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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 Cleveland Daily Banner was incorrect.

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 Patrol.



Stafford

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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 Tornados. 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

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

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 purposes.

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 and Transportation 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 said.

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 goes.

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 government-bidding website.

The sheriff admits he purchased 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 and 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 Education and City Council were given basketballs from the first games at Raider Arena.

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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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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 for military purchases.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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.

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 carrier.

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

WASHINGTON (AP) — 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 ever-angrier 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."

Many congressional 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 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 week.

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 said.

Other Republicans, particularly

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 less.

"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 like.

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 majority.

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.

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' cousin reported her to Pennsylvania officials in 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 benefits.

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With Fed expected to hike, attention turns to what it says

WASHINGTON (AP) — There isn'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 quarter-point 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

to energize the economy to considering 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 way.

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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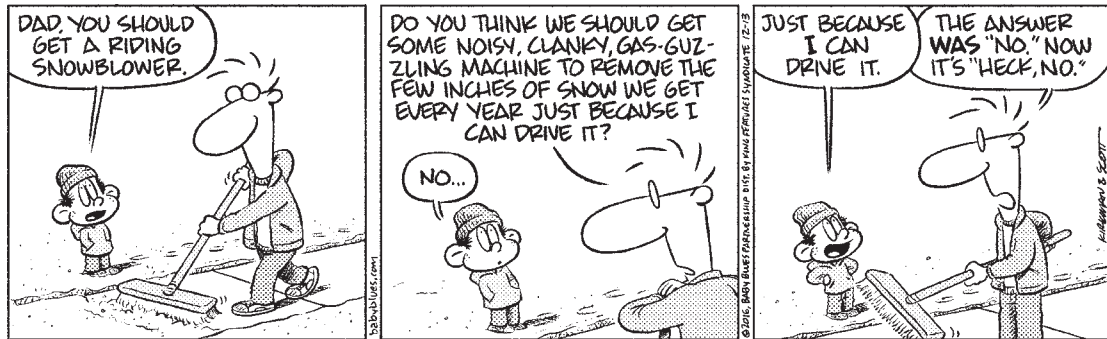
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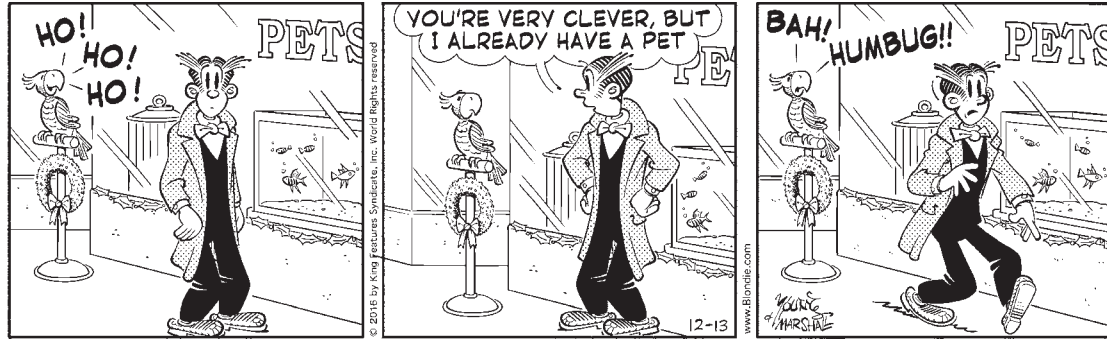
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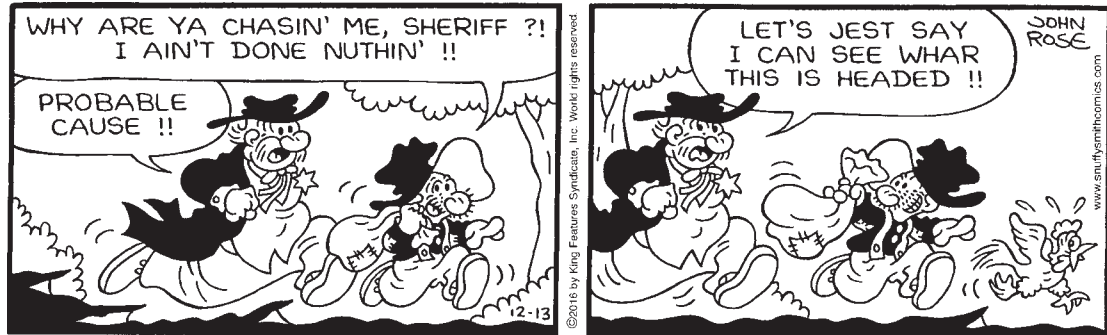
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 12 Nullify
 13 Actor Sharif
 14 Singer Sumac
 15 Not hunt-and-peck
 17 Bit of wit
 18 Dove calls
 19 Feudal superior
 21 Skiers' mecca
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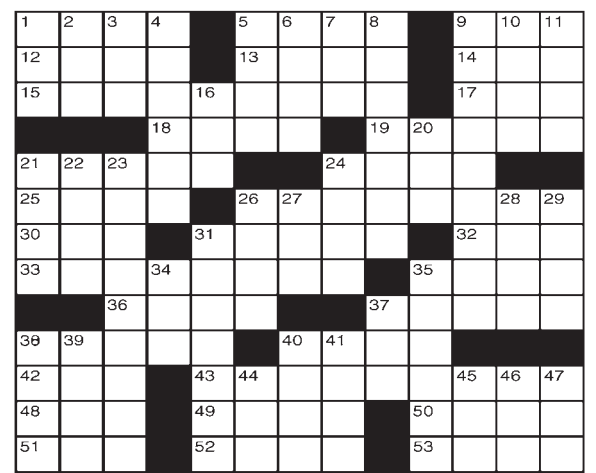
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42 Non-clerical
43 Pigeon-holes, theatrical
48 Ref
49 Brewer's kiln
50 PBS science show
51 Fannie
52 Russian refusal
53 Milky gem

3 College URL
4 Mia Hamm's sport
5 Dorothy's dog
6 Adams and Irving
7 Atlas page
8 Chopin piece
9 Printing fonts
10 Overconfident
11 Welles role
16 Sweetie
20 Sports-caster
21 "Waterloo" group

22 Ride the waves
23 Original model
24 Fearsome dinosaur
26 Car
27 Altar constellation
28 Make over
29 Fall (over)
31 Robert of "The Music Man"
34 Mound stat
35 He loved Roxane
37 Fond du—
38 Jack Horner's prize
39 "Rock"
40 Church area
41 Joan of rock
44 "Rah!"
45 Soak (up)
46 FDR project
47 Erie Canal mule

Solution time: 24 mins.

Yesterday's answer 12-13



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HIT TELEVISION SHOW ABOUT GUYS WHO ARE REALLY UNSKILLED AT GATHERING LEAVES: "RAKING BAD."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals T



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

68. **Happy Birthday:** Saying "yes" when you want to say "no" will not get you where you want to go. Don't let your



Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

Looking far into the future

East dealer.
 Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
 ♠ 6 3
 ♥ A Q
 ♦ K J 10
 ♣ A K J 10 5 2

WEST
 ♠ 9 7 4
 ♥ 10 7 6 5 2
 ♦ 8 6 4
 ♣ 9 6

EAST
 ♠ A Q J 8 2
 ♥ K 9 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ 8 7

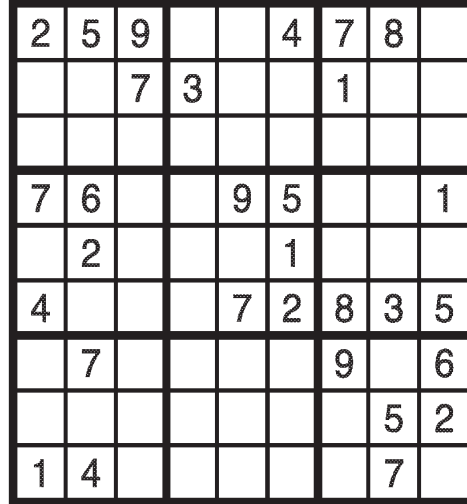
SOUTH
 ♠ K 10 5
 ♥ J 8 3
 ♦ Q 9 7 2
 ♣ Q 4 3

The bidding:
East 1♣ Pass Pass Dble
South Pass 1NT Pass 3NT
West Pass 3NT
North 3NT
 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.

In other circumstances, declarer might try driving out the ace of diamonds 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 spell immediate defeat for declarer.
 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 cashed, reducing everyone to four cards.
 Since East has to keep a guard for the king of hearts, his last four cards will be the K-x of hearts, the ace of diamonds and a spade, in which case the contract cannot be defeated.
 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.

Tomorrow: The long-term view.
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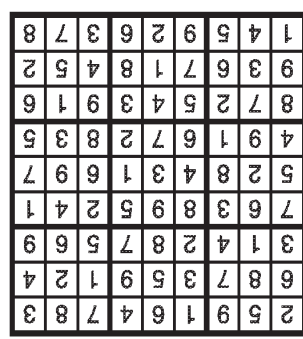


Fun By The Numbers

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!



Level: Beginner

ANSWER:

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, 44.

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. Discussions with personal or professional 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 stress.

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.

Birthday Baby: You are innovative, determined and outgoing. You are flexible and energetic.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

DECEMBER 13, 2016

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Tuesday Best Bets

8 p.m. on (WNGH) Movie: The Central Park Five
9 p.m. on (WRCB) The Voice
9 p.m. on (WFLI) DC's Legends of Tomorrow
9 p.m. on (WDEF) Bull
9 p.m. on (CMTV) (VH1) (SPIKE) (COM) Rock the Troops
Ken Burns co-directed and co-produced this 2012 documentary, along with his daughter Sarah and her husband, David McMahon. 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.
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.
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, Caitly Lotz and Victor Garber star.
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.
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, Lynryd Skynryd, Flo Rida, Nick Jonas and Tenacious D are among the featured musical acts.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

DECEMBER 14, 2016

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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 years.

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 top-ranked 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 Bowl.

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 hire.

"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,"

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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

By 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 century.

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 Mulek Bradford raced down the court on a 2-on-1 break against the Tornados 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

By PATRICK MacCOON
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 Nunnally 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 to CoachT.com's power ranking poll.

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 Smiddy.

"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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Banner photo, PATRICK MacCOON

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.



AP photo

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 Nashville.

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

appearance.

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 mid-season 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 second-teamers 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 first-team All-American.

Players on first team broken down by conference:

SEC	— 8
Big Ten	— 7
Pac-12	— 4
ACC	— 2
Big 12	— 2
American	— 1
MAC	— 1

THE TEAMS FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback — 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.

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 State

Kicker — Zane Gonzalez, senior, 6-1, 195, Arizona State

DEFENSE

Ends — Myles Garrett, junior, 6-5, 270, Texas A&M; Derek

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AP photo

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

SCOREBOARD

ON TAP

Tuesday, Dec. 13
BASKETBALL
 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

WRESTLING
 Red Bank at Walker Valley (Alumni Night), 7

Wednesday, Dec. 14
BOWLING
 Soddy-Daisy at Bradley Central (Leisure Time), 3:30
 Chattanooga Central at Walker Valley (Leisure Time), 4

Thursday, Dec. 15
BASKETBALL
 Mississippi College at Lee University, 6
 Polk County at Tellico Plains, 6 (JV, 3:30)

BOWLING
 Walker Valley at East Ridge (Spare Time), 4

WRESTLING
 East Hamilton, Alcoa at Cleveland, 5

Friday, Dec. 16
BASKETBALL
 Cleveland vs. Oak Ridge (at Science Hill), 3:30
 TCPS at Oakwood Christian (Ga.), 5
 Bradley Central at Cumberland County, 7 (JV, 4:30)

WRESTLING
 Bradley Central Invitational, 5
 Cleveland in McCallie Invitational, TBA

Saturday, Dec. 17
BASKETBALL
 Cleveland vs. Fulton (at Science Hill), 11
 Delta (Miss.) State at Lee University, 6

WRESTLING
 Bradley Central Invitational, 9 a.m.
 Cleveland in McCallie Invitational, TBA

Chicago at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Indiana at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
 San Antonio at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 New York at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

The AP NCAA Men's Top Twenty Five
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' 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 week's ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Prv	
1	Villanova (56)	10-0	1613	1
2	UCLA (3)	10-0	1505	2
3	Kansas	9-1	1455	3
4	Baylor (6)	8-0	1439	4
5	Duke	10-1	1391	5
6	Kentucky	9-1	1277	6
7	North Carolina	10-1	1222	7
8	Gonzaga	10-0	1195	8
9	Indiana	8-1	1124	9
10	Creighton	10-0	1043	10
11	Louisville	9-1	981	11
12	West Virginia	8-1	864	15
13	Virginia	8-1	848	14
14	Wisconsin	9-2	779	17
15	Purdue	8-2	652	18
16	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

Others receiving votes: Florida 44, Wichita St. 33, Virginia Tech 32, Maryland 31, Valparaiso 9, TCU 8, Middle Tennessee 7, Minnesota 6, Miami 6, Kansas St 4, UCF 2, Michigan St 2, Syracuse 2, Ohio St 2, Pittsburgh 2, Clemson 1, Loyola of Chicago 1, Iowa St. 1.

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South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	8	5	0	.615	428 345
Tampa Bay	8	5	0	.615	293 296
New Orleans	5	8	0	.385	358 351
Carolina	5	8	0	.385	311 337

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Detroit	9	4	0	.692	295 268
Green Bay	7	6	0	.538	333 312
Minnesota	7	6	0	.538	258 225
Chicago	3	10	0	.231	221 290

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	8	4	1	.654	274 232
Arizona	5	7	1	.423	299 277
Los Angeles	4	9	0	.308	194 304
San Francisco	1	12	0	.077	251 393

x-clinched playoff spot

Thursday's Games
 Kansas City 21, Oakland 13

Sunday's Games
 Cincinnati 23, Cleveland 10
 Detroit 20, Chicago 17
 Tennessee 13, Denver 17
 Pittsburgh 27, Buffalo 20
 Washington 27, Philadelphia 22
 Minnesota 25, Jacksonville 16
 Houston 22, Indianapolis 17
 Carolina 28, San Diego 16
 Miami 26, Arizona 23
 Tampa Bay 16, New Orleans 11
 N.Y. Jets 23, San Francisco 17, OT
 Green Bay 38, Seattle 10
 Atlanta 42, Los Angeles 14
 N.Y. Giants 10, Dallas 7



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

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — 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

37 of 52 for 324 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. The 37 completions set a franchise record.

The Patriots led 23-3 before 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 later.

The Patriots then gave Baltimore another gift on the ensuing kickoff when returner

Matt Slater lost the ball after a 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 minutes.

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. 9 against Cleveland when Browns quarterback Cody 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.

ON AIR

Sports on TV
Tuesday, Dec. 13
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — South Carolina St. at Clemson
 FS1 — Temple at Villanova
 SEC — Tennessee Tech at Tennessee
 9 p.m.
 BTN — Cent. Arkansas at Michigan
 SEC — NC Central at LSU

NBA BASKETBALL
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — Minnesota at Chicago
 10:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Oklahoma City at Portland

NHL HOCKEY
 7 p.m.
 NBCSN — Chicago at N.Y. Rangers

SOCCER
 2:40 p.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Arsenal at Everton
 2:20 a.m. (Wednesday)
 FS1 — FIFA Club World Cup, fifth place, Jeonbuk (South Korea) vs. Mamelodi (South Africa), at Osaka, Japan

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 7 p.m.
 BTN — Seton Hall at Rutgers

Men's College Basketball Scores
Monday, Dec. 12

EAST
 Boston College 72, Auburn 71
 Canisius 77, Albany (NY) 64
 Lehigh 100, St. Francis (Pa.) 67

SOUTH
 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

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 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 week's ranking:

Rank	Record	Pts	Prv	
1	UConn (33)	9-0	825	1
2	Notre Dame	9-1	764	2
3	Baylor	10-1	761	3
4	Maryland	10-0	742	4
5	Mississippi St.	9-0	676	5
6	South Carolina	7-1	657	6
7	Florida St.	10-1	625	7
8	Louisville	8-2	574	8
9	UCLA	7-1	565	9
10	Stanford	8-1	520	10
11	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
19	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	—
24	Virginia Tech	10-0	112	25
25	Oregon	7-1	75	—

Women's College Basketball Scores
Monday, Dec. 12

EAST
 Albany (NY) 85, LIU Post 64
 Columbia 66, LIU Brooklyn 57
 Maryland 79, Loyola (Md.) 60
 Sacred Heart 62, Siena 58

SOUTH
 MVSU 66, Blue Mountain 40
 Murray St. 92, MacLuray College 37
 New Orleans 100, Trinity Baptist 35
 Oregon 87, Clemson 59
 SC-Upstate 73, SC State 67

MIDWEST
 Monmouth (NJ) 75, E. Michigan 68
 Cent. Arkansas 94, Central Baptist College 47

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	17	7	.708	—
New York	14	10	.583	3
Boston	13	11	.542	4
Brooklyn	6	17	.261	10½
Philadelphia	6	18	.250	11

Southeast Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Charlotte	14	11	.560	—
Atlanta	12	12	.500	½
Orlando	10	15	.400	4
Washington	9	14	.391	4
Miami	8	17	.320	6

Central Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	5	.773	—
Chicago	13	11	.565	½
Indiana	13	12	.520	½
Detroit	13	13	.500	6
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	6½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	17	5	.792	—
Houston	18	7	.720	1½
Memphis	17	8	.680	2½
New Orleans	8	17	.320	11½
Dallas	6	18	.250	13

Northwest Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	15	9	.625	—
Utah	15	10	.600	½
Portland	12	14	.462	4
Denver	9	16	.360	6½
Minnesota	6	18	.250	9

Pacific Division

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	21	4	.840	—
L.A. Clippers	18	7	.720	3
Sacramento	9	15	.375	11½
L.A. Lakers	10	17	.370	12
Phoenix	7	17	.292	13½

Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia 97, Detroit 79
 Golden State 116, Minnesota 108
 Oklahoma City 99, Boston 96
 New Orleans 120, Phoenix 119, OT
 New York 118, L.A. Lakers 112

Monday's Games
 Indiana 110, Charlotte 94
 Miami 112, Washington 101
 Toronto 122, Milwaukee 100
 Houston 122, Brooklyn 118
 Dallas 112, Denver 92
 L.A. Clippers 121, Portland 120
 Sacramento 116, L.A. Lakers 92

Tuesday's Games
 Memphis at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Golden State at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago, 8 p.m.
 New York at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
 Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Miami, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 L.A. Lakers at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Cleveland at Memphis, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Boston at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

FOOTBALL

National Football League
AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	11	2	0	.846	349	230
Miami	8	5	0	.615	281	301
Buffalo	6	7	0	.462	325	301
N.Y. Jets	4	9	0	.308	229	324

South

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	7	6	0	.538	229	274
Tennessee	7	6	0	.538	321	306
Indianapolis	6	7	0	.462	328	333
Jacksonville	2	11	0	.154	240	338

North

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	8	5	0	.615	317	256
Baltimore	7	6	0	.538	279	237
Cincinnati	5	7	1	.423	268	269
Cleveland	0	13	0	.000	207	375

West

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	10	3	0	.769	302	255
Oakland	10	3	0	.769	358	320
Denver	8	5	0	.615	296	242
San Diego	5	8	0	.385	350	347

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Team	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Dallas	11	2	0	.846	340	238
N.Y. Giants	9	4	0	.692	255	244
Washington	7	5	1	.577	330	317



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 Rivera, second place and big fish; and Dwayne Lowe, third place.

WRESTLING

TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING POLL
Dec. 12, 2016

Now in its 25th year, The Poll is primarily a measure of dual meet strength with some consideration to individual tournament strength. Votes are cast by a state-wide panel of high school wrestling coaches and are based on a maximum Power Ranking of 100%.

RANK SCHOOL POWER LAST RANKING WEEK

1	CLEVELAND	99	3
2	BRADLEY CENTRAL	92	1
3	FATHER RYAN	72	2
4	MCALLIE	65	8
5	CHRISTIAN BROTHERS	64	5
6	SODDY DAISY	63	6
7	BAYLOR	44	4
8	BEECH	42	7
9	WILSON CENTRAL	40	9
10	TENNESSEE HIGH	21	10
11	ARLINGTON	17	NR
12	SCIENCE HILL	15	11

Others receiving votes: BARTLETT, BLACKMAN, HALLS, MBA, MOUNT JULIET, SUMMIT

Rams fire Fisher after loss to Falcons

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff 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 off-season.

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 season.

"Making a decision such as this, especially during the sea-

son, is one of the most difficult in sports," 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 coach of the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans and helped that franchise in its relocation. He led the Titans to the 1999 AFC championship.

Long respected in league circles 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

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

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 games.

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.

Challenge

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looking to make a statement in a 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

Haley Jones recently had a 20-point 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.

Raiders

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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 '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 up-tempo 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 handle.

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 line.

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 Dontae Ware. All of our guys just played really well together."

"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 five.

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 scoring end.

Walker Valley will look to find the open looks and not rush things too much with an experienced starting five of Bryce Nunnely, 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.



AP photo

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.

Kiffin

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Saban said. "We appreciate the impact that he's made on this program. We think this is a wonderful opportunity for him to be a head coach again."

Saban said in recent days that 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 of FAU.

So begins the next chapter for Kiffin, who has been an annual fixture on lists of potential candidates for high-profile coaching jobs. Earlier this fall, he interviewed for the Houston job and was also believed to be a candidate at places such as Oregon and South Florida.

Kiffin interviewed with Houston twice, the school's board of regents chairman told KILT-AM radio in Houston.

"Sure, he's been a head coach and he's been an OK head coach," Houston board of regents chairman Tilman Fertitta told KILT-AM in an interview last week, when he called in to discuss how he personally interviewed Kiffin for the Cougars' opening. "But I can tell you this — it was not a safe hire."

FAU, which hasn't been to a bowl game since 2008, came to a different conclusion.

FAU and Kiffin had their dialogue intensify late last week, although the pairing seemed somewhat unexpected. Kiffin made \$1.4 million this season at

Alabama; FAU was paying Charlie Partridge a bit over \$500,000 annually when he was fired after his third consecutive 3-9 season.

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.

"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.

Kiffin becomes the third marquee coaching hire in the state of 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 Florida.

They'll all face in-state recruiting 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, 265, Tennessee

Tackles — Jonathan Allen, junior, 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 — Donnell Pumphrey, senior, San Diego State; Christian McCaffrey, junior, Stanford

Tackles — Connor Williams, sophomore, Texas; Orlando Brown, sophomore, Oklahoma
Guards — Billy Price, junior, Ohio State; Will Hernandez, junior, UTEP
Center — Tyler Orlosky, sen-

ior, West Virginia

Tight end — Jake Butt, senior, Michigan

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Linebackers — Raekwon McMillan, junior, Ohio State; T.J. Watt, junior, Wisconsin; Tim Williams, senior, Alabama

Cornerbacks — Rasul Douglas, senior, West Virginia; Desmond King, senior, Iowa

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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

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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.

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

"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

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 Tennessee franchise.

Offensively, Tennessee won despite Mariota having his worst performance in a game he finished. The only touchdown came from DeMarco Murray on the opening drive. The defense made that TD, and a pair of Ryan Succop field goals, stand up.

"I feel that this win, is definitely a win that will get us national attention," Williamson said.

Especially if the Titans keep it up.

Titans Tidbits: Mularkey said Casey was close enough to playing that he warmed up. ... DL Karl Klug signed an Achilles tendon. ... The Titans promoted DE Mehdi Abdesmad (Meh-DI Abb-DES-mod) to the roster from the practice squad and waived RB David Fluellen.

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 returned.

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 your Social Security card. A possible exception could be found if you are heading to the Social Security office or



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

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 insti-

tutions 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 eye 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

A cabinet populated by bankers and wealthy insiders. 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 alone.

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

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 year.

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 gold-plated 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 a big-time return to Washington and maybe even a rehabilitation of its battered public image.



Micek

After all, as recently as

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.



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 York.

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.

In 1974, Malta became a republic. George Harrison visited the White House, where he met President Gerald R. Ford.

In 1994, an American Eagle 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 Jerry 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 Dick Van Dyke is 91. Actor Christopher Plummer is 87. Country singer Buck White is 86. Music/film producer Lou Adler is 83. Singer John Davidson is 75. Actress Kathy Garver (TV: "Family Affair") is 71. Singer Ted Nugent is 68. Rock musician Jeff "Skunk" Baxter is 68. Country musician Ron Getman is 68. Actor Robert Lindsay is 67. Country singer-musician Randy Owen is 67. Actress Wendie Malick is 66. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack is 66. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke is 63. Country singer John Anderson is 62. Singer-songwriter Steve Forbert is 62. Singer-actor Morris Day is 60. Actor Steve Buscemi is 59. Actor Johnny Whitaker (TV: "Family Affair") is 57. Rock musician John Munson (Semisonic; Twilight Hours) is 54. Actress-reality 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 Lee (Evanescence) is 35. Actor Michael Socha is 29. Neo-soul musician Wesley Watkins (Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats) is 29. Country singer Taylor Swift is 27. Actress Mavis 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 feeling of loneliness. I've thought about finding a new career, moving to a new city and returning to internet dating, but none of those options is appealing to me. I am happy in my career, enjoy where I live and did not find that internet dating sites helped me meet the right people. I believe I'm a catch and need to know how I can meet my soul mate. — Lonely Lawyer

Dear Lonely Lawyer: Don't be discouraged. You need to think about casting your fishing line into the right pool. Many people aren't comfortable in social settings or striking up conversation with strangers. Think about what hobbies you have and clubs that you can join. (The website Meetch 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’Byran.

“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 dry-wall 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 teams.

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

“Our kids just love it and are really taking full advantage of it. We’re having two great basketball seasons and our volleyball team went to state and we got to host their very first substate game in this arena. We’ve had our first graduation in here, too. It’s a really great experience to share this with our kids.”

— Autumn O’Byran

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 success-

ful 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.”

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.

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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

“People in my district are very outspoken about the road and the traffic. It’s going to be a real challenge.”

— Tom Cassada

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.

Marsha Brantley was 52 when she disappeared.

A press conference by 10th District Attorney General Steve Crump, Sheriff Eric Watson and BCSO investigators has been scheduled for Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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 accident.

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.

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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— Eric Watson

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 commission.

“If I was trying to hide anything, I don’t think I would be making purchases or registering the cars in my name,” Watson said.

The sheriff said he understands the mission of the state Commission is to protect consumers.

“Just as I, as a law enforcement officer, am sworn to protect the public, so are they,” Watson said. “I will respond to their questions and firmly believe, in the end, this was just some bureaucratic confusion.”

The Banner contacted the 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 of action.”

“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 statement.

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 months.

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.



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HOPE Angel Tree is hoping for more toys

By SARALYN NORKUS
Banner Staff Writer

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 great Christmas.

“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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Then-Judge Amy Reedy granted the dismissal of the charge at the family’s request.

Brantley was originally arrested in August 2013, after a grand jury indictment.

He told investigators at the time that his wife had left him

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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

Shooting

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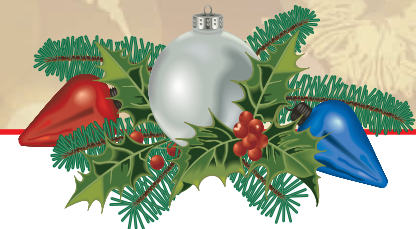
juvenile, and that victim’s name is not being released due to his age.

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-

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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 residents.

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-Nujabaa.

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 Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said hundreds of bodies are still under the rubble.



AP Photo/Tatan Syuffiana, Pool

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 said he would never intentionally insult Islam.

The national upheaval over the governor’s alleged blasphemy has challenged Indonesia’s reputation for practicing a moderate form of Islam, shaken the government and exposed religious and racial fault lines in the world’s most populous Muslim nation.

Protests against Gov. Basuki “Ahok” Tjahaja Purnama, led by hard-liners and which drew hundreds of thousands of people, 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 “Jokowi” Widodo, faces up to five years in prison if found guilty.

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

“As a person who grew up among Muslims, it is not possible for me to intentionally insult Islam because that is the same as disrespecting the people I appreciate and love,” Ahok said.

He broke down in tears twice while making his statement, in which he talked about the affection of his godparents and remembered how he helped poor Indonesians perform the Hajj pilgrimage when he was a district chief a decade ago.

The blasphemy controversy erupted in September when a 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 elections due in February.

State Prosecutor Ali

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 that his comments were not an interpretation of the Quran and that he was only referring to certain 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 five-judge 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 government mounted.

Video of Egypt church bombing emerges, said to show attacker

CAIRO (AP) — The Egyptian 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 has not been claimed by any

armed group. President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi on Monday identified the bomber as 22-year-old Mahmoud Shafiq Mohammed Mustafa.

The video is a recording of CCTV footage and shows the street across from the chapel adjacent to St. Mark’s Cathedral,

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 windows.

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 strife.

Aftershocks drive Indonesians from homes in quake-hit Aceh

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. 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.

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 neighborhood 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 Tuesday.

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 snipers.

“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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LEGAL PUBLICATION NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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 Testamentary 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 from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death. ENTERED this 21st day of November, 2016. James K. Longwith, Personal Representative; Bryson M. Kirksey, BPR No. 027358. Burns, Henry & 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

LEGAL PUBLICATION TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND AFFIXED MANUFACTURED HOME

ANTHONY R. STEELE, Trustee of a Deed of Trust executed on November 21, 2012, by **MARSHA DARLENE 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.

Sale Date and Location: January 5, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Cleveland, Bradley County, Tennessee.

Property Description: Abbreviated description per TCA 35-5-104(a)(2) is the property referenced and described fully at Book 2138, Page 400 and commonly known as 748 Ledford Road NE, Cleveland, TN 37323.

Property Address: 748 Ledford Road NE, Cleveland, TN 37323.

Tax Map Identification No.: 050K-D-002.00 (However, the property description shall control in the event of any inconsistencies between the description and address or tax identification number).

Parties Interested: None known.

All sales of Property, both real and personal, are "AS IS" and "WHERE IS" without representation or warranty as to merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose or of any kind, except as to title and authority to convey. The sale of the described property is subject to all matters shown on any recorded plan; any unpaid taxes, any restrictive covenants, easements, set-back lines, prior liens, encumbrances, if any, and any other priority as may appear in the public records. Title to the manufactured home may be transferred by Bill of Sale or Certificate of Title, as the case may require. The right is preserved to adjourn the day of the sale to another day, time and place certain without further publication, upon announcement at the time and place for the sale set forth above.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS TO COLLECT THE DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED AS A RESULT WILL BE USED FOR THAT EXPRESS PURPOSE ONLY. THIS COMMUNICATION IS FROM A DEBT COLLECTOR.

This the 23rd day of November, 2016.

Anthony R. Steele, Trustee
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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 million 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," said Tommey.

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 projects

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— Mayor Tom Rowland

ects include heat pumps and ducts, insulation, water heaters, windows, lighting and other needs.

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-



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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.

Cleveland Mayor Tom 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-in-a-lifetime investment," he said prior to Monday's report on the extraordinary success of the project.

"This is transforming people's lives," said Councilman Bill Estes.

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 community.

— 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.

Others reappointments: Housing Board of Adjustment and Appeals — Donald Humes, Ashley Ownby, Susie Gilbert, and Bob Pettit. 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.



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"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.



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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.

"This is included in this 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 \$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 season.

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

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— 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 said.

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."