the week.

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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Britain	1.2671	1.2567						
Canada	1.3142	1.3167						
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Japan	115.12	115.23						
Mexico	20.2550	20.3840						
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American Funds CapIncBuA m	ΙH	67,745	58.12	+2.7	+8.5/B	+7.8/A	5.75	250		
American Funds CpWldGrIA m	WS	50,454	45.64	+3.2	+9.0/B	+10.5/B	5.75	250		
American Funds FnInvA m	LB	47,027	56.54	+4.3	+14.9/B	+14.9/B	5.75			
American Funds GrthAmA m	LG	74,611	45.33	+4.0	+11.5/A	+15.4/A	5.75	250		
American Funds IncAmerA m	AL	73,289	21.88		+12.1/A	+10.0/B	5.75			
American Funds InvCoAmA m	LB	58,198	38.08	+4.4	+17.4/A	+14.7/B	5.75	250		
American Funds NewPerspA m	WS	35,168	37.09	+2.5	+4.8/D	+11.5/A	5.75	250		
American Funds WAMutInvA m	LV	52,450	43.17	+4.6	+15.4/D	+14.0/C	5.75	250		
Dodge & Cox Income	CI	46,289	13.62		+4.6/A	+3.8/A	NL			
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	FB	54,169	39.83	+4.2	+10.8/A	+8.3/A	NL			
Dodge & Cox Stock	LV	61,149	193.16	+5.8	+24.1/A	+17.7/A	NL	2,500		
Fidelity 500ldxPr	LB	59,301	79.73		+14.6/B	+15.2/A				
Fidelity Contra	LG	74,245	99.64		+6.0/C	+13.7/B	NL			
Fidelity ContraK	LG	29,961	99.56		+6.1/C	+13.9/B	NL			
FrankTemp-Franklin IncomeA m	CA	45,222	2.30		+16.9/A	+8.0/A	4.25			
Harbor IntlInstI	FB	32,098	59.68		+2.3/C	+5.1/D	NL			
T Rowe Price GrowStk	LG	36,280	54.74		+4.1/D	+15.3/A	NL			
Vanguard 500Adml	LB	177,067			+14.6/B	+15.2/A	NL			
Vanguard DivGr	LB	30,721	24.12		+10.6/D	+13.1/D	NL			
Vanguard HltCrAdml	SH	33,963	82.08		-6.9/B	+17.5/C	NL			
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Vanguard STGradeAd	CS	37,861	10.65	-0.3	+2.5/B	+2.3/A	NL	50,000		
Vanguard TgtRe2025	TG	31,785	16.82		+8.8/B	+9.1/B	NL	1,000		
Vanguard TotBdAdml	CI	72,384	10.62		+1.4/D	+2.2/D	NL	10,000		
Vanguard TotIntl	FB	87,682	14.92		+7.6/A	+5.6/C	NL	3,000		
Vanguard TotStIAdm	LB	147,724	56.87		+15.4/A	+15.2/A	NL	10,000		
Vanguard TotStldx	LB	103,830	56.84		+15.3/A	+15.1/A	NL			
Vanguard WellsIAdm	CA	35,240	62.68		+8.1/B	+7.7/A	NL			
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IN THIS 2006 FILE PHOTO, the Lockheed Martin F-35 Joint Strike Fighter is shown after it was unveiled in a ceremony in Fort Worth, Texas. Shares of Lockheed Martin fell Monday, as President-elect Donald Trump tweeted that making F-35 fighter planes is too costly and that he will cut "billions" in costs

Trump targets the F-35, but aircraft means jobs in 45 states

President-elect Donald Trump is vowing to corral the "out of control" cost of the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter. But congressional Republicans and Democrats, aware of the tens of thousands of jobs the aircraft generates in 45 states, will be wary of any plans by Trump to cut the program.

A Monday morning tweet from Trump targeting the F-35 doesn't explain exactly how he'll save billions of dollars in military purchases while also honoring a campaign vow to rebuild the armed forces. Once Trump is in office, he can propose deep cuts to the F-35 or even elect to cancel the program altogether. But Congress, not the president, controls the government's purse strings and makes the final decisions about the budget.

Built by defense giant Lockheed Martin, the nearly \$400 billion price tag for the F-35 makes the program the Pentagon's most expensive weapons acquisition ever. Despite the huge cost, the program has strong bipartisan support in Congress, where lawmakers view the aircraft as essential to national security.

Lockheed Martin's stock tumbled after Trump's tweet, wiping out nearly \$2 billion of the company's market value. The company's shares fell \$6.42, or 2.5 percent, to close at \$253.11 Monday.

The F-35 program made up 20 percent of Lockheed's total 2015 revenue of \$46.1 billion. U.S. government orders made up 78 percent of its revenue last year.

"Whoever has this airplane will have the most advanced air force in the world. That's why we're building the F35. That's why it's important to not only the U.S., our partners and our partners like the Israeli Air force to have this airplane," said Jeff Babione, general manager of the F-35 program, at a base in

Israel and several other U.S. allies are also buying the F-35, expanding the program's international footprint. Defense Secretary Ash Carter visited Israel on Monday as Tel Aviv received the first two next-generation F-35 fighter jets that will help preserve the country's military edge in the volatile Mideast.

The F-35, which uses stealth technology to avoid being detected by radar, is being built in different configurations to be used by the Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps. The Navy's version, for example, is designed to take off and land on an aircraft

Current plans call for the United States to buy nearly 2,500 F-35s. Close to \$13 billion will be needed annually between 2016 and 2038 to hit that procurement number, according to the Government Accountability Office.

While the F-35 had massive budget overruns early on, the cost has stabilized and even dropped a bit following tough negotiations between the Pentagon and Lockheed Martin, according to Todd Harrison, a defense budget expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

"Trump is unlikely to squeeze more blood out of this rock," Harrison said.

Lockheed said that it has worked to lower the price of the F-35 by 60 percent and expected the aircraft to cost \$85 million each in 2019 and 2020. But the company's estimate appears to omit the price of the engine and the cost of development. When those elements are added in, the cost per F-35 in current-year dollars is closer to \$138 million, according to Harrison.

Companies from 45 states are involved in the F-35's production, with Texas, Georgia, California, Arizona and Florida playing the leading roles in testing and manufacturing the jet fighter. The company is teamed with more than 1,250 domestic suppliers to produce thousands of components ranging from highly sophisticated radar sensors to parts of the aircraft's fuselage, according to Lockheed Martin.

After health-care law repeal vote, some in GOP fear a cliff

Republicans are eagerly planning initial votes next month on dismantling President Barack Obama's health care law, a cherished GOP goal. But many worry that while Congress tries to replace it, the party will face everangrier voters, spooked health insurers and the possibility of tumbling off a political cliff.

Republicans have said they first want to vote to unwind as much of the health care law as they can, though it wouldn't take effect for perhaps three years. That's to give them and new President Donald Trump time to write legislation constructing a new health care system — a technically and politically daunting task that has frustrated GOP attempts for unity for years.

Underscoring the GOP's many decisions ahead, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., told reporters Monday that the phase-in period "is yet to be determined." He said Republicans "will work expeditiously to come up with a better proposal than current law."

congressional Many Republicans worry they'd be vulnerable during the transition period between a repeal vote and actually replacing Obama's law with a new system. Twenty million people now covered would face uncertainty about their future benefits, while unsettled health insurers might quickly start boosting premiums or stop selling policies in some areas to protect themselves.

In both cases, public wrath could be aimed at the party controlling the White House and Capitol — the GOP.

"It's going to be a difficult challenge to pass a replacement" for Obama's law and make sure some people don't lose coverage, Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, said. Health insurers will need time to adjust to a new system and if Congress waits until the last minute to enact a new law, "It's

not going to work," she said. A related fear: Congress and Trump enact legislation dismantling Obama's law but as the clock ticks down to its expiration, the GOP remains divided over replacing it. The political imperative for Republicans to pass something would be overwhelming but with Congress being Congress, there are no guarantees.

"When you set up a cliff, you can go over it," Rep. Charlie Dent, R-Pa., said.

Many Republicans insist that won't happen. They view setting an end date on Obama's law as a way to force congressional action on replacing it without hurting consumers.

"There needs to be a reasonable transition period so people don't have the rug pulled out from under them," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told reporters last

But in one of many questions dividing Republicans, they differ over what a reasonable transition period means.

No. 2 Senate Republican, John Cornyn of Texas, said there will likely be a three-year gap between Congress' votes to repeal Obama's law and when that would actually kick in.

"We're not going to let anybody fall through the cracks," Cornyn

Other Republicans, particularly

Prosecutor: Woman got welfare benefits for nonexistent kids

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A Pittsburgh woman has been jailed on charges she collected state welfare benefits for three children who don't exist, including a period when she was living outside Pennsylvania.

The Allegheny County district attorney announced the charges Monday against 23-year-old Sabrina Strothers.

The prosecutor says Strothers' reported her cousin Pennsylvania officials January.

Investigators later determined that Strothers claimed to give birth to three children in 2008 named Thomas, Tomalyia and Tyreik Wilson. When investigators checked their Social Security numbers against government records, they determined the numbers belonged to people born in 1887, 1945 and 1960.

Strothers is accused of receiving nearly \$130,000 in illegal

vs. Democrats Politics as usual? We don't think so! Wednesdays @ 7:30 AM Hosted by STEVE HIXSON in the House, worry that three years is too long to leave voters, insurers and health care providers in suspense. Eager to prevent a drawn-out effort to pass new health care legislation from spinning into a damaging issue for the 2018 campaigns, many want the process to take a year or

"I hope it's not years with no replacement," said Rep. Steve Stivers, R-Ohio, who next year will head the National Republican Congressional Committee, the House GOP's political organization. "Quality matters more than speed, but speed can't be ignored. You don't want the American people to feel too uncomfortable for too long.'

Republicans have yet to decide what their replacement will look

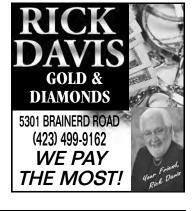
Though details are scant, Trump and Ryan have proposed tax breaks to help people pay insurance premiums. Both want to eliminate Obama's mandate that most individuals get coverage and most employers cover workers, but that could be replaced with a requirement that people maintain "continuous" coverage or face higher premiums.

Democrats, who enacted Obama's law in 2010 over solid GOP opposition, have signaled they won't help Republicans demolish it.

"Bring it on," Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., next year's minority leader, said of GOP repeal efforts. "They have nothing to put in its place."

Ryan and McConnell say the GOP-controlled Congress plans to pass a procedural measure in January that will let Republicans push repeal legislation through the Senate later with just a simple

That's important because with the Senate GOP holding a 52-48 majority next year, Democrats would otherwise be able to block a repeal bill unless it gets 60 votes.



With Fed expected to hike attention turns to what it says

WASHINGTON (AP) — There to energize the economy to conisn't much doubt about what the Federal Reserve will do when its latest policy meeting ends Wednesday: It's all but certain to raise its benchmark interest rate — its first increase in a year.

The real anticipation surrounds what Fed officials may or may not say about the pace of future rate hikes against the backdrop of Donald Trump's election.

Will they signal that they expect to raise rates very gradually in the coming year? Or will they say the risk of high inflation resulting from Trump's tax and spending plans may require accelerated rate hikes?

On this, economists and investors agree: The Fed will raise its key rate by a modest quarterpoint to a range of 0.5 percent to 0.75 percent — a move that will likely lead to slightly higher rates on some consumer and business loans. The Fed last increased rates last December, when it raised its benchmark rate from a record low set at the depths of the 2008 financial crisis.

"Never has the Fed telegraphed a rate hike as thoroughly as this one," said David Jones, chief economist at DMJ Advisors.

Yet how the Fed will devise its rate policies in light of Trump's policies isn't clear and might not be clear even after it issues a statement and Chair Janet Yellen holds a news conference Wednesday.

Wall Street, for its part, has already signaled its response to Trump's election: Investors have sent stock prices surging to record highs and driven up longer-term rates in anticipation that Republican control of the White House and Congress will allow Trump to cut taxes, ease regulations and accelerate infrastructure spending. Many appear to think those actions, in turn, will increase economic growth, inflation and corporate profits.

Some Fed watchers expect faster growth to cause the central bank to shift its focus from trying sidering ways to counter the risk of too-high inflation. On that assumption, some are revising their forecasts for Fed rate hikes in 2017.

Before Trump's victory, the consensus view was for two Fed rate increases next year. Now, some say they foresee three or possibly up to four hikes. The expectation for higher rates in part reflects a job market that has vastly improved, with the unemployment rate at a nine-year low

of 4.6 percent. "I think the rate hike this week will be the start of a series of rate hikes," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics. "Financial markets are buoyant after the election, the economy is very close to full employment and inflation is moving toward the Fed's 2 percent target. All the conditions are in place for higher interest rates."

Other analysts suggest that the ever-cautious Fed will be slow to announce any major policy shifts. For one thing, Trump's economic program still must win congressional approval and could undergo significant change along the

In her only public remarks since Trump's election, Yellen told a congressional committee last month that Fed officials will be monitoring Congress' actions and "updating our economic outlook as the policy landscape becomes clearer."

Other Fed officials have endorsed that wait-and-see approach. As a result, when the Fed updates its quarterly forecasts Wednesday, it may indicate little change from its most recent projections in September. Three months ago, the collective forecast of Fed officials was for two rate increases in 2017.

Zandi foresees three rate increases next year. But he thinks the Fed may wait awhile before telegraphing the next hike, given "lots of scenarios and lots of unknowns."

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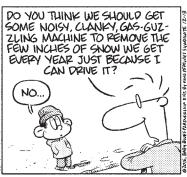
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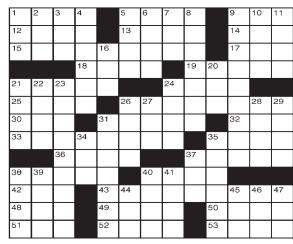
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ASTROLOGY by Eugenia Last

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 14, 2016 CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Vanessa Hudgens, 28; Sophie Monk, 37; Beth Orton, 46; Dee Wallace,

Happy Birthday: Saying "yes" when

you want to say "no" will not get you where you want to go. Don't let your

In other circumstances, declarer

might try driving out the ace of dia-

monds or attempt a heart finesse to

develop his ninth trick. But either

approach would be foolish here

because East is virtually certain to

hold both the king of hearts and ace of diamonds for his opening bid. A

trick for East in either of these suits,

plus his remaining spades, would

However, the fact that East is

marked with these cards can be used

against him. With three tricks already

played, South should try to picture

what East's hand will look like after

six rounds of clubs have been

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Looking far into the future

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable. **NORTH**

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Opening lead — nine of spades. The key to success in many deals lies in being able to visualize what the situation will be after, say, nine or 10 tricks have been played.

This is not as difficult as it might seem. To illustrate, consider this deal where South is in three notrump.

Declarer allows East's jack of spades to hold the first trick, and East then exits with the ace and another spade to the king, dummy discarding a diamond. At this point, South can count eight top tricks — six clubs, a heart and the spade already won.

casned, reducing everyone to four North cards. Since East has to keep a guard Dble Pass 3 NT for the king of hearts, his last four cards will be the K-x of hearts, the ace of diamonds and a spade, in

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Declarer therefore cashes all six clubs, on which East discards two diamonds, a heart and a spade. Dummy's remaining cards are the A-Q of hearts and K-J of diamonds. A diamond is now led.

East wins with the ace and cashes his good spade, but must then concede the last two tricks to dummy's ace of hearts and king of diamonds, and the game is home.

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row. column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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emotions cloud the results you are aiming to achieve. Being evasive will confuse others as well as hold you back. Make your point clear, move on quickly and work on making the changes that will improve your life and your future. Your numbers are 4, 12, 19, 22, 26, 39,

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your changing attitudes will confuse those around you. Try not to jump from one thing to another too quickly. Inconsistency will hold you back. Learn as you go and use your past experience to keep you within bounds. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll

gain insight into what's possible and what isn't by hanging out with the people in charge. Your observations will enable you to separate the good from the bad and recognize what's in your best interest. Knowledge is power.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Past emotional differences with someone will rise to the surface. Don't give in to pressure to spend money on something that you feel is a waste. Partnerships will only survive if clear boundaries and expectations are set.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will surface, making it important to channel your energy into creative pursuits and honing your skills sional partners will need to be handled tactfully without evading issues or masking the truth. Stand by your word.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't become overly enthusiastic and take on too much. Moderation and living within your means will not deter you from reaching your goals, but they will help ensure that you build your dream on solid ground. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your

ideas will be well received, and help will be offered. Express your plans at functions that include people you have worked with in the past or would like to collaborate with in the future. New beginnings look promising.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sharpen up your skills and gather information that will help you deal with anyone who opposes your ideas. Knowing what will work as well as being able to show what you have to offer will bring high returns.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotional spending should be limited. Your desire to make changes that will add to your comfort should be countered with a plan to stay within a set budget. Cutting corners and sticking to your budget will help you avoid financial SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Express your plans to others openly and find out where you stand. Offer incentives, but don't deviate from what you want to do. Change is imminent and will bring you the rewards you want. Celebrate with the people you appreciate most. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Listen to complaints, suggestions and your inner voice when dealing with others. It's important not to make sacrifices that will hurt you in the future. Fair is fair, and that is what you should aim to achieve. Don't be afraid to be different. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Use

your imagination when dealing with children. Keep your personal finances a secret. Sharing too much information will leave you in a vulnerable position. Work hard, play hard and do your best to come out on top.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Express your feelings and discuss the changes you would like to see happen in your neighborhood. Clearing a space that you can designate for an activity or project will lead to new opportunities. Don't procrastinate.

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8 p.m. on (WNGH) Movie: The Central Park Five

Ken Burns co-directed and co-produced this 2012 documentary, along with his daughter Sarah and her husband, David McMahon. Safari and rier husband, David McMarion. Based on Sarah's book of the same name, it chronicles the story of the five black and Latino teenagers who were wrongly convicted of raping a white woman in New York's Central Park in 1989. The film recalls the case from the perspectives of the five whose lives were upended by this miscarriage of justice.

9 p.m. on (WRCB) The Voice

The Voice

Last time, it was former "Curly Sue" actress Alisan Porter. Who will it be this time? The winner of Season 11 is declared in the "Live Finale, Part 2" episode, but the show won't be only about that moment — since any season finale of this competition typically is a star-packed affair filled with "name" guest performers. Coaches and judges Miley Cyrus, Alicia Keys, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton make their last assessments of the finalists. finalists.

9 p.m. on (WFLI)
DC's Legends of Tomorrow

Vandal Savage is no longer a problem for the heroes in "Out of Time," but there are other reasons for them to protect mankind. First, they have to reunite: The Legends have been separated — prompting historian Nate Heywood (Nick Zano) to locate them and draw them back together, with assistance from Oliver Queen (guest star Stephen Amell in his "Arrow" role). Their new mission involves genius Albert Einstein. Brandon Routh, Caity Lotz and Victor Garber star.

9 p.m. on (WDEF) Bull

Troubling memories are stirred for Bull (Michael Weatherly) when he goes back to his hometown for the trial of an arson suspect in the new episode "Light My Fire." The defendant has problems with many of the townspeople in the same way Bull did when he resided there. Freddy Rodriguez, Geneva Carr, Jaime Lee Kirchner, Christopher Jackson and Annabelle Attanasio also star.

9 p.m. on (CMTV) (VH1) (SPIKE) (COM)
Rock the Troops
Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson plays host for this new two-hour tribute to the men and women of America's armed services, from the historic Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Celebrities scheduled to appear include Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Matthew McConaughey, Katharine McPhee, Terry Crews, Keegan-Michael Key and, on tape, George Clooney. Lynyrd Skynyrd, Flo Rida, Nick Jonas and Tenacious D are among the featured musical acts.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Suspect arrested in shooting of 2 Georgia officers

LAVONIA, Ga. Investigators say they've arrested a man suspected of shooting and wounding two Georgia police

In a news release late Monday, Georgia Bureau of Investigation says Khari Anthony Dashaun Gordon was charged with multiple counts including attempted murder and assaulting a police officer.

The two Lavonia officers were making a traffic stop Monday evening in northeast Georgia near a restaurant when officials say the 22-year-old Gordon opened fire. Both officers were

The GBI says their injuries were not life threatening and they were both taken to the hospital for treatment.

The shooting marked the second time Monday that two Georgia officers were hit by gunfire on the job. Two Byron police officers were shot and wounded executing a search warrant early Monday morning.

Christmas delivery at space station, courtesy of Japan

CAPÉ CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) - Christmas gifts arrived at the International Space Station on Tuesday, courtesy of Japan.

A Japanese cargo ship pulled up at the orbiting lab four days after launching. The capsule called Kounotori, or white stork — contains nearly 5 tons of food, water, batteries and other supplies. NASA said there also are Christmas presents for the two Americans, three Russians and one Frenchman on board.

Commander Kimbrough, an American, and France's Thomas Pesquet used the robot arm to grab the capsule 250 miles above Chile. Flight controllers in Japan and Houston applauded — and some of the Japanese even bowed.

Kimbrough said the crew was "really excited" to accept delivery and radioed thanks to all.

"The vehicle is beautiful, and it performed flawlessly," he said.

Barely two weeks ago, a Russian supply ship was destroyed shortly after liftoff. At the same time, one of NASA's main suppliers, SpaceX, is grounded. So the Japanese delivery is especially welcome.

The astronauts need the six new lithium-ion batteries for next month's spacewalks. They will replace the old nickel-hydrogen batteries that store energy generated by the station's big solar panels.

Soda tax falls flat in parts of Philadelphia airport

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — With of Philadelphia two-thirds International Airport technically located in Delaware County, terminals within that designation will not be subjected to the city's controversial soda tax.

The Philadelphia Inquirer reports Mayor Jim Kenney signed into law a 1.5-cent-perounce tax on sugary and diet beverages purchased within city limits in June.

The tax, which amounts to 18 cents on a 12-ounce can of soda, does not apply in the three Pennsylvania counties surrounding Philadelphia.

Because Terminals A East and A West reside in Tinicum Township, beverages sold there would not be open to the tax.

City spokeswoman Lauren Hitt says officials don't expect this to cause confusion because retailers are well aware of what side of the county line they fall because they must similarly comply with other Philadelphia taxes.

Prosecutors could soon wrap case against in church shooting

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Prosecutors could soon wrap up their case against the man accused of slaying nine blacks during a Bible study at a South Carolina church.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Richardson says he has about a dozen more witnesses to call in the prosecution of Dylann Roof.

Roof faces 33 federal charges including hate crimes in the June 2015 shootings at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston. His attorneys say Roof would be willing to plead guilty if prosecutors dropped their pursuit of the death penalty.

On Monday, agents testified they found a list of other local black churches in Roof's car.

Prosecutors say they plan to call more law enforcement officers to testify, along with experts cellphone evidence. Richardson says the last witness he'll call is shooting survivor Polly Sheppard.

No golfing this December: Cold, snow bring out skiers

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) -There's nothing like a bunch of snow to get skiers and ski resort operators excited.

Skiers on Monday were happy to see the white stuff after a storm dumped a half-foot across much of northern New England.

Forecasters say the snow and cold are not going away anytime soon, unlike last year when the region experienced record warmth and two years ago when there was a Christmas rain-

Forecasters expect the coldest weather of the season to move into the region this weekend. They say there won't be any short-sleeve weather Christmastime like there was last year.

Flight diverted to New York's

JFK airport due to bomb threat

NEW YORK (AP) — Authorities say a Lufthansa flight has been diverted to New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport due to a bomb threat.

Port Authority spokesman Steve Coleman says Lufthansa Flight 441 was heading from Houston, Texas, to Frankfurt, Germany, Monday night when a threat was called in to the airline's corporate headquarters in Cologne (kuh-LOHN'), Germany.

Coleman says the pilot was notified and chose to divert to JFK as a precaution. The plane was taken to a remote area of the airport where 530 passengers and crew were evacuated.

Officials searched the plane. Coleman says nothing suspicious was found.

The flight has been resched-

The incident did not impact flight operations at JFK.

Judge says electors must vote for statewide winner

DENVER (AP) — A federal judge dealt a severe setback Monday to a longshot plan to deny Donald Trump the presidency through the Electoral College, refusing to suspend a Colorado law requiring the state's nine electors to vote for the presidential candidate who won the state in November.

U.S. District Judge Wiley Daniel denied a request by two Colorado electors who contended that the law binding their vote to Colorado vote winner Hillary Clinton violated their First Amendment rights and the intents of the Constitution's framers. The electors had sought the right to vote for someone other than Clinton in order to unite behind a consensus Republican other than Trump when the Electoral College convenes on Dec. 19.

Daniel found that suspending the Colorado requirement would have harmed the state's voters and jeopardized a peaceful presidential transition. "Part of me thinks this is really a political stunt to prevent Donald Trump from becoming president," said Daniel, who was nominated to the bench by Bill Clinton in

Atheist who fought Illinois laws dies in small plane crash

MARENGO, III. (AP) — An Illinois man who was one of the better-known atheists in the country and an activist for keeping religious and government affairs separate died in a plane crash last week, officials said Monday.

The McHenry County coroner said an autopsy Monday revealed that Robert I. Sherman, 63, of Poplar Grove, died from multiple crash injuries. Authorities said Sherman was piloting a small plane that crashed into a cornfield either Friday night or Saturday morning. The crash is under investigation.

Sherman was an outspoken atheist and critic of using state money for religious purposes and having religious displays in public spaces. He also hosted a radio show and ran for public office several times.

"He was a proud fighter for religious freedom and the separation of church and state. He was a great activist and a great person," David Silverman, president of American Atheists Inc., said in an email to the Chicago Tribune. "I've flown with him in that very plane when he gave me a tour of Chicago. He loved that plane and loved flying it."

Legal challenges he filed included a 1989 lawsuit over an Illinois law requiring public school students to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He said the words "under God" contained in the pledge were unconstitution-

In 2007, he and his daughter, Dawn, sued over a state law requiring schools to have a moment of silence.

Sherman also took a case to the U.S. Supreme Court involving a 2008 state grant that went toward restoring an 11-story cross in southern Illinois known as the Bald Knob Cross of Peace.

Historians reach deal for

Revolutionary War battlefield

PRINCETÓN, N.J. (AP) Historical activists on Monday announced an agreement to save a portion of a Revolutionary War battlefield in New Jersey from development.

The Civil War Trust told The Associated Press it has an agreement to buy nearly 15 acres of land across from Princeton Battlefield State Park for \$4 million. The group has raised \$1.4 million to buy the land from the Institute for Advanced Study and will now begin fundraising for the rest, spokesman Jim Campi said.

The Maxwell's Field site is where historians believe George Washington's charge first struck British lines during the Battle of Princeton in January 1777. The land will be donated to the state to become part of the park.

The institute —where Albert Einstein worked — is building faculty housing on the part of the land it is keeping. The institute, which is not affiliated with Princeton University, will replace seven proposed single-family home lots with eight additional townhouses. The deal hinges on approval from the Princeton planning board and Delaware and Raritan Canal Commission.

"This landmark agreement will enable us to preserve one of the defining moments in American history," said James Lighthizer, president of the Civil War Trust.

The institute donated 32 acres to the state in the 1970s for the development of the park, said spokeswoman Christine Ferrara.

"We are confident that this new plan and partnership will enhance the experience of the park for all who visit," said Robbert Dijkgraaf, director of the

Supporters of preservation say the tract is one of the most endangered historic sites in the nation, noting it's where Washington's successful charge helped raise morale and arguably saved the American Revolution.

Roger Williams, secretary of the Princeton Battlefield Society, said that the compromise gives the group and historians the ability to "interpret the battle to be able to give a sense of what happened on this land."

House owner charged in firefighter death, says he's innocent

HAMILTON, Ohio (AP) owner of the site of a house fire that led to a firefighter's death nearly a year ago has been charged with aggravated arson and murder.

A Butler County grand jury recently indicted Lester Parker, and he was arrested Monday at a home near the one that went up in flames last Dec. 28, Hamilton police Chief Craig Bucheit said.

Parker, when asked by WLWT-TV as he was being led in handcuffs to a police car whether he committed arson, replied: "Absolutely not."

Parker, 66, told the Cincinnati television station that authorities need to "find the person that done it."

Hamilton firefighter Patrick Wolterman, 28, crashed through a floor soon after entering the smoke-filled house and was killed. A coroner ruled the case a homicide and said Wolterman died of smoke inhalation.

Boat oar goes through windshield of Florida woman's car

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - A 33-year-old woman's quick instincts likely saved her life when a boat oar crashed through the driver's side windshield of her sports utility vehicle as she drove on Florida's Alligator Alley.

Christina Kay Theisen tells the SunSentinel she's glad she wasn't on her phone or changing the radio station Friday afternoon as she drove home following a business trip.

The Florida Highway Patrol says the oar either dropped from a recreational vehicle as Theisen passed by, or it kicked up from the asphalt. It struck the front end of her Chevy Suburban before going through the windshield.

Theisen says she quickly ducked to the right and was able to keep control of the vehicle.

Lt. Greg Bueno says the case is closed unless more information about the RV becomes avail-



Adam K. Thompson/Zoo Atlanta via AP

THIS DEC. 9 PHOTO provided by Zoo Atlanta, shows giant panda twins Ya Lun, left, and Xi Lun in Atlanta. The names were revealed at a naming celebration Monday, their 100th day of life, in accordance with Chinese tradition. The zoo says Ya means elegant and Xi means happy. Lun is a reference to the cubs' mother, Lun Lun. The zoo offered online voting to let the public choose among seven sets of names supplied by a panda conservation center in Chengdu, China. Voting ran from Nov. 21 through Dec. 4, and more than 23,400 votes were recorded.

Republican looks at Social Security overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key Republican lawmaker wants to overhaul Social Security, the decades-old program that provides benefits to some 60 million retirees and disabled, with a plan to gradually increase the retirement age and slow the growth of benefits for higherincome workers.

Rep. Sam Johnson of Texas, the chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Social Security, introduced legislation just before the end of the congressional session last week that he said would "permanently save" the program. He said the bill would increase benefits for lower-income workers.

About 168 million people work and pay taxes toward the inevitable monthly Security benefits. About 42 million of the beneficiaries are retirees and their families. The trustees who oversee Social Security say it has enough money to pay full benefits until 2034, and then Social Security will collect only enough taxes to pay 79 percent of benefits.

Unless Congress acts, millions of people on fixed incomes would get an automatic 21 percent cut in benefits.

"Americans want, need, and deserve for us to finally come up with a solution to saving this important program," Johnson

Next year, with Donald Trump mary says the new retirement age

as president, congressional Republicans plan to take a wrecking ball to the eight years of President Barack Obama's policies, from the health care law to environmental regulations. Medicare, a program created under another Democrat, Lyndon B. Johnson, is in the crosshairs of Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and Trump's pick for Health and Human Services secretary, Rep. Tom Price.

Ryan and Price favor privatizing the program, arguing that a voucher-system is necessary to ensure Medicare's long-term solvency.

Conservatives like Johnson, who have pushed their priorities for years under divided government, see an opportunity to tackle Social Security next year. Johnson's bill is designed to

slow the growth of Social Security costs while boosting some minimum benefits for those who earned lower wages over longer careers. It would also limit the size of benefits for spouses and children of highincome earners, among other changes in how the benefits are calculated.

The retirement age would be gradually increased to 69, starting with those who were born in 1968 and would likely retire in the mid-2030s. Currently, individuals can receive benefits as early as age 62. The bill's sumwould better reflect Americans' longer life expectancy.

But it's unclear if his proposal - or any others to revise Social Security — will move. Trump, who enjoyed strong support from working-class Americans, promised during the campaign not to cut Social Security and Medicare. Ryan told CBS' "60 Minutes" earlier this month that he has no plans to change Social Security.

The issue has long been unpopular on Capitol Hill, where even some GOP lawmakers are nervous about changing a program seniors rely on so heavily. President George W. Bush proposed a partial privatization of the program in his second term, but the effort failed in a Republican-led Congress and may have contributed to his party's sweeping losses in the 2006 midterm elections.

Neither Ryan nor Republican chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Texas Rep. Kevin Brady, would endorse Johnson's bill.

AshLee Strong, a spokeswoman for Ryan, said the bill "is one of many Republican ideas put forward to strengthen the program." Lauren Aronson, a spokeswoman for Brady, said he appreciates Johnson's commitment to a thoughtful conversation but also "sees the proposal as one of many ideas" to address



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Kiffin leaving Tide for FAU

BOCA RATON, Fla. (AP) — Lane Kiffin has a chance to help Alabama get to 15 wins this season. And then he's going to take the reins of a program that has won 15 games in the last four

Florida Atlantic and Kiffin have agreed in principle on a deal that will make him the school's next head coach. Alabama coach Nick Saban - Kiffin's soon-to-be-former boss — lauded the Owls' move, and said Kiffin will remain with the undefeated and topranked Crimson Tide as their offensive coordinator through the College Football Playoff.

"FAU has selected someone that's going to do a great job for them," Saban said in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at a news conference to promote the upcoming Peach

Saban was the first person to publicly announce the move; FAU and Kiffin remained mostly silent Monday, even after the news broke. A person with direct knowledge of the talks between Kiffin and the Owls told The Associated Press that he agreed to a five-year contract, speaking condition of anonymity because neither side had discussed terms.

FAU called a Tuesday morning news conference to announce the

"I'm ready to start next season already," FAU offensive lineman Matt Murphy tweeted after word of Kiffin's hiring.

A message left for Kiffin was not immediately returned.

"Getting close," FAU athletic director Patrick Chun tweeted from the airport in Tuscaloosa on Monday, with a picture that included an Owls visor — Kiffin's preferred headgear.

Soon afterward, a private flight from Tuscaloosa to Boca Raton took off, destined for a runway just a few feet from the Owls' practice fields.

Kiffin has been the offensive coordinator at Alabama for the last three seasons, helping the Crimson Tide win last season's national championship and get back to the CFP field with a 13-0 record so far this year. FAU will be his third collegiate head coaching job, and the first since Southern California fired him five games into the 2013 season.

"Lane's done a phenomenal job for us for the last three years,"

Banner photo, PATRICK MacCOON CLEVELAND'S KK CURRY skies to the rim for one of four dunks in an 81-70 win over Alcoa at Raider Arena, Monday night. Curry finished with 37 points and 14 rebounds in the Blue Raiders' 10th straight victory to begin the season. The streak surpasses the program's nine-game win streak to begin the 2009-10 season.

Blue Raiders' 10-0 start best since 2002-03 season

Bv PATRICK MacCOON Banner Sports Writer

Strong chemistry is key to making a lot of things work in life, and for the Cleveland boys' basketball team it has provided one of the best starts the program has put together in the 21st

In fact, the 10-0 start for the first-ranked Class AAA Blue Raiders after their 81-70 win over ninth-ranked Alcoa at Raider Arena Monday night is the best start to a season since the program won 17 games to begin the 2002-03 season, which came to an end Jan. 27, 2003, in a 94-90 loss to Bradley Central.

"I think what is special about this group, because every group is different, is they are unselfish and have great cohesion together," said 10th-year head coach Jason McCowan,

who has two 10-game win streaks now in his tenure at Cleveland. "They make the extra pass and they do not care about who gets the most points, assists or rebounds. They all want each other to succeed."

Despite trailing by three points a minute into the second half, Blue Raider big men KK Curry and Dionte Ware quickly asserted their will underneath the basket in scoring all the points in a 13-0 run lasting 2:30.

Aware of Curry's incredible hops and 6-foot-8 wingspan, junior point guard Mullek Bradford raced down the court on a 2-on-1 break against the Tornadoes and lobbed a perfectly placed alley-oop pass to the star junior forward high above the right side of the rim for a two-handed slam dunk. The emphatic score gave Cleveland a

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Jim Smiddy Arena poses daunting challenge for WV

Banner Sports Writer

From the crowd seemingly right on top of opponents to the outstanding history and teams that have come through since its doors first opened at the start of the 1972-73 season, playing in Bradley Central's basketball gym tends not to be an easy task for visiting teams.

While Walker Valley has won the last five playoff meetings against its crosstown District 5-AAA rival and defeated Bradley Central twice last season in the district and region championship games, the Mustangs' trip to Jim Smiddy Arena tonight poses a daunting challenge.

The Bears have won the last seven home contests against their crosstown District 5-AAA rival dating back to Jan. 15, 2010.

"I really couldn't remember the last time we actually beat them in the regular season at Bradley," senior guard Bryce Nunnelly said. He would have been in fifth grade when the Mustangs won 62-56 in Jim Smiddy 2,524 days ago. "I know that Brice Sharp was able to beat them, but it's hard to remember many other times. It is hard to play in Jim Smiddy Arena and win, but I feel like we can make for a good game and come away with a victory hopefully."

The arena which was named

after a legendary coach on April 16, 1990, currently boasts one of the longest home win streaks in the state at 32 games for the undefeated and No. 1 ranked Bearettes according CoachT.com's power ranking

For seventh-year head coach Jason Reuter, home court advantage has played a monumental advantage as Bradley Central has gone 38-0 in district games since the 2010-11 season at Jim

"Jim Smiddy Arena may be old, but that is completely fine with me," Reuter said of the gym which opened for the first time on Jan. 6, 1973, with a 66-60 win for Bradley Central over East Ridge in which Liz Hannah scored 44 points. "She's won a lot of ballgames and I would not trade her for anybody.

"It's hard to play in here because of all the good teams and coaches to have been here. When other teams walk in they see the banners on the wall and the history. Home court in basketball has to be the biggest home court advantage of any sport. Our crowd is right on top of opponents," said Reuter.

Both Walker Valley and Bradley Central come into the girls' game at 6 p.m. riding respective five- and nine-game winning streaks. Both will be

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THE ROWDIES in Jim Smiddy Arena are just one factor making the venue a daunting challenge to opposing teams. Walker Valley meets Bradley Central tonight in search of ending two long streaks for the Bears and Bearettes on their home floor.

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TENNESSEE TITANS SAFETY Daimion Stafford (24) celebrates after recovering a fumble by Denver Broncos tight end A.J. Derby to stop the Broncos' final drive in the fourth quarter Sunday, in

Titans pushing to end playoff drought

NASHVILLE (AP) — Coach Mike Mularkey believes his Tennessee Titans are figuring out how to win. They have three games left to see just how much they can accelerate that learning curve -and end the franchise's playoff drought.

The Titans (7-6) have won three of four and are coming off a big 13-10 win over Denver that keeps them tied atop the AFC South with Houston, and they wrap up the season hosting the Texans (7-6) in what could be a showdown for the division title. Tennessee hasn't won the division since 2008, which also marked this team's last playoff

It's a big swing for a franchise that was mathematically eliminated from the playoffs this time a year ago and on its way to finishing with the No. 1 overall draft pick. Jon Robinson was hired as general manager with Mularkey kept as head coach after a midseason promotion.

"They understand what we want, but I think they also are seeing that it's coming to light that we play the style of football we can be in the mix, and we're right in the mix of it," Mularkey said of his players on Monday.

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Alabama, Ohio State lead AP All-American list

(AP) — No. 1 Alabama placed four players on The Associated Press All-America team, most of any school, and Louisville quarterback Lamar Jackson and fellow Heisman Trophy finalists Jabrill Peppers of Michigan and Dede Westbrook of Oklahoma

were also first-team selections. The Crimson Tide and No. 2 Ohio State tied for the most players on the three All-America teams released Monday with six. No. 3 Clemson had five players on the three teams, but none on the first team. Washington, which has a spot in the College Football Playoff team along with Alabama, Ohio State and Clemson, had two players on the second team.

Jackson won the Heisman Saturday, finishing well ahead of Clemson's Deshaun Watson and Oklahoma's Baker Mayfield. The three quarterbacks lined up similarly on the All-America teams with Watson second-team and Mayfield third-team.

The Crimson Tide's top-ranked defense placed three players on the first team, one at each level: Defensive lineman Jonathan Allen; linebacker Reuben Foster; defensive back Minkah Fitzpatrick. Offensive tackle Cam Robinson was the fourth Tide All-American. Outside linebacker Tim Williams was a second-team selection and tight end O.J.

Howard made the third team. Ohio State put center Pat Elflein on the first team with safety Malik Hooker and H-back Curtis Samuel, who was selected as an all-purpose player. Guard Billy Price and linebacker Raekwon McMillan made the second team.

Clemson defensive tackle Carlos Watkins joined Watson on

the second team and the Tigers had defensive tackle Christian Wilkins, cornerback Cordrea Tankersley and linebacker Ben

Boulware on the third team. - Washington's two secondteamers were safety Budda Baker and receivers John Ross.

Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver is the first freshman to be selected to the first-team since 2011 when Clemson's Sammy Watkins made it as an all-purpose player and LSU punter Brad Wing also was picked.

Oliver had 19 tackles for loss to help lead a defense that ranks second in the nation in rushing defense at 2.83 yards per carry.

Elflein was one of three players who made the second team last season to make the first team this season. Florida State running back Dalvin Cook and Michigan cornerback Jourdan Lewis also earned promotions.

There were no players who repeated as first-team All-Americans.

Watson went from first-team All-America last season as a sophomore to second this year and Stanford running back Christian McCaffrey did the same. McCaffrey was first-team as an all-purpose player last year and a second-team pick at running back this season.

Western Michigan receiver Corey Davis is the first player in school history to be an AP firstteam All-American. Players on first team broken

down by conference:

Big Ten Pac-12 Big 12 American

THE TEAMS FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE Ouarterback Lamar Jackson, sophomore, 6-foot-3, 205 pounds, Louisville

Running backs — D'Onta Foreman, junior, 6-2, 249, Texas; Dalvin Cook, junior, 5-11, 213, Florida State

Tackles — Cam Robinson, junior, 6-6, 310, Alabama; Ryan Ramczyk, junior, 6-6, 314, Wisconsin

Guards - Cody O'Connell, junior, 6-8, 354, Washington State; Dan Feeney, senior, 6-4, 305, Indiana.

team on Monday.

Center — Pat Elflein, senior, 6-

3, 300, Ohio State Tight end — Evan Engram, senior, 6-3, 235, Mississippi

Wide receivers — Dede Westbrook, senior, 6-0, 176, Oklahoma; Corey Davis, senior, 6-3, 213, Western Michigan

All-purpose player — Curtis Samuel, junior, 5-11 197, Ohio Kicker — Zane Gonzalez, sen-

ior, 6-1, 195, Arizona State DEFENSE Ends — Myles Garrett, junior,

6-5, 270, Texas A&M; Derek

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TENNESSEE DEFENSIVE END Derek Barnett plays against Florida in Knoxville. Barnett was selected to the 2016 AP All-America

SCOREBOARD

Walker Valley at Bradley Central, 6 (JV, 3:30) Soddy-Daisy at Cleveland, 6 (JV, 3:30)
Sweetwater at Polk County, 6 (JV, 3:30)
Liberty Christian at TCPS (B), 7
BOWLING

Bradley Central at Baylor, 3:15

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Soddy-Daisy at Bradley Central (Leisure Time), 3:30
Chattanooga Central at Walker Valley (Leisure Time), 4
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BASKETBALL
Mississippi College at Lee University, 6
Polk County at Tellico Plains, 6 (JV, 3:30)
BOWLING
Walker Valley at Fast Birding (Snare Time), 4

Walker Valley at East Ridge (Spare Time), 4
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Sports on TV Tuesday, Dec. 13 COLLEGE BASKETBALL 7 p.m.
ESPNU — South Carolina St. at Clemson

FS1 — Temple at Villanova SEC — Tennessee Tech at Tennessee 9 p.m. - Cent. Arkansas at Michigan SEC — NC Central at LSU

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m. ESPN — Minnesota at Chicago 10:30 p.m

N.Y. Rangers SOCCER 2:40 p.m. NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal at Evertor 2:20 a.m. (Wednesday)
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Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m Portland at Denver, 9 p.m. San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

The AP NCAA Men's Top Twenty Five The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college bas-ketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 11, total points based on 25 points for a firstplace vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last

ŭ	Record	Pts	Prv
1. Villanova (56)	10-0	1613	1
2. UCLA (3)	10-0	1505	2
3. Kansas	9-1	1455	2
4. Baylor (6)	8-0	1439	4
5. Duke	10-1	1391	5
6. Kentucky	9-1	1277	5 6
7. North Carolina	10-1	1222	7
8. Gonzaga	10-0	1195	8
9. Indiana	8-1	1124	9
Creighton	10-0	1043	10
11. Louisville	9-1	981	11
West Virginia	8-1	864	15
13. Virginia	8-1	848	14
14. Wisconsin	9-2	779	17
15. Purdue	8-2	652	18
South Carolina	8-0	598	19
17. Xavier	8-2	526	13
18. Butler	9-1	492	16
19. Arizona	8-2	436	20
20. Saint Mary's (Cal)	7-1	391	12
21. Notre Dame	9-1	310	23
22. Oregon	8-2	251	24
23. Florida St.	10-1	227	_
24. Southern Cal	9-0	158	_
25. Cincinnati	7-2	155	22
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George Mason 97, Longwood 60 Louisiana-Monroe 72, Blue Mountain 41 Maryland 92, Jacksonville St. 66 Penn 58, UCF 49 SE Louisiana 108, Florida A&M 69 South Florida 79, Bethune-Cookman 73 MIDWEST IUPUI 109, Urbana 67

The AP NCAA Women's Top Twenty Five The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 11, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last

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1. UConn (33)	9-0	825	1
Notre Dame	9-1	764	2
Baylor	10-1	761	3
4. Maryland	10-0	742	4
Mississippi St.	9-0	676	5
6. South Carolina	7-1	657	6
Florida St.	10-1	625	7
8. Louisville	8-2	574	8
9. UCLA	7-1	565	9
Stanford	8-1	520	10
Washington	10-1	490	11
12. Ohio St.	8-3	424	12
13. Miami	8-1	415	14
14. West Virginia	10-0	406	13
15. Colorado	9-0	286	18
16. Texas	3-4	268	17
17. DePaul	6-3	225	16
18. Duke	10-1	217	21
Kentucky	7-3	189	15
20. Oklahoma	7-2	187	19
21. Syracuse	8-3	162	20
22. South Florida	7-0	153	22
23. Arizona St.	6-2	137	_
Virginia Tech	10-0	112	25
25. Oregon	7-1	75	_
Others receiving vot	tes: Oregon St	. 68, Gre	een Bay
49, Kansas St 44	, California	29, Flor	ida 23,
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Southern Cal 9, Auburn 7, Gonzaga 4, Vanderbilt 1, UNLV 1. Michigan St. 1. Women's College Basketball Scores

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Maryland 79, Loyola (Md.) 60
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MVSU 66, Blue Mountain 40
Murray St. 93, MacMurray College 37
New Orleans 100, Trinity Baptist 35 Oregon 87, Clemson 59 SC-Upstate 73, SC State 67 MIDWEST

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THE CLEVELAND BASSMASTERS Chickamauga Lake October tournament winners were, from left, Jon Clayton, third place; Jose Rivera, second place and big fish; and Harrison Sims, first place.



THE CLEVELAND BASSMASTERS recently held the Year End Classic. The winners were, from left, Jon Clayton, first place; Jose Others receiving votes: BARTLETT, BLA HALLS, MBA, MOUNT JULIET, SUMMIT Rivera, second place and big fish; and Dewayne Lowe, third place.

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Thursday, Dec. 15 Los Angeles at Seattle, 8:25 p.m Saturday, Dec. 17 Miami at N.Y. Jets, 8:25 p.m Sunday, Dec. 18 Philadelphia at Baltimore, 1 p.m

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Carolina at Washington, 8:30 p.m 2016-17 Bowl Glance Saturday, Dec. 17 Celebration Bowl At Atlanta NC Central (9-2) vs. Grambling State (11-1), Noon (ABC)

New Mexico Bowl Albuquerque UTSA (6-6) vs. New Mexico (8-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Las Vegas Bowl
San Diego State (10-3) vs. Houston (9-3), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Camellia Bowl Montgomery, Ala. palachian State (9-3), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Toledo (9-3) vs. Appalachian State
Cure Bowl Orlando, Fla. UCF (6-6) vs. Arkansas State (7-5), 5:30 p.m. (CBSSN) New Orleans Bowl Southern Miss. (6-6) vs. Louisiana-Lafavette (6-6), 9 p.m Monday, Dec. 19

Milami Beach Bowl
Tulsa (9-3) vs. Central Michigan (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Tuesday, Dec. 20
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl Memphis (8-4) vs. Western Kentucky (10-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN) Wednesday, Dec. 21 San Diego
BYU (8-4) vs. Wyoming (8-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN) Friday, Dec. 23

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Fort Worth, Texas
Navy (9-4) vs. Louisiana Tech (8-5), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Dollar General Bowl
Mobile, Ala.
Ohio (8-5) vs. Troy (9-3), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 24
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Bahamas Bowl

Hawaii Bowl Honolulu Monday, Dec. 26
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
Mississippi State (5-7) vs. Miami (Ohio) (6-6), 11 a.m.
(ESPN)

Detroit
Boston College (6-6) vs. Maryland (6-6), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN2) Independence Bowl Shreveport, La.
NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN2) NC State (6-6) vs. Vanderbilt (6-6), 5 p.m. (ESPN2)
Tuesday, Dec. 27
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Army (7-5) vs. North Texas (5-7), Noon (ESPN)
Military Bowl
Annapolis, Md.
Wake Forest (6-6) vs. Temple (10-3), 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Disconlineagets (8-4), vs. Weshington State (8-4)

San DiegoMinnesota (8-4) vs. Washington State (8-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Cactus Bowl 10-2) vs. Baylor (6-6), 10:15 p Wednesday, Dec. 28 Pinstripe Bowl Bronx, N.Y. Northwestern (6-6) vs. Pittsburgh (8-4), 2 p.m. (ESPN)

Russell Athletic Bowl Orlando, Fla. Miami (8-4) vs. West Virginia (10-2), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) Santa Clara, Calif. Houston
Kansas State (8-4) vs. Texas A&M (8-4), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday, Dec. 29
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
South Florida (10-2) vs. South Carolina (6-6), 2 p.m. (ESPN) Belk Bowl Charlotte, N.C. Virginia Tech (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 5:30 p.m. (ESPN) Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
State (9-3) vs. Colorado (10-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday, Dec. 30 Liberty Bowl

Memphis, Tenn. Georgia (7-5) vs. TCU (6-6), Noon (ESPN) El Paso, Texas North Carolina (8-4) vs. Stanford (9-3), 2 p.m. (CBS) Music City Bowl

Tucson, Ariz. Air Force (9-3) vs. South Alabama (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (ASN) Orange Bowl Miami Gardens, Fla Miami Gardens, Fla.
Florida State (9-3) vs. Michigan (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday, Dec. 31
Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
LSU (7-4) vs. Louisville (9-3), 11 a.m. (ABC)
TaxSlayer Bowl

Jacksonville, Fla Kentucky (7-5) vs. Georgia Tech (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN Peach Bowl Alabama (13-0) vs. Washington (12-1), 3 p.m. (ESPN Fiesta Bow

Outback Bowl Tampa, Fla. Florida (8-4) vs. Iowa (8-4), 1 p.m. (ABC) Cotton Bow

Arlington, Texas
Western Michigan (13-0) vs. Wisconsin (10-3), 1 p.m

Rose Bowl Pasadena, Calif. Penn State (11-2) vs. Southern Cal (9-3), 5 p.m. (ESPN) Sugar Bowl Oklahoma (10-2) vs. Auburn (8-4), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN) Monday, Jan. 9
College Football Championship Tampa, Fla.
Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

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end for Fisher.



NEW ENGLAND Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws a touchdown pass to Chris Hogan, under pressure from Baltimore Ravens linebacker Elvis Dumervil (58) in the fourth quarter Monday, in Foxborough, Mass.

Late Brady TD pass helps Patriots hold off Ravens

The New England Patriots needed a big play, and Tom Brady delivered — again.

Brady connected with Chris Hogan for a 79-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter to help the Patriots to a 30-23 win over the Baltimore Ravens on Monday night.

Brady threw for 406 yards and three touchdowns, becoming the fourth NFL quarterback with at least 450 career touchdown passes. He also threw just his second interception of the season.

LeGarrette Blount rushed for 72 yards on 18 carries, passing 1,000 yards for the first time since his rookie season with Tampa Bay in 2010.

The Patriots (11-2) have won four straight games and eight of their last nine as they continue to inch toward their eighth straight AFC East title.

"It was a big game for us," Brady said. "You play at home in December on Monday night against a great defense, it was important for us to come out and play well. We knew it was gonna be a 60-minute game."

The Ravens (7-6) had won two in a row. They now face a challenging route to the playoffs with two of their last three on the road.

Joe Flacco did his best to keep Baltimore in the game, finishing

touchdowns and an interception. The 37 completions set a franchise record. The Patriots led 23-3 before

37 of 52 for 324 yards, two

the Ravens turned back-to-back New England fumbles on special teams into touchdowns. New England still had a 23-17

lead in the fourth quarter when the Ravens drove to the Patriots 12 before Flacco was sacked by Rob Ninkovich, forcing Baltimore to settle for a field goal. The Ravens entered the week

with the NFL's top-ranked defense, giving up just 296.1 yards per game. But the Patriots defense shined early on, limiting the Ravens to just three points and 142 yards in the first half.

The Ravens rushed only four times for 7 yards in the opening 30 minutes, and were just 3 for 8 on third downs.

The Patriots appeared to be in control after Martellus Bennett's 19-yard touchdown reception made it 23-3 with 8:45 to play in the third. But Cyrus Jones couldn't get out of the way of Sam Koch's 53-yard punt. It brushed off his foot as it fell to the turf and was picked up by Chris Moore on New England's 3. The Ravens scored two plays

The Patriots then gave Baltimore another gift on the ensuing kickoff when returner hit by Patrick Onwuasor. Shareece Wright recovered for the Ravens, and Flacco threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Kenneth Dixon.

"I think there were some plays I wish we all could have had back," Brady said. "But they're a competitive team. They force you into some errors. It was great to finish the game with the ball in our hands. We always love doing that."

Patriots linebacker Shea McClellin showed off his athleticism in the first quarter by hurdling the Ravens' line and then blocking Justin Tucker's 34-yard field goal attempt. It was part of a big first half for McClellin, who was also involved in five total tackles in the opening 30 min-

New England's defense was the first unit to get on the scoreboard. After Ryan Allen's punt was downed on the 1, Dixon was swarmed in the end zone and brought down by Malcolm Butler for a safety.

It was the Patriots' third safety

of the season — a franchise record. They also got one on Oct. against Cleveland when Browns quarterback Kessler fumbled the ball out of the end zone and the following week when Dont'a Hightower sacked Cincinnati's Andy Dalton in the end zone.

Rams fire Fisher after loss to Falcons

Fisher's tenure in Los Angeles didn't last one full season.

The Rams fired Fisher on Monday and elevated special teams coordinator John Fassel to interim coach. The Rams are 4-9 heading into Thursday night's game at NFC West-leading Seattle.

Fisher had been the team's coach since 2012, and compiled a 31-45-1 record with the Rams. He oversaw the move from St. Louis to Los Angeles this past offseason.

The lack of success on the field, capped by a 42-14 home rout by Atlanta on Sunday. spelled the end for Fisher, who is tied with Dan Reeves for most regular-season losses in NFL history with 165. Fisher has the lowest winning percentage (.512) among coaches with 130-plus losses.

Los Angeles has scored a league-low 194 points this sea-

"Making a decision such as this, especially during the seasports," Rams owner Stan Kroenke said. "I have great respect for Jeff as

a coach, person, father and friend. He has worked tirelessly despite some challenging circumstances. He played an integral role in helping this team make history in returning the NFL to Los Angeles, and we always will be grateful for his commitment and dedication to our organization."

Fisher, 58, went 147-126 as the Houston coach of Oilers/Tennessee Titans and helped that franchise in its relocation. He led the Titans to the 1999 AFC championship. Long respected in league cir-

cles for his work on the NFL's competition committee, Fisher never found success - or a franchise quarterback — with the Rams, who went 7-8-1, 7-9, 6-10 and 7-9 in his four full seasons. They traded up for the first

selection in this year's draft and took California's Jared Goff, but he rode the bench for much of

son, is one of the most difficult in the season behind journeyman Case Keenum as Los Angeles jumped out to a 3-1 start. Fisher finally turned to Goff in Week 11 and the Rams have dropped all four of his starts. "Some of the performances the

past few weeks have been a little bit more lopsided," said Kevin Demoff, the Rams' executive vice president. "I think that's what really

tipped it. This is solely a performance-related issue. For the fans, for the players, for the coaches, for the organization we wanted to make sure games like (Sunday) didn't happen again."

Kroenke said in his statement that "this is the right time to make a change as our performance has not lived up to my or our fans' expectations. We all are focused on improving as an organization and building a team that makes Los Angeles proud. Our mission is to celebrate a Super Bowl title with our fans in Los Angeles. Today is the first step to bringing us closer to that goal."

Oddly, Kroenke gave Fisher a contract extension before the season, though it was not made public until recently.

Now, that extension looks more like a bonus to Fisher for his role in aiding the organization's move to California than being any part of a plan for the team's future.

Demoff would not commit on general manager Les Snead keeping his position, either.

"Starting today we are going to have a complete review of the entire organization. We sat down with Les, and again this team is not where it needs to be," he said. Fisher spoke to the team

Monday before the firing was announced, and players reacted to his dismissal with a mix of guilt, frustration and anger. "We didn't do enough for him,"

Goff said. "Unfortunately, it falls on him, but us in the locker room by a 42-14 home rout at the hands of Atlanta on Sunday, spelled the blame ourselves and need to be better.'



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Angeles this past offseason. The lack of success on the field, capped

Rams. The team's coach since 2012, Fisher compiled a 31-45-1

Alabama is in familiar spot with SEC trip, Kiffin leaving

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP) — Alabama is in familiar territory and not just because of a quick return trip to Atlanta.

For the third time in six seasons the top-ranked Crimson Tide head into the playoffs or previously into the BCS national championship game — with a coordinator preparing to leave for a head coaching job. This time, offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin is leaving to take over at Florida Atlantic after 'Bama's season ends.

Alabama (13-0) faces No. 4 Washington (12-1) in a semifinal game on Dec. 31 at the Georgia Dome.

It wasn't an issue before: Jim McElwain left after the 2011 season to take over at Colorado State. Alabama beat LSU 21-0 in the title game.

Kirby Smart's imminent departure for Georgia didn't impede a championship run last season.

Now, it's Kiffin's turn to pull double duty and prepare for at least one more game while starting to work on recruiting and assembling a staff at Florida Atlantic.

"He's done a great job here molding our offensive players to what they can do to have the best chance to be successful, and I think that's always something that is very telling about the quality of a coach," Tide coach Nick Saban said Monday.

Saban said FAU "has selected someone that's going to do a great job for them" but he declined to take questions about Kiffin's hiring, which hadn't been formally announced by Florida Atlantic. He spoke at a news conference Monday with

Peach Bowl officials.

Alabama starts practice on Friday before returning to Atlanta, where they beat Florida 54-16 in the Southeastern Conference championship game on Dec. 3. The Tide is well acquainted with the Georgia Dome.

The Crimson Tide has won seven straight games at the Georgia Dome and eight of nine overall under Saban. That includes a 4-0 record in Kickoff Classics and 4-1 in SEC title

It also was the site of Saban's first really big win at 'Bama. The Tide upset No. 9 Clemson 34-10 to start the 2008 season en route to a surprising 12-0 regular season.

Saban still feels that win was a launching pad in helping restore the program to national prominence.

"We were a relatively unknown program when we played Clemson," he said. "They were ranked in the Top 10 if I recall correctly, and we had a pretty dominant performance in that game. And I actually think that game probably did as much to launch this program forward as any game or anything that we ever did. We took a little bit of a risk in playing a game like that against a very, very good team and a good program that was highly ranked.

"We were happy to have the opportunity to do it."

Cornerback Marlon Humphrey has been doing rehab on a right leg injury that sidelined him from the SEC championship game. Saban is hoping Humphrey will be able to fully participate in practice.



ALABAMA offensive coordinator Lane Kiffin participates during warmups before the Iron Bowl game against Auburn, in Tuscaloosa, Ala., in this AP file photo. Kiffin is leaving the Crimson Tide to become the head coach at Florida Atlantic.

Challenge

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heated matchup.

"I've heard coaches say it is just another game, but this is not just another game," Reuter said. "This is our crosstown rival. It's not Ooltewah, Soddy-Daisy or William Blount, this is our rival and it means a lot to both sides. We respect Walker Valley and we treat them like anybody else, but there has to be a little extra in your gas tank for both sides."

Junior 6-foot-1 point guard and one of the nation's top recruits in Rhyne Howard is tied for Bradley's team lead in scoring at 17.8 points per game with Lee University signee Halle Hughes. Both are shooting over 80 percent from the free throw line and have combined to make 35-of-89 (.393) 3-point baskets.

The Lady Mustangs, who have rattled off five straight wins since starting the season 0-4, look to continue their hot play. Junior

looking to make a statement in a Haley Jones recently had a 20point and 11-rebound game while sophomore point guard Abbey Davis scored 17 points in as many minutes in a win over Ooltewah. Junior guard Lauren Lay can score in double figures as well.

> "Bradley is an outstanding team and we know that," former Bearette assistant and current Walker Valley head coach Paul Cretton said. "We just have to go down there relax, play and handle their pressure. We are excited about that opportunity to play those guys. They are obviously a very good team and we look forward to it and I think we will have a better showing this year."

> Bradley Central won all three meetings last year with the closest contest coming in a 64-53 district semifinals win for the Bearettes. The Lady Mustangs last victory in the series came on Dec. 3, 2013 when they won 45-38 at home.

"When you look on paper we have both played similar opponents this season," Reuter said. "We beat Cleveland by 22 at home and beat Maryville by four on the road. Walker Valley beat Cleveland on the road by 31 and lost to a good Maryville team by

So when you look at that we should be pretty evenly matched. While I think we have the more experienced team, you have to take records out of it when you are playing a crosstown rival. It will be a great night of basketball."

In the nightcap, Bradley Central (4-4, 1-1) and Walker Valley (5-5, 2-1) will look to be another tight contest as each team tries to not stray too far behind red-hot Cleveland (10-0, 3-0) and hosts Soddy Daisy tonight.

Cole Copeland is sure to make his scoring and rebounding presence felt, as he comes in averaging a double-double, but the

Bears will look for additional help in John Brown, Ty Beavers and Lameric Tucker on the scor-

Walker Valley will look to find the open looks and not rush things too much with an experienced starting five of Bryce Nunnelly, Zach Eslinger, Cooper Melton, Dakota Murphy and Kolten Gibson. Zeke Westfield and Jordan Munck can pack a punch off the bench as well.

"Both teams will be fired up and ready for the game," WVHS head coach Bob Williams said. "It is always a great atmosphere at Jim Smiddy. It is the first of many times we will play them this year probably. We just want to build on last game and what we did in the second half against Ooltewah."

With a large attendance expected again at Jim Smiddy tonight, another rivalry game in Bradley County will take center stage.

Raiders

50-40 advantage with 4:20 left in the third quarter, and the Raiders would not look back.

"We have really great chemistry on this team and a good blend of players who match up perfectly," said Bradford, who finished with five points, seven assists and three steals. "We practice. "We practice 'oops' and plays like that in practice all the time. We were just out there having fun and the situation was perfect, so we went for it."

For the seventh time this season, the Blue Raiders scored at least 80 points. Junior forward Curry put forth a monstrous night with 37 points, 14 rebounds, four assists and three steals. All four of his dunks came times in the second half, including a reverse slam.

The strong showings for Curry continue as he came into his fifth home game of the season already with 40 and 35 point scoring outbursts against Sequoyah and Walker Valley. He scored eight points in all of the first three quarters and finished with 13 in the fourth.

"We were expecting a challenge out of a good team tonight," Curry said. "After halftime we came out with a killer mindset and knew we were ready to go. It feels great to start the season on such a long win streak. We just want to keep playing together and ride the streak for as long as it lasts."

With both Alcoa (4-2) and Cleveland (10-0) playing uptempo basketball, the first half was a stalemate. Both sides went in to the half tied at 34-all despite the Blue Raiders holding a 22-15 advantage.

However, Cleveland's speed eventually was too much to han-

Not slowing down and attacking the rim, the Blue Raiders scored 36 of their 47 second half points off either layups, offensive putbacks or from the free-throw

With four minutes left to play, Cleveland led by its largest margin at 78-58, after Curry's 33rd and 34th points came after he cut through traffic for a layup.

"Our coaching staff did a good job and made some adjustments on our press offense for the second half," McCowan said. "We were scoring layups instead of turning it over at midcourt. Once our guys got more comfortable with attacking more than sitting back, I feel like they got into a really good flow. KK dominated above the rim and so did Dionte Ware. All of our guys just played really well together."

Ware also finished with a double-double, as the sophomore scored 12 points and snatched 12 rebounds. Cleveland also was given a spark by Deontae Davis, who scored 10 points and hit two 3-pointers along with Romeo Wvkle.

One of two seniors for the Blue Raiders, Kregg Ware scored nine points and added two steals.

Alcoa had four players finish in double figures scoring and was led by Dante Harris' 17 points. The Tornadoes connected on nine 3-pointers compared to five for their host.

Realizing its strengths, Cleveland will look to continue its fast-paced offense and improve to 4-0 in District 5-AAA play against Soddy-Daisy tonight at Raider Arena.

"When you have good players around you it makes it fun to facilitate because you are making it easier for really good players," Bradford said. "Once KK gets rolling it makes it easier for everyone on our team to score. We just want to come out here and execute every night and take things one game at a time."

LADY RAIDERS 38 LADY TORNADOES 36

Cleveland avoided disaster as its 35-21 lead with five minutes remaining was just enough cushion to hold on against a late Alcoa run, which included four 3-pointers.

"I am very frustrated with the way we have finished games lately and not been able to handle pressure," Lady Raiders firstyear head coach Tony Williams said after his squad improved to 5-5 to start the season. "If we play four quarters the way we can play the first three, then we are a pretty good basketball team."

Cleveland senior guard Sofia Stamatiadis scored the first six points of the contest on 3-pointers and had eight of her teamhigh 11 points in the first quar-

Caitlyn Reed connected on what proved to be a much needed 3-pointer with 7:40 left in the second quarter to give the Lady Raiders a commanding 18-3 Emily Colbaugh connected on

two 3-pointers and doubled Cleveland's lead to 28-14 with her final trey with 6:26 left in th third quarter. Madison Dasher also connected on a triple as "Sofia really sparked us to

start the game by giving us a 6-0 lead early," Williams said. "Our girls hit some big shots from outside tonight. When they do that it opens up the middle for your bigs." Senior forward Amber Morman put forth a strong effort on the

boards, finishing with a gamehigh 13 rebounds and also had seven points. The Lady Raiders had 11 offensive rebounds with Morman accounting for six of "Emma Flowers had 30 points

and 16 rebounds for us the other night, but tonight it was Amber's night," Williams said. "That is the luxury of having two bigs. I think another girl in Madison Rue gave us a good lift."

Cleveland finished 6-of-18 from the free-throw line and will no doubt look to improve on those numbers tonight against Soddy-Daisy in a district contest.

Katie Bean led Alcoa with 13 points and Riley Hicks finished

BLUE RAIDERS 81, TORNADOES 70

GAME SUMMARIES BOYS

Alcoa 15 19 15 21 — 70 Cleveland 22 12 26 21 — 81 TORNADOES (70) — Dante Harris 17, Larry Hodge 11, Jonathan Webb 10, Mekhi Carter 10, Steele 6, Roberts 6, Oale 5. Cox 5. BILUE RAIDERS (81) — KK Curry 37, Dionte Ware 12, Deontae Davis 10, K. Ware 9, Wykle 8, Bradford 5, Berry, Cobb, Patterson.
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Ogle); Cleveland 5 (Davis 2, Wykle 2, K. Ware 1) Free throws: Alcoa 12-of-19; Cleveland 5-of-11.
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McClung 9, Anthony 2, Kelso 1, Haworth, Wilson,
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Morman 7, Rue 4, Reed 4, Dasher 3, Flowers 2, Anderson,
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Free throws: Alcoa 5-of-11; Cleveland 6-of-18.

Records: Alcoa 2-6; Cleveland 5-5

So begins the next chapter for Kiffin, who has been an annual fixture on lists of potential candidates for high-profile coaching

Saban said of FAU.

Saban said. "We appreciate the

impact that he's made on this

program. We think this is a won-

derful opportunity for him to be a

he wanted to help Kiffin get

another opportunity to be a head

coach. It wasn't clear if Kiffin

would have been back at

Alabama next season otherwise.

"They've made a great hire,"

Saban said in recent days that

head coach again."

viewed for the Houston job and was also believed to be a candidate at places such as Oregon and South Florida.

jobs. Earlier this fall, he inter-

Titans

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"I'm just proud to be a part of it." The Titans also are only a game back of the AFC's second wild card berth.

Denver (8-5) currently holds that spot but finishes against a trio of 10-win teams in New England, Kansas City and Oakland. Tennessee trails both Miami (8-5) and Baltimore, 7-5 going into Monday night's game at New England. The Ravens also visit Pittsburgh (8-5) on Christmas.

The Titans must finish with a better record than the Texans to avoid losing a divisional tiebreaker with Houston . They hold head-to-head tiebreakers over Miami thanks to a 30-17 win Oct. 9 and also the Broncos. Mariota says the Titans are

right where they want to be and will focus on what they have left.

"If we just take care, take control of what we can, find ways to win games, if we win when it is all said and done, we will stay on top," Mariota said.

The Titans start a two-game road swing Sunday visiting the AFC West leading Kansas City (10-3). Then they go to Jacksonville (2-11) on Dec. 24 before hosting Houston on Jan. 1.

interviewed

Houston twice, the school's

board of regents chairman told

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coach," Houston board of regents

chairman Tilman Fertitta told

KILT-AM in an interview last

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viewed Kiffin for the Cougars'

opening. "But I can tell you this

FAU, which hasn't been to a

FAU and Kiffin had their dia-

bowl game since 2008, came to a

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although the pairing seemed

somewhat unexpected. Kiffin

made \$1.4 million this season at

it was not a safe hire."

different conclusion.

"Sure, he's been a head coach

KILT-AM radio in Houston.

Cornerback Jason McCourty, drafted by the Titans in 2009, said it feels good to be in this situation and live to see another

"An opportunity like this doesn't mean anything if you don't win the game, so it's only one," McCourty said. "We've still got three more to go, and we have to focus on Kansas City now." The Titans, now 4-0 in games

decided by six or fewer points, got this latest win with the defense getting three sacks and forcing their first two fumbles this season. Linebacker Avery Williamson helped knock loose the clinching fumble inside the final minute.

Even with defensive lineman Jurrell Casey sidelined by a sprained foot, the Titans held

FAU President John Kelly has wanted to continue raising the school's profile, including on the athletic fronts. And hiring Kiffin is the sort of splashy move that will certainly get the Owls plenty of attention.

Alabama; FAU was paying

Charlie Partridge a bit over

\$500,000 annually when he was

fired after his third consecutive

3-9 season.

"Owl Nation is Soaring High!" Kelly tweeted on Monday. "Unbridled Ambition."

Kiffin lasted 20 games as coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2007 and 2008, going 5-15.

He returned to college ball and was 7-6 in 2009 in his lone season at Tennessee. And he went 28-15 in parts of four seasons at USC.

Denver to just 18 yards rushing,

the fewest yards allowed by this

team since Sept. 18, 2005, when

the Baltimore Ravens ran for 14

yards. Denver ran only nine

times, the fewest ever against the

despite Mariota having his worst

performance in a game he fin-

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from DeMarco Murray on the

opening drive. The defense made

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attention," Williamson said.

Offensively, Tennessee won

Tennessee franchise.

Florida in recent weeks. FIU hired former Miami and North Carolina coach Butch Davis in November, and former Louisville and Texas coach Charlie Strong was hired Sunday at South They'll all face in-state recruit-

Kiffin becomes the third mar-

quee coaching hire in the state of

ing battles against Miami coach Mark Richt, Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher, Florida coach Jim McElwain and Central Florida coach Scott Frost.

All-American

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Barnett, junior, 6-3, Tennessee Tackles — Jonathan Allen, jun-

ior, 6-3, 291, Alabama; Ed Oliver, freshman, 6-2, 290, Houston Linebackers — Reuben Foster,

senior, 6-1, 228, Alabama; Zach Cunningham, junior, 6-2, 230, Vanderbilt; Jabrill Peppers, junior, 6-1, 205, Michigan Cornerbacks — Jourdan Lewis, senior, 5-11, 186,

Michigan; Adoree' Jackson, junior, 5-11, 185, Southern California Safeties — Malik Hooker,

sophomore, 6-2, 205, Ohio State; Minkah Fitzpatrick, sophomore, 6-1, 200, Alabama

Punter — Mitch Wishnowsky, sophomore, 6-2, 220, Utah **SECOND TEAM**

OFFENSE Quarterback — Deshaun

Watson, junior, Clemson Running backs — Donnel

Pumphrey, senior, San Diego State; Christian McCaffrey, junior, Stanford Tackles — Connor Williams,

Karl Klug strained an Achilles sophomore, Texas; Orlando tendon. ... The Titans promoted Brown, sophomore, Oklahoma Guards — Billy Price, junior, Ohio State; Will Hernandez, jun-Abb-DES-mod) to the roster from ior, UTEP the practice squad and waived

Center — Tyler Orlosky, sen-

ior, West Virginia Tight end — Jake Butt, senior,

Michigan Wide receivers — Zay Jones, senior, East Carolina; John Ross,

junior, Washington All-purpose player — Quadree Henderson, sophomore, Pitt

Kicker — Daniel Carlson, junior, Auburn **DEFENSE**

Ends — DeMarcus Walker, senior, Florida State; Harold Landry, junior, Boston College Tackles - Carlos Watkins,

senior, Clemson; Montravius Adams, senior, Auburn Linebackers — Raekwon

McMillan, junior, Ohio State; T.J. Watt, junior, Wisconsin; Tim Williams, senior, Alabama Cornerbacks

Douglas, senior, West Virginia; Desmond King, senior, Iowa Safeties - Budda Baker, junior, Washington; Jamal Adams,

junior, LSU Punter — Cameron Johnston, senior, Ohio State

THIRD TEAM **OFFENSE**

Quarterback Baker Mayfield, junior, Oklahoma

Running backs - Saquon Barkley, sophomore, Penn State; Aaron Jones, junior, UTEP

Tackles — Mike McGlinchey, senior, Notre Dame; Forrest Lamp, senior, Western Kentucky Guards - Nico Siragusa, sen-

ior, San Diego State; Quenton

Nelson, junior, Notre Dame

Center — Ethan Pocic, senior, Tight end — O.J. Howard, sen-

ior, Alabama Wide receivers — Amba Etta-Tawo, senior, Syracuse; Austin

Carr, senior, Northwestern All-purpose player — Christian Kirk, sophomore, Texas A&M

Kicker — Gary Wunderlich, junior, Mississippi

DEFENSE Ends - Hunter Dimick, sen-

ior, Utah; Jordan Willis, senior, Kansas State Tackles — Christian Wilkins, sophomore, Clemson; Solomon

Thomas, junior, Stanford Linebackers — Kendell Beckwith, senior, LSU; Jimmie Gilbert, senior, Colorado; Ben

Boulware, senior, Clemson Cornerbacks — Teez Tabor, junior, Florida; Cordrea Tankersley, senior, Clemson

Safeties — Nathan Gerry, sen-Nebraska; Weston Steelhammer, senior, Air Force

Punter — Michael Dickson,

sophomore, Texas

Some steps to take if your wallet goes missing

One of the certainties of life, like death and taxes, is that at some time your wallet will be lost.

This could be a temporary situation such as your wallet being misplaced at home, or something much more serious, like having it taken by a thief and never

It is a best practice to begin preparing now, as a lost or stolen wallet often results in identity theft. This is never a good thing, and three months before Christmas and the holiday activities it would be a sure-fire way to remove any semblance of the "most wonderful time of the year" from your life.

Reading an article from AARP earlier this year gave me a few new ideas to mention that may make this less hectic than it could be, and I wanted to share with you and your family.

A wallet, billfold or any object used for transporting money in a man's pocket or a woman's purse should never contain vour Social Security card. A possible exception could be found if you are heading to the Social Security office or



Bradley County Mayor D. Gary Davis



for a driver's license renewal, but even then leave it somewhere safer than in a

Other items that should never find long-term sanctuary in your billfold could include your birth certificate, spare keys for your home or car, a PIN (personal identification number) and/or password list for bank cards or online accounts, or a blank check.

Some people also carry their Medicare card around with them. If you feel that you must keep the card with you, try making a photocopy of the original, black out several of the digits of your Social Security number and then keep this in your wallet or billfold instead.

If you have a home printer that also copies, you may find it useful to periodically line up every card in your wallet (driver's license, credit and/or debit cards, insurance cards, etc. and make a copy of the front and then the back of this and then keep the copies in a different, safe place at your home.

If you were to find that your wallet were to really be missing or lost, you will have a list of the appropriate, and current, people, businesses and agencies, in order to contact them and inform them of the need for action to try and make sure that your information remains safe.

A beginning list of things to do when one finds his or her wallet is missing might include:

1. Contact your bank or financial institution and arrange to start the process of changing your PIN, and cancel or arrange to have your ATM card replaced. It is also advisable to get a new checking account if your checkbook were to join with the other missing articles. Most banks and/or financial institutions limit your personal liability if they are notified immediately, but may require some form of reimbursement later if they are not notified immediately.

2. It is also advisable to contact each of your credit card companies, and ask for an account number change to protect the previous cards from being valid if someone else tries to use them.

3. File a report with your local police and/or sheriff's department. This helps to establish a record of your loss. Once you receive a copy of this report, it will be useful in your efforts to document that you have been diligent in trying to limit both your, and their, losses.

4. Contact the Department of Motor Vehicles to inquire about a replacement driver's license. You may also request that a lost-or-stolen-wallet warning be placed in your file. This may prove beneficial down the line.

5. Call your insurance companies medical, health, auto — to help avoid problems if a thief has an accident and might be trying to illegally use your information (policy, funds and limits) for their own care, instead of your family's. 6. Check to see if any unknown or

unusual withdrawals are made across your accounts over a period of several months. Doing so could help you spot any unwarranted or unauthorized shopping occurring on your accounts.

7. Check your credit history immediately, and also for months later. This helps limit the ability of thieves to become successful in not only applying for new credit in your name (and identity), but can also stop the issuance of fraudulent new credit (and cards) in your name.

No system is 100 percent perfect, but with persistence and also the watchful eve of a loving and protective family, the chance of unknown and unlawful use of one's credit and personal and/or financial information can be limited all year long.

I hope that some of these ideas may help you to protect yourself, your family and our community.

Thank you for doing your part to continue to make our community and Bradley County, Tennessee at its best!

Editorials

Trump Cabinet taking on crew of billionaires

cabinet populated by bankers and wealthy linsiders. A \$1 million premier package of tickets to the presidential inauguration in January. And a posh dinner with Mr. 47 Percent, himself, Mitt Romney.

If his earliest actions are any guide, America's incoming chief executive isn't so much draining Washington's swamp as he is refilling it with higher quality sludge.

As The Washington Post reports, three of President-elect Donald J. Trump's cabinet picks have personal net worths running to the billions of dollars. One possible pick for energy secretary, Harold Hamm, is worth \$15 billion

That's \$15 billion — with a "B." Crack open your wallet — do you even have \$15 in cash in it right

And if you're thinking about heading to Washington for the inaugural festivities, you'd better take out that second mortgage now. Trump and his team are looking to raise an eye-watering and record-breaking \$65 million to \$75 million to finance inaugural events across the Capital.

They're doing it on the back of high-dollar events that include an "exclusive" luncheon with Trump's cabinet picks; a dinner with Vice President-elect Mike Pence and his wife and a "ladies luncheon" with Ivanka and Melania Trump, The New York Times reported.

The events will run anywhere from \$25,000 to as much as \$1 million. That's a long way from the hot dogs and chips populism that fueled Trump's packed rallies on the campaign trail earlier this

And, just for good measure, Trump's chief strategist, Stephen K. Bannon, once mused about the possibility of only letting property owners vote. When an associate reminded him that would shut out a lot of black voters, Bannon allegedly said "maybe that's not such a bad thing."

So maybe it's no surprise that the shine went off Trump's populism not long after he entered the halls of power. It was a mirage to begin with.

Keep in mind, this is a guy with a private jet who lives in a goldplated penthouse on top of a skyscraper in midtown Manhattan, and who has never had a problem showing off the gaudy trappings of his success.

The "blue-collar" billionaire who was going to build a wall, repeal and replace Obamacare, and "lock up" Hillary Clinton has been since exposed as something much more obvious - and far less surprising — a card-carrying member of the same elite he said he would scourge.

Remember how Trump teed off

on Hillary Clinton's six-figure speeches to Goldman Sachs during his rallies? Well, it's not such a nest of vipers that he's above raiding it for two of his cabinet picks.

Trump's choice for treasury secretary is former Goldman partner Stephen Mnuchin. Another Goldman executive, Gary Cohn, might be tapped for budget director.

As Politico notes, after a decade in the "wilderness," the Wall Street firm that was the embodiment of the financial collapse is set for



to return Washington and maybe even a rehabilitation of its battered public image. After all, as recently

big-time

October, Trump was Tweeting that Clinton was "[meeting] in secret with international banks to plot the destruction of U.S. sovereignty in order to

enrich" her donors. Putting aside the disturbing undertones of anti-Semitism from candidate Trump in that 140-character burst, President-elect Trump now seems to find that international cabal of bankers perfectly

acceptable. Again, that's no surprise.

It's always been accepted wisdom that Trump, a Washington outsider with little to no existing political network, was going to have to turn to Washington's elite and veteran Republican hands to populate his administration.

On the one hand, that's a good sign because it means that some of Trump's more radical campaign trail proposals will be moderated.

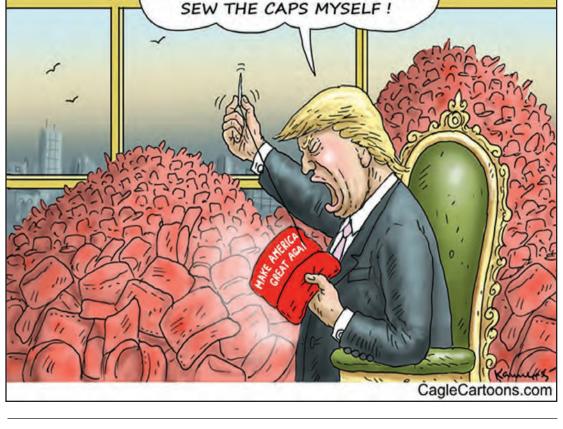
And despite the presence of Bannon, the white nationalist Trump-whisperer at his side, both Mnuchin and Cohn are Jewish, which means some of the uglier, dog-whistle tactics of the campaign might be jettisoned as well.

But that again might leave the blue-collar voters who packed Trump's rallies wondering what

they signed on for. If Trump doesn't repeal and replace all of Obamacare, doesn't bring back coal or manufacturing jobs, but instead doles out goodies to the 1 percent in the form of tax cuts (as a Republican Congress will no doubt demand), there could be some restlessness

in the cheap seats. At the Sex Pistols' notorious final live show at San Francisco's Winterland in 1978, lead singer Johnny Rotten asked the crowd, "Ever get the feeling you've been cheated?"

After 18 months of being promised the Earth — and the moon to boot - Trump's hardcore supporters might find themselves asking the same thing.



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TODAY IN HISTORY

(AP) — Today is Tuesday, Dec. 13, the 348th day of 2016. There are 18 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Dec. 13, 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. (Martial law formally ended in 1983.)

On this date:

In 1642, Dutch navigator Abel Tasman sighted present-day New Zealand.

In 1769, Dartmouth College in New Hampshire received its charter.

In 1862, Union forces led by Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside launched futile attacks against entrenched Confederate soldiers during the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg; the soundly defeated Northern troops withdrew two days later.

In 1918, President Woodrow Wilson arrived in France, becoming the first chief executive to visit Europe while in office.

In 1928, George Gershwin's "An American in Paris" had its premiere at Carnegie Hall in New

In 1937, the Chinese city of Nanjing fell to Japanese forces; what followed was a massacre of war prisoners, soldiers and citizens. (China maintains as many as 300,000 people were killed; Japan says the toll was far less.)

In 1944, during World War II, the light cruiser USS Nashville was badly damaged in a Japanese kamikaze attack off Negros Island in the Philippines that claimed 133 lives.

In 1962, the United States launched Relay 1, a communications satellite which retransmitted television, telephone and digital signals.

republic. George Harrison visited the White House, where he met President Gerald R. Ford. In 1994, an American Eagle

In 1974, Malta became a

commuter plane crashed short of Raleigh-Durham International Airport in North Carolina, killing 15 of the 20 people on board. In 1996, the U.N. Security Council chose Kofi Annan of

Ghana to become the world

body's seventh secretary-general.

In 2003, Saddam Hussein was captured by U.S. forces while hiding in a hole under a farmhouse in Adwar, Iraq, near his hometown of Tikrit.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush held high-level talks at the Pentagon, after which he said he would "not be rushed" into a decision on a strategy change for Iraq. Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., underwent emergency surgery after suffering bleeding in his brain. (Johnson later resumed his Senate duties.) Lamar Hunt, 74, the owner of football's Kansas City Chiefs who coined the term "Super Bowl," died in Dallas.

Five years ago: Early sound recordings by Alexander Graham Bell that were packed away at the Smithsonian Institution for more than a century were played publicly for the first time using new technology that read the sound with light and a 3D camera. (In one recording, a man recites part of the "Hamlet" Soliloquy; on another, a voice recites the numbers 1 through 6.) In the Penn State child sex abuse scandal, ex-assistant coach Sandusky waived a preliminary hearing on the charges, which he denied. (Sandusky was later convicted of abusing several boys, some on campus.) In Liege, Belgium, six people were killed when a 33-year-old man threw grenades and fired on a crowd of people in the city's main square before committing suicide. In Florence, Italy, a man opened fire in an outdoor market, killing two vendors from Senegal, then critically wounding three other Senegalese immigrants before killing himself.

One year ago: Marine Le Pen's far-right National Front collapsed in French regional elections, failing to take a single region after dominating the first round of voting. A bomb in a market killed at least 22 Shiites in Pakistan's Kurram tribal region. Pope Francis called on humanity not to let sadness prevail because of the many forms of violence afflicting the world.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State George P.

Shultz is 96. Actor-comedian Christopher Plummer is 87. Country singer Buck White is 86. 83. Singer John Davidson is 75. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Lindsay is 67. Country singer- my soul mate. — Lonely Lawyer musician Randy Owen is 67. "Family Affair") is 57. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is 54. Actressreality TV star NeNe Leakes is 50. Actor-comedian Jamie Foxx is 49. Actor Bart Johnson is 46. Actor Jeffrey Pierce is 45. TV personality Debbie Matenopoulos is 42. Rock singer-musician Thomas Delonge is 41. Actor James Kyson Lee is 41. Actress Chelsea Hertford is 35. Rock singer Amy tions for Annie Lane to dearan-Lee (Evanescence) is 35. Actor nie@creators.com. To find out Michael Socha is 29. Neo-soul more about Annie Lane and read Wesley musician (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 29. Country singer Taylor Swift is 27. Actress Maisy Stella is 13.

DEAR Annie

Dear Annie: I am 35 years old, live in a large city and am currently single. I am an attorney and work long hours and weekends. My career affords me a nice and stable lifestyle, and I am generally a content person. However, I tend to be shy and socially uncomfortable, and I struggle to meet women. I have had a few girlfriends but never anything serious. These relationships typically end because of limited chemistry, and I tend to have more interest in my career than in seeing these women. I am starting to feel lonely, particularly as many of my friends are married and have families.

I have been set up on blind dates and have tried internet dating sites, but nothing has taken. I've tried to meet women at bars or social occasions, but I never have the courage to strike up conversation or to ask for a phone number. I've tried to build up liquid courage by drinking more and putting myself out there, but I never seem to find the strength.

I'm at a loss for how to end this Dick Van Dyke is 91. Actor feeling of loneliness. I've thought about finding a new career, moving to a new city and returning to Music/film producer Lou Adler is internet dating, but none of those options is appealing to me. I am happy in my career, enjoy where I Affair") is 71. Singer Ted Nugent live and did not find that internet is 68. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" dating sites helped me meet the Baxter is 68. Country musician right people. I believe I'm a catch Ron Getman is 68. Actor Robert and need to know how I can meet

Dear Lonely Lawyer: Don't be Actress Wendie Malick is 66. discouraged. You need to think Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack about casting your fishing line is 66. Former Federal Reserve into the right pool. Many people Chairman Ben Bernanke is 63. aren't comfortable in social set-Country singer John Anderson is tings or striking up conversation 62. Šinger-songwriter Steve with strangers. Think about what Forbert is 62. Singer-actor Morris hobbies you have and clubs that Day is 60. Actor Steve Buscemi is you can join. (The website 59. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: Meetup is a great resource for this.) When you find yourself with people who have similar interests, it's much easier to engage with them. It also should alleviate your social anxiety knowing there's plenty to discuss with your new friends. It's a big sea with plenty of fish; you just need the right bait.

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Honors

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have a great facility, one of the best in the state and it simply would not have happened without the support of our city government and school board, declared Cleveland High Principal Autumn O'Bryan.

"I posted a picture on Facebook the other night that was from a year ago and I said that it's hard to imagine, because it just had some metal and drywall and we didn't even have bleachers in yet. It's a pretty fantastic thing to walk in every day and see six PE classes working and watch our kids practice and then on Saturday our Cleveland Youth Basketball is here. Really seeing what we dreamed this facility could be actually in fruition, with our community using it and being a big piece of our community is special thing."

In between the two games, the City Council and Board of Education were brought out to center court and each group was presented with a basketball from the first games at the Raider Arena by a member of the Lady Raiders and Raiders basketball

For Board of Education chair Dawn Robinson, the day that the Dome had to be closed down due to its structural issues was one of the saddest

"I went home so sad that night, it was awful. I felt like I was robbing the students of something, it had such character and history," Robinson commented.

Being able to see the Raider Arena project finished and being fully utilized has brought about a new, happier chapter.

"It's very exciting. We always hope for our Raiders to do well in their sports activities, but the citizens have to be so proud that we've given them this facility. It

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shows that the community is behind them and backs them and not just with a pat on the back, but an actual place to play," Robinson added.

Raider Arena was officially opened in April of this year and since then, has already played host to a number of important events — including the Raiders' historic 10-0 start to their 2016-17 basketball season and the Lady Raiders volleyball team making their first ever state tournament run.

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"We have people come visit all the time that are amazed that the facility was actually built and they are also amazed because in a lot of communities you don't find that kind of support. We're extremely thankful and we feel quite blessed to have it."

The state-of-the-art facility would not have been possible without the instrumental role the City Council played in providing funding.

Council members were especially pleased to see how successful the project has turned out.

"This is the first time I've really been in since it was finished. I came in several times during the construction. I'm very proud of this facility and in my opinion it is probably the best high school facility in the Southeast. Just to sit here and see how the young people can enjoy this for years to come is very satisfying," said Councilman Dale Hughes.

"I just had a tour, school board member Charlie Cogdill and the director of schools (Russell Dyer) took me through the film rooms that they have - gorgeous, elevated seats, just very nice. Their weight room is state of the art. Of course, the Bank of Cleveland provided that with a \$100,000 donation, so hats off to Scott Taylor for that."

Councilman Richard Banks also enjoyed seeing the end result of the city's efforts turn out in such a positive way.

"The kids enjoy it, the parents appreciate it and there is a facility here that we can have graduations in and fill it up,' Banks stated. "I talked with some of the Alcoa coaches and parents and they were really impressed with this facility. I've also talked to Joe Fivas, the city manager, and he said that this may have happened before he was here, but he will ensure that it will be around for the next 50 years."

Watson

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response to recent allegations included in a media outlet report.

"Please find enclosed a copy of a news article alleging you have engaged in the sale of motor vehicles in the state of Tennessee without first obtaining a Motor Vehicle Dealer License," the letter dated Dec. 12 states. "This news article has resulted in the Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission opening the above referenced complaint naming you as a respondent."

The same wording is in the letter to Best Buy with the only difference being the allegation that "your salesperson, Eric Watson, has engaged in off-site sales."

The only attachments to the letter are the allegations which were published by the regional media outlet.

Those allegations suggest that Watson was "curbstoning," the practice of selling open-title cars on the side of the road.

In an interview with the Cleveland Daily Banner Tuesday morning, Watson claimed the allegations have no substance. "I have not even received any

letter from the state yet," he said. "Anyone in Bradley County

knows me and my family have been in the tire and car business for many years," Watson said. "The fact I dabble in used cars with my family should be no surprise.'

Watson also said there is no connection to the vehicle purchases and sales to the business of the BCSO.

"The bills of sale and registrations show my name, address and phone number and all transactions were done with personal funds," Watson said.

He also noted bidding on GovDeals is not limited to law enforcement agencies and personnel and is open to the public.

GovDeals is a website through which people can bid on government surplus and unclaimed property, including heavy equip-

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ment, cars, trucks, buses, airplanes and other items.

"Anyone can register with that service and place bids," Watson said. "This is not a situation where I was able to do this just because I am a sheriff."

The sheriff said once the bids were won, he conferred with local officials as well as had a telephone conversation with a representative from the state agency.

"I was told how to handle the situation and have done that, Watson said.

He added there would be a response to the TMV commis-

"If I was trying to hide anything, I don't think I would be making purchases or registering the cars in my name," Watson

The sheriff said he understands the mission of the state Commission is to protect con-

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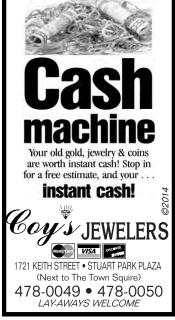
Department of Commerce and Insurance, which oversees the Commission, this morning for more information.

"The Tennessee Motor Vehicle Commission opened complaints late Friday related to a recent story that appeared [in a Chattanooga newspaper]. Letters were sent Monday (12/12) to Eric Watson and Best Buy Auto seeking responses," said Kevin Walters, communications director for the state Department of Insurance and Commerce, in a statement to the Banner. "We will review the responses and then determine an appropriate course

"The Commission investigates all complaints that appear to be under its authority. (For any substantiated unlicensed activity, the Commission may issue civil penalties or take other action.)," he added in his state-

Walters said a check of the Motor Vehicle Commission files shows no evidence of a complaint or reports of off-site sales or curbstoning in the Cleveland area, in reference to the business or individual during the past 12

"Watson is properly licensed through Sept. 2018, and is associated with Best Buy Auto & Leasing which is properly licensed through March 2018 and is owned by Everett E. Pierce," Walters noted.



Council

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city, and swapping parcels to the south, to lessen the need for driveway cuts from Georgetown Road.

This required architect Brian Templeton of Upland Design Group in Murfreesboro to change his design for the new school, placing the entrance/exit location farther south. It provides more exclusivity for the school entrance, and more stacking space for drop-off and pick-up of school students.

This will also allow the retail developers to have a traffic signal to the north, between the school site and a nearby Dollar General retail store.

Prior to discussion of specific school issues, new Council member Tom Cassada provided photographs of extreme traffic situations along Georgetown Road. Cassada, a resident of Lennox Hills subdivision along the highway, said his neighbors are concerned by the anticipation of an even higher traffic count once the school is built — even with the

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state's widening project.

The new school property is located about half a mile north of the Georgetown Road/Paul Huff Parkway intersection, but well off the state highway to the west.

City staff members emphasized the completion of the highway project will not be immediate. They said state officials, in a recent visit to Cleveland, said it will be a year to 18 months before acquisition of approximately 400 rights of way along Georgetown Road can be obtained.

A tentative timeline for the school's construction, provided by Templeton last week with the

and she was planning a divorce.

A press conference by 10th

District Attorney General Steve

Crump, Sheriff Eric Watson and

scheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m.

BCSO investigators has been

she disappeared.

Marsha Brantley was 52 when

Board of Education and shared with Fivas, would start construction sometime next year with a completion date in 2019. This means school construction will begin as much as a year or two before highway widening begins in this area.

"The school is going to be finished before Highway 60," emphasized Mayor Tom Rowland.

"People in my district are very outspoken about the road and the traffic," added Cassada. "It's going to be a real challenge." He pointed out that most of the traffic congestion, shown in the photographs, is from the county into Cleveland not out of the city.

Robinson implied this new configuration of the new school should add little to traffic problems in the area. She said there are 240 "stacking" spaces along the entrance/exit to the school from Georgetown Road, which should take most school traffic off the main highway.

Officials have said the school should end up with more traffic stacking space than any other in Cleveland or Bradley County.

In discussing the \$138,000 reimbursement for schematics, Fivas told the Council, "We wanted you to know we're beginning to incur costs for the new school." He and McKay added that there is also a \$40,000 fee for the land swap (to be completed today), but added there is also an expected repayment through taxes on the property.

Banks questioned Fivas and McKay directly. "Can we build this new school without a property tax increase?

McKay replied, "We think we

Taylor said the school's architect is now going into the oversight phase of the new school project, and is beginning additional drawings for the educational complex.

The new elementary school will have offices, a cafeteria, security, band room, and library in the front section, with a gymnasium and conference (meeting) room in front. There would be three pods (hallways), running west which will hold approximately 520 students. The builders said the three hallways could be easily extended to the west for an additional 180 students — giving the school a capacity of 700.

Robinson asked Council members if they remember when the

Robinson added, pointing out that once again the Cleveland City Schools system is using closets and other unplanned areas for elementary classroom space.

HOPE Angel Tree is hoping for more toys

By SARALYN NORKUS

As Christmas draws nearer, The HOPE Center Inc. is preparing to distribute its Angel Tree gifts to participating families.

While all 31 children from the Children's Advocacy Center that were included in this year's Angel Tree have had their needs covered for this Christmas, The HOPE Center Inc. Assistant Director Kelley Weber said that the organization could still use some toys to help ensure the recipients have a "What we're giving is usually all that they're going to get for

Christmas," Weber commented. "We are still in need of toys for the kids. Toys can be donated, or money, and we will go buy the toys.

The gifts will be distributed to the families on Dec. 20. "We don't take credit for any of this," Weber said. "We give the families the presents to take home and wrap, and they can decide if it comes from them or from Santa."

Donations of new toys or money can be made at The HOPE Center's office at 2600 Executive Drive, and more information can be found by calling 423-790-5740.

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Brantley

Then-Judge Amy Reedy granted the dismissal of the charge at the family's request. Brantley was originally arrest-

ed in August 2013, after a grand jury indictment. He told investigators at the

time that his wife had left him

Stafford

The other driver involved in the accident was identified as Johnny R. Reynolds of Cleveland. He was injured in the accident and required medical attention.

Stafford, operating a 1998 Saturn, was reported to be stopped on Cherokee Drive at the intersection when she apparently pulled in front of Reynolds' 2003 vehicle.

Stafford was transported from the

scene of the accident, reportedly by medical helicopter, and died from her injuries at an area hospital. No information on the status of Reynolds' injuries was available Monday.

Both motorists were reported to have been wearing seat belts.

The trooper's report indicated no citations were issued, nor were any charges issued related to the acci-

Shooting

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juvenile, and that victim's name is not being released due to his age. CPD officers were called to the

scene of the shooting just after midnight, and arrived at the site of the incident within minutes Monday morning. Johnson was found dead at the apartment, and the second victim was transported by ambulance to a local hospital for treatment.

Sgt. Evie West, public informa-

tion officer for the police department, said "investigators are continuing to follow all leads and sort through witness statements.'

Johnson's death is the third reported homicide at the apartments this year. In April, two women were stabbed to death and a third person was also injured in an incident at the complex, located off Blackburn Road.

school system built Cleveland Middle School. "We were so overcrowded, we

had students in closets, on stages, and in other unplanned places," "Well, we're back there,"



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Mass killing reported in Aleppo as Syria troops near victory

BEIRUT (AP) — Pro-government forces reportedly killed 82 civilians "on the spot" as they closed in on the last rebel enclave in Syria's Aleppo Tuesday, the U.N. human rights office said, while world leaders and aid agencies issued dramatic appeals on behalf of trapped res-

That and other reports of mass killings, which could not be independently confirmed, reinforce fears of atrocities in eastern Aleppo in the final hours of the battle for the city, which has been split between rebel and government control since 2012.

Several residents and opposition activists have told The Associated Press that government forces carried out summary killings of rebels in the streets in neighborhoods captured on

Monday, but the Syrian military flatly denied the claims, saying such allegations were "a desperate attempt" to try gain international sympathy.

None of the residents reached by AP witnessed the alleged killings. Their statements reflected the deepening chaos in the remaining rebel-held areas. Mohammed Abu Rajab, the administrator of the last remaining clinic in rebel-held parts of the city, said people who were killed or wounded are being left in the streets.

Aref al-Aref, a nurse and activist in eastern Aleppo, said civilians had taken cover in a medical center in one of the last rebel holdouts after its staff evacuated two days earlier. He said the army killed them, but pressed for details, he said he

only heard it from others.

Monther Etaky, a resident of eastern Aleppo, said he also heard reports of summary killings and knows the name of three families who have reportedly been killed.

"The last news about mass executions of the people who are arrested by the Assad regime and reports of hundreds of men disappeared, missing and thousands taken to fight with the Assad army, all that will push people to stay here," Etaky said.

The U.N.'s children agency said in a statement on Tuesday that there could be more than 100 unaccompanied children trapped in building under fire in eastern Aleppo, citing a report from an unnamed doctor in the city. UNICEF regional director Geert Cappalaere said UNICEF is concerned over the unverified reports of "extrajudicial killings of civilians, including children."

The U.N.'s human rights office said it has received reports of pro-government forces killing at least 82 civilians in four neighborhoods of the rapidly-shrinking rebel enclave, including 11 women and 13 children.

Spokesman Rupert Colville said the reports recount pro-government forces entering homes and killing some civilians "on the spot" in the former rebel enclave. Speaking to reporters in Geneva, he said the reports came in late the previous evening and that he doesn't know exactly when the killings took place.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in a statement late Monday that he is alarmed over reports of "atrocities" against a large number of civilians, including women and children, in the past hours in Aleppo. While stressing that the United Nations is not able to independently verify these reports, the U.N. chief said he conveyed his grave concern to the relevant parties.

A press release by the U.N. human rights office in Geneva said that multiple sources reported that tens of civilians were shot dead on Monday in al-Ahrar Square in Kallaseh neighborhood, and also in Bustan al-Qasr, by government forces and their allies, including an Iraqi Shiite militia known as al-Nuiabaa.

The dramatic appeals for sparing civilian lives came a day after the Syrian military announced it now holds 99 percent of the former rebel neighborhoods of Aleppo, signaling an impending end to the rebels' four-year hold over parts of the city.

Retaking Aleppo would be Assad's biggest victory yet in the civil war. Aleppo has long been regarded as a major gateway between Turkey and Syria.

But a government win in Aleppo does not end the conflict - significant parts of Syria are still outside government control and huge swaths of the country are a devastated wasteland. More than a quarter of a million people have been killed since the conflict began in 2011 with peaceful protests against the Assad family's four-decade rule.

Rami Abdurrahman of the Britain-based Observatory for Human Rights said hundreds of bodies are still under the rubble.

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JAKARTA GOVERNOR Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, popularly known as "Ahok", center, enters the courtroom prior to the start of his trial hearing at North Jakarta District Court in Jakarta, Indonesia, Tuesday. Ahok is on trial on accusation of blasphemy following his remark about a passage in the Quran that could be interpreted as prohibiting Muslims from accepting non-Muslims as leaders.

Governor of Indonesia capital sobs as blasphemy trial begins

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The minority Christian governor of Indonesia's capital sobbed in court Tuesday on the first day of his blasphemy trial as he recalled the role of Muslim godparents in his childhood and

governor's alleged blasphemy has challenged Indonesia's reputation for practicing a moderate

have kept Jakarta, the capital, on edge in the past six weeks. A Nov. 4 protest there turned violent, with one death and dozens of police and protesters injured.

Ahok, an ally of President Joko

He is the first ethnic Chinese governor of Jakarta and the first Christian in more than half a

"As a person who grew up among Muslims, it is not possi-

which he talked about the affecremembered how he helped poor Indonesians perform the Hajj pilgrimage when he was a dis-

The blasphemy controversy erupted in September when a

elections due in February.

Mukartono told the court that Ahok insulted Islam and desecrated the Quran by using one of its verses to fool people and boost his chances of winning the Jakarta election.

In his statement, Ahok said tain politicians "who exploited the verses incorrectly because they do not want to compete fairly in the election competition."

Several hundred members of anti- and pro-Ahok groups gathered outside the court, but were kept apart by police. The trial, which is being broadcast live, could take two to three months.

Ahok's lawyers asked the fivejudge panel to throw the case out and the trial was then adjourned until Dec. 20.

Police investigators and religious experts were divided about whether Ahok should be prosecuted, but the case proceeded as political pressure on the govern-

U.N .agency: 35,000 children have fled Mosul

MOSUL, Iraq (AP) — The U.N. children's agency said Tuesday that about 35,000 children have fled from Mosul since Iraqi forces and a U.S.-led coalition launched a massive operation in mid-October to retake the city from the Islamic State group.

Iraqi special forces meanwhile pushed deeper into the city's eastern part, retaking the Falah neighboring late Monday, said Lt. Gen. Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi. Fighting raged as a haze of fog and smoke hovered over the city, which was rocked by tank fire and airstrikes.

The children are among some 93,500 people who have fled since the operation began, while hundreds of thousands have remained in their homes. Mosul is Iraq's second largest city and the extremist group's last major urban stronghold in the country.

"Children are the innocent victims of any conflict and in this conflict are the most innocent victims," UNICEF's representative in Iraq, Peter Hawkins, told The Associated Press on

He said that once IS is driven from the city it will be important to "invest in children's services so this war doesn't continue."

He could not provide an exact figure on how many children have been killed since the operation started, but he said some of them have been targeted by

"We know that children who have been queueing up for water have been targets," he said. "I saw a photograph of a child this morning who's been shot by a sniper queueing up for water."

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE AT CLEVELAND- PROBATE DIVISION. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GWENDOLYN LONGWITH, Deceased; JAMES K. LONGWITH, Personal Representative No. 2016-PR-220. NOTICE TO CREDITORS, Notice is hereby given that on the 29th day of November, 2016, Letters Testamenary in respect of the Estate of Gwendolyn Longwith who died on October 5, 2016, were issued to the undersigned James K. Longwith by the Chancery Court of Bradley County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the Estate are required to file the same with the clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication; or (B) Sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of the received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. ENTERED this the 21st day of November, 2016. James K. Longwith, Personal Representative, Bryson M. Kirksey, Counsel for the Personal Representative, 175 Spring Street NW, P. O. Box 236, Cleveland, TN 37364-0236. Telephone: (423) 339-0529 Facsimile: (423) 478-2308. Sarah E. Coleman, Clerk & Master. Date: November 29, 2016 December 6, 13, 2016

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that his comments were not an ANTHONY R. STEELE, Trustee of a Deed of Trust interpretation of the Quran and executed on November 21, 2012, by MARSHA DARthat he was only referring to cer- LENE BREWER, unmarried, and TIMOTHY BRIAN MILLER, which appears of record in the Register's Office of Bradley County, Tennessee, at Book 2138, Page 402 ("Deed of Trust") will sell the property described below for cash at a foreclosure sale requested by the current holder of the Deed of Trust and underlying indebtedness, Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc. Pursuant to T.C.A. §47-9-604 this sale shall also include the affixed manufactured home described as one (1) 2011 CMH Appalachia Manufactured Home bearing Serial Number CAP025154TNAB.

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said he would never intentionally The national upheaval over the

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ble for me to intentionally insult Islam because that is the same as disrespecting the people I appreciate and love," Ahok said.

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video circulated online in which Ahok lightheartedly said that people were being deceived if they believed his detractors who asserted that the Quran prohibits Muslims from having a non-Muslim leader. He is seeking a second term as governor in

years in prison if found guilty. Video of Egypt church bombing emerges, said to show attacker

government has released footage showing the suicide bombing that tore through a Cairo church during Sunday Mass, including

images of the alleged attacker. The attack killed 25 people, mainly women and children, and

CAIRO (AP) — The Egyptian armed group. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi on Monday identified the bomber as 22-year-old Mahmoud Shafiq Mohammed

The video is a recording of CCTV footage and shows the street across from the chapel

has not been claimed by any adjacent to St. Mark's Cathedral, **Aftershocks drive Indonesians**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The number of people displaced by last week's earthquake in Indonesia's Aceh province has jumped to more than 85,000 as aftershocks drive people from their homes, the disaster agency said Tuesday.

Spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said there have been nearly 90 aftershocks since last Wednesday's magnitude 6.5 earthquake.

"People are afraid and worried about the aftershocks and feel safer in the shelters," he said.

Providing clean water is still a top priority because many wells were damaged by the quake and their water is now undrinkable,

Nugroho said.

from homes in quake-hit Aceh

Nearly 5,000 relief personnel are part of the disaster response concentrated on three districts in northeast Aceh.

The earthquake killed 102 people and injured nearly 900 others. It destroyed or damaged more than 11,000 buildings, mainly homes, but also schools and dozens of mosques.

The search for survivors has effectively ended and the focus in flattened towns is clearing up debris.

Killer quakes occur regularly in the region, where many live with the terrifying memory of a giant Dec. 26, 2004, earthquake that struck off Sumatra.

seat of Egypt's ancient Coptic Orthodox Church. It shows a dark figure crossing the street and walking through the gates of the church. Moments later, the blast sends clouds of dust and debris through the church win-

It was among the deadliest attacks in recent memory to target Egypt's Coptic minority, which makes up around 10 percent of the population and was largely supportive of the military overthrow of a freely elected Islamist president in 2013. El-Sissi led the overthrow of President Mohammed Morsi, a senior figure in the now outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group.

Since then, Islamic militants have carried out scores of attacks, mainly targeting the security forces, while the government has waged a wide-scale crackdown on dissent.

The Interior Ministry said late Monday that Mustafa belonged to a terror cell founded by an Egyptian doctor and funded by Muslim Brotherhood leaders living in exile in Qatar. It said the cell was tasked with staging attacks that would stir sectarian

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Blythe Oldfield energy project making difference

Impact Cleveland updates City Council on initiative

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

Cleveland's City Council on Monday received a midproject update on the progress of Impact Cleveland's utilization of a \$3.75 Extreme Energy Makeover grant from the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Impact Cleveland is a United Way of the Ocoee Region organization which is focusing on a new, collaborative, neighborhood revitalization initiative. The \$3.75 million grant, awarded at the start of 2016, is being used in communities surrounding the Blythe Family Support Center in South Cleveland — the Blythe Oldfield community.

Impact Cleveland's community development director, Dustin Tommey, and Jake Stum, outreach and education coordinator, attended Monday's Council meeting, with a handout emphasizing the success of the energy project at its halfway point.

The Impact Cleveland officers emphasized the organization is partnering with the city, Cleveland Utilities, and several others in this effort.

"We're trying to bring the TVA grant to this neighborhood to really catalyze change and bring about transformation," Tommev.

The ultimate goal is to upgrade energy components in 300 homes in and around the Blythe Oldfield neighborhood. With the success documented over the first half of the project, Tommey and Stum believed they should be able to adapt even more homes.

The project has addressed and completed needs in 150 homes in the neighborhood along and surrounding Blythe Avenue the Community Development Block Grant area. CDBG proj-

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ects include heat pumps and ducts, insulation, water heaters, windows, lighting and other

An additional 30 homes are now being worked on, and others will be included in the second half of the project.

Of the homes getting upgrades and improvements, the grant has expended an average of \$9,400 per home. The improvements equate to an average annual savings of \$544 and 5,649 kilowatt hours per home ... not only for the coming year, but for each year into the future.

Tommey and Stum explained there is about \$1.79 million remaining in the grant.

Overall statistics show there were 328 home applications, 324 applications passed, 31 disqualified and 10 deferred.

Applications at the start (approximately the first four months) were taken only from the immediate Blythe community, but expanded into the surrounding areas in the fifth month. Applications increased to a high of 138 in June.

Completed work in the approved homes started slow over February, March, April and May, then hit a steady pace over the next six months. Completed projects during these six months ranged from a low of 17 in July to a high of 25 in October.

Tommey and Stum empha-



CLEVELAND POLICE OFFICER Sean Bulow, center, has collected positive publicity for himself and the community with his dance moves on behalf of The Salvation Army. Bulow paid a visit to the Cleveland City Council Monday, prior to an appearance at Walmart North. Joining Mayor Tom Rowland (third from left) in praising the officer were Council members, from left, Tom Cassada, David May Jr., Dale Hughes, Richard Banks and Vice Mayor Avery Johnson.

sized the project is still taking applications, although there are currently 60 homes on a waiting list. Impact Cleveland hopes these energy upgrades can be continued into the future.

This TVA grant is Impact Cleveland's first opportunity to expand outside of the Blythe community. The coordinators are striving to learn from experts about daily habits, and home care practices, that can lower energy costs.

These whole home, deep energy retrofits are for qualified homes that are 20 years old and up. The improvements include HVAC installation and repair, insulation, window replacements, air sealing, and more.

Tommey emphasized the program's goal is to provide tools for better efficiency, and the reduction of financial stress. He said they hope the initiative will

encourage and enable homeowners to strengthen the communities involved.

TVA's Extreme Energy Makeover grant is part of the federal agency's Smart Communities program, which focuses on reduction of energy expense in older homes by at least 25 percent.

Tommey and Stum pointed out that energy needs were tailored to each individual home. Audits determined the qualifying measures and total energy savings for each home, as well as education for the residents on the preferred operation and proper care of the installed improvements.

Mayor Cleveland Rowland has stated that this grant, and the energy improvements, "are life changing" for the

community's residents. "We are exhilarated about this opportunity to impact the lives of residents in our community and thankful to TVA for this once-ina-lifetime investment," he said prior to Monday's report on the extraordinary success of the

"This is transforming people's lives," said Councilman Bill

In other Council business:

 Rowland and City Manager Joe Fivas spoke to a group of visitors from Leadership Cleveland, who attended Monday's session.

The discussions came during the intermission between the 1 p.m. work session, and the regular Council meeting later in the afternoon.

The Cleveland Police Department's "dancing officer," Sean Bulow, also paid the Council a visit, along with Ruthie Forgey of Cleveland's Salvation Army.

Bulow, who has been featured on local, state and national TV, displayed a few dance moves for Council members in soliciting donations to The Salvation Army kettle. Council members praised Bulow for the positive publicity he has brought to the communi-

- Several board reappointments were included in the consent agenda. They included Rowland's appointment of Angie Collins to a vacancy on the Cleveland Housing Authority.

reappointments: Others Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals - Donald Humes, Ashley Ownby, Susie Gilbert, and Bob Petitt. Board of Zoning Appeals — Ray Garner and Charlotte Jones. Fletcher Park Board - Robbie Williams and Susan Card. Parks Advisory Board — James Bailey and Janie Moore.



BETH BULOW, left, is proud of her husband, Cleveland Police officer Sean Bulow, for helping raise money for the Salvation Army by dancing in front of the north Walmart. Though she taught dance several years ago, Beth Bulow said the moves by her husband are almost all his own.

Dancing

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the child helped the boy with his disdain for the police.

The officer said he hoped his dancing

at Walmart, to benefit the Salvation Army, also presents a different side to law enforcement.

"Somebody said 'Dance,' and I did. They didn't know if I danced or not they just knew I was a goofball and will do whatever," Bulow said. "It was nice to do this, because I was helping give back to the community.'

Since he first danced at Walmart during the "Battle of the Bells" challenge with the Bradley County Sheriff's Office, Bulow has become a bit of a local celebrity. He has danced at schools and other events, and on Monday, presented his moves to the Cleveland City Council.

His dancing prowess has led to video of the event at Walmart being featured on several TV shows across the country. Just Monday, he was seen in France.

Monday, he returned to Walmart and shoppers came up to him asking for photographs, and many danced with him, including one man with a walking stick who nonetheless showed off some dance moves of his own. Dancers with Bulow ranged from small children to older adults, and all had smiles on their faces as they joined in the fun.

Many who did not dance with Bulow

still dropped off money into The Salvation Army's red kettle. The Cleveland Police raised just over \$1,100 when Bulow first danced last week, and monies donated on Monday will go into the nearly \$5,000 raised by the CPD, BCSO, Bradley County Fire-Rescue and Cleveland Fire Department.

Not only did Bulow become nearly famous for his dancing skills, he may have created a new dance craze called 'The Bulownator."

"Really, there are no planned moves. You just start dancing to whatever song is on," he said.

Bulow said he was making up the moves as the music played, and that he did not receive any "professional training," though his wife, Beth, is actually a former dance teacher.

"I taught dance all through college," Bulow's wife said, admitting she did in fact teach him a few moves that he tried to incorporate in his appearance. "A lot of it is Bulow-original, so he

has mostly come up with his own moves," Beth Bulow added. "I think he does pretty good, for not having any formal training.'

Bulow attempted to get some of his fellow officers at the Walmart to join him, but most claimed they simply didn't want to take the spotlight away from their fellow officer.



Banner photo, LARRY C. BOWERS "DANCING POLICEMAN" Sean Bulow provided Cleveland Councilman Richard Banks with a few moves as he attempted to convince the Council to contribute to The Salvation Army kettle set up in the Council's meeting room. Bulow was joined by Ruthie Forgey of the Salvation Army for their visit to Monday's session.



CLEVELAND MAYOR Tom Rowland, right, talked to members of Leadership Cleveland during the intermission between Monday's work session and the regular Council meeting.

County eyes bids, land and United Way survey

By BRIAN GRAVES Banner Staff Writer

The days are winding down to the holidays, and so are the items for the Bradley County Commission to take up until the first of the year.

Meeting in a work session Monday, the Commission was in session for less than 15 minutes.

County Mayor D. Gary Davis announced bids had been opened for new restrooms at the new Elrod Park at Minnis Road.

year's budget," Davis said. "We got two bids with Cherokee Construction having the low bid at \$175,509." He said the other bid was

"This is included in this

\$24,000 more. Davis asked the Commission to place the item on next week's voting

session for formal approval. He said the hopes are by spring, restrooms, bath houses and concession facilities will be ready for the sea-

Davis said correspondence had been received from the

owners of the Primitive Settlement. The owners had contacted

the county in September concerning the possibility of having the land, totaling seven to nine acres, donated to the county.

At the time, Building and

"We have a tremendous United Way. When you sit down and talk to them, you get their passion and their excitement about the work they are doing." – Bill Winters

Land Committee Chairman Charlotte Peak suggested part of the land could be used to help ease parking at Taylor School.

"They have gotten the appraisal done and we're waiting on the closing now," Davis said.

Commissioner Bill Winters discussed a recent meeting he and Commissioner Mark Hall had with officials of the

United Way. "They shared with us the needs assessment from a major survey they have done in the community," Winters

He said the three primary needs for the county that were identified are transportation, housing and food.

"We have a tremendous United Way," Winters said. "When you sit down and talk to them, you get their passion and their excitement about the work they are doing.'