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One fatality in interstate accident

From Staff Reports

Law enforcement authorities were rushed into action Saturday evening following a serious traffic accident at mile marker 24 on Interstate 75.

Lt. John Harmon of the Tennessee Highway Patrol said traffic was halted in both the northbound and southbound lanes of the interstate following the crash, which included a confirmed fatality. The accident occurred at 6:29 p.m.

"The Highway Patrol, Bradley County Sheriff's Office and Tennessee Department of Transportation are in the process of rerouting traffic off the interstate at Exit 20 and Exit 25," Harmon reported just after 8 p.m.

No other information was available, with the investigation of the tragedy ongoing. An accident report was anticipate late Saturday, or early today.

Harmon estimated the interstate would be blocked for up to three hours.

Inside Today

Lee back in action

Both Lee University basketball teams got back to the court Saturday at West Georgia. Georgia "slays" Penn State at TaxSlayer Bowl. The Vols impressed at the Outback Bowl Friday. Jalen Hurd earns MVP honors. The Bearettes returned from Panama City Beach with some new hardware. See Sports, Pages 17-21, 25 & 28.

New year's goals

Cleveland residents ranging from college students new to town to business and government officials who have lived here for years share their expectations for 2016. See Lifestyles, Page 29.

Homeless help

Representatives of The RFK Project recently donated hundreds of items for the homeless staying at a cold weather shelter at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church. See People, Page 38.

Forecast

The new week will have a chilly start. The outlook today calls for mostly clear skies and temperatures in the lower 50s. Tonight, the temperatures are expected to fall to the mid to upper 20s with partly cloudy skies. On Monday, expect sunny skies and highs in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Monday night should drop to lows in the lower 20s.

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United Way no longer funding Signal Centers

Matt Ryerson: 'Not enough funding to go around'

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

Developmental screenings, parent trainings and early intervention services by Signal Centers of Chattanooga are no longer being funded through United Way of Bradley County.

Signal Centers announced this

week that it was notified early in December the agency's funding is being discontinued.

Signal Centers officials emphasize the organization has worked with children in Bradley County for more than 30 years.

Matt Ryerson, president and chief executive officer of United Way, called Saturday with com-

ments on the decision to deny funding for Signal Centers this year.

"This was a very tough decision for our committee in determining funding," Ryerson said.

"Signal Centers has been a very good partner for us. We hope to partner with them again," he added. "It was just a situation

where there was not enough funding to go around."

Ryerson emphasized there were 29 to 30 requests this year, and United Way was able to fund all but two or three, including Signal Centers.

"This was not a decision anyone was excited about, but there are times when there is not enough money," he said.

"The decision (to not provide funding for Signal Centers) is in

no way a reflection on them, or the work they do," Ryerson continued. "There is just so many programs (in need of funding)."

Signal Centers has worked with children with a variety of special needs, helping families find the services needed to maximize brain development of babies, toddlers and preschoolers during the critical early years when most of the

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New laws become valid with new year

Driver's license renewals change from 5 to 8 years

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

The Tennessee State Legislature passed some new laws that are now effective with the first of the year that will have an impact on most people's day-to-day lives.

Two of the laws concern the acquisition of driver's licenses.

Those who renew their licenses after Jan. 1 will find the length of their validity expanded from five to eight years.

Driver license issuance and renewal fees will now be as follows: Class A — \$64, Classes B and C — \$56, Class D — \$26 and Class M — \$26.

Photo ID cards and renewals will be \$10.

Fees for less than eight years may be prorated, but Class D, Class M and photo ID licenses will have \$2 deducted from the gross prorated fee.

Drivers will also be required to provide satisfactory proof of insurance or a statement that

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2015 was year of beginnings for the county

— Part 1 —

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

The year 2015 was more about the beginnings of new chapters for Bradley County government than it was about things past.

The County Commission, through a path sometimes marked with disagreements and difficulties, worked its way toward the potential of some major projects and additions to the county's skyline by the end of 2015.

Also along the way, other entities, organizations and individuals had some landmarks that cannot go unrecognized.

Here are some of the events that marked the last 365 days in Bradley County.

JANUARY

□ Commissioners took a look at towing fees incurred when law officers call for the service.

□ The subject of building —

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LILIE MANTOOTH was one of the founding volunteers of The Storehouse food ministry at Valley View Baptist Church.

CHURCHES UNITE

To meet hunger needs of community

By JOYANNA LOVE
Banner Senior Staff Writer

The Storehouse meets the hunger needs of those in Bradley County during the holiday season and throughout the year.

The ministry is the joint effort of Valley View, Union Missionary and Michigan Avenue Baptist churches, as well as Red Hill United Methodist Church and Five Stones Fellowship.

"They all donate time and money to us and help us with all the different food drives," director Lorraine Messer said.

Space for the ministry was created in the old parsonage of Valley View Baptist Church.

Before, the ministry had operated from Valley View Baptist's main building.

Volunteer Lilie Mantooth, who has been a part of the ministry since its inception, said it "started in a broom closet" until a Sunday School room could be secured.

She said her involvement really began as a way to "fill the void" after her husband died.

"Our pastor and our secretary at that time were just being bombarded everyday

with people needing food to eat," Mantooth said. "And I thought, 'What in the world can we do?'"

She still remembers that first distribution day.

"We had eight people there. We thought we were flying," Mantooth said.

The ministry now serves 230 families.

The former parsonage is divided into sections to store different types of food. Cans line shelves, while freezers in another room keep a large donation of milk fresh.

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PCL earns Four-Star charity distinction

By LARRY C. BOWERS
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People for Care and Learning, a Cleveland nonprofit, is building a city in Cambodia, and the local organization is building confidence and recognition in the United States.

The Cleveland charity received news during the holidays that it has earned Charity Navigator's Four-Star rating, the highest distinction offered by the national charity evaluation company.

"This is something we've been looking forward to for some time," said CEO Dr. Fred Garmon on Thursday. "This is a tremendous honor for our board and advisory council."

Garmon emphasized Charity Navigator is like a clearinghouse for the nation's nonprofits. Only 31 nonprofits in Tennessee have received the agency's Four-Star rating, and the only other Cleveland nonprofit with the lofty accomplishment is United Way of Bradley County.

Garmon said PCL was rated by Charity Navigator a couple of years ago, at a lower designation of one or two stars.

"It's kind of like a stepping-stone," Garmon said of attaining the Four-Star honor. "They look



Garmon

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Blythe-Oldfield mural artists inspired by others

By JOYANNA LOVE
Banner Senior Staff Writer

Local artists working on the Imagine mural in the Blythe-Oldfield community draw inspiration from a variety of places.

For Kim Lorello, her painting of a flower was a meld of styles of two famous artists and the colors she saw surrounding the building.

"It's kind of a knock-off of a (Charles Rennie) Mackintosh rose and a Georgia O'Keeffe at the same time," Lorello said. "Mackintosh was an architect in Scotland. He and his wife worked together on their designs. ... They did very organic and site-inspired kinds of things."

It was an interest in architecture that initially peaked Lorello's interest in seriously pursuing art. Her first art class was at Cleveland

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KIM LORELLO stands with her rose design on the Imagine building mural.

Banner photo, JOYANNA LOVE

Aid A Veteran dedicated to helping local vets

By LARRY C. BOWERS
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Aid A Veteran, a new nonprofit which assists veterans in Bradley and Hamilton counties, is completing its first year of a successful existence.

This new organization attempts to aid local veterans in times of need, providing help in a multitude of situations.

Billy Dyer of Cleveland serves as the president and chief executive officer of this new non-

profit, while Shane Hutcheson is the director of operations and chief operating officer. These two run the program, although they have several volunteers.

Hutcheson said the assistance agency was founded with a lot of collaboration between himself and Dyer.

He said Aid A Veteran is dedicated to helping veterans of the nation's armed services who have fallen on hard times. It assists with shelter, clothing, utilities, food, auto repair and

even job placement.

The only requirement for assistance is an honorable discharge from the military, and verification of the need (or needs) a veteran may have.

Funds for the project, and assistance to veterans, are raised by direct donations, or from the sale of memorabilia items such as magnets and bracelets at booths which are set up at restaurants and businesses in Bradley and Hamilton counties.

"We want to get the word out about what we are trying to do, and what the money is being used for," said Hutcheson at a Tuesday program at Cleveland's Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter on North Ocoee.

Dyer and Hutcheson provided assistance to four families on Tuesday.

Larry Dortis, who served in Vietnam, is getting assistance for the brakes in his automo-

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William Hall
Rodgers
Basket
Fund

**Basket Fund
total is \$20,041**

The total as of Thursday afternoon for the William Hall Rodgers Christmas Basket Fund stood at

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Scalia dismisses concept of religious neutrality

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia said Saturday the idea of religious neutrality is not grounded in the country's constitutional traditions and that God has been good to the U.S. exactly because Americans honor him.

Scalia was speaking at a Catholic high school in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie, Louisiana. Scalia, who was appointed by President Ronald Reagan in 1986 is the court's longest serving justice. He has consistently been one of the court's more conservative members.

He told the audience at Archbishop Rummel High School that there is "no place" in the

country's constitutional traditions for the idea that the state must be neutral between religion and its absence.

"To tell you the truth there is no place for that in our constitutional tradition. Where did that come from?" he said. "To be sure, you can't favor one denomination over another but can't favor religion over non-religion?"

He also said there is "nothing wrong" with the idea of presidents and others invoking God in speeches. He said God has been good to America because Americans have honored him.

Scalia said during the Sept. 11 attacks he was in Rome at a conference. The next morning, after a speech by President George W.

Bush in which he invoked God and asked for his blessing, Scalia said many of the other judges approached him and said they wished their presidents or prime ministers would do the same.

"God has been very good to us. That we won the revolution was extraordinary. The Battle of Midway was extraordinary. I think one of the reasons God has been good to us is that we have done him honor. Unlike the other countries of the world that do not even invoke his name we do him honor. In presidential addresses, in Thanksgiving proclamations and in many other ways," Scalia said.

"There is nothing wrong with that and do not let anybody tell

you that there is anything wrong with that," he added.

Scalia's comments Saturday come as the court prepares to hear arguments later this year in a case that challenges part of President Barack Obama's health care law and whether it adequately shields faith-based hospitals, colleges and charities from having to offer contraceptive coverage to their employees.

Scalia is often a lightning rod for controversy on the court.

In December he came under fire for comments he made during an affirmative action case, questioning whether some black students would benefit from going to a "slower-track school" instead of Texas' flagship campus in Austin.

Mom ordered to appear in federal court in abduction case

KNOXVILLE (AP) — A federal judge in Knoxville has issued a temporary restraining order against a mother accused of parental abduction.

The Knoxville New Sentinel reports Alma Soto Soto is from Mexico. She is accused of fleeing to the U.S. with her son after a 2013 break-up with the father, Eugenio Garduno Guevara.

After Soto turned up two years later in Texas, the father invoked the Hague Convention on international child abduction and the U.S. State Department became involved. Soto fled Texas, resurfacing in Knox County in May when she filed a petition with the juvenile court seeking to establish custody of the boy.

That petition claimed the Hauge Convention did not apply because the boy had habitually resided in the United States with Soto for over two years and was therefore no longer a resident of Mexico subject to the international child abduction agreement.

The State Department stepped in, serving notice that the father's claims usurp the juvenile court's authority.

A federal complaint filed Dec. 11 sought emergency action to bar the mother from again fleeing and return the boy to Mexico.

Earlier this week, Chief U.S. District Judge Tom Varlan issued a temporary restraining order against the mother. He also ordered the Marshals Service to track Soto down and serve her with a notice to appear in his courtroom Jan. 12.

Varlan noted it is unusual for the court to issue a restraining order before a complaint is formally served, but he said there was a danger Soto would flee once informed of the federal court action. That flight risk was also the reason he turned to the Marshals Service for help.

Pastor: Man who carried gun into church was calmly disarmed

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A Fayetteville city councilman says an armed stranger who walked into his church during a New Year's Eve service handed over his rifle and prayed with the pastor before police arrived.

The Fayetteville Observer reports that the unidentified man entered Heal the Land Outreach Ministries about 11:40 p.m. as City Councilman Larry Wright was delivering his sermon to about 60 people.

Wright says the man was carrying the rifle in one hand, pointed up, and an ammunition clip in the other.

The 57-year-old retired soldier says when he asked the man if he needed help, the stranger was calm. The man began crying and was invited to sit on the front pew.

Wright says police were planning to take the man to a mental health facility.

GBI investigates officer shooting man after police chase

ATLANTA (AP) — The Georgia Bureau of Investigation is holding an investigation after a man was shot by police following a lengthy car chase.

GBI spokesman Scott Dutton said in a news release Saturday that trooper Brian Blankenship shot 35-year-old Thomas Edward Cauthorn IV in the arm. The shooting occurred Friday afternoon.

The chase started in Marietta when officers responded to a call for a suspicious person trying to set propane tanks on fire at a Walgreens.

OBITUARIES

Paul Bellinghiere

Paul Bellinghiere, 79, of Cleveland, died on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at his home.

There will be no public service at this time.

Companion Funeral Home has charge of these arrangements.



Benita M. Christenbury

Benita M. Christenbury, 89, of Cleveland, died Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, in a local health care facility.

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



Alice Dixon Goins

Alice Dixon Goins, 99 1/2, a resident of Cleveland, passed away Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in a local health care facility.

A native of Bradley County, she was a member of Tasso United Methodist Church for over 55 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and loved by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hayden E. Goins; parents, Arthur E. Dixon and Adrie Ash Dixon; and siblings: Chass, Elsie and Arthur Dixon.

She is survived by one daughter, Phyllis Goins Long, of Chatsworth, Ga.; one son and daughter-in-law, Eddie and Nancy Goins, of Cleveland; grandchildren: Eddie Long Jr., Candace Sexton, Mitzi Gazaway, Magan Waldrop, Angela Marthaler, Leah Hammock and Corey Davenport; 11 great-grandchildren; and one cousin, Bell Rush, of Ocoee.

A Celebration of the Life and Home Going of Alice Goins will be held Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, at 11 a.m. at Tasso United Methodist Church.

Her body will lie in repose one hour prior to the service at the church.

Interment will follow in Tasso Cemetery.

The family requests, in lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the Tasso Cemetery Association.

The family will receive friends Monday, from 5 to 8 p.m., at the Grissom-Serenity Funeral Home. Mark S. Grissom is funeral director.

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



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



Kathleen 'Kat' Harrell

Kathleen R. "Kat" Harrell, 31, of Bloomington, Ill., passed away at 3:19 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington, Ill.

A prayer service will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, 2016, at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, Bloomington, Ill., with Monsignor Greg Ketcham officiating.

Visitation will be from 4 until 7 p.m. Thursday at Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home.

The family suggests memorials be made to her children's education fund.

She was born Aug. 2, 1984, in Oklahoma City, Okla., the daughter of Linda Eustice.

She is survived by her husband, John Ross Mason, of Bloomington; her mother, Linda Harrell, of Cleveland; three children: Seth Mason, John Ross "Jack" Mason Jr. and Sam Mason, all of Bloomington; one sister, Betty (Aaron) Kjono, of Cleveland; two brothers: Wallace and David Harrell, both of Cleveland; mother-in-law, Leslie Mason, of Pontiac, Ill.; and brother-in-law, Adam Mason, of Pontiac.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Harrell.

She was a customer service associate at Walmart in Normal, Ill., for the past two years.

She enjoyed cooking and goofy reality shows. She enjoyed planning outings and spending time with her children and husband, Ross. Her favorite pastime was watching movies with Ross after the children had gone to sleep.

Please view the obituary and share your condolences and memories online at www.calvertmemorial.com.

Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home, 1115 E. Washington St., Bloomington, IL 61701, is in charge of arrangements.

Carol Hodge

Carol Hodge died on Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in a Chattanooga area hospital.

Companion Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.



Timothy L. Liner

Sgt. Timothy L. Liner, 59, a resident of Old Fort, passed away on Thursday, Dec. 31, 2015.

He was born Sept. 18, 1956, to the late Hoyt Sullivan Liner and Evelyn Ingram Liner.

He enjoyed woodworking, making chess sets, watching movies and growing roses.

In his younger years, he spent his days working on a cattle farm. He then served in the United States Army for eight years and was stationed in Germany, Korea, California, Georgia, Louisiana and Virginia.

During that time he started out in the infantry as a rifle sharpshooter, then became a flight engineer. He was also sent by the Veterans Administration to get his associate's degree to be able to work on computers.

He also worked for Polk County and Copperhill law enforcement. After being with the police department, he worked as

a diesel mechanic.

Survivors include his children: Timothy Jason Liner, Christina Marie Wilson, Joshua William Liner, Patrick Richard Liner, Elizabeth Christina Willis and Emily Coleen Liner; and grandchildren: Jason Gavin and Addison Grace Liner, Zoey Elizabeth and Evan Alexander Wilson and Caleb Samuel Willis.

Visitation will be held at Companion Funeral Home today, Jan. 3, 2016, from 2 until 4 p.m. The funeral will be held at 4 p.m. today.

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



Lila Lorton

Lila Lorton, 83, of Cleveland, died Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, in a hospital in Atlanta.

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



Ray W. Williams

Ray W. Williams, 78, of Cleveland, died on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, at his home.

Companion Funeral Home has charge of arrangements.



Larry Gordon, surfing visionary, dies at age 76

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Larry Gordon, who revolutionized surfing when he created foam boards at his California company, has died. He was 76.

Gordon's wife, Gayle Gordon, told The Associated Press Saturday he died peacefully on New Year's Day at his San Diego home after a lengthy illness.

An iconic figure in California's surfing and skateboarding scenes, Gordon was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease 10 years ago.

Ex-Arkansas governor, senator Bumpers dies

Dale Bumpers, a former Arkansas governor and U.S. senator who earned the nickname "giant killer" for taking down incumbents, and who gave a passionate speech defending Bill Clinton during the president's impeachment trial, has died. He was 90.

Bumpers died Friday night in Little Rock, according to his son, Brent Bumpers. Bumpers was under hospice care and died due to natural causes and complications from a broken hip suffered in a recent fall, his son said.

Bumpers was a little-known lawyer from Charleston when he ran for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in 1970, against a field that included former Gov. Orval Faubus. After finishing second in the primary, Bumpers defeated Faubus for the Democratic nomination — then beat Republican incumbent Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller in the general election.

Four years later, Bumpers challenged and defeated incumbent Sen. J. William Fulbright in a Democratic primary, and went on to win the U.S. Senate seat. Bumpers' signature moment

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Update on Raider Arena is on Monday agenda

By LARRY C. BOWERS
Banner Staff Writer

Cleveland City Schools and its administration, the Cleveland Board of Education and Cleveland High School's extended family are facing a busy spring.

School board members get this new calendar year off and running Monday with a 5:30 p.m. meeting at the central office.

In addition to getting a construction update on the new Cleveland High School Raider Arena from architect Brian Templeton of the Upland Design Group and Project Manager Cason Conn of Tri-Con Construction, Director of Schools Dr. Martin Ringstaff will lead a discussion on scheduling an official ribbon-cutting for the \$11 million construction project.

The project was funded by the Cleveland City Council.

The new gymnasium, with adjacent classrooms, offices, dressing rooms, concessions area, lobby and other amenities, is expected to be completed by the first week of March.

This gives the construction team two months to finish the project.

The recent excessive rainfall was a hindrance to landscaping and paving, but work inside the enclosed building has been steady.

Conn said at December's school board meeting he would like to have a month or two of normal weather as 2015 ends and 2016 begins. He had been pleasantly surprised with mild weather (until the rains came).

Temperatures have dropped significantly over the past few days.

Work crews have been busy over the past two weeks installing the Arena's NBA-style, floating-wood playing surface. Other touch-up projects are ongoing throughout the structure.

The first public gathering in the new gymnasium is expected to be a Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce coffee in April. The first major event will be Cleveland High School's commencement exercises later in the spring.

Cleveland High Principal Autumn O'Bryan, and her administrative staff, have their hands full with a special project.

Since this is Cleveland High's 50-year anniversary, the educa-

tion team is collecting memorabilia from the life of Cleveland High and will display a number of these items in the new gymnasium's lobby area.

The lobby is located on the north side of the gymnasium, between the new structure and the east wing of the main high school building where the school's administrative offices are located.

O'Bryan has expressed her excitement about plans for this special display area to several members of the community. Anyone with articles they feel would fit well in this area of the gymnasium should contact O'Bryan or a member of the school's leadership team.

Other agenda items for Monday's school board meeting:

— Board members will be electing new officers for the coming year.

Currently, Tom Cloud is serving as chairman, with Steve Morgan and Dawn Robinson being joint vice chairs. Dr. Murl Dirksen is chairman pro-tem.

— Following Monday's update on the arena construction, Ringstaff will provide the board with his monthly report. Student Liaison Mariah Voytik, from the Student Advisory Council, will then give her first report of 2016.

— Cleveland Middle School Principal Mike Collier is expected to bring to the board some firm numbers for plans to construct bleachers for his school's outdoor athletic complex. CMS has never had outside seating.

— Board member Charlie Cogdill and administrator Jeff Elliott will discuss proposed policy changes for bids and quotations and school admissions.

— The board will consider approval of a tentative annual agenda for 2016 and discuss progress of the director's evaluation.

— Joy Hudson will provide the board with an update on the school system's special education program. Tamara Humphries will report on After School University.

— Prior to the election of new officers, the board will discuss plans for the Tennessee School Board Association's Day on the Hill in Nashville on Tuesday, Feb. 16. Dirksen may have a report from the Site Committee, and Robinson could have a legislative report.

on the national stage came in 1999, just weeks after leaving the Senate, when he defended Clinton — who had worked for Fulbright's 1974 campaign against Bumpers — before the U.S. Senate during his impeachment trial.

Clinton had been impeached by the House on charges of lying about his sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky while testifying before a grand jury in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

Bumpers called the matter a sex scandal while delivering the closing argument as the Senate considered removing Clinton from office.

Clinton "suffered a terrible moral lapse, a marital infidelity. Not a breach of the public trust, not a crime against society," Bumpers said. "H.L. Mencken said one time, 'When you hear somebody say, 'This is not about the money,' it's about the money ... And when you hear somebody say, 'This is not about sex,' it's about sex.'"

Clinton was acquitted by the Senate.

Bumpers would later say that

he didn't want to give the closing statement, but Senate leaders and Clinton asked him to do so.

A statement from Clinton and Hillary Clinton did not mention the impeachment, but praised Bumpers' work as governor and senator.

"For more than 40 years Hillary and I cherished his friendship. I am grateful that his advice made me a better governor and president," Clinton said. "I loved him. I loved learning from him and laughing with him. I will miss him very much."

Bumpers had been known in the Senate for his oratorical skills, as well as his opposition to amendments to the U.S. Constitution, including one that would prohibit busing of public school students.

Brent Bumpers said he believes his father would want to be remembered as both a champion of the underdog and a defender of the Constitution.

"He often listed that as among his proudest battles, he fought against many efforts to amend the Constitution. He revered it so much," Brent Bumpers said.

LOTTERY NUMBERS

(AP) — These state lotteries were drawn over the weekend:

TENNESSEE

Friday

Cash 3 Evening: 6-4-7, Lucky Sum: 17
Cash 3 Midday: 5-4-4, Lucky Sum: 13
Cash 3 Morning: 2-4-5
Cash 4 Evening: 4-1-0-7, Lucky Sum: 12
Cash 4 Midday: 1-0-1-1, Lucky Sum: 3
Cash 4 Morning: 1-1-2-1
Mega Millions: 07-18-37-38-39, Mega Ball: 9, Megaplier: 5
Tennessee Cash: 03-12-16-24-28, Bonus: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$260,000

Saturday

Cash 3 Evening: 0-1-8, Lucky Sum: 9
Cash 3 Midday: 8-4-7, Lucky Sum: 19
Cash 3 Morning: 2-6-6
Cash 4 Evening: 9-2-5-0, Lucky Sum: 16
Cash 4 Midday: 2-0-1-3, Lucky Sum: 6
Cash 4 Morning: 8-1-3-4
Mega Millions estimated jackpot: \$145 million
Powerball estimated jackpot: \$334 million

GEORGIA

Friday

All or Nothing Day: 05-07-08-09-10-12-14-15-16-17-21-23
All or Nothing Evening: 03-05-06-10-11-12-13-15-20-21-22-23
All or Nothing Morning: 01-02-04-06-11-12-17-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing Night: 01-04-06-07-08-09-10-11-12-14-18-24
Cash 3 Evening: 4-5-0
Cash 3 Midday: 2-8-8
Cash 4 Evening: 1-8-3-5
Cash 4 Midday: 0-8-5-2
Fantasy 5: 02-05-19-20-24
Estimated jackpot: \$365,000
Georgia FIVE Evening: 8-7-3-7-1

Georgia FIVE Midday: 7-5-5-2-8
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Georgia FIVE Evening: 1-1-2-0-3
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Lillard-Shadow scholarship applications are available from VEC

Volunteer Energy Cooperative is again offering the Lillard-Shadow Scholarship to high school seniors.

The scholarship provides funding of up to \$2,000 (\$500 per semester) to students whose parents are VEC electric customers. The deadline for applications is March 4.

Applications are available on the VEC web site (www.vec.org), at any VEC office, or by calling 423-334-7051.

IT'S A SPECIAL DAY FOR ...

Ashley Curtis, Todd Houston, Jeremy Cartwright, Jay McCluskey, Niki Calfee and Karen Hunsucker, who are celebrating birthdays today.



THE SOUTHEAST Tennessee Community Corrections Program recently held its board meeting at the McMinn County Justice Center. Sheriff Joe Guy served as host. During the program, Cleveland City Manager Janice Casteel, who has announced her scheduled retirement, was recognized for 42 years of service. On hand for the presentation were, from left, Charles Matthews, Probation and Parole; Jill Barrett, 10th Judicial Drug Court; Jack Harrill, Monroe County representative; John Gentry, McMinn County mayor; Guy; Casteel; Gary Conner, program manager; Jerry Hoffer, Tennessee Bar Association; Randy Fox, Bradley County representative; and Rich Kienlen, Bradley County Misdemeanor Probation.

Beware of price gouging on home repairs

By ALLEN MINCEY
Banner Staff Writer

Late December's flooding and heavy rains may have caused damage to area homes and businesses that now require repairs. Having those repairs performed by the right companies or individuals is very important.

When the tornadoes hit the Bradley County area several years ago, there were reports of some performing those repairs increasing their costs in efforts to increase revenue at the expense of homeowners.

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance is urging consumers who may have been affected by December 2015's storms to be wary of potential price gouging for any work done now and in the future.

According to TDCI, the state's price gouging laws make it unlawful for individuals and businesses to charge unreasonable prices for essential goods and services including gasoline, food, ice, fuel, generators, lodging, storage space and other necessities in direct response to a disaster regardless of whether that emergency occurred in Tennessee or elsewhere.

The price gouging law also makes it unlawful to charge a price that is grossly in excess of the price charged prior to the emergency.

This price gouging act is triggered when a disaster is declared by the state or by the federal government. Most recently, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency declared a State of Emergency at 9 p.m., EST, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2015.

Penalties for violations of the act are up to \$1,000 per violation. Additionally, the Tennessee attorney general in conjunction with TDCI's Division of Consumer Affairs can request a court issue injunctions and order civil penalties of up to \$1,000 for each violation. The state can also seek refunds for consumers.

"We expect most Tennesseans

will lend a hand to help their neighbors who were affected by the December storms," TDCI Deputy Commissioner Bill Giannini said. "However, there may be some who seek to take advantage of others during this emergency. We urge consumers to make informed choices when buying goods and services during a disaster and report suspected price gouging."

Gary Farlow, president and chief executive officer of the Cleveland-Bradley Chamber of Commerce, said such price gouging was reported following the tornadoes of April 27, 2011. He said the victims then, as is in many similar cases, were elderly residents of the City of Cleveland and Bradley County.

"There were reports of those who would come to individuals and say they were representing FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency). They would say that while they would receive assistance from the agency to help with repairs, they had to fill out an application and pass along an application fee," he said. "Many of these were said to be elderly people or those living on low incomes who were the least able but most susceptible to being scammed."

Farlow said the best step for anyone needing repairs is to contact a reputable local contractor, and check with organizations such as the Chamber, the Ocoee Region Builders Association and the Better Business Bureau.

"Make sure they are licensed and insured," he stressed.

Homebuilder Charlotte Peak said it is a good practice to get three estimates on any repair work needed.

"I would suggest they shop local, check with local contractors and make sure they have a business license," she said.

She also said reputable contractors "will not come knocking on your door" to promote their services.

"They do not go from door-to-door to promote themselves," she said.

Both Peak and Farlow said they do not encourage anyone

to provide funds to a repairman or company until the job is done.

The TDCI agreed, saying a fraudulent operator may take upfront monies promising to complete a home repair or to remove debris and vanish without completing the work. Consumers may also get shoddy repairs from unlicensed contractors, or they do not receive the goods and services at the promised price.

Along with Farlow and Peak stressing to have work done by local licensed contractors, the TDCI offered the following tips:

❑ Avoid high pressure sales tactics urging you to act quickly before signing a contract. Take time to make a good decision.

❑ Do not pay money up-front. Wait until the job is finished.

❑ Ask questions and get references from people you trust before hiring someone to do work for you.

❑ Get the whole deal in writing. If a contractor promises you something, get it in writing.

❑ Keep a record of your property damage and any repairs made to your property. Take photos during the repair work and afterward. You should also take photos of any repair work

you believe was not done correctly.

The Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance said that if anyone feels they have a problem with a business over repair work or promises of repairs, file a complaint at www.tn.gov/consumer or call toll-free 1-800-342-8385.

For a list of licensed contractors in the area, contact the Chamber of Commerce or the Better Business Bureau.

In Loving Memory of

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Gene, it has been two years since you said your goodbyes here on this earth, to wake up in a better place.

Sometimes it seems like a lot longer, then again it seems like yesterday. They say it gets easier as time goes by, but so far it has not.

Gene, the holidays have come and gone, we missed you not being here with us and your smiling face. But the memories can never be taken from us.

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You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken, And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.



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Time running out to get old photos in Remember When

On Sunday, Jan. 10, the Banner will publish its annual Remember When section.

Readers have until 5 p.m. Tuesday to get the photos submitted.

The section is full of old family photos, school photos, military photos, events and just photos of old places. The photos included have to be at least 25 years old. When possible, identification and general dates of photos and names of people are asked.

Please keep submissions to five

per person.

It's easy to submit photos. You can:

❑ Email them to gwen.swiger@clevelandbanner.com;

❑ Mail them to Remember When, Cleveland Daily Banner, P.O. Box 3600, Cleveland TN 37320-3600; or

❑ Drop photos off at the Banner office, 1505 25th St., Monday and Tuesday afternoon between the hours of 12:30 and 5 p.m.

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With the passing of another year, we reflect on the events that changed our lives – some of them good, but for some, there have been better years. Fortunately, time has a way of healing, and letting us go forward – a promise of better years to come. Whatever last year brought you, we want you to know our family's thoughts are with you for a healthy and happy new year.

In Loving Memory of Your Loved Ones

We would like to join you in remembering your loved ones.
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and financing — a new Lake Forest Middle School became a topic for serious discussion.

□ President Barack Obama visited Knoxville to announce a national version based on the “Tennessee Promise” program. That program was derived in part from the “Bradley Achieves” program founded with the help of local businessman Allan Jones.

□ The subject of adopting new building codes brought strong voices on both sides of the issue.

□ The Healthy Community Initiative Committee found its reserves dwindling and suggested doing “micro grants.”

□ Tennessee Christian Preparatory School students used Martin Luther King Jr. Day as one to do service in the community.

□ The Commission Finance committee began the process to raise the county’s hotel/motel tax as a way to finance a new Lake Forest school building.

□ Cleveland native Jerry Gay received the Bronze Star.

□ The Cleveland/Bradley County Chamber of Commerce presented the M.C. Headrick Award to J&S Restaurants’ CEO Mark Johnson and President Julia Johnson Scoggins. The Varnell Leadership Award went to Pat Lawson Fuller, owner of the Orange Blossom Boutique.

□ Robert Bradney began his year as the new chairman of the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce.

□ TCPS began its campaign to build a new campus.

FEBRUARY

□ A debate over whether the county road department or the Bradley County Sheriff’s Office should get the state litter grant began over the use of inmates by the road department. The BCSO eventually got the nod from the County Commission.

□ SkyRidge Medical Center unveiled its new Orthopedic and Spine Center.

□ Area resident Doug Mizell said talks were serious concerning a major motion picture about the Trail of Tears being filmed in Bradley County.

□ County officials began discussions on digitizing old documents, specifically to save papers that are stored at the old Waterville school.

□ Commissioners heard proposals from the Cleveland State Foundation and the Community Foundation of Cleveland and Bradley County concerning their plans for potential investment of HCI funds.

□ The Bradley County Fire Board recommended raises in the \$8,000 a year range for county fire/rescue workers.

MARCH

□ Six residents of the 6th District were interviewed by their commissioners, Robert Rominger and Dan Rawls, to fill the school board vacancy caused by the resignation of Christy Critchfield from the school board. Critchfield had resigned in protest of the buyout of then-Director of Schools Johnny McDaniel’s contract. Amanda Lee, whose children attend Black Fox Elementary, was nominated and approved by the full Commission.

□ Raises for the BCFR were approved by the Commission.

□ The idea of HCI funds investment was “indefinitely tabled” by Commission.

□ Authorization was given for the construction of a workhouse facility to be joined with the Bradley County Justice Center.

□ Adam Cotton was named SPCA of Bradley County’s director of operations.

□ The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day event collected items from 363 households.

□ State Sen. Mike Bell declined to proceed with a vote on the proposed increase in the hotel/motel tax during a session of the state legislature. He cited the “unprecedented” nature of specifically using those funds for education.

□ Cleveland pharmacist Robin Terrero voluntarily surrendered her license to practice and operate The Wellness Store Compounding Pharmacy after being cited by the state “for unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct.”

□ Wendy Armenta won the Rotary Interact speech contest.

□ Troy Scot Carter, a former employee of the Church of God, was charged with interstate transportation of securities taken by fraud in the amount of \$100,000 from the church.

APRIL

□ Troy Scot Carter and the U.S. District Attorney reached a plea agreement in the case against him, and details showed the fraud was as much as \$900,000.

□ “Dustin’s Law” made another appearance in Nashville. The law, named after DUI victim Dustin Ledford, has been trying for several years to get passed to make sentences tougher on DUI convictions. Legislators delayed the issue until 2016.

□ McDonald physician Raymond Scot Brown entered a plea deal in U.S. federal court that will bring him jail time for defrauding Medicare.

□ The County Commission honored the wrestlers from both Cleveland High School and Bradley Central High School. Cleveland won the state championship, while BCHS brought in the runner-up trophy. Blue Raider Chris DeBien was also honored for winning the national championship.

□ County Commissioner Thomas Crye caused a stir when he proposed a 7-cent property tax hike. Part of his rationale was to help finance the new Lake Forest Middle School.

□ Trustee Mike Smith proposed an idea for the county to be able to borrow \$16 million from itself for a 20-year period “to finance the school projects.” However, it would require state approval.

□ County government changed its Internet domain name to “bradleycountyttn.gov.”

□ Doug Berry, the Cleveland/Bradley Chamber of Commerce’s vice president for economic development, reported to the Industrial Development Board Action on the actual physical preparation for Spring Branch Industrial Park is close to beginning.

□ A county committee proposed that, for \$300,000 per year, the county would be responsible for all pickup and sheltering of animals for the entire county.

‘Game of Thrones’ author blogs that he missed book deadline

NEW YORK (AP) — For fans of George R.R. Martin, winter is not coming — at least not right away.

The “Game of Thrones” author says he missed a Dec. 31 deadline to finish “The Winds of Winter,” the sixth book in his popular fantasy series. That means the next HBO season based on the novel will start airing in April, before the book is published.

The words “you won’t like it” appeared Saturday on Martin’s blog, reporting that “the book’s not done. ... I tried, I promise you. I failed.”

Martin says he is working with HBO to ensure the show reflects the next installment of

the “A Song of Ice and Fire” books — in which characters warn of impending doom with the phrase “Winter is coming.”

With hundreds of pages and dozens of chapters written, Martin said he estimates it will still take months more if the writing goes well.

“You can blame my travels or my blog posts or the distractions of other projects and the Cocteau and whatever, but maybe all that had an impact,” he wrote, referring to the single-screen Jean Cocteau Cinema he purchased and fixed up in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he lives.

“For months now I have wanted nothing so much as to be able to say, I have completed and delivered The Winds of Winter” on or before the last day of 2015,” the 67-year-old author blogged.

The truth is “sometimes the writing goes well and sometimes it doesn’t, and that was true for me even when I was in my 20s,” he wrote.

Messages left at Martin’s office and the cinema were not immediately returned.



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AID A VETERAN founders Billy Dyer and Shane Hutcheson met with families who are receiving assistance from the nonprofit at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter on North Ocoee Tuesday. The new nonprofit assists veterans in need throughout the year. Participating in Tuesday’s presentation were Larry Doris and Mary Jones, seated. Standing, from left, are LaSha and Brian Zanoska with their children, Blaine and Daysia; U.S. Marine recruiting officers Winfield Thompson and Matthew Gurley of the Toys for Tots Program; Beverly Garren of the Hamilton County United Way; James Howard; Hutcheson with his daughter Brittney Hutcheson; and Dyer.

Veteran

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bile; LaSha and Brian Zanoska were getting some toys for their children, Blaine and Daysia. James Howard, who was also getting some toys, has been assisted by the organization in finding a job.

One other family was assisted, but was unable to participate in the photograph session. The mom was receiving some help with utilities and auto repairs.

Also attending the event were U.S. Marine recruiting officers Winfield Thompson and Matthew Gurley with the Toys for Tots Program.

Hutcheson, who attended Tuesday’s event with his young

daughter, Brittney, said Aid A Veteran has spent more than \$10,000 in assisting 10 to 15 veterans this year.

He added that the organization does not just focus on the individual veterans when providing assistance, but on the family unit.

He added that assistance is not just for the holiday season, but for times of need throughout the year.

“We want to get the word out,” he said Tuesday. “We want to let people know that we are trying to help our veterans in their times of need, as an acknowledgement of their services to our nation.”

Dyer emphasized that too many of our veterans are homeless. He said it is estimated that on any given night, 131,000 veterans are homeless in America.

A handout sheet from Dyer and Hutcheson added that 12 percent of the homeless in America are veterans, 47 percent are Vietnam-era veterans (like Doris), 17 percent are post-Vietnam veterans, 15 percent are pre-Vietnam veterans, 67 percent served three or more years, and 33 percent served in a war zone.

They said many veterans suffer from lingering service-related health issues and mental illnesses, such as post traumatic

stress disorder. They said these veterans need our help.

The agency’s founders added that the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans claim the most effective programs for homeless veterans are local opportunities and community fellowship.

They said this is what they are trying to accomplish with Aid A Veteran, and they are well pleased with the acceptance and support the program has received during its first year.

For more information about Aid A Veteran, you can call 303-9791 or go online to www.aidaveteran.org. You can also go to Aid A Veteran on Facebook.



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STELLA MESSER and Lorraine Messer organize food at The Storehouse food ministry at Valley View Baptist Church.

Churches

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Guidelines for volunteers getting food bags together are posted.

Messer said each family gets eight or nine cans of food, bread, cereal and meat. Clients select the fruit and vegetables they want.

“We try to make it as nutritious as possible,” Mantooth said.

Candy is also kept on hand for when children accompany their parents on distribution day.

Messer said nutrition bars are also something included every time.

“We try to give out peanut butter anytime we can get it,” Messer said. “Because that is something if there is a disaster, like a tornado or something, if you’ve got some peanut butter, some sandwich bread or crackers you can kind of keep people nourished a little bit.”

Food is distributed on the first and third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to noon and 5 to 7 p.m. Each December, on the first Tuesday of the month, they serve Christmas dinner.

In addition to the committed daily volunteers who pick up and sort donations, The Storehouse also has volunteers who help on distribution days.

“We have about 40 volunteers,” Messer said. “Eighty per-

cent of our volunteers are under 20 or over 60. We could use some more in their 30s and 40s, but we are thankful for everyone we have. We have some very, very dedicated teenagers.”

Many of the volunteers come from the partner churches. However, volunteers from several other area churches also donate time.

“Some are actually clients who have come back to help when they have gotten where they no longer needed assistance,” Messer said.

Another volunteer, Stella Messer, became interested in the ministry after she began attending Valley View Baptist Church.

“I did one distribution day and I was hooked,” Stella [Messer] said. “I enjoy it very much. I’m here just about every day volunteering.”

On distribution day, those in need of food enter the house and register in the front room. Volunteers then talk to each family individually and pray with them. Each client’s ID is checked. The ministry keeps track of who picks up food.

“We have probably 60 percent of our people who are elderly who have to choose between medicine and food a lot of times, because they have worked their lives to have a little farm ... and

when they go to get food stamps they tell them ‘no,’” Lorraine [Messer] said.

She explained this is seen as an asset that could be sold to improve their situation.

“That’s just wrong. They have worked hard to have what they have and they are having to choose,” Lorraine [Messer] said. “We don’t go by those guidelines. If we see a need, we try to take care of it.”

The Storehouse receives donations from a variety of sources. Food City and Dollar Tree donate food nearing its expiration date. Bradley Baptist Association and Valley View Elementary School also make donations. Food is also purchased from the Chattanooga Food Bank. The ministry also receives donations from USDA, when it has surpluses. Donations are also received through the United States Postal Services’ annual food drive.

“For the most part everything we do is volunteer and donations,” Lorraine [Messer] said.

Food City donates vegetables and meat, while Apple Valley Orchard donates fruit. Lorraine [Messer] said the ministry has a number of refrigerators and freezers to keep all the donated food as fresh as possible until distribution day.

Basket

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\$20,041. This is about \$3,000 short of the goal.

Donations to the fund are still being taken.

For decades, the fund has provided basic food staples and a protein to the needy families of the community.

Various community groups have sponsored the effort in the past, but now it is completely volunteer staffed and supported. Since it is a 501(c)(3) charity, donations are tax deductible.

Contributions will continue to be accepted at First Tennessee Bank, P.O. Box 3566, Cleveland TN 37320-3566 or dropped off at First Tennessee Bank at 3870 Keith St.

Donations were received this week from Ocoee Lodge No. 97 I.O.O.F., \$100; and Steven and Beverly Ledbetter, \$100.

At Thanksgiving, The Storehouse saw an abundance of donated turkeys.

“We had to put a call out in the community for people to hold turkeys for us for three days,” Lorraine [Messer] said.

She said the church had used the numbers of those who usually receive calls about urgent prayer requests, and that required extra space for the turkeys.

Title Max has also held a food drive for the cause.

The Storehouse pays the Chattanooga Food Bank to deliver the food they purchase.

Mantooth said many of the volunteers who were in their 60s had difficulties lifting the quantity of food they needed.

Valley View Elementary’s Beta Club holds a food drive each year, Lorraine [Messer] said.

“All year long when we buy things through the food bank ... different things that have the box tops; we cut those off and we have volunteers that come in on off days and cut all of those off and we give them to the school,” Lorraine [Messer] explained.

She said they also try to recycle their cardboard through the school’s recycling program, because the school can receive free copy paper if they reach a certain goal.

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Area lawmakers happy to see state 'Estate Tax' eliminated

By ALLEN MINCEY
Banner Staff Writer

Area state legislators are pleased to see some of Tennessee's new laws go into effect beginning this month, but none as much as one discontinuing the Tennessee Estate Tax, which was commonly called "the Death Tax."

The tax was eliminated on Jan. 1 after many lawmakers had called it an unfair penalty on those left behind after a loved one dies.

"I am pleased we finally see the realization of the multi-year

plan to eliminate the Estate Tax," said District 24 State Rep. Kevin Brooks, who represents a portion of Bradley County including the city of Cleveland.

"It was a healthy diet of staggered reduction, but in 2016, it is complete."

The Tennessee Estate Tax would have survivors pay a tax on property owned by the deceased dependent on that property's value. Though in 2015 that taxable amount was at \$5 million worth of property, the tax had been specified on property with a much lesser value in previous years.

The law had been altered for several years as state legislators were hearing more and more complaints about the fairness of it, and how it often affected the family who was left behind following the death of the owner.

"District 22 (which includes portions of Bradley County, along with all of Meigs and Polk counties) is primarily a rural area with many farmers. Now the heirs of these farmers with property that has been in the family for generations won't have to sell the farm to pay the taxes," said District 22 State Rep. Dan Howell.

"I feel this was one of the worst laws ever passed in Tennessee. I am glad the end is in sight."

Brooks agreed. "No longer will hard-working Tennessee families and business owners be forced to make difficult decisions after the death of a matriarch or patriarch of the family.

"Sadly, in the past, Tennessee families were forced to sell homes, farms or factories just to pay the taxes owed," Brooks added. "I was proud to vote and co-sponsor the elimination of this burdensome estate tax."

Brooks said families and business owners will be able to pass to the next generation "all that they worked for a lifetime to build."

"I am proud to be in a state like that," he added.

District 9 State Sen. Mike Bell, who represents Bradley, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe and Polk counties, said he was equally pleased to see this tax removed from the books. He was also encouraged by two new laws that went into effect on Friday.

"I am pleased with the phasing out of the 'Death Tax' and also the two pro-life laws that

the legislature passed in response to the people of Tennessee passing Amendment 1 in the fall of 2014," Bell said.

"One requires a 48-hour waiting period before an abortion can be obtained, and the other requires all abortion clinics to be licensed."

State Sen. Todd Gardenhire, who represents District 10 (portions of both Bradley and Hamilton counties), was unavailable for comment over the holidays.

The State Legislature will return to Nashville on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

States are diverging on guns, voting

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Laws taking effect at the start of the new year show states diverging on some hot-button issues.

Restrictions on carrying guns eased in Texas, for example, but got tighter in California. It is easier to register to vote in Oregon, but there is another step to take at the polls in North Carolina.

The opposing directions in the states reflect a nation with increasingly polarized politics.

In the debate over gun control, both sides say their arguments are strengthened by a string of mass shootings this year. That includes the December attack at a county health department gathering in San Bernardino, California, when a couple who investigators say pledged allegiance to the leader of the Islamic State group killed 14 people.

Everytown for Gun Safety, a group backed by billionaire former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, is seeking to be a counterweight to the National Rifle Association's lobbying of state lawmakers. Both groups are expected to be active in legislatures in the coming year.

Whether to raise the minimum wage has become another hot topic in states and cities, with the issue getting no traction in the Republican-led Congress.

New voting laws, meanwhile, could help shape the outcomes in state and federal elections in the coming year. Democrats and others who want to boost voter participation have been pushing to expand access to the polls, while conservatives have pushed for measures aimed at preventing election fraud. Each side says the other is using legislation to help their favored party in elections.

A look at some of the more notable laws taking effect in January:

GUNS

Texas, the second-most populous state, joins 44 other states in allowing at least some firearm owners to carry handguns openly in public places. Under the Texas law, guns can be carried by those with licenses and only in holsters.

Meanwhile, California, the most populous state, has multiple new laws on gun control. One tightens a ban on firearms in and around schools. Under the new law, the prohibition applies even to most people who are allowed to carry concealed weapons generally. Another allows people to request that a judge order weapons be taken away from relatives who are believed to pose a threat.

VOTING

California and Oregon become the first states that automatically register eligible voters when they obtain or renew their driver's licenses. Critics of the measures — mostly Republicans — say that could lead to voter fraud and is part of a plan to register more voters who are likely to be Democrats. They say voters should register voluntarily. In both states, people are able to opt out of being registered.



AP File Photo

IN THIS DEC. 11, 2014, file photo, a Philadelphia Police officer demonstrates a body-worn camera being used as part of a Philadelphia Police pilot project in the department's 22nd District, in Philadelphia. Illinois police and sheriff's departments will have to abide by new laws beginning Friday with guidelines on using officer-worn body cameras and limiting when they can use chokeholds. The directives are among 237 new laws which took effect Jan. 1.



AP File Photo

IN THIS JAN. 26, 2015 file photo, a demonstrator helps hold a large "Come and Take It" banner at a rally in support of open carry gun laws at the Capitol, in Austin, Texas. Texas, the second-most populous state, is joining 44 other states in allowing at least some firearm owners to carry handguns openly in public places. Under the Texas law, guns can be carried by those with licenses and only in holsters.

Similar measures have been proposed in other states but never adopted. This year, Republican Gov. Chris Christie vetoed the concept in New Jersey.

In North Carolina, a voter identification law passed in 2013 that requires people to show a photo ID takes effect.

An amendment adopted this year allows voters who have trouble obtaining the required ID to vote anyway. That provision keeps North Carolina from joining eight states in which a photo ID is strictly required. There are still legal challenges over the law, and opponents want a judge to delay implementation.

In most states, voters are asked to show some kind of identification.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Hawaii becomes the first state to raise its minimum age, from 18 to 21, to buy or use cigarettes or e-cigarettes. It's a move some local governments have made before, but never a state.

California joins West Virginia and Mississippi as the only states without a personal-belief exemption for parents who do not want to vaccinate their children. Children whose parents refuse to have them immunized against several diseases are not allowed to enroll in public or private school and instead have to be homeschooled. There is an exemption for children with serious health problems.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

In California, a new law lets female employees allege pay discrimination based on the wages a company pays other employees who do substantially similar work. Under the law, it is up to employers to prove a man's higher pay is based on factors other than gender.

Oregon becomes the fifth state with a paid sick leave mandate for many employers.

Some cities in traffic-congested urban areas are trying to ease the burdens of commuting. Employers with at least 20 workers in Washington, D.C., and New York City are required to offer commuter benefits such as tax-free mass transit subsidies to their workers. San Francisco already has a similar ordinance.

In Missouri, a new law links the duration of jobless benefits to the state's unemployment rate. When fewer people are out of work, those claiming the benefits will be cut off sooner. The maximum length of the benefits will be reduced from the current 20 weeks — already among the shorter periods in the nation — to 13. Only North Carolina, which has a similar sliding scale, has a shorter period: 12 weeks.

MINIMUM WAGE

The minimum wage rises in many cities and states with the new year. Some of the wage increases are coming under laws passed years ago that phased in the increases over a period of years. Some are automatic increases tied to the cost of living.

Fast-food workers in New York state receive their first pay bump under a new law that eventually will push their minimum wage to \$15. The full amount will kick in at the end of 2018 in New York City and 2021 in the rest of the state.

The federal government has not touched the minimum wage since it was increased to \$7.25 effective in 2009. Labor groups and workers keep pushing for higher raises while many business groups say raises could come at the expense of jobs. But with the federal rate unchanging, more state and local governments — particularly in the West and Northeast — are taking action.

The wages rise in California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Rhode Island, Vermont and West Virginia on Friday. States with automatic annual increases effective Jan. 1 are Arizona, Colorado, Montana, New Jersey, Ohio and South Dakota.

Some cities, including New Orleans, also have new rates starting Jan. 1. Minimum-wage fast-food workers in Seattle get a bump as part of that city's phased-in increase to \$15 an hour.

TAXES

Taxes have gone up in some places and dropping in others.

Income tax rates dropped slightly in Oklahoma, where state revenues have fallen sharply, and Massachusetts.

In North Carolina, the tax on gasoline dropped by a penny a gallon to 35 cents. The sales tax on boats will drop in New Jersey as of Feb. 1.

Taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products rose in

Minnesota, as will hotel taxes in Hawaii.

ABORTION

Physicians in North Carolina are required to provide the state with ultrasound images of fetuses and other data related to abortions performed after the 16th week of pregnancy.

For pregnancies terminated after the 20th week, doctors must explain to the state Department of Health and Human Services how continuing the pregnancy would have threatened the life and health of the mother. Some lawmakers who favor abortion rights say the state should not have this medical data.

IMMIGRANT DRIVER'S LICENSES

Two more states allow people who are in the United States illegally to be licensed to drive. Delaware's law took effect Sunday and Hawaii's is in effect in the new year.

Ten states and the District of Columbia already have similar provisions.

PETS

Illinois made it a misdemeanor to leave pets outside during extreme weather. Missouri, in a crackdown on the state's commercial "puppy mills," required dog breeders to provide more space for their animals and barred them from using wire-strand flooring in dog kennels.

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the vehicle is not in use.

If a motor vehicle owner fails to provide the required information, the department will impose a \$25 coverage failure fee, of which \$5 will be distributed to the county clerk where the vehicle is registered.

If the owner fails to comply after the initial notice and coverage failure fee, the department will suspend or revoke the registration and assess a continued coverage failure fee of \$100, of which \$10 goes to the county clerk where the vehicle is registered.

The county legislative body now has the authority to vote to impose a separate county reinstatement fee not to exceed \$25.

The county clerk is authorized to waive this fee if the applicant provides proof that the applicant had an owner or operator's financial security in effect for the vehicle on the date the suspension or revocation went into effect.

The program is to be fully operational no later than Jan. 1, 2017. The act became effective May 20, 2015, for contracting, consulting developing and implementing the program, and promulgating rules.

The fine for failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility was raised from \$100 to \$300, effective July 1, 2015.

The legislature has also established an "Animal Abuser Registration."

Court clerks are now required to forward a copy of the judgment and date of birth of all persons convicted of an "animal abuse offense" to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation within 60 calendar days of the date of judgment.

An "animal abuse offense" is defined as aggravated cruelty to animals, felony animal fighting and a criminal offense against animals.

In the business of taxes, court clerks are required to file in a report of sale or other notice reflecting the results of a delinquent tax sale.

The report must be filed within five business days after the conclusion of the sale and prior to confirmation of the sale by the court.

The clerk of the court will, concurrently with the filing, file the report or notice with the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the property is located. The report or notice will set forth all results from the sale, or a separate report or

notice may be created for each property sold. The report or notice will include, at a minimum, the identification of the property and defendants contained in the notice of sale as required, the name of the successful bidder and the total successful price bid for each parcel together with the instrument number of the last conveyance of record.

The report or notice will be for notice purposes only and shall not be evidence of transfer of title.

Failure to timely record the report or notice will not provide grounds to set the sale aside. The document will be exempt from recording fees.

The time is extended to 30 days in which airplanes and helicopters must be removed from the state to avoid taxation for certain in-state purchases or repairs.

"The Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act" requires the governing bodies of all public and private elementary, middle, junior high and high schools, with guidance provided by the state departments of health and education, to adopt guidelines and other information and forms to educate coaches, administrators, athletes and parents of the nature, risk and symptoms of sudden cardiac arrest, and require training for coaches.

The act also provides some immunity from liability for actions taken in good faith compliance with the requirements of the act.

Effective Jan. 1, retail sale of products containing dextromethorphan to persons who are less than 18 years of age is prohibited, and it prohibits the purchase of products containing dextromethorphan by persons who are less than 18 years of age.

The new law preempts any local ordinance regulating the retail sale of products containing dextromethorphan enacted by a local government.

Concerning elections, a new law prohibits a county election commission from prohibiting a voter from using a mobile electronic or communication device at a polling place for informational purposes to assist the voter in making election decisions.

A county election commission may require that any mobile electronic or communication device be silenced while in use at the polling place.

PCL

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at our entire operation, and what we do."

Now that PCL is at the top of the list among the nation's non-profits, Garmon said, "The goal now is to maintain the Four-Star rating."

People for Care and Learning works to alleviate poverty from Southeast Tennessee to Southeast Asia, and Garmon added that this national recognition will be a great help with partners, donors and volunteers. He said it will be of tremendous assistance with the organization's transparency.

To gain the high rating, PCL went through a rigorous examination. It received commendation for its sound fiscal management practices, commitment to accountability and transparency, ethical practices, and for freely sharing about the organization with donors and other stakeholders.

The local group went through several months of investigation, submission of outside audits, minutes of meetings, and explanations of operational practices.

Michael Thatcher, president and CEO of Charity Navigator, in

awarding the top rating, said, "Out of the thousands of non-profits Charity Navigator evaluates, only 1 out of 4 earns four stars — a rating that demands rigor, responsibility, and commitment to openness. People for Care and Learning joins a select group of high-performing charities."

Garmon praised his organization's volunteers and donors, whose commitment to the organization makes it successful. "Our Cleveland supporters take the lead in championing the causes that PCL undertakes. We would be extremely limited without our local backing."

While its primary focus is international, PCL has also contributed to Cleveland causes, principally development of the Greenway, including building restrooms, providing water fountains and helping with a new playground.

PCL presently focuses its efforts in Cambodia, where a recent three-year project called Build a City provided housing for hundreds of families that had been evicted from an urban slum and relocated to an open field

without water, sewers or electricity. The new town is a model village with all of those things.

A medical clinic will open when new equipment and supplies arrive.

An exemplary preschool education program's goal is helping children take the first steps out of poverty, and job training for adults will enable them to secure employment.

The lives of hundreds of people are being dramatically changed because of PCL.

The organization also operates two orphanages, a demonstration farm, a coffee shop (Common Grounds) that earns operational funds and has earned top ratings in international tourist guides, and educational programs that offer English-language instruction.

People for Care and Learning, a Christian group, is interdenominational and governed by a board of directors whose members represent several different church backgrounds.

PCL's motto is "Giving the poor a working chance."

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Haines providing Internet to 200 local customers

By BRIAN GRAVES
Banner Staff Writer

Most of the recent debate on broadband access in Bradley County has centered on the dissatisfaction with either the major telecommunication companies' unwillingness to serve some areas or inability to provide a reliable product.

One local businessman said he has been here providing service. The idea of EPB moving into

the area puts his entrepreneurship in jeopardy with an unfair advantage, he said.

William Haines is the owner/operator of America Internet and Communications.

Haines said he has been in the Bradley County market for two years and currently has more than 200 customers.

"I was basically run

out of Chattanooga by EPB," Haines said. "They have the advantage of infrastructure I do not."

He said currently his service covers 80 percent of Bradley County.

"We started off on Red Hill Valley Road, which doesn't have cable or anything. It was dial-up or a hot spot," Haines said. "It then went to Tunnel Hill Road, who were screaming

about Charter stopping about a half mile from the business park up there."

He said a tower was then put on Red Clay Road which services areas like Lead Mine Valley Road and Cherokee Subdivision.

"It also gets Dalton Pike and that area," he said, adding there are several subdivisions that are using his service.

"There were two subdivisions that could not get buyers until we brought service to the area," he said. "One of them sold six lots this summer. It has helped that much. Another is now starting to sell out. I have two builders who see the value of what I'm doing out there."

Haines said he had more than 500 customers in Chattanooga before EPB's fiber-optic expansion.

"When they came in with their government money to fund the project, it started mushrooming," he said. "They had a good plan to go in and get phone customers, and then they would almost give the Internet to them. It was a bundle price. They essentially weren't paying for Internet, just for the phone service. Then it started mushrooming a little bit more. They are dominant now."

He said EPB's domination of the market is "running everybody off."

"You either find some business, or you sink," Haines said.

He said he has seen success in both the residential and business markets in Bradley County.



Haines



THE RIVER COUNTIES Association of Realtors/MLS recently donated \$1,000 to the Friends of the Greenway in Cleveland. RCAR is involved in giving back to the community. From left are Amy Bales, RCMLS board of directors; Cathy McCracken, 2015 RCMLS president; Cameron Fisher, Friends of the Greenway; and Tara Hampton, RCAR Association executive.

Blythe

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State Community College at the age of 19.

She said she had loved O'Keeffe's work for a long time. O'Keeffe was famous for the roses she painted in New Mexico.

"She is probably the most famous female artist," Lorello said. "She did giant florals, super large florals and very detailed. This one isn't detailed like hers, but it is flattened out like hers starts to be."

Mackintosh also became famous for his roses. Lorello said the dots in her rose design are inspired by his paintings.

"It has that little bit of the floatiness that O'Keeffe gave her things, and the Mackintosh is where it is grounded in that sort of mission style from the 1920s-1930s organic look," Lorello said.

The styles of these 1920s artists appeal to Lorello. She said her flower incorporates these styles "and takes them up to a modern level."

Lorello was drawn to Mackintosh's styles while she was living in Egypt.

The other community artists come from a variety of backgrounds. One likes abstract. Another will paint elements of a more traditional mural scene of houses. Another contributing artist has specialized in tattoos and will paint an eagle on the building. Lorello described another artist as "a folk artist."

By the time the mural is complete, about eight people will have contributed to the project.

The project is about letting each

artist "leave their mark" on the community and inspire people to pursue their dreams. Lorello said.

"Art is kind of what your soul is saying inside your subconscious that kind of comes out," Lorello said.

A border of abstract blocks, inspired by the lines of stained glass, appears near the corners of the building.

Recent rains have kept artists from creating their contributions to the piece of community art, but ideas have been mapped out. Each artist will have a section on the wall along Euclid Avenue. In between these sections of artwork, silhouettes of residents will be painted. A tree of life will be the final element.

"The building is like one big organic piece with one thing flowing from the next to the next," Lorello said.

Recently acquired scaffolding will allow artists to create designs at different heights.

The long wall of the building opposite the Euclid Avenue side is being left blank as a place for aspiring artists to practice.

"It's for public use," Lorello said.

Lorello said she originally wanted to have the mural project complete this month. However, she anticipates the project will be completed in the spring.

The project has been made possible through permission from Whirlpool, which owns the building, and donations of supplies.

Lorello hopes the Imagine building will be the first of several such projects in the area.

Signal Centers

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brain's architecture is forming.

Monica Stone, director of Cleveland Children's Services, provided the following initiatives through funding from United Way of Bradley County during 2015:

— Seventy children received free developmental screenings in order to identify children ages 5 and under who might not be meeting milestones. When a child was determined to be at-risk, Signal Centers met with the parents and caregivers to make referrals for additional services and then followed up to be sure that families were able to find the help needed.

— Seventy-one unduplicated parents/caregivers were offered individual coaching.

— Four hundred eighty-one individuals were served through community events.

— Twenty-two trainings were conducted for caregivers and child care providers.

CEO Donna McConico said Saturday her agency was told United Way had more requests this year than funds available.

"They said we can apply again in the future," she said.

McConico added, "Although we were naturally disappointed to receive the email on Dec. 10 stating we were no longer a funded

organization, we are so thankful to United Way and the citizens of Bradley County for recognizing and supporting early intervention services through the work of Signal Centers for over three decades.

"We know the citizens of Bradley County care deeply about their children and want each child to have every opportunity to learn, thrive and succeed," McConico continued.

"We are naturally concerned about the impact of our services going away.

"Signal Centers was able to provide much-needed services," the agency's CEO added. "It was our privilege to be a partner with families in providing the earliest interventions in order to achieve a life-long impact on the success and happiness of hundreds of children."

Since 1957, Signal Centers has been a leader in child care and early intervention for children with varying disabilities.

Signal Centers' mission is to strengthen children, adults and families through services focusing on disabilities, early childhood education and self-sufficiency.

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Health care repeal vote to open a political year in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been like a long-delayed New Year's resolution for Republicans. But 2016 will finally be the year when they put legislation on President Barack Obama's desk repealing his health care law.

The bill undoing the president's prized overhaul will be the first order of business when the House reconvenes this coming week, marking a sharply partisan start on Capitol Hill to a congressional year in which legislating may take a back seat to politics.

There are few areas of potential compromise between Obama and the GOP majority in the House and Senate in this election year, but plenty of opportunities for political haymaking during the presidential campaign season.

Obama will veto the health law repeal bill, which also would cut money for Planned Parenthood. The measure already has passed the Senate under special rules protecting it from Democratic obstruction. But that's the point for Republicans, who intend to schedule a veto override vote for Jan. 22, when anti-abortion activists hold their annual march in Washington to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in 1973 that legalized abortion.

Despite dozens of past votes to repeal the health law in full or in part, Republicans never before have succeeded in sending a full repeal bill to the White House. They insist that doing so will fill

promises to their constituents while highlighting the clear choice facing voters in the November presidential election.

Every Republican candidate has pledged to undo the health law. The Democrats running for president would keep it in place.

"You're going to see us put a bill on the president's desk going after Obamacare and Planned Parenthood so we'll finally get a bill on his desk to veto," House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., told conservative talk host Bill Bennett over the holidays.

"Then you're going to see the House Republican Conference, working with our senators, coming out with a bold agenda that we're going to lay out for the country, to say how we would do things very differently," Ryan said.

In the Senate, which reconvenes Jan. 11, a week later than the House, early action will include a vote on a proposal by Sen. Rand Paul, the Kentucky Republican who is running for president, for an "audit" of the Federal Reserve. Democrats are likely to block it. But, like the health repeal bill in the House, the vote will answer conservative demands in an election year.

Also expected early in the Senate's year is legislation dealing with Syrian refugees, following House passage of a bill clamping down on the refugee program. Conservatives were angry when the year ended without the bill advancing. Senate Republican leader Mitch

McConnell of Kentucky promised a vote, though without specifying whether it would be the House bill or something else.

The House Benghazi committee will continue its investigation of the attacks that killed four Americans in Libya in 2012, with an interview of former CIA Director David Petraeus on Jan. 6. That comes amid new Democratic accusations of political motives aimed at Hillary Clinton after the committee chairman, Rep. Trey Gowdy, R-S.C., endorsed Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla. for president. Clinton, the front-runner for the Democratic presidential nomination, was secretary of state at the time of the Benghazi attacks.

The bold agenda promised by Ryan after succeeding former Rep. John Boehner, R-Ohio, as speaker last fall will begin to take shape at a House-Senate GOP retreat this month in Baltimore. Thus far Ryan has pledged efforts to overhaul the tax system and offer a Republican alternative to the health overhaul.

In the Senate, McConnell's primary focus is protecting the handful of vulnerable Republican senators whose seats are at risk as Democrats fight to regain the Senate majority they lost a year ago. That means weighing the political risks and benefits of every potential vote to endanger incumbents in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire.

That could determine whether McConnell allows criminal jus-



AP File Photo

IN THIS NOV. 22, 2015 file photo, The Capitol dome is seen on Capitol Hill. It's been like a long-delayed New Year's resolution for the GOP. But 2016 will finally be the year congressional Republicans put legislation on President Barack Obama's desk repealing Obamacare.

tidial race with two GOP senators having emerged as leading contenders.

Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas has been a thorn in McConnell's side, once calling the GOP leader a liar, and has frosty relations with his fellow senators. Rubio is on good terms with fellow lawmakers and has been endorsed by several of them. McConnell could schedule debate on an issue with the potential to favor Rubio politi-

cially over Cruz, such as National Security Agency wire-tapping authority.

But McConnell insists he is staying out of it. "We all have a big stake in having a nominee for president who can win, and that means carrying purple states, and I'm sure pulling for a nominee who can do that," McConnell told The Associated Press, refusing to elaborate on who might fit that description.

Clinton campaign reports \$37M in primary money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign said Friday it raised \$37 million in the past three months and more than \$112 million in all of 2015 to support her bid for the Democratic nomination.

Clinton's team also said she raised \$18 million for the Democratic National Committee and state Democratic parties nationwide in the fourth quarter, putting her total haul for the past three months at \$55 million. The fundraising for the DNC and state parties is aimed at helping Clinton in the general election should she win her party's nomination.

Clinton's fourth-quarter amount exceeded the \$28 million she raised in the three months that ended Sept. 30. Heading into the January sprint toward the leadoff Iowa caucuses on Feb. 1, Clinton's campaign said it has nearly \$38 million in cash on hand.

"Thanks to the hundreds of thousands of Americans who have joined together and powered this historic campaign, we are now heading into Iowa and New Hampshire with the resources we need to be successful," campaign manager Robby Mook said in a statement. Clinton's campaign had set a goal of \$100 million for the primary in 2015.

Clinton's chief rival, Bernie Sanders, did not immediately report his fundraising totals for the quarter that ended on Dec. 31. But the Vermont senator has collected more than 2 million individual contributions and raised money online at a vigorous pace, taking in about \$40 million through the end of September and ending that period with about \$27 million in the bank.

His campaign has noted that most of its donors have given in small increments — about \$20 to \$30 apiece —

allowing Sanders to return to them repeatedly.

While Clinton has built a steady lead in national polls, Sanders remains competitive against her in Iowa and holds a slight advantage in New Hampshire, his New England neighbor which holds its primary on Feb. 9. The third major Democrat in the race, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, has lagged behind Clinton and Sanders in fundraising and polls.

The Clinton campaign said more than 60 percent of its donors in 2015 were women. It also said 94 percent of the donations it received in the fourth quarter came in increments of \$100 or less, but it did not say what percentage of its overall fundraising total came from such small-dollar donors. The campaign spent about \$75 million in 2015, building large organizations in the early voting states and a data-driven operation to connect with voters.

Helped by several fundraisers headlined by former President Bill Clinton, most of Hillary Clinton's money came via traditional fundraising events, where the price of entry was often the legal maximum donation of \$2,700 for the primary. The presidential candidates have until Jan. 31 to report such details to federal regulators.

Clinton isn't alone in releasing some selective details ahead of that schedule. Earlier this week, Republican Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign said it had raised nearly \$20 million in the fourth quarter.

Cruz's campaign said in a memo to supporters that he will finish the year having raised more than \$45 million, but it did not disclose how much the campaign has spent or how much cash it has on hand.



Clinton

Abrasive Cruz tries to use personality to advantage

MECHANICSVILLE, Va. (AP) — Ted Cruz's reputation as an arrogant, grating, in-your-face ideologue has dogged him throughout the Republican presidential race. But it hasn't stopped the Texas senator's rise.

Cruz is increasingly embracing his irascible persona, trying to turn what could be a liability into an asset.

"If you want someone to grab a beer with, I may not be that guy," Cruz said at a Republican debate this fall when asked to describe his biggest weakness. "But if you want someone to drive you home, I will get the job done and I will get you home."

Cruz and his supporters relish his outsider status, highlighting his conflicts with fellow Republican senators. Not one has endorsed him for president.

A group backing Cruz's candidacy sent out a fundraising email plea in December with the subject line "Washington hates Ted Cruz." Cruz frequently rails against the "Washington cartel," which he argues is scared that conservatives are uniting behind him, and says he's glad that "Washington elites" despise him.

Cruz supporters, including some who turned up for a large rally at an evangelical church near Richmond, Virginia, in

December, are embracing the abrasiveness that's caused Cruz to clash with other Republicans.

"They view him as a renegade in the GOP," said Carter Cobb, 56 and retired from the Navy, from Mechanicsville, Virginia. "He doesn't toe the party line. That's what we're trying to get away from."

To Cobb and others, Cruz is the only candidate willing to make anyone angry and stand up for what he believes in.

"It makes me like him all the more. I've always liked people who were on the outside," said Daniel Daehlin, 51, from Richfield, Minnesota. "Ronald Reagan never got along with the establishment. They hated him in 1976 and '80. I like Mr. Smith Goes to Washington — someone who goes there, speaks his mind and doesn't try to cater to the inside-the-Beltway crowd."

Myra Simons, a Cruz backer from Murfreesboro, Tennessee, agrees.

"Are we going to elect someone just because you can't sit across the table and have dinner with them?" Simons said. "Or are you going to stand with someone who stands with the Constitution and is serious about the trouble our country is in?"

Cruz made his reputation in the

Senate by refusing to compromise.

He filibustered for 21 hours against President Barack Obama's health care law. The confrontational strategy he championed resulted in a 16-day partial government shutdown and alienated GOP leaders.

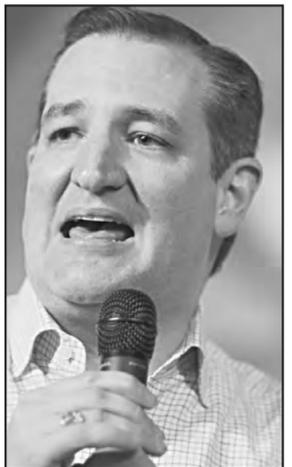
But his reading of "Green Eggs and Ham" during that filibuster became a seminal moment for Cruz. He frequently refers to it, including in a recent television ad he ran in Iowa where he reads to his two daughters from reimagined holiday stories with a conservative bent such as "The Grinch Who Lost Her Emails."

While the ad was designed to be funny, Cruz is not known for his sense of humor.

Foreign Policy magazine once described him as "the human equivalent of one of those flower-squirters that clowns wear on their lapels."

The national collegiate debating champion has shown his brusque side in the presidential debates, including the most recent one in Las Vegas when he refused to stop talking even as moderator Wolf Blitzer of CNN tried to shut him down.

Craig Mazin, who was Cruz's freshman roommate at Princeton, went so far as to tell the Daily Beast in a 2013 interview that he



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IN THIS DEC. 23, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential hopeful Ted Cruz speaks in Oklahoma City.

would be happier with anyone other than Cruz as president. "I would rather pick somebody from the phone book," Mazin said.

But Cruz has shown a lighter side that his campaign says demonstrates he's not as unlikable as his reputation suggests.

Cruz acted out scenes from "The Princess Bride" during a November interview at WMUR in New Hampshire, and that clip has been watched more than 250,000 times on YouTube. After rival Donald Trump referred to Cruz as "a little bit of a maniac," the Cruz campaign tried to laugh it off by posting a video on Twitter of the song "Maniac" from the film "Flashdance."

Sanders campaign raised \$33M since October

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders raised more than \$33 million during the past three months in his bid to win the Democratic nomination, his campaign said on Saturday, just short of the amount brought in by rival Hillary Clinton during the same period.

Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, has now collected \$73 million for the primaries through a powerful online fundraising apparatus that should help him compete with Clinton deep into spring. His haul will allow him to spend money at a comparable rate with Clinton, who raised \$37 million since the beginning of October and \$112 million during 2015 for her primary campaign.

"This people-powered campaign is revolutionizing American politics," said Jeff Weaver, Sanders' campaign manager, in a statement. "What we are showing is that we can run a strong, national campaign without a super PAC and without depending on millionaires and billionaires for their support. We are making history, and we are proud of it."

Clinton is the Democratic front-runner in national polls, but Sanders remains within striking distance against her in Iowa, which holds its caucuses on Feb. 1. Sanders is hoping to surprise Clinton in Iowa and then use his New England ties to defeat her in the New Hampshire primary on Feb. 9, where polls

have shown him with a slight advantage.

The campaign finance estimates indicate that Sanders should have the resources to mount an effective challenge: His campaign said it had \$28.4 million in the bank at the end of 2015.

Clinton's campaign, which spent about \$75 million during 2015 to build a large data-driven organization, ended the year with \$38 million in cash on hand. Sanders spent about \$45 million in 2015. He stepped up his expenditures during the fourth quarter when he began television advertising and increased the size of his paid staff in early states.

Most of Sanders' fundraising came through 2.5 million dona-

tions, most of them made online, a number that his team said surpassed President Barack Obama's record number of 2.2 million donations in 2011.

Sanders' average donation was \$27, an amount that will allow him to return to his contributors for more money during the spring. Only a few hundred of his 1 million individual donors gave the maximum of \$2,700 for the primary, the campaign said.

But Clinton is also helping build the party for the general election. She raised \$18 million for the Democratic National Committee and state Democratic parties nationwide in the fourth quarter, putting her total haul for the past three months at \$55 million. The DNC money is aimed at helping Clinton in the general

election should she win the party's nomination.

Sanders, by comparison, did not raise any money for the DNC last year, although his campaign has said it plans to fundraise on behalf of the national party.

The third major Democrat in the race, former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley, has not yet provided fundraising estimates for the quarter but has struggled against Clinton and Sanders in both donations and polls.

Both Clinton and Sanders have raised money at strong clips compared to a large field of Republicans. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz's campaign said it had raised nearly \$20 million in the fourth quarter and estimated that he would finish the year having raised more than \$45 million.

Guest lineups for news shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Guest lineups for the Sunday TV news shows:

ABC's "This Week" — Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders; Republican presidential candidate Ben Carson.

NBC's "Meet the Press" — Not available.

CBS' "Face the Nation" — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

CNN's "State of the Union" — Sanders; Republican presidential candidate Carly Fiorina; Rep. Dave Brat, R-Va.

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States plan renewed debate on LGBT rights, religious freedom

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — With same-sex marriage now legal nationwide, lawmakers in numerous states are preparing for a new round of battles in 2016 over whether to grant discrimination protections to LGBT people or religious exemptions to nonprofits and businesses that object to gay marriage.

The tussle over civil rights and religious freedoms is one of several hot-button issues that could drive states in opposite policy directions, as lawmakers seek to appeal to voters during a year in which more than 5,800 state legislative seats will be up for election.

Republicans hold majorities in two-thirds of the states' legislative chambers, meaning they get to set the agenda. Those priorities could include attempts to exempt businesses from providing wedding-related services to gay couples, expand gun rights and further restrictions on abortions.

Democrats, meanwhile, will likely be pushing in the opposite direction.

"What we've got is division," said William Pound, executive director of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

He predicts there will be a "significant number of bills" seeking to advance either religious rights or the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people.

"You've got the Democratic states reacting very differently, a lot of the time, than the Republican states to these issues," Pound said.

Those potentially divisive debates will be playing out as legislators also struggle with some traditionally difficult financial issues, such as budget shortfalls and calls to boost funding for public schools and infrastructure. Education issues are expected to be at the forefront in more than a third of the states, according to an analysis by Associated Press statehouse reporters around the country.

At least 10 states might consider new revenue for transportation in 2016, building on a trend in which at least half the states already have acted in the past several years.

States that rely heavily on the energy industry for tax income, such as Alaska, Oklahoma, West Virginia and Wyoming, are taking big budget hits due to falling oil, natural gas and coal revenue. But tax cuts could be on the agenda in more than a half-

dozen other states, including Arizona, Florida and Maine.

States' general revenues are expected to grow by about 2.5 percent in 2016, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers. As they prepare their next budgets, "states are still going to be very pinched" to meet rising costs for K-12 schools, Medicaid and core services, said David Adkins, executive director and chief executive of The Council of State Governments.

Added to the mix will be several emerging issues, such as how to quell a rise in opiate addictions and overdoses, and whether to extend regulations to online fantasy sports and to individuals renting rides or lodging through the "sharing economy."

Some states also will be wrestling with unique local issues, including flood recovery in South Carolina, whether to keep the Confederate emblem on the Mississippi flag, as well as ethics overhauls following political scandals in New York, Missouri and New Mexico.

Influential national groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union and the Family Research Council are preparing for a new round of legislative debates after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in June that states must allow same-sex marriage. Their focus now is on the effect of that ruling.

There are 22 states with laws barring discrimination based on sexual orientation and 21 with laws limiting the government's ability to burden the free exercise of religion. But just four states — Connecticut, Rhode Island, Illinois and New Mexico — have both.

The ACLU will be seeking to expand the list of places barring discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It's targeting at least a half dozen states — Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania — that have Republican-led legislatures and also may be pivotal in presidential elections.

The Supreme Court's decision "certainly provides momentum on the issue," said Pennsylvania Rep. Dan Frankel, a Democrat from the Pittsburgh area who has been unsuccessfully sponsoring gay rights bills for more than a decade.

He said challenges remain and pointed to a November referendum in which Houston voters

rejected a city ordinance extending nondiscrimination protections to gay and transgender people.

The Family Research Council, which opposed the Houston ordinance, is supporting state measures that would grant broad protections "from government discrimination" against people "who have a sincere belief — religious or not — in natural marriage," said Quena Gonzalez, the group's director of state and local affairs.

Missouri House Majority Leader Mike Cierpiot said many of his Republican colleagues were alarmed by the Supreme Court ruling on gay marriage.

"I think there's a lot of states that are looking at this and seeing what can be done to make sure that religious freedoms are respected," said Cierpiot, a Republican from suburban Kansas City.

An intense debate over gay rights already is shaping up in Indiana, where a religious-rights law passed last spring thrust the state into the national spotlight over concerns it could sanction discrimination against gays and lesbians. A coalition of 150 businesses is backing legislation to ban discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations based on a person's sexual orientation or gender identity.

An LGBT rights proposal outlined by Indiana Senate Republicans would grant broad exceptions intended to protect small business owners and religious schools, nonprofits and adoption agencies. For example, a wedding-related business with fewer than four employees could refuse to do work for a same-sex marriage.

Other issues that made headlines in 2015 also are expected to lead legislative agendas in the new year:

— Lawmakers in several states are seeking to expand gun rights, citing a need for self-defense following a spate of mass shootings in San Bernardino, California, a community college in Oregon, a historically black church in South Carolina and a Planned Parenthood clinic in Colorado.

States such as Florida, South Dakota and West Virginia are among those considering bills allowing concealed guns on college campuses or dropping requirements for a government permit to carry concealed weapons.

Stricter gun controls are being



IN THIS MARCH 28, 2015, file photo, opponents of an Indiana religious objections law rally outside the State House in Indianapolis. An intense debate over gay rights already is shaping up in Indiana, where a religious-rights law passed last spring thrust the state into the national spotlight over concerns it could sanction discrimination against gays and lesbians.

discussed in California, Illinois and New York, including measures that would prohibit firearm sales to people on government no-fly lists or terrorist watch lists.

— A battle over funding for Planned Parenthood — and a renewed push for additional abortion restrictions — is expected in response to undercover videos released last summer showing Planned Parenthood officials discussing aborted fetal body parts.

Ohio Right to Life has an aggressive agenda, including a 20-week abortion ban, a prohibition on ending pregnancies involving a Down Syndrome diagnosis and the defunding of Planned Parenthood. Republican-led legislatures in Arizona, Idaho, Missouri, South Dakota and Utah also are among the places pushing greater restrictions on abortion and Planned Parenthood.

In Colorado, where a gunman killed three people at a Planned Parenthood clinic in November, the Democratic-led House could consider increasing the state's protest buffer around abortion clinics. But Republican senators may try to defund Planned Parenthood, citing the fetal body part videos.

— Some states, responding to police shootings of citizens that prompted widespread protests, plan to try again in 2016 to set policies for the use of police body cameras and new procedures for investigating police shootings.

Several states are considering comprehensive sentencing changes, such as prison alterna-

tives for non-violent offenders. More states also are expected to debate bills relaxing laws against marijuana, either by revoking criminal penalties or allowing for its medicinal use.

Man killed by officers was holding phone, not a gun

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A man who was fatally shot by Las Vegas police while holding a cellphone that was mistaken for a gun had recently been convicted of multiple crimes in Arizona, his attorney said Saturday.

Brad Reinhart last had contact with his client, Keith Childress Jr., 23, last month when a jury was set to issue a verdict in his trial for stealing marijuana and guns from a Phoenix home in 2013. Reinhart said he texted Childress to be at the courthouse, but he never showed up.

"He didn't show up for the final hearing. They had a warrant out for him," Reinhart said.

Las Vegas police said they were assisting U.S. marshals in arresting Childress because he was accused of multiple violent felonies in Arizona including attempted murder. Reinhart said

while Childress' crimes were serious, they never included a charge of attempted murder.

According to Maricopa County Superior Court records, a jury convicted Childress on Dec. 17 of burglary, armed robbery, kidnapping, aggravated assault and theft.

The Clark County Office of the Coroner identified Childress on Saturday and said he died from multiple gunshot wounds. His death was ruled a homicide.

The shooting occurred Thursday after Childress had been under surveillance and fled from federal authorities, Las Vegas police said in a statement.

Childress was found outside a home west of downtown. Police said his right hand held what they believed to be a firearm.

Officers told him to drop the gun and ordered him to stop

when he began to move toward them. Police said two officers opened fire when Childress didn't obey their commands. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police later said Childress was actually holding a cellphone.

No officers, agents or bystanders were injured, Police spokesman Officer Larry Hadfield said.

Police Capt. Matt McCarthy of the department's office of Internal Oversight and Constitutional Policing said the officers shot at the man because the confrontation was in a residential area and involved a man wanted for attempted murder who they thought was holding a gun.

"The suspect did not listen, quickly began to advance on the officers, concealing his right hand, which the officers believed was holding a firearm," McCarthy said in a video message that accompanied the police statement.

The two officers who shot Childress have not been identified, but they are expected to be named soon in line with department policy.

Reinhart said Childress' family wants answers and he plans to inquire into the shooting. He said the description from police makes it appear as though Childress wanted officers to shoot him.

"That did not strike me as the type of guy he was. He had two kids and a kid on the way," Reinhart said.

It was the 16th shooting in which an officer opened fire or was shot at in 2015 in the Las Vegas area.

Childress and three other men, including his half brother, were charged with forcibly entering a Phoenix home in March 2013 and stealing marijuana and weapons. But Childress was not the ring leader, Reinhart said.

"He definitely got caught up in a bad situation," Reinhart said. "But, he wasn't a violent kind of guy."

Coroner: Body of 5-year-old with autism found in canal

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Police are calling it "a tragic accident" after the body of a 5-year-old boy with autism was found in a canal about a quarter mile from a residence in eastern Pennsylvania where he wandered away from a New Year's Eve party.

Lehigh County Coroner Scott Grim says an autopsy Monday will help determine when Jayliel Vega Batista entered the water at Canal Park in Allentown.

He had been missing since Thursday night.

Police say he was playing with a tablet computer when he reportedly wandered away barefoot and without a coat.

Search dogs tracked the boy's scent to the canal, where the tablet was found early Saturday afternoon. That prompted police to call in divers who found the boy's body about 8 feet from shore, in 6 feet of water.

The chief couldn't immediately say whether anyone might face

charges because the boy wandered away, though authorities took care to note they were attempting to assist the boy's grieving family. They asked reporters and the public to respect the family's privacy, and said a local funeral director has offered to pay for the boy's burial.

The tablet was found about 30 yards away from where the dogs traced the boy's scent. It's possible the boy entered the water at that location, then drifted to the spot where he was found Saturday, authorities said.

Grim couldn't say how the boy died, or whether he was likely still alive when he entered the water.

"We'll determine that Monday at the autopsy," Grim said, adding that calculations involving the water temperature and the body temperature of the boy will help determine how long he's been in the water and how he died.

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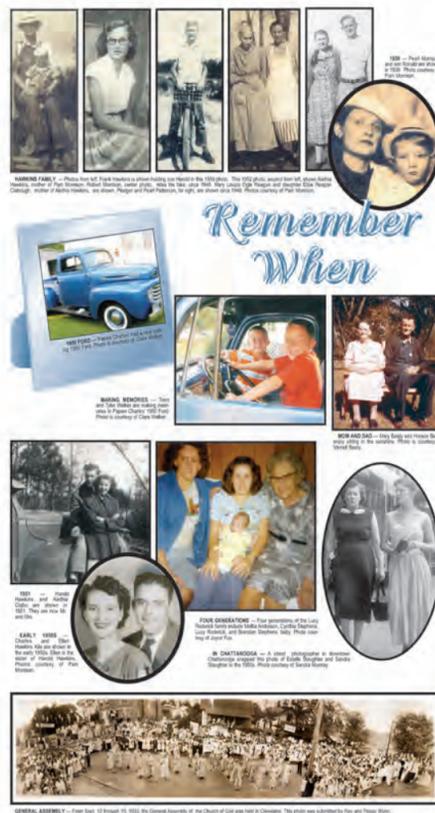
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SCOTT FOX, front, who decided it was time to leave his residence on Mississippi Boulevard, which was surrounded by water, paddles a boat with his friend Tony Watkins in Kimmswick, Mo., Thursday. Watkins was helping Fox come to shore.

St. Louis-area residents face massive cleanup, recovery

The Associated Press

As the Mississippi River and its tributaries retreated Saturday from historic winter levels that flooded towns, forced evacuations and killed two dozen people, residents in the St. Louis area were facing a massive cleanup and recovery effort that will likely last weeks.

"The healing process, the restoration process has begun," Chris Greenhagen, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Eureka, Missouri, one of the communities hit by flooding along the Meramec River earlier this week, said in a telephone interview.

The flood, fueled by more than 10 inches of rain over a three-day period that began last weekend, is blamed for 24 deaths in Illinois and Missouri.

Water from the Mississippi, Meramec and Missouri rivers largely began receding Friday in the St. Louis area. Two major highways — Interstate 44 and Interstate 55 — reopened south of St. Louis on Friday and some evacuees were also allowed then to return home.

On Saturday, while residents took stock of the ruin, Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon said he has asked for a federal emergency declaration to help speed cleanup of the flood debris in the St. Louis area. If the declaration is approved, the Missouri National Guard would manage the debris cleanup program at the state level and coordinate with federal and local governments.

Nixon and Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner also toured flood-ravaged areas as near-record crest predictions of the Mississippi River and levee breaks threatened more homes.

In Missouri, Noelle Pace said she packed up electronics, some furniture and her 4-year-old son's clothing and toys and left Pacific on Dec. 28, the day after she received a request to evacuate. She felt lucky to find the damage isolated to her crawl space when she returned for the first time Thursday.

"Everybody around us had catastrophic damage," Pace said. She said she might not be able to move back for weeks while her landlord replaces soaked insulation.

"It doesn't feel real yet," she said.

Illinois Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Patti Thompson said the



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TUAN NGUYEN, owner of Pit Stop Liquor and Tobacco, estimates that 25 percent of his store's inventory was lost because of the flood waters, in Pacific, Mo., Friday. On Friday, water from the Mississippi, Meramec and Missouri rivers was largely receding in the St. Louis area. Two major highways, Interstate 44 and Interstate 55, reopened south of St. Louis.

state's flooding death toll increased to nine. Fifteen have died in Missouri.

Rauner encouraged people to respect requests to evacuate.

"This is life threatening," he told reporters at Carlyle Lake in Clinton County in southern Illinois. It's not just the water; it's the temperature. Hypothermia is a big risk to people's lives.

The main culprit in the St. Louis region was the Meramec River, a relatively small Mississippi tributary that bombarded communities in the far southwestern reaches of the St. Louis suburbs during the week. Two wastewater treatment plants were so damaged by the floodwaters that raw sewage spewed into the river. Hundreds of people were evacuated in the Missouri communities of Pacific, Eureka, Valley Park and Arnold, where many homes took in water.

William Reynolds said he moved at least \$50,000 worth of inventory from his Valley Park store to the second story of his nearby home when the evacuation was ordered. He was still unpacking Saturday after the evacuation was lifted.

Jay Newman, chef at Frederick's Pub and Grill in Fenton, Missouri, said he was mostly stuck in his Arnold home for two days because of the flooding, which closed most of the area roads.

"It was bad from every direction," Newman said.

While the worst of the danger-



Jennie Crabbe/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP

THE FLOODED Crescent area of west St. Louis County, Mo., including the Aberdeen Golf Club near Eureka, is seen from the overlook in Bluff View Park on Friday. The worst of the dangerous, deadly winter flood is over in the St. Louis area, leaving residents of several water-logged communities to spend the first day of 2016 assessing damage, cleaning up and figuring out how to bounce back or, in some cases, where to live.

Soldiers often marry young, and for some good reasons

By **KATELYN CLARK**
The Leaf-Chronicle

CLARKSVILLE (AP) — The military forces people to grow up fast — especially when it comes to marriage.

That's what military wife Wesley Ann Wade said when talking about marrying young in the military.

Wade and other military couples said the "young marriage complex" has existed for years when star-crossed lovers eloped just before deployments. This still exists today, according to several Clarksville couples, but sometimes for reasons that are much different.

Almost 43 percent of active duty members are 25 or younger and 23 percent range from 26 to 30 years old, according to the Department of Defense Demographics Report. Over half (56.1 percent) on active duty are married.

Add to those statistics the fact that the Army has the highest percentage of married members at almost 60 percent, according to the report.

So, there are still a lot of young military lads and ladies getting hitched. But why?

"Most people in their 30s and 40s don't see the stuff a 20-year-old soldier sees," Wesley Ann said. "I think marriage gives them a feeling of stability. Soldiers' lives are constantly in danger and a lot of them have lost friends at such a young age, so a lot of them live for the present. If they find someone they love or they want to start a family with, they want to do it now."

Wesley Ann and her husband William dated only 10 months before they got married. He was 21 and she was 23.

Almost five years later, they are still married with no children. William is a sergeant based at Fort Campbell with seven years of service under his belt.

"Marriage at a young age is a little bit harder because you are still figuring out who you are. But if you want the marriage to work, both people really have to give 110 percent — but that goes for any marriage at any age," Wesley Ann said.

With a total of 18 months in combat over two deployments, the Wades have been together since William's first. Wesley Ann said she wouldn't change a thing if she had to do it over. She said she would still marry young.

"I don't think marriage gets easier when you're older, you just face different life problems," said Wesley Ann.

Psychology of it all Adding science to the mix, Dr. E.C. Hurley from the Soldier Center said there's more of a need to marry that's embedded into soldiers.

"There's this need for belonging — this attachment issue," said Hurley. "It's in human nature, but it's more so for the military. They want people who love them to remember them. They want children to carry on their legacy because there's this uncertainty of coming back."

Hurley said after this need, there are varying reasons for marrying young in the military ranging from economic gain, security and love.

The biggest issue young couples have in the military is adjusting to expectations and ideals, according to Hurley.

"After you get married, there's an adjustment of expectations or what it means to be married," said Hurley. "The spouse has to go through these adjustments where the soldier's commitment is 24/7."

Hurley said the spouse needs to understand and adapt to the uncertainty of the soldier being able to drop everything or leave the job when the spouse needs them.

"Sometimes the needs of the military come first," Hurley said. "Soldiers are taught that this mission is the most important thing."

"The soldiers have to balance the reality of the mission with the priority of marriage."

Military service adds more challenges to a marriage than a civilian union, and older couples tend to have more experience with having to deal with these types of challenges, according to Hurley.

Hurley said all marriages and even romantic relationships go through predictable phases, but young marriages are different because they have this idea of what they want.

"They are in this bubble of ideals about what their hopes and dreams are for marriage," said Hurley.

Hurley has spent his life dedicated to the military. After 33 years serving as an Army chaplain and part of that time actually enlisted, Hurley now runs the Soldier Center in Clarksville where he works with soldiers and military families.

A re-do would be different

Kayla and Kriscijan Radic have been together for almost four years and married for two with no children. They decided to take their vows when Kayla was 18 and Kriscijan was 19.

When asked what they would do if they had to do it over, both Radics said they would have waited to marry instead of marrying young right away.

"There would be more everything if you wait, especially if you stay with them awhile," said Kriscijan. "Yes, the Army causes problems like not enough family time. They stress that they care about families, but not enough time is given. I had 10 days to deploy. No time was given for family. I went home every night around 8 p.m. That's why most Army people complain about marriage because you work hard all day to either come home to a fight or not seeing your family awake."

Both were in college when Kriscijan decided to join the Army and asked Kayla to marry him. Kayla left school in Virginia to join her husband at Fort Campbell after his relocation.

"I didn't see a long-distance relationship working out in the Army without marriage," said Kriscijan. "The paperwork made everything official and made us happier."

Kriscijan said he joined the Army because he wanted to be a cop and wanted to be the first in his family to serve, among other reasons. His family immigrated from Bosnia and Croatia.

Now, Kriscijan is a military policeman currently serving a nine-month deployment to Liberia, Africa.

"Barely seeing your loved ones because of their work schedule or not being able to go back home at any time is the hardest part," said Kayla. "We struggle with that the most."

Marrying young in the military has its perks, apparently. Kriscijan said he thinks military guys get married young for the extra money and to stay out of the barracks so they can get their own houses.

But, it doesn't come without its hardships.

"Honestly, all people go through struggles with marriage at any time, no matter the age," said Kayla. "Yes, it may seem harder when you're young, but you just have to know that you're going to get through it together."

Local stats on marriage and divorce

From Dec. 1, 2012 to Dec. 10, 2014, there were 4,039 marriage licenses issued for Montgomery County. In those same years, divorce numbers averaged in the 600 range.

In 2014, Montgomery County recorded 520 divorces where the couple did not have children and 610 divorces where the couple did have children. The 2014 statistics do not include statistics from December, but according to Circuit Court officials, they appear to be steady.

In 2013 and 2012, those numbers ranged from 630 to 665 in both types of divorce. In Montgomery County, marriage and divorce statistics are not broken up by military affiliation.

One for the books

While a junior in high school in a little town in Texas, Jon Boring happened to see Stephanie at a football game. He knew her older sister, who introduced him to the soon-to-be freshman. After that introduction, they started dating. Jon and Stephanie continued their relationship throughout high school and after he graduated.

It wasn't until a few semesters of community college had passed that Jon decided to join the Army at Fort Hood.

Two months after Stephanie graduated high school, Jon took a four-day pass to travel back home and marry his high school sweetheart.

She didn't move with him to Fort Hood until that next January, six months after their union.

"It really wasn't a well thought out plan," said Jon. "But, we knew each other really well. We started with absolutely nothing and worked our way through."

Two years later, he was assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment at Fort Campbell where they've been ever since.

In his 22 years of service, Jon and Stephanie faced 14 combat deployments, the birth of their three children, Dylen (19), Jacey (10), Mirabelle (19 months) and numerous trips away for training.

Jon said he credits his successful marriage to strong faith, a strong family upbringing and trial and error without giving up.

When asked about a re-do on marrying young, his answer was almost instantaneously no.

"I tend to believe everything happens for a reason," he said. "There's nothing that I wanted to do that I didn't do. We experienced everything together."

Jon said he thinks young military members get married so quickly because of young love and the ability to grow up faster.

"The military is a way for you to start earning and providing for a spouse faster than earning a degree through college," said Jon. "I would attribute it to impatience."

But once you get married, Jon said things change.

Money, being young and immature and separation from family were the three struggles Jon said are common issues in young military marriages.

Jon said they're some of the hardest things to overcome when trying to build a household.

"It can be easy to blame the military for marital problems," Jon said. "Yes, it makes it more difficult and can be taxing on a marriage, but it's not to blame for divorce. If (divorce is) going to happen, it's going to happen."

For 21 years, Stephanie has been Jon's rock, but Jon said he would caution any young military couple wanting to tie the knot.

"I would say give it some time, give it a year," said Jon. "Let them see what it's like to be around you when you're deployed because everything changes. They have to have a complete understanding of what military life is."

"Research. Talk to people who've been there and let your spouse get to know the people in your unit. That would be my advice."

Some flooding in Ky., Tenn. as agencies try to control water

MEMPHIS (AP) — Western Tennessee and Kentucky are still facing flood threats as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Tennessee Valley Authority work to control water levels.

The National Weather Service issued a flood advisory for the Cumberland River at Dover through Monday evening. The river was expected to rise to near 66.6 feet. Flood stage is 67 feet.

Minor flooding along the Ohio River was affecting parts of Owensboro and Paducah, Kentucky, with the river not expected to crest until Thursday. Moderate flooding was reported along the Green River near Paradise, Kentucky.

The Mississippi River was

expected to crest in Memphis at 42 feet on January 9. Although no major flooding was expected in the city, officials were moving to protect roads and a local airport.

The city said it will close a portion of North Second Street to through traffic on Monday as crews install temporary barriers along the street to hold back floodwater north of downtown.

And workers will be filling sandbags to protect the nearby General DeWitt Spain Airport, which flooded in 2011 when a temporary levee along North Second failed. Some plane owners have moved their airplanes to other sites as a precaution.

Along the Downtown river-

front, the expected high water will force the relocation of several transformers in Tom Lee Park and some electrical equipment at one of the Beale Street Landing islands.

In Wickliffe, Kentucky, also on the Mississippi, residents were filling sandbags to protect local homes from the river.

In Finley, farmers along the Mississippi were evacuating homes and moving equipment to higher ground. The sheriff's office placed deputies in the area and planned increased patrols to protect property there.

Janie Smith and her granddaughter Amanda began packing their home early Wednesday morning.

In Saudi Arabia

Shiite cleric among 47 executed

RİYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia's execution Saturday of 47 prisoners, including an influential Shiite cleric, threatened to further damage Sunni-Shiite relations in a regional struggle playing out across the Middle East between the kingdom and its regional foe Iran.

Shiite leaders across the region swiftly condemned Riyadh and warned of sectarian backlash as Saudi Arabia insisted the executions were part of a justified war on terrorism. Also executed Saturday were al-Qaida detainees who were convicted of launching a spate of attacks against foreigners and security forces a decade ago.

The execution of Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr now becomes another focal point for sectarian and political wrangling between Saudi Arabia and Iran. The two regional rivals back opposing sides in civil wars in Yemen and in Syria. Saudi Arabia was also a vocal critic of the recent Iranian agreement with world powers that ends international economic sanctions in exchange for limits on the Iranian nuclear program.

Iranian politicians warned that the Saudi monarchy would pay a heavy price for the death of al-Nimr. The Iranian Foreign Ministry summoned the Saudi envoy in Tehran to protest, and parliament speaker Ali Larijani said the execution would prompt "a maelstrom" in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudi Foreign Ministry later said it had summoned Iran's envoy to the kingdom to protest the critical Iranian reaction to the sheikh's execution, saying it represented "blatant interference" in its internal affairs.

Al-Nimr's execution could also antagonize the Shiite-led government in Iraq, which has close relations with Tehran. The Saudi embassy in Baghdad, which had been closed for nearly 25 years, was reopened on Friday. An influential Shiite militia in Iraq, known as Asaib Ahl Al-Haq, called on the government Saturday to close down the embassy.

Iraqi Prime Minister Haidar al-Aabadi Tweeted Saturday night that he was "shocked and saddened" by al-Nimr's execution, adding that, "peaceful opposition is a fundamental right. Repression does not last."

Hundreds of al-Nimr's supporters protested in his hometown of al-Qatif in eastern Saudi Arabia, in neighboring Bahrain where police fired tear gas and bird shot, and as far away as northern India.

The sheikh's brother, Mohammed al-Nimr, said in a telephone interview that Saudi authorities told the family they had already buried the body, but didn't tell them at which cemetery. The family had hoped to bury his body in his hometown. His funeral would likely have attracted thousands of supporters, including large numbers of protesters. Instead the family planned to hold prayers and accept condolences at the mosque in a village near al-Qatif, where the sheikh used to pray.

Germany's Foreign Ministry said the cleric's execution "strengthens our existing concerns about the growing tensions and the deepening rifts in the region."

State Department spokesman John Kirby said in a statement that the U.S. is "particularly concerned" that al-Nimr's execution risked "exacerbating sectarian



AP Photo

IN THIS MAY 30, 2015, photo, Saudis carry a poster demanding freedom for jailed Shiite cleric Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr, during a funeral procession, in Tarut, Saudi Arabia. Saudi Arabia says it has executed 47 prisoners, including leading Shiite cleric Sheikh Nimr al-Nimr. The cleric's name was among a list of the 47 prisoners executed carried by the state-run Saudi Press Agency. It cited the Interior Ministry for the information.

tensions at a time when they urgently need to be reduced." He said the U.S. is calling on Saudi Arabia to ensure fair judicial proceedings and permit peaceful expression of dissent while working with all community leaders to defuse tensions after the executions.

Al-Nimr's death comes 11 months after Saudi Arabia issued a sweeping counterterrorism law after Arab Spring protests shook the region in 2011 and toppled several longtime autocrats. The law codified that the kingdom could prosecute as a terrorist anyone who demands reform, exposes corruption or otherwise engages in dissent or violence against the government.

The convictions of those executed Saturday were issued by Saudi Arabia's Specialized Criminal Court, established in 2008 to try terrorism cases.

To counter Arab Spring rumblings that threatened to spill into eastern Saudi Arabia, the kingdom sent troops in 2011 to crush Shiite protests demanding more political powers from the Sunniled, fraternal monarchy of Bahrain. More security forces were also deployed that year to contain protests in Saudi Arabia's oil-rich east, where al-Nimr rallied youth who felt disenfranchised and persecuted.

A Saudi lawyer in the eastern region told The Associated Press that three other Shiite political detainees were also executed from among the 47. The lawyer spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

Advocacy organization Reprieve, which works against the death penalty worldwide, said two of the Shiites executed were teenagers when they were arrested. Reprieve said Ali al-Ribh was 18 years old and Mohammed al-Shuyokh was 19 at the time of arrest in 2012. Both were convicted on charges related to anti-government protests held in eastern Saudi Arabia.

Saudi Arabia says all those executed were convicted of acts of terrorism. Al-Nimr and the three others mentioned had been charged in connection with violence that led to the deaths of several protesters and police officers.

Saudi Arabia's top cleric Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Sheikh defended the executions as in line with Islamic Shariah law. He described the executions as a "mercy to the prisoners" because it would save them from committing more evil acts and prevent chaos.

Islamic scholars around the world hold vastly different views on the application of the death penalty in Shariah law. Saudi Arabia's judiciary adheres to one of the strictest interpretations, a Sunni Muslim ideology referred to as Wahhabism.

Because Saudi Arabia carries out most executions through beheading and sometimes in public, it has drawn comparisons to extremist groups like al-Qaida and the Islamic State group — which also carry out public beheadings and claim to be implementing Shariah.

Saudi Arabia strongly rejects the comparisons and points out that it has a judicial appeals process with executions ultimately aimed at combating crime.

In Lebanon, senior Shiite cleric Abdul-Amir Kabalan described al-Nimr's execution as "a grave mistake that could have been avoided with a royal amnesty."

The Lebanese Shiite militant group Hezbollah issued a statement calling al-Nimr's execution an "assassination" and a "ugly crime." The group added that those who carry the "moral and direct responsibility for this crime are the United States and its allies who give direct protection to the Saudi regime."

In a press conference Saturday, Saudi Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki said the executions were carried out inside prisons and not in public, as is sometimes the case. The Interior Ministry, which announced the names of all 47 people executed in a statement, said a royal court order was issued to implement the sentences after all appeals had been exhausted.

The Saudi television airwaves were flooded with pro-government analysts saying the executions are a blow to critics who accuse the kingdom of not doing enough to counter extremism.

One analyst pointed out that France declared a state of emergency and prioritized security after the recent Paris attacks that killed more than 120 people.

Meanwhile, the execution of al-Qaida militants raised concerns over revenge attacks. The extremist group's branch in Yemen, known as al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, had threatened violence against Saudi security forces last month if they carried out executions of its fighters.

One of the executed was Faris al-Shuwayl, a leading ideologue in al-Qaida's Saudi branch who was arrested in August 2004 during a massive crackdown on the group following the series of deadly attacks.

The executions took place in the capital, Riyadh, and 12 other cities and towns. Of those executed, 45 were Saudi citizens, one was from Chad and another was from Egypt.

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Israel searches for gunman who killed 2

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli police continued their manhunt Saturday for a gunman who killed two people and wounded several others when he opened fire at a bar in Tel Aviv the day before.

Police say they are investigating possible motives for the shooting, which came amid more than three months of near-daily Palestinian attacks against Israeli civilians and soldiers. On Saturday they allowed his identity to be published.

Relatives of the suspected shooter, Nashat Milhem from the Arab village of Arara in northern Israel, told media they recognized the man from CCTV footage aired on news reports. Family members said he was a troubled man who was "traumatized" after a cousin was killed by police in 2006, and who had served time in an Israeli prison after allegedly grabbing an officer's gun. They said he acted on his own and called on the man to turn himself in. Milhem's father, Mohammed, said he was deeply sorry for what happened and wished the victims a speedy recovery. "I did not educate him this way," he said.

More than 24 hours after the

attack, the shooter was still at large.

Police spokeswoman Luba Samri said police remained on "heightened alert" Saturday and a large-scale manhunt is underway.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited the scene of the attack Saturday evening. "The brutality was incomprehensible," Netanyahu said. He said that while many Muslims in Israel speak out against violence and aspire to uphold law and order in their communities there is "wild incitement by Islamic extremists against Israel in the Arab sector, incitement in mosques, and incitement in the education system and incitement on social media. We are acting aggressively against that incitement."

He said there are "lawless enclaves" with "Islamist incitement" and weapons. Police forces will be beefed up in Arab areas, he said.

"I am not willing to accept two states within Israel, a state of law for most of its citizens and a state within a state for some of its citizens. That era is over," he said.

"Whoever wants to be Israeli must be Israeli all the way," Netanyahu said.

Israel's Arabs, who make up a fifth of the country's 8.4 million people, enjoy full rights but have long complained of unfair treatment in areas such as housing and employment opportunities. Many identify more with their Palestinian brethren in the West Bank and Gaza and with Palestinian nationalism rather than with Israel.

Throughout the day, well-wishers lit candles in commemoration for the victims outside the bar.

The attack comes amid months of Palestinian attacks that have killed 21 Israelis, mostly in stabbings, shootings and car-ramming attacks. That figure does not include the victims in Friday's attack as the motive for that attack hasn't officially been determined yet.

During that time, at least 131 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire, 90 of them identified by Israel as assailants. The rest died in clashes with security forces.

Israel says the violence is being fanned by a Palestinian campaign of incitement. The Palestinians say it is rooted in frustrations stemming from nearly five decades of Israeli occupation.

India air force base attack leaves 4 gunmen, 2 troops dead

PATHANKOT, India (AP) — Suspected militants infiltrated an Indian air force base near the border with Pakistan on Saturday and exchanged fire with security forces for hours, leaving at least four gunmen and two Indian troops dead, officials and news reports said.

Although it was unclear who staged the attack, it was being seen as a possible attempt to undo recent progress made in relations between archrivals India and Pakistan, coming just a week after the first visit to Pakistan in 12 years by an Indian prime minister.

The attack at the Pathankot air force base in Punjab state began a couple of hours before dawn, and by late morning it appeared that the violence had ended with the killing of the gunmen by Indian forces. But two hours later, more gunfire erupted and an air force helicopter was seen firing at an area of the base, a major installation located about 430 kilometers (267 miles) north of New Delhi.

Air force spokeswoman Rochelle D'Silva said Saturday night that troops were combing the entire base to fully secure it. She said that the combing operation was expected to continue through the night, and that the full number of casualties would be clear once the base was completely secured.

By 9 p.m., no gunfire had been heard around the base for more than three hours.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi made an unannounced visit to Pakistan on Dec. 25 to meet with his Pakistani counterpart, Nawaz Sharif. The visit was seen as a potential sign of thawing relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. The two leaders also held an unscheduled meeting at the Paris climate

change talks last month. Ahead of Modi's visit to Pakistan, the national security advisers of both countries had met in Thailand. The foreign secretaries of both nations are scheduled to meet in Islamabad later this month.

The Indian defense ministry said there had been intelligence reports about a likely terror attack on military installations in Pathankot, and that the air force had been prepared to thwart any attackers.

"Due to the effective preparation and coordinated efforts by all the security agencies a group of terrorists were detected by the aerial surveillance platforms as soon as they entered the Air Force Station at Pathankot," the ministry said in a statement.

Despite the intelligence on a possible attack, at least two air force troops were killed in the gunbattle, the Press Trust of India news agency reported. PTI, citing police, also said at least four gunmen had been killed.

The attack began at around 3 a.m., when a group of gunmen entered the section of the base where the living quarters are located, the defense ministry said. The attackers, however, were unable to penetrate the area where fighter helicopters and other military equipment are kept, it said.

Police said they suspected the gunmen were militants, and were investigating whether they had come from the Indian portion of Kashmir or from Pakistan. The Himalayan region of Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan, but is claimed in its entirety by both.

Rebels routinely stage attacks in Indian-held Kashmir, where they've been fighting since 1989 for an independent Kashmir or its merger with Pakistan.

India accuses Pakistan of

arming and training Kashmir's insurgents, a charge Islamabad denies, and the attack was viewed by many in India as an attempt to unravel recent progress in the country's relationship with its archrival.

In the past, the contentious issue of Kashmir has halted talks between India and Pakistan.

"These kinds of attacks are nothing new and have generally been the outcome of the dispute of India and Pakistan over Kashmir," said Noor Ahmed Baba, a political scientist at Central University in Indian Kashmir's capital, Srinagar.

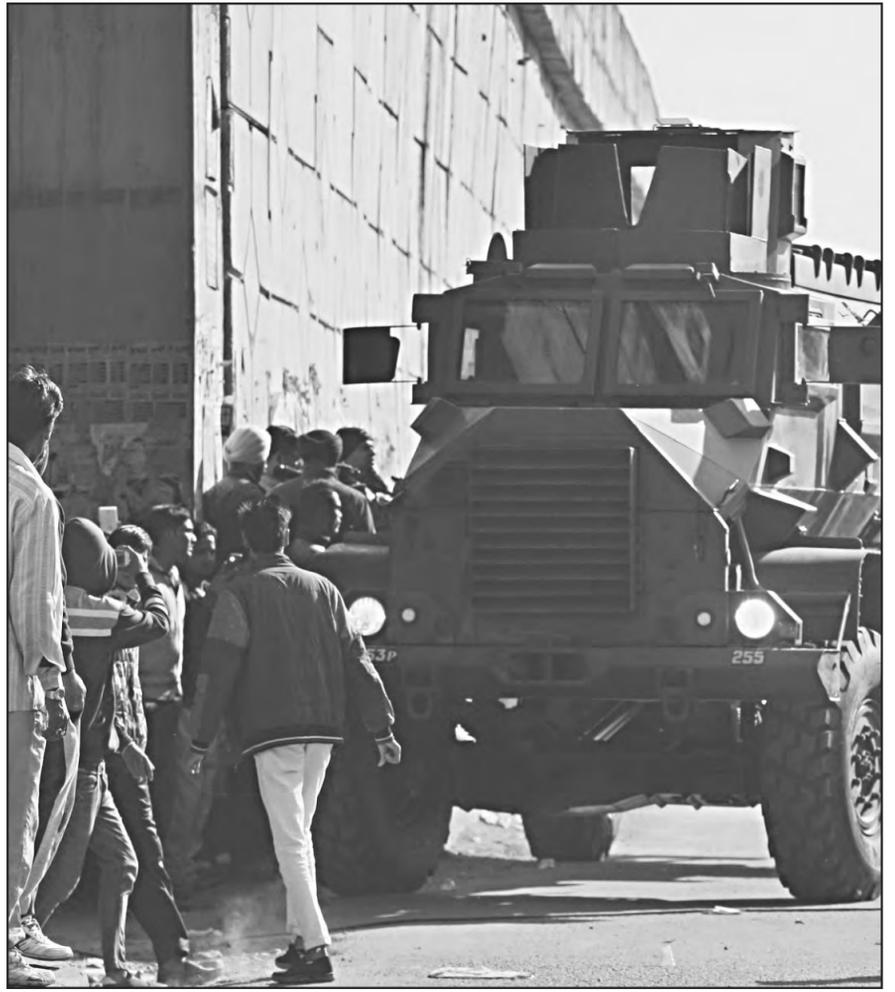
Baba said that there were elements in both countries that would like to see the peace process fizzle out, and that all sides must "exhibit political maturity and sagacity to defeat the vested interests."

Modi, at a speech in the southern city of Mysore, said: "I congratulate the nation's security forces for turning the intentions of our country's enemies into dust. They didn't let them succeed. And I salute the martyrdom of the soldiers who sacrificed their lives."

Pathankot is on the highway that connects India's insurgency-wracked Jammu and Kashmir state with the rest of the country. It's also very close to India's border with Pakistan.

Pakistan's foreign ministry condemned the attack. "Building on the goodwill created during the recent high level contacts between the two countries, Pakistan remains committed to partner with India as well as other countries in the region to completely eradicate the menace of terrorism afflicting our region," it said in a statement.

Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh told reporters



AN INDIAN ARMORED vehicle moves near an Indian air force base in Pathankot, 267 miles north of New Delhi, India, Saturday. Gunmen attacked the air force base near the border with Pakistan on Saturday morning and exchanged fire with security forces, officials said.

that India wants peace with Pakistan, but "if there is any kind of terror attack on India, we will give it a fitting reply."

India's defense minister, national security adviser and

the chiefs of the army, navy and air force met Saturday to discuss the situation.

In July, gunmen staged a similar attack at a police station and a moving bus near

Gurdaspur, a border town in India's Punjab state. The three attackers then killed four policemen and three civilians before being shot dead by security forces.



IRAQI SECURITY FORCES and allied Sunni tribal fighters help trapped civilians get to safer areas, in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq, Saturday. Iraq's military says Islamic State militants launched suicide attacks on Friday with seven suicide car bombs in two areas on the outskirts of Ramadi days after troops drove them out of the city center.

IS counterattacks target troops in Ramadi

BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State group militants continue to launch a series of counterattacks against Iraqi government forces on the edges of the western city of Ramadi days after the militant group was driven out of the city center, according to the U.S.-led coalition.

"The majority of these are outside downtown Ramadi to the north and east," and so far Iraqi government forces have successfully repelled every attack, said Baghdad-based coalition spokesman Col. Steve Warren.

"We haven't seen ISIL mass enough combat power to move Iraq off their positions," Warren added, using an alternative acronym for the Islamic State

group. Iraq's military says Islamic State militants on Friday launched multiple suicide attacks on the outskirts of Ramadi.

Brig. Gen. Ahmed al-Belawi told The Associated Press on Saturday that the militants stuck security forces with seven suicide car bombs in two areas outside Ramadi.

Al-Belawi says there were casualties among the government troops, but did not provide a specific figure. He says the troops repelled the attacks and did not lose territory.

Iraqi officials say gains in Ramadi lay the groundwork for an eventual assault on Mosul,

Iraq's second largest city that fell to IS in June of 2014.

On Friday coalition planes launched five airstrikes near Ramadi targeting IS tactical units, heavy weaponry and fighting positions. Near Mosul, three airstrikes destroyed an IS fighting position and a facility used to make car bombs, a coalition statement said Saturday.

Ramadi, the provincial capital of the sprawling Anbar province, fell to IS in May, marking a major setback for U.S.-backed Iraqi forces. Iraqi troops retook the city center on Monday with heavy coalition air support, but insurgents are still holed up in parts of the city.

Saudi-led coalition says Yemen truce ends

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — The truce in Yemen between Shiite rebels and a Saudi-led military coalition has formally ended, according to Saudi Arabia's state-run news agency.

The truce technically came into effect on Dec. 15, 2015 as a mutual show of good faith during peace negotiations taking place in Switzerland.

But the truce never truly took hold on the ground in Yemen, with both sides ignoring it. The United Nations said on Dec. 20 there were "numerous violations" of the cease-fire agreement from the very start.

Yemen's conflict pits the internationally recognized government backed by a Saudi-led, U.S.-supported coalition against

the rebels, known as Houthis, who are allied with a former president. Local affiliates of al-Qaida and the Islamic State group have also exploited Yemen's chaos to grab land and exercise influence.

According to U.N. figures, the war in Yemen has killed at least 5,884 people since March, when fighting escalated after the Saudi-led coalition began launching airstrikes targeting the rebels.

In Taiz, Yemen's third largest city, independent security officials said 14 civilians including four children were killed since Friday by shelling from the rebels, who have the city under a siege. The Houthis have been indiscriminately shelling the

war-devastated city and blocking the delivery of humanitarian aid for months, according to residents and aid groups.

Eleven anti-rebel fighters were killed west and south of Taiz province, where the city with the same name is located, since Friday, according to the officials.

The officials said more than 22 Houthi and allied fighters were killed in airstrikes by the Saudi-led coalition between Friday and midday Saturday in the provinces of Marib and Jawf.

The officials, who back neither side in the conflict, spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to brief reporters.

Somali extremists use Donald Trump clip to recruit followers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Al-Qaida's East African affiliate has released a recruitment video targeting American blacks and Muslims that includes a clip of presidential candidate Donald Trump calling for Muslims to be banned from entering the United States.

The 51-minute video by the Somalia based al-Shabab militant group presents the U.S. as a country of institutionalized racism against blacks that also persecutes Muslims. The video presents radical Islam as the solution.

The clip of Trump on the campaign trail consists of his infamous proposal for the "total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States" to protect the country.

Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton had earlier claimed that the Islamic State group, another extremist organization, was

using such quotes to recruit followers, prompting Trump to call her a "liar."

The quotes from Trump are bracketed by a recorded speech from Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, one of the most prominent English-language recruiters for al-Qaida who was killed by a U.S. drone strike in Yemen in 2011, warning that the U.S. would turn against its Muslims.

The video was released on Twitter Friday, according to the SITE Intel monitoring group and tells the story of several Americans from Minnesota that joined al-Shabab and were killed in the fighting in Somalia, holding them up as examples to be followed.

Using footage from recent racial conflicts in the U.S. as well as historic quotes from Malcolm X, the video lays out the argument that blacks and

Muslims will always face discrimination in the U.S. and should join jihadi movements to fight back.

Al-Shabab is fighting the internationally-backed Somali government. It was pushed out of Mogadishu in 2011 with the help of African Union troops.

The militants have still carried out numerous guerrilla attacks in Somalia and the countries contributing troops, including Kenya, Djibouti and Uganda.

Trump, who is leading in polls in the race to be the Republican candidate in next year's presidential election, has been rebuked by both Democratic and Republican candidates for their parties' nomination, for his proposed ban on Muslims in early December.

Clinton's campaign declined to comment on the video.

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Mexico mayor slain a day after taking office

MEXICO CITY (AP) — The mayor of a city south of Mexico's capital was shot to death on Saturday, less than a day after taking office, officials said.

Gunmen burst into the house of Mayor Gisela Mota in the city of Temixco and killed her, said the government of Morelos state, where Temixco is located. Two presumed assailants were killed and two others detained, said Morelos Gov. Graco Ramirez in the government statement.

Officials attributed her killing to organized crime.

Mota's leftist Democratic Revolution Party released a statement describing her as "a strong and brave woman who on taking office as mayor, declared that her fight against crime would be frontal and direct."

Temixco is a city of about 100,000 people neighboring Cuernavaca, a resort and industrial city which has been suffering kidnappings and extortion linked to organized crime groups. Though Cuernavaca is the state capital of Morelos, Temixco is the seat of several state institutions including the Public Security Commission, which coordinates state and local police forces. Morelos also neighbors drug cartel-plagued Guerrero state.

Mota, who had been a federal congresswoman, was sworn into office on New Year's Day. She was killed the following day.

Morelos Gov. Ramirez vowed there "would be no impunity" in her killing and promised that state officials would not cede to the challenge presented by organized crime.

Federal and state forces are deployed in Cuernavaca and municipalities near the Guerrero state border in what is called "Operation Delta."

Local mayors and officials in Mexico have often been targeted by drug cartels.

Italy confirms higher cancer, death rates from mob dumping

ROME (AP) — An Italian parliament-mandated health survey has confirmed higher-than-normal incidents of death and cancer among residents in and around Naples, thanks to decades of toxic waste dumping by the local Camorra mob.

The report by the National Institute of Health said it was "critical" to address the rates of babies in the provinces of Naples and Caserta who are being hospitalized in the first year of life for "excessive" instances of tumors, especially brain tumors.

The report, which updated an initial one in 2014, blamed the higher-than-usual rates on "ascertained or suspected exposure to a combination of environmental contaminants that can be emitted or released from illegal hazardous waste dump sites and/or the uncontrolled burning of both urban and hazardous waste."

Residents have long complained about adverse health effects from the dumping, which has poisoned the underground wells that irrigate the farmland which provides vegetables for much of Italy's center and south. Over the years, police have sequestered dozens of fields because their irrigation wells contained high levels of lead, arsenic and the industrial solvent tetrachloride.

Authorities say the contamination is due to the Camorra's multi-billion-dollar racket in disposing of toxic waste, mainly from industries in Italy's wealthy north that ask no questions about where the garbage goes as long as it's taken off their hands — for a fraction of the cost of legal disposal. In recent years, Camorra turncoats have revealed how the mafia racket works, directing police to specific sites where toxic garbage was dumped.

New Year's homicide

toll rises in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The Central American nation of El Salvador is off to a bloody start to the new year after a shockingly violent 2015.

Officials say at least 29 people were slain on the first day of 2016.

Prosecutors say the worst attack came when armed men in military-type uniforms raided an evening party of suspected gang members and killed six in the town of El Zapote, 80 miles (130 kilometers) southeast of the capital. It followed a pre-dawn slaying of five people in Los Cerritos, 100 miles (160 kilometers) east of the capital.

Police also say they killed five presumed gang members in another clash.

Officials haven't released homicide figures for 2015, but local news media estimate the number

of killings at well above 6,000.

Paris to commemorate Charlie Hebdo attack victims

PARIS (AP) — Paris will commemorate the victims of the attacks on the satirical Charlie Hebdo newspaper and a kosher supermarket that left 17 people dead in January last year.

Commemorative plaques will be unveiled Tuesday in the presence of families and government members to pay tribute to the victims on the different places where the attacks took place on Jan. 7-9, 2015.

Another ceremony will take place on Jan. 10 on Paris' Republique plaza, which was transformed into an informal memorial following the attacks in the French capital in January and November. The Paris mayor's office has announced a "tree of remembrance" will be symbolically planted.

On Friday, France's highest decoration, the Legion of Honor, was awarded posthumously to the victims of the January attacks through a government decree.

Egypt arrests 3 Facebook admins ahead of Jan. 25 anniversary

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian authorities arrested three people who administer 23 Facebook pages, accusing them of using the networking website to incite against state institutions.

The Interior Ministry on Saturday accused two men, both age 27, and a 25-year-old woman of being members in the Muslim Brotherhood. Egypt outlawed the Brotherhood in 2013 after the military overthrew elected Islamist President Mohamed Morsi.

Authorities have shown public concern over calls on social media to organize protests on Jan. 25 to mark the fifth anniversary of the 2011 uprising that removed long-time autocrat Hosni Mubarak. Social media, particularly Facebook and Twitter, played a large part in organizing the Jan. 25 uprising, and other protests since then.

Last week, President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi warned against any such protests, saying they could result in chaos.

On Monday, prosecutors ordered a 15-day detention for four activists from the April 6 movement, which helped engineer the 2011 uprising and was outlawed last year. The four were put under investigation on suspicion of protesting without a license and belonging to a banned organization.

The arrests are taking place amid a crackdown on art spaces in downtown Cairo, an area popular among activists. Tahrir square, the epicenter of the 2011 uprising, is also located in downtown Cairo.

Prosecutor: Attack on French soldiers not linked to terror

PARIS (AP) — A French prosecutor says investigators see no links between a man who rammed his car into four soldiers guarding a mosque in the southeastern city of Valence and "a terrorist network or terrorist act."

The man was stopped Friday when a soldier fired and wounded him. France is on high alert after the coordinated attacks by Islamic extremists in Paris on Nov. 13.

Prosecutor Alex Perrin said Saturday "so far it seems to be the act of an individual."

Perrin said the 29-year-old French citizen of Tunisian descent is a practicing Muslim not reported as radicalized. He was not known to the police and justice services and has no psychiatric history.

His motives remain unclear.

Perrin said the man claimed in confused comments that he wanted "to kill soldiers because soldiers kill people."

He notably said "Allahu Akbar," or "God is great," which "shows a link with a certain religiosity," Perrin detailed.

No weapons or explosive devices have been found inside his car.

The man, who is still hospitalized, could be charged in coming days with "attempted murders against persons holding state authority."

The attacker twice rammed his car into the soldiers guarding the main mosque in Valence, the prosecutor said, charging once then putting his car into reverse to try to ram the soldiers again.

Facade of warehouse collapses onto Spanish street, 5 injured

MADRID (AP) — Spanish emergency services say five people have been taken to a hospital with injuries after the front wall of a warehouse collapsed onto a street in the southwestern Madrid suburb of Fuenlabrada.

Madrid's rescue service, ambulance service and Red Cross Emergencies all showed images on their Twitter accounts of how the wall of a large warehouse

used to store Chinese products ready for distribution had detached from the main body of the building and buried part of the street, causing a lamppost to buckle under the weight of the rubble. Two cars and a delivery vehicle were trapped by bricks.

Several ambulances and fire-fighting vehicles attended the scene of Saturday's accident. The ambulance services did not give details of injuries sustained.

Inquiry: U.K. soldiers who fought in Iraq may face prosecution

LONDON (AP) — The head of an official British investigation into alleged abuses during the Iraq War says that U.K. soldiers may face prosecution for crimes including murder.

Mark Warwick said the inquiry is probing "lots of significant cases" and officials will discuss whether they meet the war crimes threshold.

British forces withdrew from Iraq in 2009. Lawyers are still referring cases to the British government-established criminal probe into murder, abuse and torture claims linked to the six-year military mission.

The inquiry has considered at least 1,515 possible victims, including 280 who were allegedly unlawfully killed.

The probe is not due to finish its work until the end of 2019.

Munich police remain on alert following New Year Eve threat

BERLIN (AP) — Police in the German city of Munich are maintaining a heightened presence following warnings of a planned attack on New Year's Eve.

Two Munich train stations were evacuated late Thursday after German authorities received information from foreign intelligence agencies that five to seven Islamic State militants were planning coordinated attacks in the city.

A German security official, speaking on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to divulge the information publicly, said the key tip came from French authorities shortly before 8 p.m. (1900 GMT) local time.

Munich police spokesman Sven Mueller said descriptions of the alleged attackers included several "common Arab names" but that they could be false.

He said up to 200 additional officers are patrolling the streets Saturday to spot any suspicious activity and reassure the population.

China creates 3 new army units to modernize military

BEIJING (AP) — China has created three new military bodies as part of reforms to modernize its military — the world's largest standing force — and improve its fighting capacity.

State television on Saturday showed President Xi Jinping giving military flags to the leaders of the three new units — a general command for the People's Liberation Army, a missile force and a strategic support force. At the ceremony, which took place Thursday, Xi and PLA officers and soldiers sang the national anthem.

Xi said the three new units were created as part of a modernization reform and "to realize the Chinese dream of a strong military."

He has promulgated the idea of a "Chinese dream" involving "the great renewal of the Chinese nation" and sees a strong military as key to this.

The military reform comes as China has become more assertive in pressing its claims to territory in the East China Sea and South China Sea, increasing tensions with its neighbors.

In a bid to show China poses no expansionist threat, Xi announced in September that he would reduce China's 2.3 million-strong army by 300,000 troops. However, it will still remain the world's largest.

Described by Xi as a "core force of strategic deterrence," the PLA Rocket Force will replace the Second Artillery Force in controlling China's nuclear arsenal and conventional missiles. The new Strategic Support Force will likely focus on cyber warfare.

Other reform plans include phasing out old equipment and developing new weapons systems. The reforms also tighten the party's leadership over the army. It used to be supervised by four headquarters, while now the army's general command is controlled directly by the Central Military Commission, whose chairman is Xi.

The military has been the focus of an anticorruption campaign spearheaded by Xi. The two highest-ranking officers to be accused of taking bribes were vice-chairmen of the Central Military Commission.

S. African group reports rhino poaching

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — The number of rhinos poached in South Africa in 2015 was slightly lower than in the previous year, representing modest progress by law enforcement in countering poachers who have killed rhinos in record numbers, according to a conservation group.

Citing unidentified sources, Elise Daffue, founder of StopRhinoPoaching.com, said there were about 1,160 reported cases of rhino poaching last year, down from 1,215 in 2014. If the statistic is confirmed, it would be the first annual drop in numbers since rhino poaching surged around 2008 in South Africa, home to most of the world's rhinos.

Other conservationists, however, believe the number of rhinos killed last year was higher. During a visit to South Africa in early December, Britain's Prince Harry said poachers had killed 1,500 rhinos there in 2015. He did not cite a source.

The South African government plans to release its own 2015 statistics on rhino poaching early this year.

Conservationist Allison Thomson, who believes the number of rhinos poached in



AP File Photo

IN THIS SUNDAY, DEC. 20, 2015 file photo rhinos walk in the Hluhluwe game reserve South Africa. The number of rhinos poached in South Africa in 2015 was slightly lower than in the previous year, representing modest progress by law enforcement in countering poachers who have killed rhinos in record numbers, according to a conservation group.

2015 is higher than 1,160, wrote in an email to The Associated Press on Saturday that there was an increase in rhino orphans whose mothers were killed by poachers.

"The stats do not reflect the collateral damage of rhinos that died subsequent to being a victim of an attempted poaching and all the carcasses that lie in

the bush yet to be found," Thomson said.

She speculated that the government sought to downplay the rhino poaching problem by issuing less frequent updates on poaching statistics. Edna Molewa, South Africa's environment minister, said the government is committed to providing accurate, timely information.



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France quarrels over revoking citizenship of convicted terrorists

PARIS (AP) — The push by France's Socialist government to revoke the citizenship of convicted terrorists with dual nationality after the Paris attacks has turned into a harsh political dispute, with the far right applauding the move while some on the left express indignation at what they call a divisive measure.

French President Francois Hollande submitted the proposal three days after the Nov. 13 attacks in Paris that left 130 dead, in a shift toward a hard line on security. The idea appears to have strong support in French public opinion. Several polls over the past week suggest that 80 to 90 percent of the French are in favor of the measure.

Under current French law, citizenship revocation can only be applied to people who have been naturalized, not if they are French-born, and the procedure is rarely implemented.

The new rules would extend it to all dual nationals, but cannot be applied to people who are only French citizens, as France's obligations under international law prevent it from leaving a person stateless.

Opponents of the measure consider it would create two classes of citizens — dual nationals who could lose their citizenship and others who cannot — in opposition to the principle of equality set out in France's constitution.

French authorities have not said how many of those arrested over the Paris attacks are dual nationals.

Prominent Socialist Party figures, including former Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault and Paris Mayor Anne Hidalgo, have publicly expressed their disapproval, but Hollande has stuck to his guns.

"France must take the good decisions beyond traditional party divisions," the president said in his New Year's Eve speech.

While the left is divided, Hollande is getting unusual support from the right. The far-right National Front has claimed it is at the origin of the idea. "Terrorists don't deserve French citizenship, because French citizenship is an honor", vice president of the party Florian Philippot told France Info radio.

Members of the conservative opposition, including former President Nicolas Sarkozy, have also largely supported the proposal — while also calling for more security measures.

The government says the new measure would apply to a very small number of people.

The issue remains highly sensitive in France as some have compared it to the revocation of citizenship of Jews and members of the French Resistance during World War II, when the government led by Philippe Petain collaborated with German authorities. The Vichy regime revoked the citizenship of more than 15,000 naturalized and 500 French-born people — including General Charles de Gaulle.

"It's dangerous because you start wanting to revoke the citizenship of some people, then take a step further," said Socialist senator Samia Ghali.

French Prime Minister Manuel Valls defended the action this week. "This is a strong symbolic act that punishes those who excluded themselves from the national community. Nothing less, nothing more," he said in a written statement.

France first adopted the revocation of citizenship in 1848 for those who refused to accept the abolition of slavery, Valls recalled.

The constitutional change, to be debated in Parliament in February, requires a three-fifths majority vote from lawmakers.

About 50 human rights and anti-racist organizations and unions have launched a petition to reject the measure.

Some human rights defenders consider the proposal implicitly targets France's Muslim community, the largest in Western Europe — including many French-born with Moroccan, Tunisian or Algerian origins who have both citizenships.

The Paris attacks, which left 130 dead and hundreds wounded, were carried out in the name of the Islamic State group largely by French and Belgian extremists. Some of them were

of Moroccan descent.

The possibility of revoking the citizenship of all dual nationals — not only the naturalized ones — already exists in Britain, Canada and the Netherlands.

In the U.S., a person can have his naturalization revoked for being a member of the Communist party, another totalitarian party or a terrorist organization within five years of his or her naturalization. The measure does not apply to natural-born U.S. citizens.



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Vols demolish Northwestern

From UTSports.com

TAMPA — No. 23 Tennessee pounded its way to a 45-6 victory over No. 13 Northwestern in the 30th anniversary Outback Bowl on Friday before a mostly-orange crowd of 53,202 at Raymond James Stadium.

It was the largest margin of victory for the Vols in a bowl game in program history.

The Vols (9-4) racked up 226 rushing yards, led by Outback Bowl MVP Jalen Hurd, who racked up 130 yards rushing and a touchdown, becoming the first Vol to rush for 100 rushing yards in two bowl games. Joshua Dobbs ran for 48 yards and two touchdowns, and Alvin Kamara added 53 rushing yards and one score.

Dobbs also completed 14 of 25 passes for 166 yards, hitting nine different receivers. The Vols had 420 total offensive yards.

The Tennessee defense limited Northwestern (10-3) to 261 yards, intercepted four passes and totaled four sacks.

Evan Berry accounted for the

final interception of the day, catching a deflected pass in the Tennessee end zone and running 100 yards back for a touchdown in the final minute.

With the win, Tennessee improved to 27-24 all-time in bowl games. The Vols, who won the 2015 TaxSlayer Bowl against Iowa, have posted back-to-back bowl wins in consecutive seasons for the first time since winning the 1996 and the 1997 Florida Citrus Bowls.

UT's nine wins are its most since going 10-4 in the 2007 season. The Vols close the year with a six-game winning streak, their longest since winning six-straight to end the 2003 regular season.

Both offenses stalled early in the first quarter. After a Malik Foreman interception set the Vols up at the Northwestern 22-yard line with 6:53 remaining in the quarter, Aaron Medley missed a 49-yard field goal off of the right upright. A pair of UT defensive penalties aided the Wildcats on their ensuing drive, but

Northwestern came up empty as well when Jack Mitchell sent a 42-yard field goal attempt wide right.

Tennessee's offense came alive late in the first quarter. Josh Dobbs directed a seven-play, 75-yard drive, highlighted by a 42-yard completion to Alex Ellis. Dobbs scored on a 14-yard run to cap the drive, marking his 10th rushing touchdown on the season.

The Vols' lead grew to 10-0 after an 11-play, 46-yard drive early in the second quarter. Medley made a 35-yard field goal after Tennessee's rushing attack carried the Vols into the red zone.

Northwestern scored on a five-yard rush by Justin Jackson with 5:40 left in the first half. The Wildcats missed the extra point wide left.

Alvin Kamara gave Tennessee a 17-6 halftime lead when he sprinted to the front right pylon for an 11-yard touchdown run, his seventh on the season. The Vols had 197 yards to Northwestern's 127 in the first half. Dobbs connected with Ellis for the two longest plays of the opening half (42 yards, 22 yards) and Jalen Hurd gained 44 yards on eight carries.

Hurd rumbled to 52 yards on the ground in the third quarter,

including a three-yard score with 4:40 on the clock that extended the Vols' lead to 24-6.

Dobbs tip-toed his way down the right sideline for an 18-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to extend Tennessee's lead to 31-6.

John Kelly punched in a one-yard touchdown run with 4:24 remaining and Berry kept UT's rowdy fans on their feet with his 100-yard pick six that left eight seconds on the game clock.

RANDOLPH SETS UT GAMES PLAYED RECORD: Redshirt senior safety Brian Randolph set a new Tennessee record for games played. Randolph took the field for the 53rd time in his UT career, breaking out of a four-way tie with VFLs Dustin Colquitt, Luke Stocker and Denarius Moore (52 games each).

Randolph also reeled in his eighth career interception in his final game in the Orange and White, picking off Clayton Thorson at the UT 39-yard line with 3:54 left in the third quarter.

CAREER DAY FOR ELLIS: Alex Ellis had the two biggest plays of the first half with catches of 42 yards and 22 yards. Ellis, who entered the game with five catches for 43 yards this season, finished with three catches for a career-high 74 yards.



AP photo
TENNESSEE QUARTERBACK Joshua Dobbs, right, gets lifted up by offensive lineman Coleman Thomas, left, after scoring on a 14-yard touchdown run against Northwestern during the first quarter of the Outback Bowl Friday in Tampa.

Hurd named Outback MVP

From UTSports.com

TAMPA — Until pregame warmups had concluded, Butch Jones was not sure if he would have his leading rusher for the Outback Bowl against Northwestern.

In the mind of Jalen Hurd, there was never any doubt.

Tennessee's sophomore running back shook off a hamstring injury to become the first player in program history to rush for 100 yards in two bowl games and earn Most Valuable Player honors in the Vols' 45-6 victory over Northwestern.

"I made up my mind that I was going to play either way and that was that," Hurd said of his mindset after suffering a strain in practice early in the week. "On Thursday, I ran around and felt pretty good. There was nothing that was going to stop me from playing."

Hurd worked around the clock with director of Sports Medicine Jason McVeigh and the athletic training staff to treat his injury, sacrificing time at team outings for the opportunity to play against the Wildcats.

"Jalen Hurd, MVP, what can I say?" Jones said. "Jalen was a

game time decision, and it's a testament to him getting himself back, getting himself ready to go, but he may tell you the true MVP is Jason McVeigh and our entire training staff and doctors for working around the clock, and it's a tribute to Jalen, the amount of time that he spent in the training room when we thought he was doubtful for the game, and that's a tribute to him and our training staff and our sports science department of really getting him back."

Just as Hurd expected to start, quarterback Joshua Dobbs expected Hurd to be next to him in the backfield.

"Jalen's a fighter, so I knew come game time, he was going to be ready to go," Dobbs said. "That's Jalen. We knew he was going to make plays, and it's always great to sit back and watch it happen."

Once he was on the field, Northwestern was not stopping him, either. Hurd carried 24 times for 130 yards and a touchdown. It was the ninth 100-yard game of Hurd's career and his sixth of the season. All

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Hurd

Georgia victorious at TaxSlayer Bowl

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — After watching Terry Godwin execute the trick play in practice, Georgia interim coach Bryan McClendon was having second thoughts about calling it in the bowl game.

His players and coaches convinced him otherwise.

It may have been the best decision of McClendon's short-lived coaching career.

Godwin threw a 44-yard touchdown pass that got the Bulldogs going and caught a 17-yarder later, doing a little bit of everything in Georgia's 24-17 win over Penn State in the TaxSlayer Bowl on Saturday.

"It's why you have to trust the people that are around you," said McClendon, tabbed to fill in after fired coach Mark Richt opted not to stick around for the bowl game. "They said it was there."

It was. And it helped the Bulldogs (10-3) win their fifth consecutive game to close the season, send McClendon out a winner in his head-coaching debut and give the senior class its 40th career victory.

"There definitely was a lot of motivation," Georgia linebacker Jordan Jenkins said. "We really felt for B-Mac. He was thrown into the fire, thrown into a situation that he didn't expect to get thrown into and it was just something that we really wanted to ban together and fight for. He was in the same position we were."

Incoming coach Kirby Smart was in attendance for part of the game and had to like what he saw. Despite a makeshift coaching staff — Georgia used different offensive and defensive coordinators — the Bulldogs turned in one of their most complete performances since September.



AP photo
GEORGIA WIDE RECEIVER Terry Godwin catches a pass in the end zone for touchdown during the first half of the TaxSlayer Bowl against Penn State in Jacksonville Saturday.

It helped that Penn State (7-6) played more than half the game without star quarterback Christian Hackenberg.

Hackenberg left in the second quarter with a right shoulder injury, hurt when linebacker Roquan Smith tackled him. Hackenberg stayed in the game and threw four more passes, but grabbed his shoulder between

plays. He headed to the locker room after an incompletion and returned for the second half in street clothes. He said he wanted to play, but team officials told him no.

Hackenberg declared for the NFL draft after the game.

"It's been an awesome ride, tough way to end it today,"

Hackenberg said. "It means the world to me. My family and I talked about it and we felt this was the best decision for me. I felt my role here and my job here has been accomplished."

A junior and the school's all-time leader in passing yards (8,457) and touchdowns (48), Hackenberg completed 8 of 14 for 139 yards against Georgia.

Trace McSorley replaced Hackenberg and threw a 17-yard touchdown pass to Geno Lewis on the first play of the fourth quarter and then a 20-yard strike to DaeSean Hamilton with 6:14 to play. Hamilton's leaping grab between two defenders made it close, a welcome change given many of the games on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

The Bulldogs responded with a 50-yard drive that could have sealed the victory, but they failed to convert a fourth-and-2 play at the 23. McClendon decided to go for it because kicker Marshall Morgan injured an ankle on a kickoff and backup Collin Barber missed a 48-yarder in the third quarter.

"If we had gotten a first down, you know, without anything crazy happening, then the game would be over," McClendon said.

Penn State took over with 1:52 remaining and no timeouts. McSorley converted two fourth-down plays, but eventually ran out time. His final pass, a Hail Mary to the end zone, was batted

Future bright for Tennessee

(AP) — Tennessee certainly finished off the season in style.

If the Volunteers start next season as well as they closed their last two, they'll really be ready to make a move up the college football ladder.

Tennessee ended the season with its first six-game winning streak since 2003. The Vols (9-4) started just five seniors Friday in their 45-6 Outback Bowl rout of No. 12 Northwestern. The streak and postseason win gives them reason to believe they can enter the 2016 season as legitimate Southeastern Conference title contenders.

"The sky's the limit," quarterback Joshua Dobbs said.

Tennessee's chances of contending for a conference championship could depend on if it does a better job of handling heightened expectations. That proved to be a stumbling block at times in 2015.

The Vols opened this season ranked 25th — their first Top 25 ranking since 2012 — after winning four of their last five games in 2014 and beating Iowa in the TaxSlayer Bowl. They fell out of the poll by showing an early season inability to preserve leads.

Tennessee led in each of its four defeats and was up at least two touchdowns in losses to Oklahoma, Florida and Arkansas. But just when the season appeared ready to spiral out of control, Tennessee regrouped.

The Vols were 2-3 before erasing a 21-point deficit in a 38-31 victory over Georgia. They followed that game with a 19-14 set-

back at Alabama in which they led the Crimson Tide in the fourth quarter, but they wouldn't lose again.

"This football team defines resolve," Tennessee coach Butch Jones said. "There were a lot of individuals that wanted to bury us. ... Actually, the adversity brought us closer and closer together, united us."

Tennessee's most lopsided bowl victory in school history could allow the Vols to finish the season in the Top 25 for the first time since 2007. They're ready to take an even bigger step forward next season.

The Vols must replace the starting safety duo of Brian Randolph and LaDarrell McNeil, but they'll have plenty of experience everywhere else. Tennessee's only senior starters in the Outback Bowl were Randolph, McNeil, offensive tackle Kyler Kerbyson, wide receiver Von Pearson and defensive tackle Owen Williams.

The offense next season will have one of the SEC's most experienced quarterbacks in Dobbs and an all-SEC candidate running back in Jalen Hurd, the Outback Bowl MVP. Derek Barnett will be back on defense after recording 10 sacks each of the last two seasons.

If they can avoid a repeat of this season's early struggles, the Vols could have more reason to celebrate next January.

"They can be back in Tampa again," Kerbyson said. "The (College Football Playoff championship game) is in Tampa. I believe in them 100 percent, that they can do it."

Lady Flames pick up first win of 2016

From Lee Sports Information

CARROLLTON, Ga. — Paced by freshman Haris Price and senior Kayla Beavers the Lee women's basketball team used a 22-7 run to pull away late and defeat West Georgia 67-52 on Saturday afternoon to open up 2016.

Price picked up right where she left off before the Christmas break with a team-high 17 points on 6 of 11 shooting from the field including three treys. Beavers provided a big spark of the bench with five triples to account for her 15 points.

The score was deadlocked at 45-45 with eight minutes left in the fourth period before senior Christina Johnson drained a 3-pointer to spark the late run and lead the Lady Flames to their fifth straight victory.

"Christina hit a big shot for us and we played really well down the stretch to come away with this victory," said head coach



From Lee Sports Information
LEE UNIVERSITY'S Anna Woodford (20) works her way to the basket during Saturday's game at West Georgia.

Marty Rowe. "This was a tough draw for us out of the layoff because of their unorthodox defensive style but I thought we did a pretty good job of handling

it and made some big shots to go along with big stops."

Johnson finished with 10

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Bearettes end 2015 as Marlin Classic champs

From Staff Reports

PANAMA CITY BEACH — The Bradley Central Bearettes traveled to the beach after Christmas and came home with some shiny new hardware.

The Bearettes smashed through their competition in the three-day Marlin Christmas Classic hosted by J.R. Arnold High School (Panama City Beach, Fla.) to cap off 2015 with a 67-50 championship win over A. Crawford Mosley (Lynn Haven, Fla.) on New Year's Eve.

"I told them walking into the gym that we were either going to have a great new year or a not so great one. Closing the year out with that championship should give our kids another boost of confidence," Bradley Central coach Jason Reuter said.

The Bearettes defeated the host team, 60-15, and then picked up another dominant win the next day, where they handed Saint Luke's (Mobile, Ala.) a 45-13 loss.

"In general, I thought we played with a lot of intensity, especially for being the out-of-town team," Reuter stated. "Our kids really came out trying to represent Tennessee and Bradley County in a tournament that was played in Florida."

After running through the competition, the Bearettes faced a tough test in the Mosley Dolphins (11-4).

"We played a very good team in the championship game and the kids stepped up and execut-



Contributed photo

THE BRADLEY CENTRAL Bearettes won the Marlin Christmas Classic Championship on New Year's Eve down in Panama City Beach, Fla.

ed our game plan well. It was a good quality win," the coach declared.

It was the Dolphins who jumped out to an early lead in the first quarter, but a 7-2 run by the Bearettes put the team up, 12-9.

Bradley's three-point lead doubled by the end of the second quarter, with the Bearettes putting up 19 points to the Dolphins' 16 to close out the first half.

"We were up six at halftime

and made a couple adjustments," Reuter explained. "We went on a 23-4 run in the second half.

With a 31-25 lead to start out the third quarter, Bradley outscored Mosley 16-11 before going into their strongest quarter of the game.

In the fourth quarter the Bearettes posted 20 points, while allowing the Dolphins 14.

The team shot 56-percent from the field and hit 7-of-18 shots from the perimeter. The

only area that Reuter wasn't impressed with was his squad's shooting from the free throw line. The Bearettes went 6-for-12 at the charity stripe, missing their first five shots.

Rhyn Howard had a double-double in the game, racking up 21 points and 12 rebounds. Howard hit three 3-point shots.

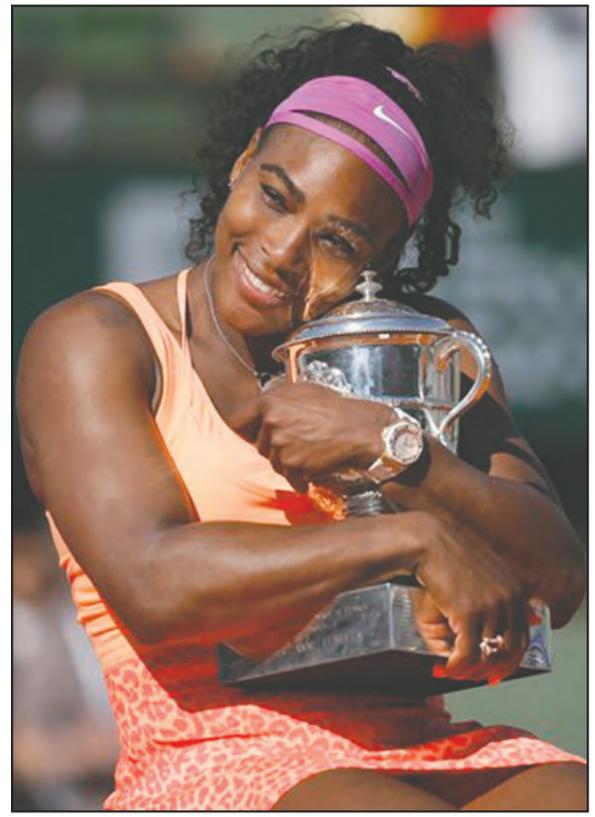
Halle Hughes finished with 13 points, which included a 3-pointer of her own. Julia Gaither had 12 points in the game and Sydney Morgan finished with 11 points and also sank a trio of treys. According to Reuter, Morgan's performance was her best so far in the season and she hit three of four 3-point shots.

Following the Marlin Christmas Classic, Bradley now has an overall record of 12-2, with their last loss against Bearden on Nov. 23.

According to Reuter, the Bearettes have set a steep goal of winning five championships this season. The team has already won their own Thanksgiving tournament championship and now the Marlin Christmas Classic title, which leaves the district, region and state championships next on their list.

"We're two-for-two so far. It's an ambitious goal, but we're going to shoot for the stars," Reuter declared.

Bradley jumps back into action on Tuesday, when the Bearettes travel to Cumberland County.



AP file photo

SERENA WILLIAMS holds the French Open tennis trophy after beating Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic in three sets. Williams won the year's first three majors, and came within two match wins of completing the calendar year Grand Slam at the U.S. Open. The last to achieve the feat was Germany's Steffi Graf in 1988.

Serena Williams looking for strong start to 2016

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — There may be no tougher act to follow in any sport in 2016 than Serena Williams' attempt to match her nearly perfect season of tennis last year.

Williams, who won the first three majors in 2015 and lost in the U.S. Open semifinals — 26 consecutive wins in majors, just missing a calendar-year Grand Slam — will begin that attempt when she teams with Jack Sock for the American team at the Hopman Cup in Perth, Western Australia.

The Americans play their first match Monday against Ukraine.

The tournament is part of the Australian Open Series that includes the Brisbane International, which begins Sunday and includes defending champions Roger Federer and Maria Sharapova, and next week's Sydney International and Hobart International, culminating in the start of the Australian Open on Jan. 18 at Melbourne Park.

In between, Auckland, New Zealand will also host separate women's and men's tournaments over the next two weeks. This week, Shenzhen, China hosts a WTA tournament and Doha, Qatar (Novak Djokovic and Rafael Nadal are the headliners) and Chennai, India (with Stan Wawrinka) hold ATP events.

Last year, Williams began her 53-3, five-title season with a win over Sharapova in the Australian Open final. She followed that with a win on clay in the French Open and on grass at Wimbledon before losing in a shocking upset to Roberta Vinci in the U.S. Open semifinals.

Williams and playing partner John Isner lost in the Hopman Cup final last year.

Her singles opponent in Perth on Monday, Elina Svitolina, is winless in three matches against Williams, who was named Associated Press female athlete of 2015. The Ukrainian, who will team with Alexandr Dolgoplov, says it's always best to try to get to Williams early in a match.

"Sometimes she starts slowly," Svitolina said. "It makes it really tough because you never know if she's going to serve an ace, or a double fault, or it's going to be a normal point."

Andy Murray and Heather Watson, representing Britain, also play their opening match Monday against France's Caroline Garcia and Kenny De Schepper.

The Hopman Cup begins Sunday when the Australia Green team — Nick Kyrgios and Daria Gavrilova — play Germany's Sabine Lisicki and Alexander Zverev. In the other match, the Australia Gold team, featuring Lleyton Hewitt, who will retire after the Australian Open, and Jarmila Gajdosova, play Karolina Pliskova and Jiri Vesely of Czech Republic.

At Brisbane, top-seeded Federer and second-seeded Kei Nishikori are among those with first-round byes, while Sharapova will play fellow Russian Ekaterina Makarova in a replay of last year's Australian Open semifinal.

"For a first match, it's a pretty high-quality match against a pretty tough opponent," Sharapova said.

Sharapova and top-seeded

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Mocs get come-from-behind win at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, S.C. — The Chattanooga Mocs scored a come-from-behind 84-78 win at The Citadel Saturday afternoon in the Southern Conference opener for both programs. The Mocs were down six, 72-66, with 3:59 to play. That changed quickly.

Tre McLean got it started with a three-point play at 3:47. On the ensuing possession, a McLean steal led to an Eric Robertson dunk. Greg Pryor's steal on the next trip down turned into a McLean slam to retake the lead, 73-72.

In a span of 91 seconds, the Mocs flipped a six-point deficit into a four-point advantage. The 10-0 spurt was capped by Robertson's free throw with 2:28 to go.

The Bulldogs closed within two twice on two Derrick Henry free throws and a Matt Frierson triple, but Chattanooga would not falter. Pryor made four of five free throws in the final minute, while the defense stiffened with stops.

"Anytime you get into conference play, you're going to have to fight, scratch and crawl just to get wins," coach Matt McCall explained. "It's going to be like that every single night. With the style of game The Citadel plays, they can cause you all sorts of problems. We knew that going in, and obviously with 17 turnovers, we did not do a good job handling the press.

"I felt like we panicked a lot in the game, and I talked to our



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TRE' MCLEAN'S (23) 18 points and career-high nine rebounds led the Chattanooga Mocs to their seventh straight win Saturday afternoon.

guys before the game about not panicking. That's how they want us to play. They want us to panic. With four minutes to go in the game, down six, I told our guys in the timeout, 'Listen, it's a two-possession game. We need a score, a stop and a score.' We ended up getting I think five baskets and five stops down the stretch, which was ultimately the reason we were able to come out

with a win." He continued, "Games like this our good. The adversity in the game, that's how you grow as a team. I'm really just happy for our guys that we were able to pull out with a win."

McLean led all scorers with 18 points while grabbing a career-high nine rebounds. Pryor added 16 points and five assists. Duke Ethridge came off the bench to

chip in 13.

Derrick Henry led five in double digits for the Bulldogs with 16 points. Zane Najdawi had 15, Quinton Marshall and Matt Frierson 12 apiece and Warren Sledge totaled 10.

UTC dominated the boards 44-26. The +18 is the best against a DI opponent in 2015-16. Chuck

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Auburn defeats Tennessee in conference opener

AUBURN, Ala. (AP) — Bruce Pearl has been coach the last two times Auburn beat Tennessee — just on opposite sides.

Bryce Brown and Kareem Canty scored 20 points apiece to lead Pearl's Tigers to an 83-77 victory over his former team in the Southeastern Conference opener for both.

"So he can relax a little bit," Canty said. "He was on our back about every little thing that he usually doesn't get mad about. But we kind of knew it was because it was a big game coming up, so we're happy we got that win for him."

Pearl lost his first matchup against Tennessee on the road last season and said that one was more emotional, just walking through the doors at an arena where he logged countless hours and went through so many highs and lows.

Winning felt pretty good, though.

"It's a meaningful game," Pearl said, "and it was one that we really had to have."

He was the Vols coach in 2009, the last time they lost to Auburn.

Brown scored 17 of his points in the second half — including four 3-pointers — to help the Tigers (7-5) snap a two-game losing streak.

Tyler Harris added 19 points and 13 rebounds for Auburn. His brother, Tobias, played for Pearl at Tennessee.

Kevin Punter and Admiral Schofield helped keep the



Julie Bennett/IAL.com via AP

AUBURN FORWARD Jordon Granger (25) blocks a pivotal shot by Tennessee guard Robert Hubbs III (3) during the second half Saturday in Auburn.



AP file photo

TENNESSEE TITANS QUARTERBACK Zach Mettenberger (7) passes against the New England Patriots during a game in Foxborough, Mass.

QB question looms for Titans

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts' season has been relegated to this.

Their long-shot playoff hopes and their coach's fate could rest squarely on the shoulders of a quarterback who hasn't taken an NFL snap in more than two years against a team with more to gain by losing.

Four months ago, it was a scenario that seemed implausible. Now, after a series of strange twists and wrong turns sabotaged Indianapolis' season, the biggest problem could be on full display Sunday. Starting quarterback Andrew Luck, backup quarterback Matt Hasselbeck and third-

string quarterback Charlie Whitehurst all conceivably could be watching Josh Freeman or Ryan Lindley playing Tennessee.

"We've been through worse," coach Chuck Pagano said. "We've got a little issue at the quarterback spot, which some may look at and say, 'Gosh, how are you going to?' We'll find a way. It's going to be fun to watch."

And tough to survive with so many injuries.

Luck will miss his seventh straight game since being diagnosed with a lacerated kidney and a partially torn abdominal muscle.

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Ole Miss cruises to Sugar Bowl win

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mississippi's Chad Kelly was throwing touchdown passes and Laquon Treadwell was catching them in the Sugar Bowl on Friday night.

No surprise there. But that touchdown run by 305-pound left tackle Laremy Tunsil, who nimbly grabbed a lateral and jogged untouched into the end zone? That caught a few people off-guard — including an overwhelmed Oklahoma State defense that had no answer for the Rebels.

No. 16 Ole Miss cruised to a 48-20 victory over No. 13 Oklahoma State to help the Southeastern Conference improve to 6-2 in bowl games this season with three teams still playing.

The Rebels (10-3) showed plenty of playbook moxie during the win, jumping out to a 34-6 lead at halftime by mixing their standard offense with a few trick plays that kept the Cowboys reeling all night.

"We had a blast," an emotional Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze said on the field after the game. "They really prepared well — I was super confident all day."

Kelly, who was selected he game's Most Valuable Player, threw for 302 yards and four touchdowns, including three to Treadwell.

"We all came together and played really, really well today," Kelly said.

Kelly's four touchdown passes and Treadwell's three touchdown catches tied Sugar Bowl records. Kelly completed 21 of

33 passes and ran for 73 yards on 10 carries.

Oklahoma State (10-3) lost its final three games after 10 straight wins. The Cowboys fell into a 41-6 hole midway through the third quarter and never mounted a legitimate challenge.

Mason Rudolph was 18 of 31 for 179 yards for Oklahoma State. Ole Miss outgained Oklahoma State 554-366 in total yards.

"It became kind of a runaway train for us," Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy said. "I think they're a really, really good football team."

Gundy said Rudolph wasn't the same quarterback in the Sugar Bowl after battling a foot injury in November.

Ole Miss was embarrassed a year ago in a 42-3 loss to TCU in the Peach Bowl and players vowed throughout the past month that the outcome would be much different.

They were right. Ole Miss started off a little shaky after a couple early penalties helped Oklahoma State advance down the field. The Cowboys eventually kicked a short field goal for a 3-0 lead.

That was the end of the good news for the Cowboys, who were playing in the Sugar Bowl for the first time since 1946.

The Rebels' offense got on track later in the first quarter when Kelly hit a wide open Cody Core for a 31-yard touchdown that made it 10-3 and started the onslaught.

Treadwell added two touch-

down catches in the first half and also completed a 45-yard pass after a lateral on a trick play. His second touchdown catch gave Ole Miss a 24-3 lead.

The Ole Miss fans — who were cheering for the Rebels at the Sugar Bowl for the first time since 1970 — were already in a frenzy when one more trick play by Freeze brought down the house.

"You study film, you play the percentages," Freeze said. "We felt comfortable with the lead we had at that moment and really thought that could be somewhat of a dagger to end the first half."

Even Archie Manning, the Rebels' quarterback in 1970, was impressed.

"I enjoyed every minute of that," Manning said.

With 5 seconds remaining in the second quarter, Kelly ran right and then fired back across his body to Tunsil, who caught the lateral and jogged into the end zone for a 2-yard rushing touchdown.

Ole Miss fans roared and the "S-E-C! S-E-C!" chant started in the Superdome: The Rebels had scored on their final six possessions of the first half and this one was essentially over.

For Oklahoma State, it was a rough ending to what started as a promising season. The Cowboys were in the middle of the playoff conversation in November after 10 straight wins, but losses to Baylor, Oklahoma and then Ole Miss exposed their defense. They gave up a combined 151 points in those three losses.



MISSISSIPPI QUARTERBACK Chad Kelly, left, and wide receiver Laquon Treadwell (right) hold up the Sugar Bowl trophy after their victory over Oklahoma State in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, Friday. Mississippi won 48-20.



ARKANSAS RUNNING BACK Kody Walker (24) carries the ball against Kansas State in the first half of the Liberty Bowl Saturday in Memphis.

Arkansas motors past Kansas State

MEMPHIS (AP) — Alex Collins ran for 185 yards and three touchdowns and Arkansas capped its late-season surge with a 45-23 victory over Kansas State on Saturday in the Liberty Bowl.

Ranked 18th to open the season, Arkansas stumbled through a 1-3 start that knocked the Razorbacks out of the Top 25. The Razorbacks (8-5) turned things around won six of their last seven games.

Collins overwhelmed Kansas State's defense in front of a sellout crowd of 61,136, the fourth-largest crowd in the game's 57-year history.

Kansas State (6-7) finished a season below .500 for the first time since Bill Snyder began his second stint as coach in 2009.

Arkansas' Brandon Allen was 20 of 26 for 315 yards with one touchdown and one interception. Kansas State's Kody Cook, starting at quarterback for the first time, went 12 of 24 for 163 yards with a touchdown.

The game pitted two friends and former colleagues against each other. Arkansas coach Bret Bielema worked as an assistant coach on Snyder's Kansas State staff from 2002-03. When Arkansas was struggling early this season, Bielema even sought Snyder for advice.

Snyder added some intrigue to this game by making a quarterback switch.

Cook had been Kansas State's second-leading receiver during the regular season while also backing up quarterback Joe Hubener. Cook took the first snaps for Kansas State on Saturday and remained the quarterback until the game was out of reach.

He played well enough to keep Kansas State relatively close. But he couldn't do anything about the defense's inability to slow down Collins, who was largely responsible for helping Arkansas reach the end zone on three straight first-half drives.

Collins had touchdown runs of 22 yards and 13 yards in the first 17 minutes. He also had a 68-yard burst on his first kickoff return of the season, which set up

Jared Cornelius' 13-yard touchdown on an end around.

Kansas State trailed 31-23 late in the third quarter and appeared ready to make a stop when Arkansas knocked out the Wildcats with a one-two punch.

Facing third-and-13, Allen found All-America tight end Hunter Henry down the left sideline for a 43-yard completion. On the next play, Collins spun away from a couple of defenders, eluded the grasp of a third and dragged a

couple more into the end zone for a 14-yard touchdown.

Kansas State wouldn't threaten again.

The game had a scary moment late in the second quarter when Arkansas wide receiver Dominique Reed was carted off the field on a stretcher. Reed lay on the ground for several minutes after making a 15-yard reception.

Replays appeared to show him taking a blow to the side of the head at the end of the play.

Playoffs nearly set, but questions still remain

(AP) — Even though they've had a playoff berth clinched for two weeks, no team goes into the final week of the regular season with more uncertainty than the Seattle Seahawks with three potential opponents for the opening weekend.

That's fine by them. They already know what lies ahead in the postseason.

"I don't really care. Regardless it's going to be somewhere cold and it's going to be on the road," Seattle defensive end Cliff Avril said.

Seattle's status is one of the few unknowns going into the final day. Home-field advantage has yet to be clinched in both conferences. The NFC North is up for grabs with Green Bay hosting Minnesota. Rex Ryan and Buffalo could knock the New York Jets out of the playoffs, a result the Steelers are hoping for to sneak in.

And the AFC South could go the way of Indianapolis. All the Colts need is a win with a fourth-string quarterback, a Houston loss and just eight other results to go their way.

Here's a look at the breakdowns in each conference:

AFC
BREAK TIME: New England is already assured of having the first weekend off. The Patriots can wrap up home field advantage with a win over Miami or a Denver loss to San Diego.

Denver needs just a win over the Chargers to get a bye, while Cincinnati needs a win over the Ravens and a Broncos loss to earn a No. 2 seed.

WILD WILD CARD: Pittsburgh's flop in Week 16 losing to Baltimore left the Steelers needing some help. The Jets are in with a win in Buffalo, but a loss and the Steelers can swoop in and claim the No. 6 seed with a victory over the Browns.

DONT FORGET US: Anyone talking at all about Kansas City? The Chiefs have won nine straight and still have an outside shot of winning the AFC West. Kansas City must beat Oakland and have the Broncos lose to the Chargers. While that would get Kansas City the division title, it won't get them a first-round bye.

SOUTH BY DEFAULT: OK. Can the Texans simply just win? That is the cleanest, easiest route to figuring out the AFC South champion. Houston wins and it hosts the No. 5 seed in the wild card round. But if the Texans lose and Indianapolis can beat Tennessee then it gets really messy. The Colts would then need Atlanta, Baltimore, Buffalo, Denver and Miami to win, and Oakland and Pittsburgh to win or tie — but both not tie — to edge out the Texans on strength of schedule

tiebreaker.

NFC
REST TIME: Carolina and Arizona have already earned byes. But the Panthers loss last week against Atlanta left open the chance of Arizona earning home-field advantage. The Cardinals need to beat Seattle and have the Panthers lose to Tampa Bay and the path to the Super Bowl would go through Glendale.

NFC FROZEN: The NFC North will be decided late on Sunday night when the temperatures in Green Bay are expected to dip into the teens for the Packers and Vikings. The winner gets the No. 3 seed in the conference. The loser will be a wild card and face a road-heavy slate to get through the postseason.

After starting 6-0 the Packers are 4-5 down the stretch, including last week's 38-8 drubbing by Arizona. But Green Bay was on a three-game losing streak when it routed the Vikings 30-13 in Minnesota in Week 11.

FILING A FLIGHT PLAN: Seattle has the most uncertainty of where it's headed going into the final day with the chance of ending up in Minnesota, Green Bay or Washington. The Seahawks were in line for the No. 5 seed

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Michigan routs Florida in Citrus Bowl

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Someone forgot to tell Michigan that this was supposed to be a struggle between defenses.

Jake Rudock shrugged off an injury and threw for 278 yards and three touchdowns as No. 17 Michigan's offense overwhelmed No. 19 Florida during a 41-7 victory Friday in the Citrus Bowl.

"I would say this was the best game we've played all year," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "I don't think I've ever seen our offense play better. Our defense was magnificent. ... The three and outs, the stops, the play on third down, everybody playing great team defense. It was really good."

There were some questions surrounding how effective Rudock would be after he was knocked out of Michigan's regular-season finale against Ohio State with a left shoulder injury. He dismissed any doubt about his health almost immediately in the Wolverines' first bowl victory since 2012.

Michigan (10-3) had three touchdown drives of at least 70 yards and finished with 503 yards of offense against a Florida defense that entered the game ranked sixth nationally.

Rudock credited the coaching staff's game plan and scouting efforts with putting him and his teammates in optimum situations.

"We understood how they played — they play fast and they play physical," Rudock said. "I had an easy job. I just had to get it out there to them."

He also had lots of support on the ground from tailback De'Veon Smith, who finished with 109 yards rushing.

"We just came out there and competed today. It just shows that hard work pays off," Smith said.

Leading by 10 at halftime, Michigan scored on each of its first two possessions in the third quarter to take a 31-7 lead.

Michigan's defense played without safety Jabrill Peppers, who sat out with an undisclosed injury. But the Wolverines didn't miss him, holding the Gators (10-4) to 28 total yards in the second half.

"It was a case of getting your rump kicked in. That's what it was," Florida coach Jim McElwain said. "They really took it to us on both sides of the ball."

Florida quarterback Treon Harris had his moments early. But he also threw a costly interception in the end zone late in the first half that stifled the Gators' attempt to stay in the game.

Michigan took a 17-7 lead into halftime thanks largely to the efficiency of the Wolverines' passing attack.

Michigan's receivers did a great job creating lanes for Rudock to throw to, and ran crisp routes to open up deep-play opportunities.

The best example was on Rudock's 31-yard touchdown pass to Jehu Chesson early in the second quarter that put Michigan up 14-7. Chesson used a double move, initially faking an inside slant, to strand and separate from star cornerback Vernon Hargreaves.

Despite some unsteady outings to end the regular season, Harris managed the Gators' offense well for most of the first half.

Florida appeared poised to keep pace early on, tying the game at 7 in the first quarter with an efficient eight-play, 75-yard drive. The series was capped with a fake reverse pass from receiver Antonio Callaway to Harris.

But on the series following Chesson's touchdown, Harris made a poor decision while getting chased toward the sideline, tossing a third-down pass into a crowded end zone. The pass was intercepted by Jarrod Wilson.

The Wolverines drove down on the next series and added a field goal to extend their lead to 10.

"I'm just really excited about what we were able to do," Rudock said. "Ten wins is no small feat in college football. It's very difficult to get there. I'm just so thankful and grateful we were able to get there as a team."



MICHIGAN FULLBACK Sione Houma, center, runs past Florida defensive linemen Jonathan Bullard (90) and defensive lineman Keivonnis Davis (95) during the first half of the Citrus Bowl, Friday in Orlando, Fla.

SCOREBOARD

ON AIR

Sports on TV
Sunday, Jan. 3
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 2 p.m.
 FS1 — Arizona at Arizona St.
 3 p.m.
 FSN — FAU at FIU
 5 p.m.
 BTN — Illinois at Ohio St.
 NBCSN — UMass at La Salle
 7 p.m.
 FS1 — Oregon at Oregon St.
 NBCSN — Fordham at George Washington
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — Wake Forest at Louisville
 ESPN — Colorado at Stanford
NFL FOOTBALL
 1 p.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage
 FOX — Regional coverage
 4:25 p.m.
 CBS — Regional coverage
 FOX — Regional coverage
 8:20 p.m.
 NBC — Minnesota at Green Bay
PREP FOOTBALL
 9 p.m.
 FS1 — Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, at Carson, Calif.
SOCCER
 8:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Chelsea at Crystal City
 11 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Tottenham at Everton
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 12:30 p.m.
 BTN — Michigan at Indiana
 1 p.m.
 CBSN — Dayton at Duquesne
 ESPN — Duke at Syracuse
 SEC — Mississippi St. at Florida
 2:30 p.m.
 BTN — Nebraska at Northwestern
 3 p.m.
 CBSN — George Washington at Saint Joseph's
 ESPN — Arkansas at South Carolina
 SEC — LSU at Alabama
 4:30 p.m.
 FS1 — Oklahoma at Baylor
 5 p.m.
 CBSN — DePaul at St. John's
 ESPN — Tulane at Memphis
 SEC — Georgia at Texas A&M

22. Cincinnati (11-4) beat Tulsa 76-57. Next: at No. 17 SMU, Thursday.
 23. Baylor (10-3) lost to No. 2 Kansas 102-74. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Tuesday.
 24. South Carolina (12-0) vs. Memphis. Next: at Auburn, Tuesday.
 25. UCLA (9-5) did not play. Next: at Washington State, Sunday.

Women's Top 25 Fared Saturday

- UConn (11-0) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Wednesday.
- South Carolina (12-0) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Sunday.
- Notre Dame (12-1) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
- Baylor (13-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Oklahoma, Sunday.
- Texas (12-0) vs. Texas Tech. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
- Maryland (12-2) lost to No. 9 Ohio State 80-71. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Kentucky (11-0) did not play. Next: at Auburn, Sunday.
- Mississippi State (13-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
- Ohio State (10-3) beat No. 6 Maryland 80-71. Next: vs. Indiana, Thursday.
- Oregon State (9-2) at Southern Cal. Next: at No. 21 UCLA, Monday.
- Stanford (10-2) at Arizona. Next: at No. 17 Arizona State, Monday.
- Duke (11-3) did not play. Next: at Syracuse, Sunday.
- Tennessee (9-3) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Missouri, Monday.
- Northwestern (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Sunday.
- Florida State (9-4) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
- Texas A&M (10-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Sunday.
- Arizona State (8-3) vs. No. 19 California. Next: vs. No. 11 Stanford, Monday.
- Oklahoma (10-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Baylor, Sunday.
- California (9-2) at No. 17 Arizona State. Next: at Arizona, Monday.
- South Florida (8-3) beat East Carolina 61-59. Next: vs. UCF, Tuesday.
- UCLA (9-3) vs. Oregon. Next: vs. No. 10 Oregon State, Monday.
- Miami (13-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.
- Missouri (13-0) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Tennessee, Monday.
- Michigan State (9-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Sunday.
- DePaul (9-5) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.

Belk Bowl
 Charlotte, N.C.
 Mississippi St. 51, NC State 28

Music City Bowl
 Nashville, Tenn.
 Louisville 27, Texas A&M 21

Holiday Bowl
 San Diego
 Wisconsin 23, Southern Cal 21

Thursday, Dec. 31
Peach Bowl
 Atlanta
 Houston 38, Florida State 24

Orange Bowl (Playoff Semifinal)
 Miami Gardens, Fla.
 Clemson 37, Oklahoma 17

Cotton Bowl Classic (Playoff Semifinal)
 Arlington, Texas
 Alabama 38, Michigan State 19

Friday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
 Tampa, Fla.
 Tennessee 45, Northwestern 6

Citrus Bowl
 Orlando, Fla.
 Michigan 41, Florida 7

Fiesta Bowl
 Glendale, Ariz.
 Ohio State 44, Notre Dame 28

Rose Bowl
 Pasadena, Calif.
 Stanford 45, Iowa 16

Sugar Bowl
 New Orleans
 Mississippi 48, Oklahoma State 20

Saturday, Jan. 2
TaxSlayer Bowl
 Jacksonville, Fla.
 Georgia 24, Penn State 17

Liberty Bowl
 Memphis, Tenn.
 Arkansas 45, Kansas State 23

Alamo Bowl
 San Antonio
 Oregon (9-3) vs. TCU (10-2), after presstime

Cactus Bowl
 Phoenix
 West Virginia (7-5) vs. Arizona State (6-6), after presstime

Monday, Jan. 11
College Football Championship Game
 Glendale, Ariz.
 Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (13-1), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 23
East-West Shrine Classic
 At St. Petersburg, Fla.
 East vs. West, 4 p.m. (NFLN)

NFLPA Collegiate Bowl
 At Carson, Calif.
 National vs. American, 6 p.m. (ESPN2)

Saturday, Jan. 30
Senior Bowl
 At Mobile, Ala.
 North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)

ON TAP

Monday, Jan. 4
BASKETBALL
 Lee University at University of West Alabama, 6:30
 Next: at TCU, Monday

Tuesday, Jan. 5
 Bradley Central at Cumberland County
 Learning Tree, CAVA at Cleveland Christian, 5, 6

BOWLING
 McCallie/GPS at Walker Valley, 4
 WESTLING at Walker Valley, 7

Wednesday, Jan. 6
BASKETBALL
 Baylor at Walker Valley, 6

BOWLING
 District 5 Tournament at Rhea County

Thursday, Jan. 7
BASKETBALL
 Bradley Central, Walker Valley participating

Cleveland State at Wallace State-Hanceville (Men), 3
 Dogwood at Cleveland Christian, 6

WRESTLING
 Cleveland at Bradley Central, 7
 Soddy-Daisy at Walker Valley, 7

Friday, Jan. 8
BASKETBALL
 Cleveland at Coltwah, 6
 Soddy-Daisy at Walker Valley, 6

Saturday, Jan. 9
BASKETBALL
 Cleveland at Model, Ga., 6
 Bradley Central at Stone Memorial, 7
 Delta State University at Lee University, 2

WRESTLING
 Soddy Daisy Invitational
 Cleveland Participating, TBA
 Walker Valley Duals, TBA

Sunday, Jan. 10
BASKETBALL
 Cleveland State at Martin Methodist College JV (Women),

FOOTBALL

National Football League AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
y-New England	12	3	0	800	455 295
N.Y. Jets	10	5	0	667	370 292
Buffalo	7	8	0	467	357 342
Miami	5	10	0	333	290 379

	South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
Houston	8	7	0	533	309 307
Indianapolis	7	8	0	467	303 384
Jacksonville	5	10	0	333	370 418
Tennessee	3	12	0	200	275 393

	North				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
y-Cincinnati	11	4	0	733	395 263
Pittsburgh	9	6	0	600	395 307
Baltimore	5	10	0	333	312 377
Cleveland	3	12	0	200	266 404

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	East				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
y-Washington	8	7	0	533	354 356
Philadelphia	6	9	0	400	342 400
N.Y. Giants	6	9	0	400	390 407
Dallas	4	11	0	267	252 340

	South				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
y-Carolina	14	1	0	933	462 298
Atlanta	8	7	0	533	322 325
Tampa Bay	6	9	0	400	332 379
New Orleans	6	9	0	400	388 459

	North				
	W	L	T	Pct	PF PA
x-Green Bay	10	5	0	667	355 303
x-Minnesota	10	5	0	667	345 289
Detroit	6	9	0	400	334 380
Chicago	6	9	0	400	315 373

HOCKEY

National Hockey League EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Atlantic Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts GF GA
Montreal	40	22	15	3	47 116 90
Florida	37	21	12	4	46 101 84
Detroit	39	19	13	7	45 100 106
Boston	37	20	13	4	44 116 102
Ottawa	38	18	14	6	42 111 115
Tampa Bay	38	18	16	4	40 97 93
New Jersey	37	14	15	7	35 95 102
Buffalo	37	15	20	4	34 91 105

	Metropolitan Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts GF GA
Washington	37	28	7	2	58 117 78
N.Y. Islanders	38	21	12	5	47 105 89
N.Y. Rangers	38	21	13	4	46 112 100
New Jersey	38	19	14	5	43 90 92
Pittsburgh	37	18	15	4	40 86 91
Philadelphia	37	15	17	5	37 79 102
Carolina	38	16	17	5	37 91 108
Columbus	39	14	22	3	31 98 123

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Central Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts GF GA
Dallas	39	28	8	3	59 137 98
St. Louis	40	23	13	4	50 100 96
Chicago	39	22	13	4	48 108 97
Minnesota	36	20	10	6	46 98 85
Nashville	38	18	13	7	43 101 101
Colorado	38	18	17	3	39 109 106
Winnipeg	37	17	18	2	36 99 109

	Pacific Division				
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts GF GA
Los Angeles	38	25	11	2	52 104 83
Arizona	37	18	16	3	39 104 118
Vancouver	39	15	15	9	39 95 110
San Jose	36	18	16	2	38 100 102
Anaheim	37	15	18	7	37 89 89
Calgary	37	17	18	2	36 97 121
Edmonton	39	15	21	3	33 97 119

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's Games
 Vancouver 2, Anaheim 1, SO
 Montreal 5, Boston 1

Saturday's Games
 Detroit 4, Buffalo 3
 Los Angeles 2, Philadelphia 1
 Arizona at Edmonton, after presstime
 St. Louis at Toronto, after presstime
 Minnesota at Tampa Bay, after presstime
 N.Y. Rangers at Florida, after presstime
 Dallas at New Jersey, after presstime
 N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, after presstime
 Nashville at Carolina, after presstime
 Washington at Columbus, after presstime
 Calgary at Colorado, after presstime
 Winnipeg at San Jose, after presstime

Sunday's Games
 Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Florida, 8 p.m.
 Ottawa at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Detroit at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Ottawa at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Carolina at Edmonton, 1 p.m.
 Arizona at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association EASTERN CONFERENCE

	Atlantic Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	21	13	618	—
Boston	18	15	545	2½
New York	15	19	441	6
Brooklyn	10	23	303	10½
Philadelphia	3	32	86	18½

	Southeast Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	21	13	618	—
Miami	19	13	594	1
Orlando	19	14	576	1½
Charlotte	17	15	531	4
Washington	15	16	484	4½

	Central Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	21	9	700	—
Chicago	19	12	613	2½
Indiana	18	14	563	4
Detroit	18	15	545	4½
Milwaukee	13	21	382	10

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	Southwest Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	28	6	824	—
Dallas	19	14	576	8½
Memphis	18	16	529	10
Houston	16	18	471	12
New Orleans	10	22	313	17

	Northwest Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Oklahoma City	23	10	697	—
Utah	14	17	452	8
Portland	14	21	400	10
Denver	12	21	364	11
Minnesota	12	21	364	11

	Pacific Division			
	W	L	Pct	GB
Golden State	30	2	938	—
L.A. Clippers	21	13	618	10
Sacramento	13	20	394	17½
Phoenix	12	24	333	20
L.A. Lakers	7	27	206	24

Friday's Games
 Washington 103, Orlando 91
 Toronto 104, Charlotte 94
 Miami 106, Dallas 82
 Chicago 108, New York 81
 L.A. Lakers 93, Philadelphia 84

Saturday's Games
 Brooklyn 100, Boston 97
 Sacramento 142, Phoenix 119
 Detroit at Indiana, after presstime
 Oklahoma City at Charlotte, after presstime
 Orlando at Cleveland, after presstime
 Milwaukee at Minnesota, after presstime
 Houston at San Antonio, after presstime
 New Orleans at Dallas, after presstime
 Memphis at Utah, after presstime
 Denver at Golden State, after presstime
 Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, after presstime

Sunday's Games
 Chicago at Toronto, 3:30 p.m.
 Atlanta at New York, 3:30 p.m.
 Miami at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
 Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
 Orlando at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
 San Antonio at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
 Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
 Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Charlotte at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Top 25 Fared Saturday

- Michigan State (14-1) beat Minnesota 69-61. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday.
- Kansas (12-1) beat No. 23 Baylor 102-74. Next: vs. No. 3 Oklahoma, Monday.
- Oklahoma (11-0) vs. No. 11 Iowa State. Next: at No. 2 Kansas, Monday.
- Maryland (12-1) at Northwestern. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
- Virginia (12-1) beat Notre Dame 77-66. Next: at Virginia Tech, Monday.
- Xavier (13-1) beat No. 9 Butler 88-69. Next: at St. John's, Wednesday.
- North Carolina (13-2) beat Georgia Tech 86-78. Next: at Florida State, Monday.
- Arizona (12-1) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Sunday.
- Butler (11-3) lost to No. 6 Xavier 88-69. Next: at DePaul, Tuesday.
- Kentucky (10-2) vs. Mississippi. Next: at LSU, Tuesday.
- Iowa State (11-1) at No. 3 Oklahoma. Next: vs. Texas Tech, Wednesday.
- Providence (14-1) beat St. John's 83-65. Next: vs. Marquette, Tuesday.
- Miami (12-1) beat Syracuse 64-51. Next: vs. Florida State, Saturday.
- Purdue (13-2) lost to Iowa 70-63. Next: vs. Michigan, Thursday.
- Duke (12-2) beat Boston College 81-64. Next: at Wake Forest, Wednesday.
- Villanova (11-2) at Creighton. Next: vs. Seton Hall, Wednesday.
- SMU (12-0) vs. South Florida. Next: vs. No. 22 Cincinnati, Thursday.
- Louisville (11-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday.
- West Virginia (12-1) beat Kansas State 87-83, 20T. Next: at TCU, Monday.
- Texas A&M (11-2) beat Arkansas 92-69. Next: at Mississippi State, Wednesday.
- Utah (11-3) did not play. Next: at California, Sunday.

Sunday's Games
 Houston 34, Tennessee 6
 Kansas City 17, Cleveland 13
 N.Y. Jets 26, New England 20, OT
 Indianapolis 18, Miami 12
 Detroit 32, San Francisco 17
 Buffalo 16, Dallas 6
 Chicago 26, Tampa Bay 21
 Atlanta 20, Carolina 13
 Baltimore 20, Pittsburgh 17
 New Orleans 38, Jacksonville 27
 St. Louis 23, Seattle 17
 Arizona 38, Green Bay 8
 Minnesota 49, N.Y. Giants 17

Monday's Game
 Denver 20, Cincinnati 17, OT

Sunday, Jan. 3
 Jacksonville at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Washington at Dallas, 1 p.m.
 Detroit at Edmonton, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
 New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Baltimore at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
 San Diego at Denver, 4:25 p.m.
 Seattle at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Oakland at Kansas City, 4:25 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.
 Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:30 p.m.

2015 Bowl Glance
Saturday, Dec. 19
Celebration Bowl
 Atlanta
 NC A&T 41, Alcorn State 34

New Mexico Bowl
 Albuquerque
 Arizona 45, New Mexico State 22

Las Vegas Bowl
 Utah 35, BYU 28

Camellia Bowl
 Montgomery, Ala.
 Appalachian State 31, Ohio 29

Cure Bowl
 Orlando, Fla.
 San Jose State 27, Georgia State 16

New Orleans Bowl
 Louisiana Tech 47, Arkansas State 28

Monday, Dec. 21
Miami Beach Bowl
 Western Kentucky 45, South Mississippi 35

Tuesday, Dec. 22
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl
 Boise
 Akron 23, Utah State 21

Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
 Toledo 32, Temple 17

Wednesday, Dec. 23
Poinsettia Bowl
 San Diego
 Boise State 55, Northern Illinois 7

GoDaddy Bowl
 Mobile, Ala.
 Georgia Southern 58, Bowling Green 27

Thursday, Dec. 24
Bahamas Bowl
 Nassau
 Western Michigan 45, Middle Tennessee 31

Hawaii Bowl
 Honolulu
 San Diego State 42, Cincinnati 7

Saturday, Dec. 26
St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl
 Marshall 16, UConn 10

Sun Bowl
 El Paso, Texas
 Washington State 20, Miami 14

Heart of Dallas Bowl
 Pinstripe Bowl
 Bronx, N.Y.
 Duke 44, Indiana 41, OT

Independence Bowl
 Shreveport, La.
 Virginia Tech 55, Tulsa 52

Foster Farms Bowl
 Santa Clara, Calif.
 Nebraska 37, UCLA 29

Monday, Dec. 28
Military Bowl
 Annapolis, Md.
 Navy 44, Pittsburgh 28

Quick Lane Bowl
 Detroit
 Minnesota 21, Central Michigan 14

Tuesday, Dec. 29
Armed Forces Bowl
 Fort Worth, Texas
 California 55, Air Force 36

Russell Athletic Bowl

No. 1 Michigan State bounces back to beat Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Injured Michigan State star Denzel Valentine could only watch from the bench as the top-ranked Spartans staved off a challenge from Minnesota.

Valentine still might have made the most meaningful contribution of the afternoon in the locker room afterward, giving beloved coach Tom Izzo the game ball in honor of his late father.

Bryn Forbes scored 20 points, making three 3-pointers in the second half to help the Spartans beat the Gophers 69-61 on Saturday in response to a loss at Iowa earlier in a week that began with the death of 90-year-old Carl Izzo.

Matt Costello contributed 17 points and 15 rebounds, both career highs, for the Spartans (14-1, 1-1) four days after they fell 78-63 to the Hawkeyes in their Big Ten opener to make their No. 1 billing short-lived.

"We're still nowhere near the team that we need to be or I think we'll be," Izzo said.

They showed plenty of resilience, though, against the Gophers (6-8, 0-2) while Valentine, recovering from minor knee surgery, missed his third straight game.

Freshman Deyonta Davis added 10 points and four rebounds to supplement the superb low-post effort by Costello and Gavin Schilling, who was in the starting lineup for the first time.

"They basically won the game for us," Forbes said.

Then Valentine initiated the game-ball presentation to Izzo that would have taken place at Iowa had the Spartans won there.

"It was tough to come up with some words, but I just talked from my heart," the preseason All-Big Ten pick said.

Nate Mason scored 16 points, Jordan Murphy had 14 points and nine rebounds and Kevin Dorsey added 11 points for the Gophers, who were within 63-60 with 2:14 left and Dorsey at the foul line. He only made one of two, though, and Davis made a soft hook on the other end before blocking Murphy's shot.

"Their front line's still unbelievable without Valentine. I can only imagine what it's like with Valentine," Murphy said, adding: "That was some of the best basketball we've played yet. We grew up a lot during that game."



MICHIGAN STATE'S Bryn Forbes, right, drives past Minnesota's Nate Mason during the first half Saturday in Minneapolis.

Given the fact the Gophers have led by more than two points at halftime just three times in 15 games, plus the caliber and mindset of this opponent, this was by far their best game of the season.

Looking a lot more organized and inspired than the team that lost at home last month to mid-major foes South Dakota, South Dakota State and Milwaukee, Minnesota confidently matched Michigan State basket for basket for the majority of the game.

Dorsey swished a 3-pointer from the corner off an inbound play with 0.7 seconds left to cut Michigan State's lead to 32-29 at halftime. There were pushes in the second half, too, only to be thwarted by a clutch 3-pointer by Forbes or a big basket by Davis.

"We showed some fight, obviously, but a couple looks just didn't go our way," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said.

The Spartans took a special trip to North Texas between games this week, watching former Michigan State star Draymond Green play for the Golden State Warriors against the Dallas Mavericks before taking in the football team's lopsided loss to Alabama in the College Football Playoff semifinal game. They spent the down time analyzing video and, of course, practicing.

"It was a great team builder. I

think it was a memory maker for them," Izzo said.

Maybe the Spartans will look back on this week sometime in March or April, realizing it helped steer them straight.

"It's hard to say it's a big win, because I shouldn't be looking at it that way, but it is right now. We're reeling a little bit as you can tell," Izzo said. "We're just trying to shuffle guys around, and we're not very fluid right now. We are missing a hell of a player. I don't care if it's an excuse or not. He does so many things for us."

ONE-SIDED SERIES

The Spartans have won 20 of the last 24 games between these teams. This was the first game at Minnesota in the series since Dec. 31, 2012, the only win by the Gophers at home over Michigan State in the last 10 years.

TIP-INS

Michigan State: Davis made all four of his field goals. He's a 66.3-percent shooter, the best on the team among players with 20 or more attempts.

Minnesota: Murphy missed all four of his free throws, dropping his average to a team-worst 56.8

percent. He went 7 for 18 from the field.

UP NEXT

Michigan State hosts Illinois on Thursday.

Minnesota plays at Penn State on Tuesday.

No. 20 TEXAS A&M 92 ARKANSAS 69

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Senior guard Jalen Jones scored a career-high 28 points and No. 20 Texas A&M beat Arkansas 92-69 on Saturday in the Southeastern Conference opener for both teams.

The Aggies (11-2, 1-0) capitalized on 15 Arkansas turnovers and turned them into 22 points. Senior guard Alex Caruso set the school career record for steals with 230, including two on Saturday. He entered the game tied with guard David Edwards (1991-94) with 228 steals.

Anthony Bell led Arkansas (6-7, 0-1) with 16 points, while Moses Kingsley followed with 11. The Razorbacks led only once at 13-12 with 11 minutes left in the first half. The Aggies pressed on the accelerator and never let up.

The Aggies built a 47-26 half-time lead despite a lone field goal in that span from Danuel House,

who entered the game as A&M's leading scorer with 15.3 points per game.

No. 15 DUKE 81 BOSTON COLLEGE 64

BOSTON (AP) — Brandon Ingram had 25 points and nine rebounds to lead No. 15 Duke to an 81-64 victory over Boston College on Saturday in the Atlantic Coast Conference opener for both teams.

Grayson Allen had 17 points, nine rebounds and five assists for the Blue Devils (12-2, 1-0), who beat the Eagles for the 10th consecutive time. Luke Kennard added 17 points and Matt Jones had 16.

Eli Carter scored 19 points for Boston College (7-7, 0-1). Jerome Robinson had 15 points and seven rebounds for the Eagles, who led by six points with 12:46 left in the first half before giving up 20 of the next 25 points.

BC led 12-6 with 7 minutes gone in the game before Derryck Thornton made a jumper on an assist from Allen and then Jones made a 3-pointer to cut the deficit to one point. Allen then stole the ball from Robinson and took it in for a dunk to give Duke its first lead of the game.

No. 2 KANSAS 102 No. 23 BAYLOR 74

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Wayne Selden scored 24 points, Perry Ellis added 17 and No. 2 Kansas used a big run over the first 10 minutes to swamp No. 23 Baylor 102-74 on Saturday in their Big 12 opener.

Devonte Graham added 15 points and Frank Mason III had 11 for the Jayhawks (12-1, 1-0), who charged out to a 22-4 lead, then turned back every attempt by the Bears (10-3, 0-1) to make it a game.

It was the Jayhawks' sixth straight win over Baylor — which has never won in 14 trips to Lawrence — and 25th consecutive conference-opening win. It was also their 31st straight win at Allen Fieldhouse, where No. 3 ranked Oklahoma will visit for another high-profile showdown Monday night.

Taurean Prince had 13 of his 17 points in the second half for Baylor. Lester Medford added 15, all but three after the break,

while Rico Gathers finished with 12 points and nine rebounds.

No. 22 CINCINNATI 76 TULSA 57

CINCINNATI (AP) — Farad Cobb had five 3-pointers and finished with 21 points as No. 22 Cincinnati snapped a two-game losing streak by building a 24-point first-half lead and beating Tulsa 76-57.

The pace of the first half was slow and choppy, but Cincinnati (11-4, 1-1 American Athletic Conference) steadily pulled away. The Golden Hurricane (8-6, 0-2) scored 2:02 into the game on a layup by Shaquille Harrison. They missed their next 12 shots over the next 10:49.

By the time James Woodard scored on a fast break layup with 7:09 left in the first half to end the drought Cincinnati had built a 30-11 lead. At one point during the scoring drought, Tulsa did not even attempt a field goal for over 4 minutes.

Harrison had 15 of his 21 points in the first half. Woodard, who came in averaging 16.5 points, finished with nine.

No. 12 PROVIDENCE 83 ST. JOHN'S 65

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Kris Dunn had 26 points, nine rebounds and six assists to lead No. 12 Providence to an 83-65 victory over St. John's 83-65 on Saturday, the Friars' eighth straight win.

Dunn scored 12 straight points for the Friars in the second half after the Red Storm closed within 56-50 with 9:30 remaining. Providence led 43-31 at halftime and went up by as many as 17 points early in the second half before St. John's went on its run.

A preseason All-America, Dunn cooled off the Red Storm with consecutive 3-pointers that helped the Friars (14-1, 2-0 Big East) re-establish control.

Providence's Ben Bentil overcame a slow start to finish with 20 points and nine rebounds while Rodney Bullock had 13 points and eight rebounds. Kyron Cartwright added 11 points, all in the first half.

Yankuba Sima had 14 points for St. John's (7-8, 0-2), which

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Grizzlies' Barnes expresses frustrations about tough 2015

MEMPHIS (AP) — Memphis Grizzlies forward Matt Barnes has expressed his frustration on social media about 2015, what he describes as "the worst year of his life."

Barnes, who is serving a two-game suspension for what the NBA has described as a "physical altercation" with New York Knicks coach Derek Fisher, posted on Instagram: "Thank God For 2016!"

Barnes, 35, posted the message "Success happens when you survive all of your mistakes" on his account and wrote about how a former teammate "went behind my back, messed w/ my ex, got caught, got dealt w/ for being a snake, then ran & told the Police & NBA."

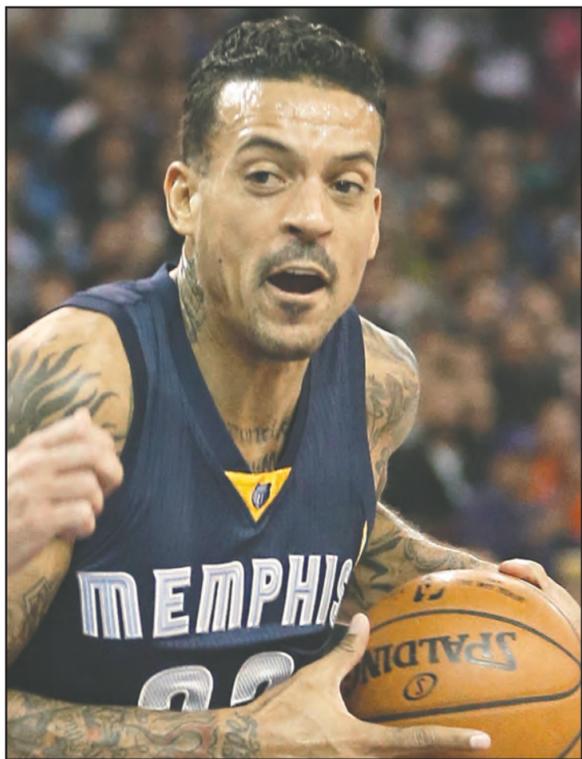
Barnes wrote on the post that he had to walk away from the only thing he's ever wanted, "MY OWN

FAMILY." He noted that, "They call that karma." Barnes, who played for the Los Angeles Lakers and Clippers, also said he was traded from a city and team that he loved, writing, "They call that the business."

Grizzlies spokesman Jason Wallace declined comment on Barnes' post. Goodwin Sports Management, which represents Barnes, didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment.

A person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press in October an incident between Barnes and Fisher occurred while the Knicks coach attended a gathering at the home of Barnes' estranged wife, Gloria Govan. The person spoke on con-

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MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES FORWARD Matt Barnes drives during the first quarter against the Sacramento Kings in Sacramento, Calif.

AP file photo



THE CANADIAN AND AMERICAN FLAGS are presented during the national anthems prior the NHL Winter Classic game between the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Mass., Friday.

Canadiens top Bruins in Winter Classic

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — The Montreal Forum was the Canadiens' home for one of the most successful dynasties in professional sports.

The Bruins and Celtics filled the Boston Garden rafters with championship banners.

The Original Six rivals met at the home of the defending Super Bowl champions for the NHL Winter Classic on Friday, and it was the visiting Canadiens and their locally grown goalie who managed to mimic the New England Patriots' success.

Wearing a mask decorated with a Patriots theme and autographed by their coach and quarterback, Mike Condon stopped 27 shots to help Montreal beat the Bruins 5-1 on Friday at the home of the reigning NFL champions.

"I'm pretty sure anything Tom Brady touches turns to gold," said the Boston-bred goalie whose father is a policeman who works a security detail at Gillette Stadium during Patriots games. "Hopefully got some mojo on my helmet there. I'm a huge fan of his, huge fan of this organization, and I'm just happy to pay respect to them on the ice."

Paul Byron scored twice, and Brendan Gallagher returned from two broken fingers to score a goal and add an assist. David

Desharnais and Max Pacioretty also scored for the Canadiens, who passed Florida and moved into first place in the Atlantic Division with 47 points.

Tuukka Rask stopped 25 shots for the Bruins, and Matt Beleskey scored in the third period to avert the first shutout in Winter Classic history. The four-goal win was the largest for the event since it began in 2008.

Both goalies paid tribute to the Patriots and Brady on their masks, and coach Claude Julien worked the Bruins bench in a hoodie straight from the wardrobe of his NFL counterpart, Bill Belichick.

Condon's mask had pictures of Brady and Belichick, New England's four Super Bowl trophies and their motto: "Do your job." The two Patriots icons rewarded his loyalty by signing the backplate for him; Belichick even listed the team's four championships.

Condon shut out the Bruins for more than two periods, gloving Ryan Spooner's wrist shot with 0.1 seconds left in the second period to protect a 3-0 lead.

"Anytime a player is coming back home, it's a special place for him," said Montreal's Michel Therrien, who also coached from two broken fingers to score a goal and add an assist. David

is the first NHL coach to win twice. "And we all are happy about the way he performed."

Rask had Brady and tight end Rob Gronkowski on his, along with a scowling minuteman — in black and gold, rather than the red, white and blue colors that the Patriots share with the Canadiens.

But the Bruins fell to 0-1 in a building where the Patriots have lost only one meaningful game in three years.

"We definitely feel like we let everybody down," Bruins defenseman Dennis Seidenberg said. "It was such a big buildup. I'm sure everybody in here wanted to come out on the ice with a little bit more jump and bring a little bit better effort. But that wasn't the case today."

Before a crowd of 67,246 on a cloudy day with the temperature for the opening faceoff at 40 degrees, the teams dodged the slushy ice that has greeted other Winter Classic events, including the old-timers and women's exhibitions on Thursday. Organizers compensated for the lack of snow in the Boston area so far this winter by spreading white, puffy fabric over the football field.

But they couldn't account for such a lackluster effort from the Bruins, who were facing their longtime rival with a chance to

take over first place in the Atlantic Division.

The Canadiens had beaten Boston seven straight times before a Bruins victory on Dec. 9, but Montreal had lost 11 of 13 heading into the New Year's Day game. Gallagher's return gave the Canadiens a boost and led to their third goal.

With Montreal already ahead 2-0 late in the second period, Pacioretty tipped a floating puck over to Gallagher, who swiped it out of the air and knocked it into the net. After Beleskey scored Boston's only goal four minutes into the third, Gallagher fed Pacioretty to make it 4-1 with 11 minutes to play.

Byron added his second goal with 92 seconds left to clinch it.

Notes: It was Desharnais' first goal in 18 games. ... Montreal outshot Boston 14-3 in the opening period. The road team has won six of the eight Winter Classics. ... Rask took a shot off the shoulder midway through the third period and needed medical attention, but he remained in the game. ... Gallagher had not played in 17 games since Nov. 22 because of two broken fingers on his left hand. ... The Bruins are the first team to host the Winter Classic twice. The 2010 game was at Fenway Park.

Editorial

A warm hello to 2016; we'll get what we put in

Already three days into the new year, it seems wrong to be offering thoughts on 2016 resolutions.

So, we'll be wrong.

Besides, editorializing on New Year's resolutions today provides further impetus for those who have made it into Day 3 of their life-changing commitment.

On Jan. 1, 2015, we offered editorially as a salute to the incoming year, "Another year, another you. Or will it be the same you? Only you, and only should you, be the one to decide."

We took a similar stand the year before that, and the year before that. And probably, the year before that.

Our reference on each occasion, and still is, was to the ever-popular — or, in the minds of some, ever-dreaded — pledges to make personal change.

As for those 2015 aims, we hope your mission — in whatever form or fashion — has been successful.

If it has, may we offer, "Congratulations!"

If it has not, may we suggest trying again ... if it is indeed a change you want to make. May we also suggest the only unique property to New Year's resolutions is their date. Self-ascribed change can come at any time of the year. It doesn't have to begin Jan. 1. It doesn't have to end Dec. 31.

The subject of New Year's resolutions inarguably is one of the most talked about issues of the holiday season ... which hasn't ended. We still have college football's national championship game and Super Bowl Sunday looming. In terms of being a hot topic, resolutions rank right up there with Black Friday, favorite Christmas gifts, the college bowl games and black-eyed peas. Their order of priority depends upon the interests of the individual reveler.

Admittedly, some hate New Year's resolutions. Some love them. Some fall somewhere in the vast in between.

Regardless of one's sentiments toward this idealistic ritual, it is always fun to explore the Top 10 list of America's favorites. We took this journey for the first time on Jan. 2, 2011. We have re-explored it each New Year's Day since ... er, barring this year's exception in which we find ourselves two days late.

Perhaps tardiness will become one of our own resolutions for the new year.

Regardless, we find no plausible argument against delving into the subject again as 2016 begins its exciting jaunt into the here and now.

With that in mind, let us review what Americans say are their most popular resolutions. We should mention this is not our list. It is derived from the research of several Internet sites which dedicate their time, energy and attention to such matters.

We should also point out, America's resolutions — for the most part — have remained much the same, barring the occasional swap in rank and priority.

As we have done in year's past, we will publish this "Top 10" of New Year's resolutions in reverse order ... because we want to.

We recommend comparing it with your own. For those who do not make New Year's resolutions, nor have any interest in those of others who do, we would direct your attention to the next page.

It is without further delay, America's ... sort of ... most common New Year's resolutions:

No. 10: Help others. Those whose lives are organized, who

don't struggle with an unbalanced lifestyle and who aren't suffocating under work demands often develop an eagerness to make a difference in the lives of others. It is called volunteerism.

No. 9: Get organized. Most frequently, this means eliminating clutter by simplifying lifestyles. It also alludes to taking stock of our personal lives with an intent on prioritizing what is most important ... and then doing it.

No. 8: Enjoy life more. This one is open-ended depending upon one's definition of "enjoyment" or "personal fulfillment." Most resolve to do this by finding more reasons to be at home and spending quality time with family and loved ones.

No. 7: Save more. Closely akin to "Getting Out of Debt," this resolution has more to do with curtailing discretionary spending. The best way to do it is to open, and to contribute, to new savings accounts using direct deposit if it is available, or to open IRAs or a 401(k).

No. 6: Spend more time with family. This resolution is made mostly by workaholics or at the very least those whose jobs require 60 hours or more a week just to meet work demands. It is also made by community stewards who routinely place the needs of others ahead of their own. For them, the secret is learning to say "No."

No. 5: Get out of debt. It takes a commitment, a lot of willpower, a little luck and a renewed mindset that says, "I don't have to own it just because I want it."

No. 4: Stop smoking (or any tobacco use). Today's health numbers, and rising insurance rates, tell the story. It's why many are trying to kick tobacco's butt.

No. 3: Quit drinking. Some pledge to stop consuming alcohol altogether, others simply to curtail the amounts.

No. 2: Exercise. Some might place this in the "Lose Weight" category, but our findings showed that even the skinny-minis are getting more serious about regular exercise because it can help them as well to overcome stress, hypertension, high cholesterol, pre-diabetes and other ailments common to today's rat-race society.

No. 1: No drum roll is necessary because it was mentioned in No. 2. The most popular resolution traditionally is "Lose Weight." One website we explored reported more than 66 percent of American adults are considered overweight or obese. Remember, upon our first printing of these facts, the numbers were from 2011. Googling the same subject for 2016 might show slight variation. But for the record, as most would expect, this goal showed up on every website we visited.

Just as this newspaper does not endorse political candidates, we rarely favor one resolution over another. If we did, we might select Nos. 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10. If pressed to condense, we might pare it down to No. 6, 8 and 10.

We are our neighbor's keeper. And life is simply too short to watch others suffer.

It isn't so much about making a difference as it is just reaching out. One hand of care is always better than two in the pockets.

And when good men look away, it is our prayer that such actions are intended only to find answers in new directions.

We hope 2016 will be the year of your dreams. But as with any year, we will get out of it only what we have put in.

Happy New Year, Cleveland and Bradley County!

You have earned it.

Living life with hope and joy

'What doesn't kill you makes you' is a theme in life that many could embrace in a new year

By now, the celebratory confetti has settled, the bubbly has finished its bubbling, and the renditions of "Auld Lang Syne" have long since ceased.

Now that 2016 is here in earnest, the official celebrations have ended. However, there are still plenty of reasons to celebrate the new year.

Regardless of how the previous year went, a new year can be an exhilarating time.

It is exciting because it automatically comes with a second chance. One must decide how he or she is going to approach a new year, and the decision can be to make the new one better than the last.

I recently sat down with a journal and pen to carry out my annual tradition of making New Year's resolutions.

Now, my making resolutions in the past has not always worked out perfectly. Despite my best intentions, I did not learn all the new skills I planned to learn last year. And there was at least one new leaf left partially unturned.

While hardly anything about my 2015 went totally as planned, I have few regrets.

Some say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I say what doesn't kill you makes you; your experiences so often shape who you become as the years go by.

This year, I challenge you to look back on your experiences and use them to become stronger, wiser and even more ready to tackle what lies ahead.

You can never know for certain what the future will bring, but you can work to develop the determination to make it through whatever might come.

Sometimes, being ready can involve making — and keeping — New Year's resolutions.

The website gobankingrates.com recently surveyed a little over 5,000 people about what their New Year's resolutions were for 2016.

When given a list of options which included worthwhile goals like "lose weight" and "pay down debt," most respondents chose an option that was a little more



'STRONG THOUGHTS

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abstract. The majority, 45.7 percent, said "enjoy life to the fullest" would be among their top resolutions, and some even said that would be the only resolution they would make.

It's worth noting that this popular resolution choice was very non-specific. Enjoying life means many things for many people, and that enjoyment can be the result of meeting other goals (like becoming debt-free).

What exactly "enjoy life to the fullest" means will likely vary widely from person to person, but it is a worthy goal nonetheless.

Though some resolutions are decidedly personal and private, I am always interested in hearing about the goals my friends and family have made.

Those who have been successful in carrying their goals with them throughout the year seem to have all approached them with similar attitudes. They say you must resolve to make a new resolution each day, and you have to recognize that even minor progress is progress just the same.

Making a new resolution each day can be as simple as getting your schedule in order. Penciling in a new habit like working out after work might just encourage you to keep going to the gym.

It's tempting to make lofty goals at the start of a new year, but it is important to realize progress can be a slow thing. One may not suddenly become more organized, but someone deciding to organize a desk or closet one day is working toward the goal of organization.

It all goes back to the idea of improvement being a process. Working toward a

goal — even if you do not fully reach it in a year's time — is worth your time.

Cynics will say making New Year's resolutions is a moronic practice, because so many end up breaking the promises they make to themselves.

I tend to take the view that any striving toward self-improvement is a good thing.

Remember, what doesn't kill you makes you. Perhaps the experiences you have while working toward your resolutions' goals will be the experiences that will most shape who you become in a year's time.

While one does not have to wait until a new year rolls around to make a positive change in his or her life, a new year is certainly as good a time as any to begin.

There is also something to be said for the sense of wonder one tends to feel during the new year.

I had a relatively low-key New Year's Eve, walking from my house to another for a quiet little party. As I strolled back home, I couldn't help but feel a sense of wonder in light of the new year.

The crisp air, bright stars peeking through the clouds and the fireworks blasting into yellow and blue in the distance got me thinking about what 2016 would mean for me.

There is always room for celebration, even after a crummy year. And there is always an opportunity to start hoping for new things.

I understand the skepticism a new year can bring, especially if the previous one was less than great. However, I hope you can find it in yourself to hope.

Most people look forward to the holiday season each year for the excitement it brings, and the spirit of joy and giving which accompany that time of year.

Why can't that spirit last? I resolve to do whatever I can to live my life with hope and joy, and I hope you will as well.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Sunday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2016. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Jan. 3, 1946, William Joyce, the pro-Nazi radio propagandist known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was hanged at Wandsworth Prison in London for high treason.

On this date: In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.

In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1870, groundbreaking took place for the Brooklyn Bridge.

In 1911, the first postal savings banks were opened by what was then called the U.S. Post Office. (The banks were abolished in 1966.)

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was established by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who himself had been afflicted with the crippling disease.

In 1949, in a pair of rulings, the U.S. Supreme Court said that states had the right to ban closed union shops.

In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

In 1967, Jack Ruby, the man who shot and killed accused presidential assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, died in a Dallas hospital.

In 1977, Apple Computer was incorporated in Cupertino, California, by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Mike Makkula Jr.

In 1980, conservationist Joy Adamson, author of "Born Free," was killed in northern Kenya by a former employee.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 2000, the last new daily "Peanuts" strip by Charles Schulz ran in 2,600 newspapers.

Ten years ago: Lobbyist Jack Abramoff pleaded guilty to providing gifts to officials in exchange for their help; he agreed to cooperate in investigations of corruption in Congress. Iran told the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency it planned to resume nuclear fuel research. Militants broke into the home of an Afghan headmaster and decapitated him in the latest in a spate of attacks blamed on the Taliban that had forced many schools to close.

Five years ago: Democrat Jerry Brown was sworn in as California's 39th governor, returning to the office he'd left 28 years earlier. Prosecutors in Dallas declared Cornelius Dupree Jr. innocent of a rape and robbery that had put him in prison for 30 years.

One year ago: Boko Haram extremists kidnapped about 40 boys and young men and killed scores of soldiers in a bold attack on a multinational military base in northern Nigeria. Abu Anas al-Libi, 50, a man accused by U.S. prosecutors of being an al-Qaida member involved in the 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, died in New York while awaiting trial. Former U.S. Sen. Edward W.

Brooke, a liberal Republican who became the first black in U.S. history to win popular election to the Senate, died in Coral Gables, Florida, at age 95.

Today's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 90. Actor Dabney Coleman is 84. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 80. Hockey Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 77. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 73. Musician Stephen Stills is 71. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 70.

ANNIE'S MAILBOX

Dear Annie: "Michael" and I have been dating for two years, and I'm pretty sure that he's the one. He's smart, funny and sensitive, and we agree on most things.

One thing that we do not agree on, however, is my 15-year-old Pomeranian, "Clover." Clover has had a number of surgeries lately and for the past eight months, has needed a catheter. Michael believes that I should put Clover down, because she is in a lot of pain and the veterinarian claims that things are not likely to get better.

I appreciate Michael's sympathy. I really do. I just wish that he would put himself in my shoes. I've had Clover since she was a puppy. I consider her to be one of my dearest friends. We have been through so much together that I cannot lose her if I don't have to. How do I explain to Michael that I want to hold onto my friend as long as possible? — Confused and Torn

Dear Confused: We know you love Clover and want her around forever. But you are hurting her terribly. She is in constant pain. She is not going to get better. In fact, her pain may become unbearable. A true friend does not insist that her loving companion stay alive for her sake. We realize that you don't intend to be so cruel to Clover simply

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College football bowls galore, but not in Lovell, Wyo.

“There are many reasons why I hate college football. The four-hour games drone on longer than Steve Lyons during the American League playoffs. The ever-expanding season threatens to creep into early July. Boise, Idaho, hosts a bowl game. And it’s played on blue artificial turf.”

— **Stephen Rodrick**
American journalist
The New York Times Magazine

As I am told, it has finally happened. Every city in America now hosts its own college football bowl game.

Not one to believe everything I hear and certainly not all that I read, I remain wary of the report. I figure the story to be an embellishment at most, or a misunderstanding at least.

Here’s why. I know, without debate, Lovell, Wyoming, has no bowl of its own. Nestled among the open ranches bordering the Cowboy State’s northern edge and Montana’s southern boundary, Lovell’s population is about 2,360, based on U.S. Census data from 2010. Assuming at least one woman has given birth since, the sleepy little villa could now hold 2,361 Lovellites ... and probably more.

I love the term Lovellite almost as much as Lilliputian. My facts on Lovell come straight from the voice of one who knows — a grown niece on my wife’s side who now calls southern Montana her home, along with her husband, Eddie.

Living among the prairie dogs, brown bears and tumbleweed of the open plains, yet not so far from the nearest mountain range, the pair’s closest known civilization is Lovell, about a 45-minute drive south if you follow a winding road that was carved from an old cattle and Indian trail.

Planted in Big Horn County, Lovell was named for Henry Lovell, a local rancher. The Big West hamlet is best known for its EJZ Bridge over the Shoshone River. Built in 1925, the aging breezeway is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Reported to have a total area of 1.10 square miles, Lovell is all land. At first, this Internet factoid confused me. Most towns are all land. It was then I realized “all land” means “no water.”

Subsequently, Lovellites must get thirsty. It’s why they patronize, perhaps weekly, a giant convenience store — about 30,000 square feet worth, according to sources — named The Red Apple Supermarket. Seems like the same sources say it used to be called the Big Horn Market, but I can’t independently verify it.

Apparently The Red Apple, or the Big Horn, take your pick, sells — along with

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bottled water — groceries, alcohol, hardware, bakery goods, deli products, household items, fabric (which the staff cuts on site) and dairy supplies. Seasonally, they add eggnog, partridges and pear trees, but no French hens. The local Chamber frowns on imports. Golden rings — in all counts, not just five — were taken off the racks years ago, the apparent lure of outlawed claim jumping.

I’m pretty sure the store sells lots of tobacco. There are lots of cowboys. Cowboys smoke, and many dip. I don’t know if the big market has gas pumps. Sheep, one of the region’s chosen livestock both in northern Wyoming and southern Montana, and horses — a preferred means of transport by cowboys — need no petro.

The supermarket likely sells bear repellent as well, whether in aerosol spray cans or guns. Bullets are probably extra.

From what niece Jennifer tells us via Facebook, their small Montana home — kind of a storage shed converted into a house — is often visited by brown bears, probably coming down from the Bighorn Mountains or the national forest or open range.

Where they live, on the southern edge of Montana’s nowhere, it’s legal to shoot brown bears, but only if the marauders pose a legitimate threat. I don’t know if the gauge of aggression is measured by loud growls at night, consumption of family goats, dropping excess scat on private land or an edgy combination of all.

Speaking of guns, Lovell’s last reported murder came in 2007. Before that, well, I don’t think there were any before that. But, they did have a robbery in 2010, a few assaults — probably misunderstandings between beer-chasing cowboys — and a sporadic collection of burglaries and thefts. They recorded two auto thefts in 2009, a busy year for the local sheriff.

Back to that supermarket, it’s reported to be Lovell’s biggest employer. In Lovell, half the population works there. The other half shops there. And if you live in Lovell, you know everybody who works or shops there.

Jennifer, too, is in their employ. She makes the daily commute from the Montana plains, leaving Eddie at home to cook, tend to the chores, clean up the scat, fend off the brown bears and keep track of the passing tumbleweed.

Each has a daughter who lives in Lovell and works at the big market.

Jennifer’s girl is Anna Clare and Eddie’s is Jessica. Both followed their parents to Wyoming from West Tennessee a few years ago, but the girls drew the line at leaving the big city. They share an apartment in Lovell. Jennifer and Eddie chose instead to venture into the badlands of Montana, dragging in tow the converted shed.

Although Anna Clare and Jessica are stepsisters, they have nothing in common with the wicked namesakes of “Cinderella” lore. Both are humble and nice, just a pair of down-home working girls trying to make a living at the Lovell market.

I mention Jennifer in this narrative on college football bowls because she’s a former expert.

Back in the day when my wife’s family competed in a good-natured college bowl prognostications event every season — called the Annual Swindell West Tennessee College Football Bowl Predictions Contest, or ASWTCFBPC — Jennifer was the youngest-ever champion.

As an 11-year-old lass attending Greenfield School, she not only won the ASWTCFBPC, she did it in startling fashion. Funny thing, I always thought little 11-year-old girls were focused on Barbies, ponytails and little 11-year-old boys. Not Jennifer. She was a pioneer and a Vegas oddsmaker wannabe.

I don’t remember the year she won. Maybe it was the ‘80s. Back then, I probably had darker hair, less forehead and a midsection that didn’t keep all 10 toes in full shade by high noon.

In its time, it was a big event for the Swindell family, and much talked about throughout metro Greenfield which, by today’s standards, is about the size of Lovell. The ASWTCFBPC winner even got a rotating trophy. Winners’ names were not engraved on the giant hunk of hardware due to costs. We were a frugal bunch, bordering on cheap.

In the end, the family finally discontinued the tradition. New college bowls were springing up every year in most regions of the country. Universities we’d never heard of were playing in bowls everywhere. Already bad at picking the winners of the big signature games, we got even worse when the team count multiplied like bear scat in Montana.

By the time the family retired the contest, there were thirtysomething bowls. Now, there are even more, and that doesn’t include the national championship game. Yet, I continue to doubt the post-season, gridiron phenomenon has flooded every town in the U.S. market, as rumored.

Because Jennifer is a former football queen who now lives on the edge of humanity, I figured if anybody understands the growth patterns of college

football bowls, or if anybody knows whether every American city now hosts a college football bowl, it is she.

So my wife and I one evening posed the private-message question via Facebook whose biggest role to mankind is keeping families close ... especially those keeping house in a land without houses.

“Jennifer, does the city of Lovell host a college football bowl game?” we asked.

Sometime later, after journeying from the Montana plains and back to Lovell where Facebook is available, Jennifer replied.

“No.” Satisfied, yet needing detail, we sent along another query, “Does the city of Lovell plan to ever host a college football bowl game?”

Her answer, “The city of Lovell would first need to get a football field.”

This time I, not my wife, sent the private message, “Does the city of Lovell own a football?”

She replied, “Whether the city actually owns one, I cannot say. The next time the mayor drops in at the market, normally on late Thursday afternoons, I’ll ask. If he shows an interest, we’ll sell him one. The market offers a limited supply of footballs.”

“Does the city of Lovell populace know what they are?” I asked next.

“... Can’t say for certain,” she responded. “A customer the other day did mention something about ‘... those funny-looking, oval-shaped pumpkins’ in the sporting goods aisle, just down the way from the shotguns.”

“Funny-looking pumpkins?” came my reply.

“Funny-looking, oval-shaped pumpkins,” she corrected.

Checking for background, I asked, “Have the citizens of the city of Lovell ever heard the old Andy Griffith recording about seeing his first football game? A pumpkin played a significant role.”

“Andy who?” she returned.

I had forgotten. Andy Griffith’s days of comedy long preceded her generation. “Never mind,” I answered. “We’ll discuss it should we ever meet again, and assuming you are not eaten by a bear. By the way, how are things in Big Sky Country?”

“Our skies are no bigger than East Tennessee’s.”

She had me on that one.

Knowing the gracious citizens there would appreciate a little humor about their beloved town, I posed another question, yet one having nothing to do with football and college bowls: “Does the city of Lovell roll up its sidewalks after dark?”

Came her reply, “Side what?”

“What about the news up there? What’s in the headlines?”

“No newspaper where Eddie and I live,”

she cited. “No TV. No radio. Very little electricity, just our generator. It’s quiet up here. It’s our little piece of heaven. Lovell, down south, has all that.”

The pioneer woman’s analogy to heaven was spot on. Lovellites probably feel the same about their town.

One more, “Does the city of Lovell have stop signs?”

Her response, “Of course. We take the safety of our horses very seriously.”

Closing the string of messages, I offered, “Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Stay warm, preserve the buffalo and keep down wind of the brown bears.”

She said “OK” on all counts and offered assurance if Lovell ever hosts a college football bowl game, we would be among the first non-prairie folk to know. Thus, all was settled.

As I had suspected, every American city indeed does not stake claim to its own college football bowl game. At least, not yet.

I present the case of Lovell, Wyoming, whose good-natured citizens remain in wait.

I suggest there are others. Like I said, I don’t believe everything I hear and certainly not all of what I read. And for the record, not all of what you’ve just read is true.

But here’s what is fact. Yes, there’s a Jennifer and an Eddie and an Anna Clare and a Jessica. All are good folks.

Yes, there’s a Red Apple Supermarket that sells everything I mentioned though I’m not sure about the guns. But it seems natural. Wyoming’s full of cowboys and Lovell’s in Wyoming.

Lovell is indeed a tiny town, but it’s the biggest in the territory. So yes, they’ve got three banks, two restaurants, a 15-bed critical care hospital (mostly for bear bites and saddle blisters) and a school ... which, according to Jennifer, has “winning sports teams.” I assume that means the town really does, after all, have a football field. Whether it could host a college bowl I cannot say.

I’m told Lovell also has a sugar factory whose business swells every autumn when the town’s bumper crop of beets is harvested.

And yes, Lovell really does have a sidewalk. They have to get to the hospital and supermarket somehow if the horses pull up lame.

Who’s to say? One day that sidewalk could even lead to the inaugural playing of the City of Lovell Sugar Beet Bowl. If needed, I will buy the town a football for the occasion.

But they’ll have to furnish the whistles.

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Annie

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because you aren’t ready to say goodbye. Please talk to the veterinarian. Ask whether there is someone who can help you make the decision that is best for Clover, and perhaps have Michael come with you so he, too, can be a source of support.

Dear Annie: This is for “Mike,” who asked why women expect their retired husbands to take on household chores, but the women won’t clean the gutters or mow the lawn.

I have been married for 50 years. For 45 of those, I worked a full-time job, raised two great kids, cooked, washed clothes and cleaned the house. During this time, my husband also

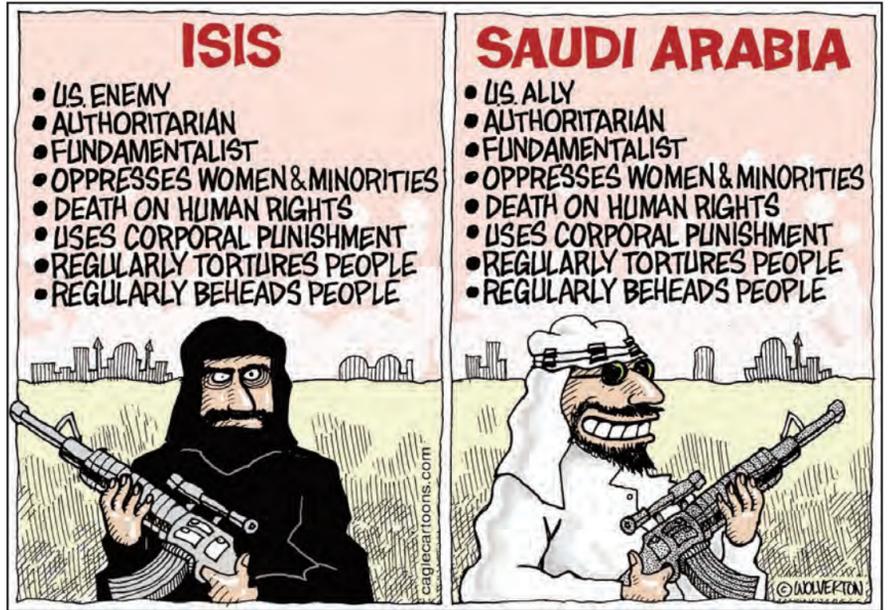
worked full time, but did little around the house, so he had time for golf, fishing and getting together with the boys.

My husband retired five years ago and I still work full time. I asked him to help with the housework, since he’s home so much. Instead, he hired a cleaning person. I asked, “Would you mind doing some of the laundry?” So he washes his clothing but not mine, which is OK. He even cooks now and then. And for those gutter cleanings and fix-it projects? He hired a yard guy and a handyman. Life is good. — A Happy Wife

Dear Happy: We say, whatever works. If you can afford to

hire the help you need, by all means, do so. It’s better than feeling stressed, resentful and overworked. Your husband may not have been willing to take on these chores himself, but he was considerate enough to hire someone, so neither of you was stuck with all the work.

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Deciphering fact from fiction of ‘Thunder Road’

It was a time-honored tradition in the hills and hollows of East Tennessee, carrying jugs of “that good ole mountain dew” to friends and customers. The secret stills, souped-up cars and wild night drives gave birth to NASCAR racing and larger-than-life legends.

The late Joe Lee Johnson of Cleveland, who won the first World 600 race in Charlotte, N.C., in 1960, probably knew most of the sport’s early “bootleggers.”

This was back in the days I was growing up as a teenager, the days when the movie “Thunder Road” graced the screens of uncountable drive-in theaters from Chattanooga to Johnson City.

Just before I graduated from high school, the movie came out and focused on moonshining and bootlegging throughout East Tennessee.

It was supposedly a mix of fact and fiction, and the black-and-white movie gave the nation’s movie-goers a glimpse of the illegal trade we knew first hand in the late 1950s.

Famed actor Robert Mitchum wrote the story, and co-wrote the ballad featured on the sound track.

The film was based loosely on an incident in which a “a mountain boy,” hauling moonshine for his bootlegging father, crashed and was killed on Kingston Pike in West Knoxville. The location was pinpointed on Bearden Hill at Morrell Road.

LOOKING BACK

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The incident reportedly occurred in 1952, and may have been passed on to Mitchum by a West Knoxville resident.

My memories, and information and I have received since, contradict the location of the actual crash ... if there was a crash. Many think the story is fictional, but others who lived in West Knoxville and surrounding communities claim it is real.

I worked and spent considerable time in West Knoxville in the late 1980s and early 1990s. More than one person told me there was an actual crash, but they say it wasn’t on Bearden Hill. They say it happened at a power line substation at the intersection of Watt Road and Kingston Pike.

There was also a golf driving range nearby, but it has been gone for decades.

This site is about two miles beyond the Willow Creek and Fox Den golf courses in Farragut.

You can see the film is easily a mix of fact and fiction. It’s a tale of bootleggers running ‘shine on “Thunder Road,” and the final, exciting run from the authorities which ends in tragedy.

To me, the film may be more fact than fiction, but the actual “characters” of the day were not portrayed. In reality, moonshining had plenty of real people and real stories in the East Tennessee area during this time.

There was the infamous White Lightning Trail which ran through Tennessee, Kentucky and the Carolinas, and branched off through most of the rest of the South.

On the streets, in pool halls, and local hangouts were stories about famous moonshiners like “Popcorn” Sutton of Newport and White Pine. You could visit the Vardy Community in Hancock County and see the home of “Big Haley” Mullins.

She was a bootlegger so large she was deemed “catchable, but not fetchable.”

I don’t believe any of my kinfolks can be listed among these “characters,” but you never know. From talk I overheard as a teenager, most of my kin kept some of the distilled product in easy drinking distance.

My grandfather on my mother’s side of the family, Jim Collins, probably knew a majority of the moonshiners and bootleggers throughout Upper East Tennessee. He was chief deputy of the Greene County Sheriff’s Department for a number of years.

The “Thunder Road” film became a cult classic and continued to be shown at theaters of the South into the 1980s.

The title of the movie and ballad came from one of the lines in the song. The song said, “His daddy made the whiskey, his son drove the load, and when his engine roared, they called the highway Thunder Road.”

Mitchum recorded the song in 1958 to go along with the movie. Backed by a twanging guitar, Mitchum sings of “the mountain boy” ignoring the federal man’s warning and “roaring out of Harlan, revving up his mill, he shot the gap at Cumberland and screamed by Maynardville,” then “blazing right through Knoxville, out on Kingston Pike ... right outside of Bearden, there they made the fatal strike.”

Whether the song refers to something that really happened, or not, the legacy of “Thunder Road” is a touchstone of our cultural landscape on the order of Vols football, the Tennessee Valley Authority, mountain folk, and the Civil War.

It is an inconvenient truth that there is no record of a crash involving a moonshiner on or around April 1, 1954. That would have been too easy. Still, oldtime residents of Farragut remember such a crash. This could be wishful thinking on their part, but all of the stories I’ve been told are very similar.

Some have come forward with a variety of other stories.

Knoxville’s Buddy Wagner said it happened in 1952 ... April, he thinks. It

was when he was a 17-year-old Fulton High student. He offered many details of hearing about a bad wreck and walking to actually see it, at an electric substation near Papermill Road. That’s quite a walk, if he’s to be believed.

Maryville High graduate Don Palmer, a classmate of mine, said there was no crash. He says the story was based on his father Dan, who once told bootlegging stories to Mitchum on a fishing trip that also included Kirby Grant, star of the TV show “Sky King.” I know Don’s dad was involved with bootlegging.

Although none of these purportedly detailed, interesting, probably apocryphal accounts can be verified, it’s possible that many of these stories did help Mitchum develop the idea for his movie.

Regardless of which story is true, or not true, the “Thunder Road” film, and its accompanying ballad, have become legends since they were released in the 1950s.

In his 2001 Mitchum biography, “Baby, I Don’t Care,” Lee Server writes: “Mitchum had been fiddling with the idea for years of a movie about moonshiners outrunning Treasury agents.”

The sad thing about the whole scenario is, if the story is true, no one knows the identity of “the mountain boy” who died in the tragic crash. With that in mind, it would be best to think the story is all fiction.

HIV-positive doctor says his dog saved his life

CHICAGO (AP) — Rob Garofalo was devastated. He'd built his medical and research career on helping young AIDS patients. Then he learned that he, too, was HIV-positive. The news came after he'd already survived kidney cancer and a breakup with his longtime partner.

Try as he might, the doctor could not heal himself, at least not emotionally.

"I couldn't afford myself the same compassion that I'd spent a career teaching other people to have," says Garofalo, who heads the adolescent medicine division at Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. At first, he told almost no one about his HIV status — not even his own elderly mother, who sensed that her son was struggling mightily during a Christmas visit in 2010.

"You can tell me that everything is OK, but it's not," she said, cupping her hands around her son's face at the end of his trip to his native New Jersey.

Garofalo recalls crying on much of the flight home to Chicago in a catharsis that led him to an unexpected decision, one that helped him in ways no human could and ultimately led him to a new role in the HIV community.

He got a dog.

It was a little Yorkshire terrier he named Fred. And everything changed.

"I had this little bundle of, like, pure joy," Garofalo says. "He made me re-engage with the world."

The doctor, who's helped save many an AIDS patient, knows it sounds a little crazy that the companionship and simple needs of a pet could help him cope with his disease and pull him out of depression.

"But I'm not exaggerating when I say that he saved my life," says Garofalo, who'd considered suicide after his HIV diagnosis.

His journey back to life started with simple things. He had to leave the apartment where he'd isolated himself to buy food for Fred. He had to talk to the many people who wanted to stop and pet the little dog. Garofalo also found comfort when he'd awoken with one of his frequent night terrors and have Fred to snuggle.

Eventually, Garofalo sought counseling and told his mother and friends about his HIV status. As his energy level grew, he also started a charity using Fred's image to raise money for programs that help HIV-positive teens.

He continued to share his story, even with strangers on Fred's charity website. And Garofalo began to realize that he was far from the only person with HIV — or any number of other diseases — who'd been helped by a dog. And in that human-canine bond, he saw new purpose and an opportunity to grow his charity's reach.

He began a project called "When Dogs Heal," with the help of a dog photographer named Jesse Freidin and a Chicago-based writer named Zach Stafford. It tells the stories of HIV-positive people and their dogs in an exhibit launching in Chicago on Tuesday, Dec. 1, which is World AIDS Day, and also in New York City two days later.

Participants whose images are in the show include a young mother from Los Angeles who was born with HIV, a Chicago man who tested positive after he was gang raped, and an HIV-positive man in San Francisco who quit dealing drugs so he could provide a more stable life for himself and his newly adopted dog.



DANIEL CARDENAS poses for a portrait with his dog, a Shiba Inu named Loki, in Chicago. The portrait is part of the "When Dogs Heal" project, a photo exhibit of HIV-positive people and their dogs that opened in Chicago and in New York City. Of Loki, Cardenas says, "He's really a symbol of hope, of promise — of a future."

"I would be in bed and not want to get up, but this little doggy was whining, licking my neck and needed to get outside. I had to get up," says Lynnea Garbutt, the young mom. She says her wirehaired fox terrier, Coconut, eventually helped her muster the courage to leave an abusive relationship and also prepared her to care for her daughter, who recently turned 1. The child is not HIV-positive thanks to medical interventions that can now prevent the spread of the virus from mother to infant.

Though many participants' stories have difficult elements, Freidin, the photographer, said the exhibit also shows "something joyful."

Daniel Cardenas, an HIV-positive Chicagoan who'll appear in the upcoming exhibit with his dog, Loki, certainly sees that in his dog.

"He's really a symbol for me," Cardenas says, "a symbol of hope, of promise, of a future."

Hope is a relatively new chapter in the AIDS fight. In decades past, doctors, including Garofalo, were desperate to save people with HIV. Now, with new, less-complicated treatments, many people are living healthy, productive lives with the AIDS virus.

Stigma is still an issue, however.

Even a matter of months ago, and although he'd gone public with his HIV status, Garofalo did not want to talk about how he suspects he contracted the virus because he doesn't want to inadvertently imply that people who've gotten the virus through drug use or consensual sex deserve to be shamed.

He was sexually assaulted in November 2009 during a trip to Washington, D.C., and although he's not entirely sure he got the virus then, it fits with the timing of his diagnosis.

"I wasn't perfect. I could've gotten it another way," says Garofalo, who concedes that his sometimes self-destructive downward spiral had begun much earlier, when he was diagnosed with renal cell cancer a decade ago, just after he'd turned 40. "The truth is, I was a mess even back then," he says.

Having recently turned 50, and with all he's been through, he says he's grown a lot — and

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now sees his HIV patients in a much less academic manner.

"Now I approach it in a very different way because it comes from my soul," he says.

Even amid his personal distress, he says he somehow managed to keep his career on track. He now heads the Center for Gender, Sexuality and HIV Prevention at Lurie Children's Hospital.

"Rob is a hero," says the Rev. Stan Sloan, CEO of Chicago House, an organization that provides homeless services to HIV-positive people and others. "And Fred has been a critical part of that."

An HIV-positive teen in Los Angeles recently wrote Garofalo a letter to thank him and his Fred-inspired charity for providing money so he could buy a much-needed pair of shoes.

"The initiative you started because of a dream, a prayer and a dog has blessed me," the teen wrote.

Garofalo says he owes it all to Fred, whose portrait with his owner will appear in the exhibit. It is an impact his mom saw take hold almost immediately when her son visited with Fred in the spring of 2010, after that Christmas visit.

Even now, Garofalo gets emotional when he tells the story of coming downstairs to find his mother cradling the dog.

"My mom was telling him that he was a miracle," Garofalo says, his eyes reddening, "because he had brought her son back."

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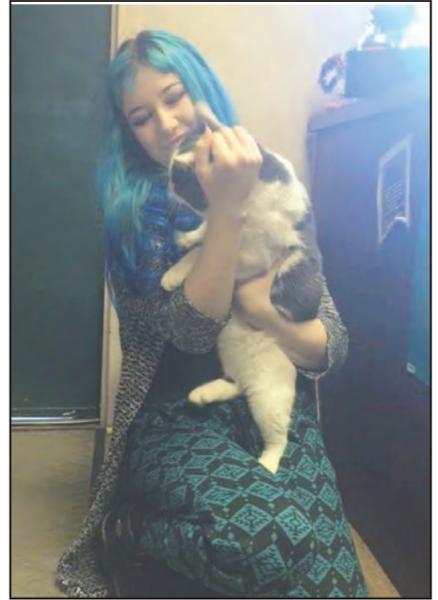
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ISIAH, a Staffordshire Bull Terrier of approximately 3 years, was surrendered to the SPCA. He caught the eyes of his new family who came all the way from Nashville to adopt him 28 days later.



MILES, a domestic short haired male, was owner surrendered to the SPCA. This big hunk of love was adopted 42 days later by Rebekah Hatmaker.



WALLACE, a Boxer mix of approximately 2 years, was surrendered to the SPCA as a stray. He was adopted 45 days later by David Montkhaus.



THESE SIX PUPPIES were found in a ditch with their dead mother by a Good Samaritan who brought them to the SPCA several days before Christmas. SPCA staff and volunteers have nicknamed them the "Bubble Puppies," because they will be in a "bubble" of sorts until their Sarcopic mange has cleared up and they each get a negative skin scrape. For the time being, they are not allowed any visitors as they are highly contagious for humans and pets alike. Only experienced staff can handle them or be in their room. The puppies are believed to be four to six weeks of age. An anonymous individual donated \$500 to the SPCA to fund their care and treatment two days before Christmas. The SPCA will notify the public when these babies are available for adoption.

20 coal-ash basins classified as high or intermediate risk

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina regulators are proposing that about two-thirds of Duke Energy's 32 coal-ash basins be fully excavated but say further data is being analyzed for a determination on several others.

A draft report released Thursday classified 12 pits at four plants as an intermediate risk, meaning they must be excavated by the end of 2024. Eight pits at four sites had already been rated as high-risk under a state law, meaning they must be dug up by the end of 2019.

Duke Energy previously announced that it planned to excavate the residue of coal burned for electricity from 20 basins, but the company's list differs slightly from the state's.

The state says the classifications are subject to a public com-

ment period and aren't final. Conservationists decried Thursday's announcement, saying an earlier draft of the classifications identified 27 of the basins as high-risk. The Southern Environmental Law Center, which is involved in lawsuits seeking tougher enforcement of environmental laws, obtained the November draft as part of its litigation.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Boris and Anastasia vacation, they prefer to stay in a deluxe three-story suite, dine on tuna mackerel and lobster consommé, and spend their time on an iPad. The Russian blue cats spend a few days to a couple of weeks at Morris Animal Inn in Morristown, New Jersey, when their owners go out of town. And it's pretty clear to owner Shannon Muller, of nearby Morris Plains, that her cats get more indulgences at the hotel than at home.

When Boris and Anastasia get to the resort, "they barely look back at us," she said. "But when they come home, they are glad to be home."

People are pouring more money into pampering their pets, including at high-amenity hotels such as Morris Animal Inn. The luxury and the costs vary widely at kitty resorts, but all cater to cats that are no longer left at home without care. These days, they're getting the same out-of-town treatment as dogs while people emphasize pet care and cats become more popular with help from online videos and TV specials.

Morris Animal Inn started boarding cats in the 1980s with a basic enclosure, litter and food. It expanded its services because pet parents are treating their cats and dogs more like family and demanding specialized and customizable services, said Joann Morris, vice president and co-owner.

"Our first activity was the pampered pet session, simulating the love and attention they might get at home from an independent cat sitter," she said.

It costs \$12.95 a session and is popular with those who don't want to buy a full menu of services. For those who do, package prices range from \$19.95 to \$49.95 per day and vary mainly by how much one-on-one attention the cat gets.

The most popular is the Purrfect package, built for the most active animals, which gives cats lots of personal attention, five-star fare and even a running wheel that looks like a large hamster wheel. They also get plenty of time to play with toys, climb ropes, create art on iPads by pawing at the screen, listen to classical music and snack on catnip.

Kitty TV is always tuned to something cats like to watch: butterflies, balls, birds. Once they're tired, they head back to their three-story suites for a snooze. The rooms offer a birds-eye view of the lobby through clear plastic, wide window seats and soft pillows — no metal resembling a cage.

Older cats or those who like to laze can get cheaper packages with more sleep time, fewer activities and a premium bed. But everyone gets maid service and daily brushing.

Morris Animal Inn isn't the only hotel doling out kitty amenities.

The Pawington in South San

Francisco is a 23,000-square-foot dog and cat day-care and boarding center. Suites, much like Morris', come in packages or ala carte. Priced at \$45 to \$65, they include separate ventilation systems and hideaway dens for peaceful rest.

At Whiskers Luxury Cat Boarding in Georgetown, Texas, every suite has a 7-foot tree topped with a kitty skybox. The owners even promise a family of

finches for cats to watch. Suites range from \$25 to \$80 per night, depending on amenities.

The cat-comfort craze has even moved into veterinarians' offices, with a push for feline-friendly, dog-free facilities where cats are handled more gently and get calming pheromones, said Raelynn Farnsworth, a professor at Washington State University's College of Veterinary Medicine.



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Ohio State beats Notre Dame in Fiesta Bowl

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Ezekiel Elliott was Ohio State's drive capper in the first half. He became the show stopper with a burst of speed in the second.

Not a bad way to head off to the NFL.

Elliott ran for 149 yards and matched a Fiesta Bowl record with four touchdowns, sparking No. 7 Ohio State's prolific offense in a 44-28 win over Notre Dame on Friday.

The Buckeyes (12-1) were left out of the College Football Playoff thanks to an inopportune loss. They may leave the desert wondering what could have been after blowing past another late-season playoff contender.

Ohio State rolled past the Fighting Irish (10-3), quick-hitting its way to one scoring drive after another and 496 total yards.

Elliott, who's leaving school early for the NFL, scored on three short runs first half and left Notre Dame defenders flailing as he raced past them for a 47-yard score to open the second.

The Fighting Irish had some good offensive moments behind

DeShone Kizer after Buckeyes star defensive end Joey Bosa was ejected for targeting in the first quarter.

They just couldn't keep up with the blistering Buckeyes after losing linebacker Jaylon Smith, one of their best defensive players, in the first quarter.

Kizer threw for 284 yards and two touchdowns on 22-of-37 passing, but had an interception and lost a fumble.

Notre Dame missed its CFB chance by four points; two-point losses to Clemson and Stanford.

Ohio State lost to Michigan State in its penultimate game and had to watch the Spartans join fellow one-loss teams Alabama and Oklahoma in the playoff.

Those just-misses turned the Fiesta Bowl into a talent show, with NFL-caliber players dotting rosters from both teams.

Two of the best players were gone before the first quarter ended.

Smith, the Butkus Award winner as the nation's best linebacker, had to be helped off four minutes in after suffering an apparent leg injury and did not return.

Barnes

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dition of anonymity because no details were publicly released.

Fisher said he had no thoughts at all about Barnes' Instagram post when asked about it at New York's morning shootaround on Friday.

Redondo Beach police responded to an incident Oct. 3 but disclosed no information on the location or who was involved after finding no basis for criminal charges.

The 6-foot-7 Barnes' will con-

clude his suspension by sitting out Saturday night's game at Utah. He missed the team's 99-90 overtime victory over the Miami Heat on Tuesday.

The Grizzlies traded for Barnes on draft day in June. Barnes has played 33 games with the Grizzlies (18-16) and is averaging 8.6 points and five rebounds per game.

Fisher, 41, is in his second season with the Knicks after spending most of his playing career in Los Angeles.

Playoffs

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before stumbling last week at home against St. Louis. Beating Arizona won't guarantee Seattle the No. 5 seed because if Minnesota beats Green Bay, the Packers have the tiebreaker over

the Seahawks. No matter the Seahawks outcome in Arizona, they'll likely be back in Seattle late Sunday night before knowing where they're headed to open the playoffs.

Ratings

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18,552,000.

ESPN has the rights to all six games. This is the second season of 12-year contracts worth a total of \$7.3 million to the major college football conferences. The Rose and Sugar bowls have separate television deals with ESPN that lock in their prime New Year's Day time slots. When the College Football Playoff semi-

nals are played in the other four games in the New Year's Six rotation, they will be played on New Year's Eve.

Next season, the Fiesta and Peach bowls will host the semifinals on New Year's Eve, which fall on a Saturday. The semifinals are back in the Rose and Sugar bowls, and on New Year's Day, after the 2017 season.

Auburn

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Volunteers (7-6) close with big games. Punter, the SEC's No. 2 scorer, had 31 points with six rebounds and four assists. But he and much of his team struggled from 3-point range — going 3 for 28. Punter, a 41 percent 3-point shooter, missed each of his five attempts.

“Defensively we know we're going to have to scramble and do some things,” Tennessee coach Rick Barnes said. “We were just terrible on the offensive end.”

Schofield had 22 points and eight rebounds while Robert Hubbs III fouled out with 13 points. The Vols had won two in a row but struggled to put away East Tennessee State and Tennessee State.

Brown scored 11 points in the first six minutes of the second half for a 47-42 lead. Canty's 3-pointer and a driving layup by Cinmeon Bowers gave Auburn a 68-57 lead with 5:27 left.

Canty and Brown both hit five 3-pointers for the Tigers, who were 12 of 26 from beyond the arc. The Vols shot 38 percent from the floor.

Tennessee cut the lead to 80-75 on Detrick Mostella's 3-pointer from the right corner with 26 seconds left.

The Tigers could have put it away a little earlier but struggled at the free-throw line, making just 6 of 10 at one point down the stretch. Harris made two with nine seconds left after Schofield cut it to 81-77 with a follow-up basket.

TIP-INS

Tennessee: The Volunteers had won the last eight games in the series dating back to when Auburn coach Bruce Pearl was leading Tennessee. The Vols outrebounded Auburn 48-37 and had 23 offensive boards.

Auburn: Pearl is now 1-1 against his former team, including a 71-63 loss last season. The Tigers shot 53 percent in the game, 59 percent in the second half.

HOT & COLD

Tennessee missed its first 11 3-point attempts and Barnes said at least six of the opening half tries shouldn't have been launched. For Auburn, Canty was 5 of 8 from 3-point range, Brown 5 of 9.

DEPLETED BACKCOURT

Auburn guard TJ Lang went down after a collision late in the first half, and Pearl said he was showing symptoms of a concussion and would go through the protocol for such an injury. Fellow guards T.J. Dunans and Tahj Shamsid-Deen are already out with injuries.

COMPETING RUNS

Auburn scored nine straight points midway through the first half for a 22-10 lead, capped by three consecutive three-point trips. Tennessee answered with an 11-0 run of its own and led 36-34 at the half.

UP NEXT

Tennessee hosts Florida Wednesday night.

Auburn hosts South Carolina Tuesday night.

Michigan

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lost its fifth straight.

No. 13 MIAMI 64 SYRACUSE 51

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Sheldon McClellan scored 22 points, Ja'Quan Newton made two big 3-pointers in the second half and No. 13 Miami relied on defense to get past Syracuse 64-51 on Saturday.

Newton finished with 14 points for Miami (12-1, 1-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which blew it open with a 12-0 run in the final minutes to win its seventh straight.

Miami shot only 35 percent, but held Syracuse to 32 percent. The Hurricanes missed their first 16 3-point attempts and finished 3 for 25 from beyond the arc.

Malachi Richardson scored 20 points for Syracuse (10-5, 0-2), which has dropped its first two games of league play for the first time since it started the 1998-99 Big East season 0-2.

Michael Gbinije added 10 points for the Orange, who were outscored 47-26 in the second half.

No. 6 XAVIER 88 No. 9 BUTLER 69

CINCINNATI (AP) — Remy Abell scored a career-high 21 points, and No. 6 Xavier recovered from its first loss of the season by beating No. 9 Butler 88-69 on Saturday.

The Musketeers (13-1, 1-1 Big East) were coming off a 95-64 defeat at No. 16 Villanova on Thursday that ended the best start in school history. Xavier led most of the way Saturday,

Red Wings

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breakaway. Pavel Datsyuk lost his footing, and Eichel got Mrazek to commit before pushing the puck off the post, off the goalie, and in to make it 2-2 at 17:27 of the second.

Zetterberg drifted into the slot to slap a big rebound past Johnson 2:27 into the third to restore Detroit's lead.

Green took two penalties in just over two minutes to give Buffalo a

taking control with a 13-1 run in the second half.

Butler (11-3, 0-2) shook up its starting lineup after an 81-73 home loss to No. 12 Providence on Thursday, but the Bulldogs' high-scoring offense couldn't get much done against one of the league's best defenses.

Roosevelt Jones led Butler with 14 points.

It was the most points Butler has allowed this season, and the fewest it has scored.

James Farr added 13 points and eight rebounds for Xavier, which had five players in double figures and shot 56 percent from the field.

No. 7 NORTH CAROLINA 86 GEORGIA TECH 78

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Joel Berry II scored a career-high 19 points and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 5:07 left to help No. 7 North Carolina beat Georgia Tech 86-78 on Saturday.

Brice Johnson added 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Tar Heels (13-2, 2-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), who had fits with the Yellow Jackets (10-4, 0-1) all game. Georgia Tech led by nine points in the first half, by three at halftime and by one with 6 minutes left before the Tar Heels finally pushed ahead for good.

Berry's 3 was part of a 9-0 burst, and he followed with a driving basket for a three-point play on the next possession.

Marcus Paige added a key pull-up basket during the Tar

pair of chances to tie the game, and Reinhart converted Rasmus Ristolainen's rebound to tie it at 3.

NOTES: Sabres center Tyler Ennis missed his second straight game with an upper body injury. ... Buffalo hosts Florida on Tuesday night, while Detroit plays the second game of its six-game road trip on Monday in New Jersey.

Titans

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The 40-year-old Hasselbeck filled in nicely, winning his first four games before losing three of the last four and leaving all four with injuries. This week he's trying to bounce back from a sprained AC joint in his throwing shoulder.

Indy claimed Whitehurst off waivers from the Titans in November with the hope he could bail them out in a pinch, and he might have started this week had he not landed on injured reserve with a bad hamstring.

So after Freeman and Lindley signed with the Colts on Tuesday, they have been scrambling to learn the terminology, getting familiar with the game plan, and fighting to start in case Hasselbeck can't.

Regardless of who lines up behind center Sunday, Pagano figures the Colts must find a way to keep the Titans' defense off-balance.

“This is what we'll plan for is to have nine, 10 guys around the line of scrimmage on first and second down,” Pagano said. “They're going to not let us run the football and dare us to throw it every snap. Once they get us in third down, then they're going to send the kitchen sink at us.”

Tennessee's road hasn't been much easier.

The Titans (3-12) have lost six of their last seven, eight straight to Indy, endured a midseason coaching change, and will play again without first-round draft pick Marcus Mariota. He's missing his second straight game with a sprained right knee.

Mariota's replacement, Zach Mettenberger, is 0-9 as a starter. If Mettenberger loses again, the Titans will get the perfect reward for an abysmal season: the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 draft.

That's not what players are talking about, though.

“I can just see it in everybody that the energy is there and they understand we still want to try to win this one and go with some positive (energy) into next year,” tight end Delanie Walker said.

Ruining their rivals' postseason chances would help, too.

But the Colts have defied the odds before, and Pagano figures if they can do it one more time, it would be a fitting finale.

“It's just the coup de grace. We wouldn't want it any different. I

love it,” he said. “I just can't wait to see what last chapter holds when it gets written 4:30 (p.m.) on Sunday.”

Here are some other things to watch Sunday:

THE SCOREBOARD: Here's what it will take for Indy to make the playoffs: If the Colts win and Houston loses, the Colts need wins by Baltimore, Denver, Buffalo, Atlanta, Oakland, Pittsburgh and Miami.

THE HOT SEAT: Tennessee coach Ken Whisenhunt was fired in November, giving Mike Mularkey the always tenuous title of interim coach. The good news is that with one more win, Mularkey would match Whisenhunt's victory total (three) in 14 fewer games. Pagano, on the other hand, has dealt with speculation about his future all season. If this is the season finale for both teams, it shouldn't take long to learn what happens next.

THE GROUND GAME: If the backup quarterbacks struggle, this stalemate could be determined by the ground game, and it could be ugly. The Titans are No. 28 in rushing, averaging 3.9 yards per, and Antonio Andrews was responsible for two of four turnovers last week. Indy has been even worse: The Colts are No. 30, averaging 3.6 yards, and haven't had a 100-yard rusher since Dec. 16, 2012.

THE PUSH: The Titans spent a chunk of this season ranked among the NFL's best defenses. They head into the season finale ranked 13th in yards allowed and No. 7 against the pass. A good showing in Indy could push them back into the top 10, a marked improvement over last season's No. 27 ranking.

THE LONG GOODBYES?: Indy's swoon could lead to roster changes, too. Hasselbeck, cornerback Greg Toler and kicker Adam Vinatieri all having expiring contracts. Receiver Andre Johnson and linebacker Trent Cole haven't met expectations. And although 34-year-old Robert Mathis has looked more like his younger self lately, there's no guarantee he'll be back in 2016.

Safety Michael Griffin could be playing his last game for the Titans, too. He turns 31 on Monday and would cost \$6.5 million in 2016.

Heels' finishing kick of scoring on 11 straight possessions, which ended when they ran out the clock on the final play.

Marcus Georges-Hunt matched his career high with 25 points for Georgia Tech.

FRIDAY STANFORD 70 No. 21 UTAH 68

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Rosco Allen scored five of his 17 points in overtime after banking in the tying basket with 10.5 seconds left in regulation, and Stanford took advantage of missed free throws to beat No. 21 Utah 70-68 on Friday night.

The Utes (11-3, 0-1 Pac-12) got one final play with 7 seconds left and Lorenzo Bonam drove into traffic and traveled.

Utah — the best free-throw shooting team in the conference coming in at 73.2 percent — missed four free throws in the final 18.9 seconds of regulation. Jordan Loveridge missed two more with 2:27 to go in overtime.

Freshman Marcus Sheffield scored a season-high 17 points and Marcus Allen added 14 for Stanford (8-4, 1-0).

Jakob Poeltl scored 16 points

but fouled out before OT.

WASHINGTON 96, No. 25 UCLA 93, 2OT

SEATTLE (AP) — Andrew Andrews matched his career-high with 35 points, including five straight points midway through the second overtime, for Washington in a game that featured 64 fouls.

Washington (9-4, 1-0 Pac-12) held on in the closing seconds of the second overtime. The teams combined to shoot 90 free throws and five players fouled out.

UCLA (9-5, 0-1) forced both overtimes on 3-pointers by Bryce Alford. He hit the first with 7 seconds left in regulation to tie the game at 71 then hit another with 13 seconds left in the first overtime to pull the Bruins even at 83. Alford finished with 30 points despite missing his first 11 shots to start the game.

Washington had five players in double figures including 15 points from reserve Malik Dime. Matisse Thybulle and David Crisp both had 13 points including 3-pointers in each overtime.

Thomas Welsh added 19 points for UCLA.

Williams

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Simona Halep are both in the top half of the Brisbane draw. Halep, after a first-round bye, could face two-time Australian Open champion Victoria Azarenka, who plays a qualifier in the first round, in the second round. Garbine Muguruza is the No. 2 seed.

Sharapova said the hot and humid weather in subtropical Brisbane is the perfect preparation for the often scorching conditions in Melbourne during the Australian Open.

“I started this event quite late in my career, but once I did I just felt it was the best preparation I could have going into the first Grand Slam,” Sharapova said.

Taxslayer

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down as time expired.

The Nittany Lions lost their fourth in a row to end coach James Franklin's second season.

Georgia led 24-3 late in the third after Sony Michel carried 260-pound defensive end Garrett Sickels into the end zone. Michel started right, made a cut and then gave Sickels a 7-yard ride before stretching across the goal line.

Had it not been for Godwin that might have been Georgia's top

highlight.

Godwin accounted for two scores in the second quarter. He lined up in the wildcat, took the snap and then launched a high, deep pass to Malcolm Mitchell. Godwin was on the receiving end of a touchdown just before halftime.

“I think the coaches believe in me enough to put the ball in my hands to make a play,” Godwin said. “I believe that's what they're going to do in the future.”

Mocs

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Ester matched McLean with a career-high nine. The squad converted 15 offensive boards into an 18-7 advantage in second chance points.

“The Citadel made 13 three's in the game,” McCall added. “We turn it over 17 times, and we still won. Obviously there's a lot we can learn from this that we need to get better on. If you're looking at the stats sheet, the reason we won the game is because we outrebounded them.”

“At the end of the day, we did a great job on the glass. That's why we were able to win the game.”

The Mocs led by as many as eight in the first half. It was a five-point game, 34-29, after Robertson's free throw at 2:08.

Hurd

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24 of his carries went for positive yardage.

Hurd's touchdown capped a grinding drive in the third quarter that put Tennessee up 24-6. He carried seven times for 26 yards on the drive, marching Tennessee downfield.

“It was awesome and you could tell that we were wearing on them,” Hurd said. “It goes back to our strength and conditioning program and our style of play and how we practice.”

He was back at it on the opening drive of the fourth quarter, gaining 40 yards on five carries. His 24-yard run flipped the field for Tennessee and back-to-back rushes set the Vols up with third-and-2 at the 18. A Joshua Dobbs

run later, the game was well in hand at 31-6.

“I was thinking the whole time ‘Summer workouts, summer workouts, summer workouts,’” Hurd said. “Summer workouts are probably the hardest conditioning we have. Anyone can come in there and I don't care who you are, you're going to be hurting. Thinking about that, thinking about how hard we've worked, I just pushed through.”

The performance also has Hurd thinking about what can come after another offseason of workouts headed into the 2016 season.

“This win going into the offseason is a huge confidence builder,” Hurd said. “There's nothing but to just get better from there.”

Why you should consider freezing your credit reports

NEW YORK (AP) — Freeze your credit reports before you get burned.

That's the message from security experts, consumer advocates and some state Attorneys General. They say more people should consider a credit freeze as a way to block identity thieves from opening new credit cards and other accounts in your name. They recommend a freeze even if your identity hasn't been stolen.

"It's much better to shut the door before it even takes place," says Mike Litt, a consumer program advocate at the nonprofit U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "You can save yourself so much time and headache."

I didn't listen, and now I regret it. Someone recently applied for 10 credit cards in my name and opened two wireless phone accounts. Removing the fraudulent activity off of my credit reports took hours: I had to make several phone calls, send paperwork and fill out a police report. And my credit score will probably be hurt temporarily until everything is removed. I could have avoided all that if I had frozen my credit reports earlier.

But there are some downsides to a credit freeze to consider. It also blocks you from opening

new lines of credit, so if you plan to take out a mortgage or apply for a new credit card you'll need to remember to unfreeze it each time. And residents of some states have to pay a fee for a freeze.

Here's more on how credit freezes work:

Q: What happens during a credit freeze?

A: New creditors won't be able to view your credit reports. That prevents new credit cards or loans from being opened since lenders look at credit reports to decide whether to offer you credit. Instead they'll see that the report is frozen. The freeze won't affect any credit cards or loans you had before the freeze was placed; those creditors will still be able to see your reports.

Q: When should I freeze my credit report?

A: It's a must if an account has been opened in your name or if you've been notified that your Social Security number was taken in a data breach. Even if identity theft hasn't struck, you still should seriously consider it, since data breaches have become so common. So far in 2015, there have been 766 data breaches at banks, government agencies and big companies, exposing more than 178 million records, according to the nonprofit

Identity Theft Resource Center. A breach of government records, for example, exposed Social Security numbers of about 26 million federal employees and their spouses.

Q: How do I freeze my credit report?

A: Contact each of the three credit reporting agencies — Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. You'll need to freeze your credit report at all three because some creditors only use one. Contact Equifax at www.freeze.equifax.com or 800-349-9960, Experian at experian.com/freeze/center.html or 888-397-3742 and TransUnion at transunion.com/securityfreeze or 888-909-8872. They'll ask you for your Social Security number, name, address and other details.

Q: How much does a credit freeze cost?

A: It depends on the state laws where you live. Fees are typically between \$3 and \$10 to freeze each credit report, and you may pay another fee to unfreeze. Freezes are free at a few states, including Indiana and Maine. Fees may also be slightly different at each credit agency. Equifax has a list of fees and rules for each state at <http://bit.ly/1LUIFOP>

Q: Will the freeze hurt my

credit score?

A: No.

Q: Is this different than credit monitoring?

A: Yes. Credit monitoring services, which you have to pay a monthly fee for, alerts you if a new account is opened or other suspicious activity takes place. A credit freeze is the only way to stop criminals from opening new accounts in your name. Some experts don't recommend credit monitoring because it's expensive, as much as \$20 a month. Instead, you can monitor your credit report on your own. You're entitled to get a free copy of your credit report from each of the three agencies once a year at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Q: When do I need to unfreeze my credit reports?

A: If you're applying for a mortgage or auto loan or credit card. That's because lenders check your report to see if they should lend to you. You can ask the lender what credit reporting agency they use and unfreeze that one, says Litt. You can unfreeze a credit report temporarily or permanently at any time.

Q: How do I unfreeze my credit reports?

A: By contacting the credit agencies again. When you ask to freeze your credit reports you'll



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IN THIS MARCH 5, 2012, file photo, consumer credit cards are posed in North Andover, Mass. Security experts, consumer advocates and some state Attorneys General say more people should consider a credit freeze as a way to block identity thieves from opening new credit cards and other accounts in your name. They recommend a freeze even if your identity hasn't been stolen.

get a number that you will need to save. That number will be your key to unfreezing your account, so keep it in a safe place. Losing the number will delay removing the freeze.

Q: Will a freeze protect me from all identity theft?

A: No, it only stops thieves from opening new accounts. Thieves can still use your exist-

ing credit or debit cards to make fraudulent charges, so you will still need to check your statements every month. It also doesn't protect against other types of identity theft, such as taking out prescription medication in your name or filing fraudulent tax returns, says Eva Velasquez, president and CEO of The Identity Theft Resource Center.

Idaho man finds art in back hair

NAMPA, Idaho (AP) — One man's back hair is another man's canvas.

At least that's how Mike Wolfe, 35, of Nampa, Idaho, has decided to approach manscaping.

Wolfe tells KTVB-TV that after years of feeling ashamed of his body hair, he asked a friend in 2008 to trim an American flag on his back rather than undergoing hair removal processes like shaving or waxing. Since then, the two meet up several times throughout the year to design a new creation onto Wolfe's back.

"Pssh, it's manhandling back hair," said Wolfe. "It's disgusting. But it's funny. You can't deny it's funny."

Tyler Harding, a former graphic artist who has been friends with Wolfe for more than a decade, says it takes about an hour to complete the artistic trim.

And the creations can now be seen on a calendar — called a Calend-hair — available for \$20. Some proceeds will benefit a charity at Wolfe's church.

Designs are uniquely named, such as Grim Reap-hair for October and M-hair-achi Band for May.

"Everybody always makes fun of the guy with back hair," Wolfe said. "Well now it's my turn to shine, right?"

Wolfe's wife takes some credit for him flaunting his fur. When they went on their first date, Wolfe told her he was hairy. He felt nervous at the time, but she took it in stride.

"Looking back now this might be because of me," Jamie Wolfe said. "Maybe I shouldn't have given him so much confidence in his back hair."

Perfect match: Girlfriend to give boyfriend kidney

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire man found his perfect match in more ways than one when he first met his girlfriend on a golf course last summer.

Forty-nine-year-old Jack Simard of Manchester is slated for his second kidney transplant around Valentine's Day and the donor is his girlfriend, Michelle LaBranche.

WMUR-TV reports the two avid golfers met at Stonebridge Country Club in Goffstown and fell in love. When LaBranche found out Simard was seeking a kidney donor, she tested to see if she was eligible without telling him.

Doctors were surprised that her kidneys turned out to be compatible.

Simard's first kidney transplant was 19 years ago. His sister was the donor.

LaBranche says Simard is her future, and she wants to help him have a healthy life.

5 killed in house fire in Alabama

BRYANT, Ala. (AP) — Authorities say five people have been killed in a house fire in northwest Alabama.

Jackson County Sheriff Chuck Phillips tells multiple news outlets that the fire occurred around midnight Saturday.



Kaiser Permanente San Diego via AP

THIS JAN. 1 photo provided by Kaiser Permanente San Diego shows twins Jaelyn, left, and Luis Salgado, who were born just minutes apart, but in different years, at the San Diego Kaiser Permanente Zion Medical Center in San Diego. Jaelyn was born in the last minute of New Year's Eve 2015 and Luis in the first few minute of New Year's Day 2016.

Two-year twins: Babies born Dec. 31, Jan. 1 in San Diego

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Twins in San Diego are getting some attention because, though born just minutes apart, one has a birthday in 2015 and one in 2016.

Jaelyn Valencia was born New Year's Eve at 11:59 p.m. Her twin brother, Luis Valencia Jr., arrived at 12:01 a.m. on New Year's Day.

KGTU-TV reports that the babies were due at the end of January, but doctors at San Diego Kaiser Permanente Zion Medical Center called the mother in because one was in a breech position.

The father, Luis Valencia, called it a New Year's blessing to have two healthy children.

Tamir Rice protesters want Cleveland prosecutor to resign

CLEVELAND (AP) — Protesters upset by a decision not to indict two white police officers in the shooting death of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy who had a pellet gun, marched to the home of the prosecutor Friday and repeated calls for him to resign.

More than 100 people stood outside the home of Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty during the peaceful protest, which also included demands for a federal investigation into the shooting.

A march leader told protesters not to vandalize McGinty's home, which is in a neighborhood on the west side of Cleveland. Police officers accompanied the marchers and stood in McGinty's driveway but did not intervene.

The protesters chanted, "New year, no more!" and "McGinty has got to go!"

Through a spokesman, McGinty declined to comment.

Protesters have called for McGinty's resignation since he announced Monday that the officers would not face criminal charges in Tamir's death. But criticism of him dates back months as frustration grew over the length of time it took to reach a decision concerning the November 2014 shooting.

Joseph Frolik, director of communications and public policy at the prosecutor's office, called Tamir's death "clearly a monumental tragedy caused by a series of mistakes by the Cleveland Police Department."

"But we would hope that people will also respect the deci-

sion made (by) another group of citizens — the members of the grand jury," Frolik said in a statement. "They personally see, hear and question witnesses, and they reach a decision based on their oath. If you don't trust the grand jury, you don't trust your neighbors."

Dozens of marchers lay down on the sidewalk running past McGinty's house for four minutes, the time they say it took medical responders to reach Tamir after he was shot outside a recreation center.

In announcing that charges would not be brought, McGinty said it was "indisputable" that Tamir was drawing the pistol from his waistband when he was gunned down.

The prosecutor said Tamir was trying to either hand the pellet gun over to police or show them it was not real, but the officer who shot him, Timothy Loehmann, and his partner, Frank Garmback, had no way of knowing that.

Tamir was shot by Loehmann within two seconds of the officers' police cruiser skidding to a stop near the boy.

McGinty said police radio personnel contributed to the tragedy by failing to pass along the "all-important fact" that a 911 caller said the gunman was probably a juvenile and the gun probably was not real.

On Thursday, Mayor Frank Jackson and Police Chief Calvin Williams said that as protests continue, they plan to balance public safety with protesters' First Amendment rights.

Gadgets around us will keep getting smarter, like it or not

By ANICK JESDANUN and DAVID HAMILTON
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Our cars, our homes, our appliances and even our toys: Things around us are going to keep getting smarter. In 2016, we'll entrust even more of our lives and their intimate details to machines — not to mention the companies that run them.

Are we ready for that?

You might, for instance, like the idea of turning on your TV with a spoken command — no more fumbling for the remote! But for that to work, the TV needs to be listening all the time, even when you're not watching. And even when you're discussing something extremely personal, or engaged in some other activity to which you'd rather not invite eavesdroppers.

How much should you worry? Maybe your TV never records any of your casual conversations. Or maybe its manufacturer is recording all that, but just to find ways to make the TV better at understanding what you want it to do. Or maybe it retains everything it hears for some other hidden purpose.

You may never know for sure. At best, you can hope the company keeps its promises on privacy. More important, you have to trust that its computer systems are really secure, or those promises are suddenly worthless. That part is increasingly difficult to guarantee — or believe — as hacking becomes routine.

And here's the chief quandary: Every technological benefit comes with a cost in the form of a threat to privacy. Yet not paying that price has its own cost: an inability to participate in some of society's greater achievements.

Because smart gadgets thrive on data — data about you and your habits, data about what large numbers of people do or say or appear to want in particular situations — it's difficult not to share pretty much everything with them. Doing otherwise would be like turning off your phone's location services, which disables many of its most useful features.

The consequences aren't restricted to phones and TVs:

— Kids will be able to talk to more toys and get personalized, computer-generated responses. Does the "don't talk to strangers" rule apply if the stranger is the Hello Barbie talking doll or Dino, the dinosaur powered by IBM's Watson artificial-intelligence system?

— Cars will work with GPS technology and sensors in parking meters, roads and home appliances to help route you around traffic and turn on your living-room lights as you approach the driveway. But that can also generate a detailed record of your whereabouts.

— Thermostats from Nest and others will get smarter at conserving energy when you're away. Potential burglars might find that information handy.

— Home security cameras are getting cheaper and more plentiful, but they're sometimes insecure themselves, especially if you set them up clumsily. There's already a website devoted to showing video from cameras with no passwords. Though they are mostly outdoor or business cameras, one was trained on a baby's crib, and another in a living room.

— Wearable health devices will track your heart rate, fitness levels and more — and share achievements with friends and family. But slacking off may carry a heavier cost than those extra holiday pounds, particularly if your insurance company yanks discounts for meeting fitness goals.

— Software from Google and Facebook will get even more refined to help you cut through the noise. That's great if Facebook is showing you posts from friends you already interact the most with, but will a long-lost friend's plea for help go unanswered because you don't see it?

The pending onslaught of privacy trade-offs might seem trivial when it comes to a talking — and listening — Barbie. But maybe it's less so when your phone knows enough about you to remind you it's time to leave for an important interview (if the alternative would be losing a shot at that job) or your smart home can really tell you if you turned off the oven before leaving for an international trip.

"The encroachments on our privacy are often self-inflicted in the sense that we will accept the trade-off one bit at a time," says John Palfrey, co-author of "Interop: The Promise and Perils of Highly Interconnected Systems."

And these trade-offs can be quite subtle. Technological advances typically offer immediate,



AP File Photo

THIS JULY 29, 2015 file photo made in New York shows Amazon's Echo, a digital assistant that continually listens for commands such as for a song, a sports score or the weather. The company says Echo transmits nothing to Amazon's data centers until you first say Alexa; or press a button. A blue light also comes on to let you know it's active.

tangible benefits that, once you've put enough of them together, can indeed revolutionize daily life. Can you imagine living your life without a smartphone? A few years from now, you might goggle at the thought of managing your day without constant advice from Siri or "OK Google."

As for the risks, they'll tend to be diffuse, abstract and often difficult to ascertain even if you're paying attention — and most people won't. In a study released Wednesday, the Pew Research Center says about half of American adults have no confidence that they understand what's being done with their data, and about a third are discouraged by the amount of effort needed to get that understanding.

In short, convenience usually wins. Shiny new things are inherently attractive, and it takes a while for some of us to get uneasy about the extent to which we may be enabling our own surveillance.

Humans have made this bargain with technology for some time. When cameras were invented, legal scholars debated how far you can go snapping pictures of people in public. That's no longer an issue — although the camera on a drone in your backyard is.

Over time, manufacturers will get better at putting in safeguards, and consumers will get better at setting boundaries and taking charge.

For instance, this holiday season's Hello Barbie talking toy won't listen in until your kid presses its belt buckle. Though it does store conversations between kids and their dolls to improve speech-recognition technology, its maker says there's little personal information tied to those conversations — no first or last names, no ages, no gender.

"We don't need that information," said Martin Reddy, co-founder and chief technical officer of ToyTalk, which developed Hello Barbie with Mattel. "We don't want that information. It just makes it more difficult on our end."

Of course, kids might simply tell their toys personal details about themselves. ToyTalk employees who review such conversations to improve the technology are trained to immediately delete anything sensitive, but they aren't charged with actively monitoring stored discussions.

So Step One in managing interactions with our newly smart digital companions comes down to simple attentiveness. Parents, for instance, can be actively involved in what their kids are doing — in this case, by taking the time to review and delete conversations from ToyTalk's website.

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LEE UNIVERSITY'S CHAPEL was honored with the Cleveland/Bradley County Keep America Beautiful Business Beautification Award for the month of December. From left: Cindy Burgess, KAB board member; Cheryl Dunson, KAB board president; Linda Melton, BB&R committee member; Larry Barry, director of Physical Plant at Lee University; Bethany McCoy, coordinator of community relations at Lee University; Shari Horton, BB&R committee member and KAB board member; and Ron Braam, BB&R committee member.

You can catch up later

Dear Dave,
I work in IT, and I recently learned that I'll be losing my \$88,000 a year job at the end of February. We're debt-free, except for our home, and we have a full emergency fund in place.

The problem is we just cash-flowed one daughter's wedding, and we'll be paying for another daughter's college soon.

I'll receive a severance package of around \$30,000 to \$40,000, but we're wondering if I should stop contributing to my 401(k) and stockpile cash until another job comes along.

— Steve



Dave Says

By
Dave
Ramsey

There's not much lost between now and then with what you'd actually gain from what you put into your 401(k).

There would be going forward, for sure, but I think you'll be able to make that up pretty quickly.

— Dave

No New Year's debt?

Dear Dave,

We've always just assumed that we would use credit cards for Christmas, and accepted the fact that there would be a mountain of debt to pay off in January and February.

Can you tell us how to make it through the Christmas season next year without accumulating debt?

— Carol

Dear Carol,

Giving is a wonderful thing if your intentions — and your finances — are in the right place.

But don't let yourself get trapped in the shopping bonanza just because everyone else is doing it. It's all too easy to try to justify overspending in the weeks ahead just because it's a gift.

It's pretty simple. Look at your budget, and see what you can afford to pay cash for during the holiday season.

Once you and your spouse agree on this amount, make a list, check it twice and stick to it! Include the names and amounts you are going to spend on each person or charity.

It's just common sense, but it's easy to find something in the mall you "just have to buy." That's where problems start.

Giving is not meant to be stressful on your finances. Give with the right intentions, and give with a financial plan in mind that does not include debt.

Another thing to remember is Christmas always falls on December 25th. Don't wait until Thanksgiving to realize it's right around the corner.

You could even get a real jump on things, and set a little bit aside each month toward Christmas starting right now!

— Dave

(Dave Ramsey is America's trusted voice on money and business, and CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored five New York Times best-selling books. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 11 million listeners each week on more than 550 radio stations and digital outlets. Dave's latest project, EveryDollar, provides a free online budget tool. Follow Dave on Twitter at @DaveRamsey and on the web at daveramsey.com.)

Target's finding success bringing back customers

NEW YORK (AP) — Target's efforts to draw shoppers back into its stores are paying off.

Take Annabel Bernardo, who once bought trendy clothes at Target but cut back after she felt it lost its fashion edge.

Now, Bernardo, who lives in Rockville Center, Maryland, is back: "The store is looking much better. It's looking more upscale."

That Target has had five consecutive quarters of increases in a key sales measure suggest there are more shoppers like Bernardo, who are returning to the discounter that pioneered the concept of putting affordable, chic fashions under the same roof as groceries and toiletries.

That's good news for Target, which had setbacks in recent years, including a major debit and credit card hack that impacted sales for several months and a misstep that led it to focus on groceries instead of the cheap chic fashions its customers craved.

The sales improvements come as Target continues a turnaround plan it started after it hired CEO Brian Cornell in 2014. As part of the plan, Target got rid of its money-losing Canadian operations and revamped its management team.

But the key to luring shoppers back has been changes in stores. Target has been updating its fashion, baby products and home decor. It's overhauled the fit of its jeans, resulting in at least 10 percent sales growth. It's also launched a plus-size collection for women, Ava & Viv, marking its first exclusive fashion line in over a decade.

And the discounter has worked on presentation, too. It's been adding mannequins to display some clothes instead of hanging them or folding them on shelves. Additionally, it's hired experts for most of its 1,800 locations to refresh stores with the best merchandise.

At the same time Target upgrades its stores and merchandise, the chain says it's keeping prices low. To ensure that, the chain says it's better using its large scale to negotiate prices with suppliers. For instance, for basics like sheets and towels, Target offers longer-term commitments with manufacturers, ordering for two years instead of every quarter, a move that cuts costs.

Experts say it will be key for Target to distinguish itself from other discounters while not being perceived as too pricey for its

middle-class shoppers. The median household income of Target's customers is \$67,500, about \$20,000 more than Wal-Mart's customers, according to Kantar Retail, a market research firm.

The changes come after Target wrestled with uneven growth since the Great Recession. After decades of gaining popularity with shoppers who like the idea of buying trendy clothes and home decor at a discounter that also carries soap and toothpaste, Target faced challenges when the recession made shoppers more frugal.



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TARGET has had five consecutive quarters of increases in key sales measures as the store continues an effort to bring back customers.

Collins among top 7 THDA lenders

Special to the Banner

Tennessee Housing and Development Agency, THDA, has named Joe Collins, Bank of Cleveland mortgage lender, as one of the top seven THDA loan producers for October-November 2015. This report is based on volume and amount of THDA loans submitted, approved and closed.

"This achievement is a reflection of Joe's hard work and dedication to Bank of Cleveland and its customers," said Julian Sullivan, Bank of Cleveland President. "We are fortunate to live in a growing and vibrant community with a rebounding economy. The Bank of Cleveland Home Loan Center was a great expansion for Bank of Cleveland and very timely as we are seeing a continued increase in mortgage loan volume."

THDA offers 30-year, fixed interest rate mortgage loans and

an option for downpayment assistance to qualified first-time homebuyers in Tennessee.

Since the home purchase process can be costly and complex, THDA requires applicants to take a homebuyer education course before closing on a loan providing downpayment assistance. THDA recognizes the value of homebuyer education and encourages it for all consumers considering homeownership.

THDA's purpose is not only to assist people with purchasing homes, but also to help them become long-term, successful homeowners.

Joe Collins joined Bank of Cleveland in February 2015 and is located at the Bank of Cleveland Home Loan Center at North Ocoee Street and Bobby Taylor Avenue. For more information about Bank of Cleveland visit www.bankofcleveland.com.



Collins

Williams attends course to obtain, service listings

Special to the Banner

Joseph V. Williams has completed a highly specialized course in the new skills involved in obtaining and servicing real estate listings, conducted by the Council of Residential Specialist of the National Association of Realtors.

The class was conducted in Savannah & Atlanta, and is one of the required courses that must be taken by real estate agents and brokers in order to qualify for the coveted Certified Residential Specialist

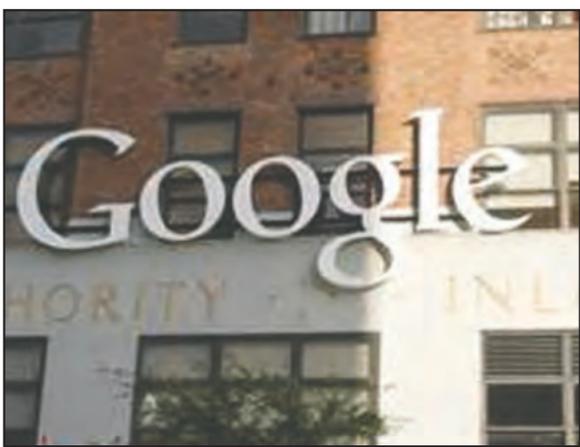
(CRS) designation.

The course included techniques in seller counseling, pricing, various client servicing activities, marketing techniques and other programs designed to close sales on residential properties.

"Today's real estate market is more complex than ever before and the listing process has become the key movement of residential properties," said Joseph, "This course provided me with new input to enable me to serve both buyers and sellers of residences more effectively."



Williams



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GOOGLE HAS ANNOUNCED that it will work to transform an old Clarksville plant into a new data center. The \$600 million investment will create 70 new jobs.

Estate program planned

Special to the Banner

Edward Jones Financial Advisor of Cleveland will be host to a special presentation on "Script Your Family's Future: Way You Need an Estate Plan."

This presentation will look into strategies investors may want to consider when planning their estates, including:

— How one's assets are distributed to family;

— Who takes care of a minor or special needs child; and

— Who makes medical or financial decisions if one can't make those decisions for him —

or herself.

Edward Jones Financial Advisor Kelly Browand is sponsoring the event at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, at the Cleveland/Bradley Public Library.

Attorney Ginger Buchanan will be available to answer questions.

The presentation is free, but space is limited. To make a reservation, call Kristy at (423) 476-3320.

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Google to invest \$600 million in data center

Special to the Banner

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd along with Google officials recently announced the company has acquired the former Hemlock Semiconductor site in Clarksville, which it will work to transform into a data center.

Google plans to invest \$600 million in the project — the company's eighth U.S. data center and 15th globally — and create 70 new jobs.

"We are grateful for Google's significant investment in Tennessee and the new jobs that will be created in Montgomery County," Haslam said. "This is one of the world's most well-known brands, so it says a lot for our state that it will soon be home to Google's eighth U.S. data center. We welcome Google to Tennessee and look forward to building a strong partnership with the company in the years to come."

"The data processing, hosting and related services industry has grown significantly in Tennessee. Clarksville, in particular, has seen a considerable surge with employment increasing by 305 percent in less than five years," Boyd said.

"To have a company like Google choose our state for its newest data center means a great deal as it will not only add to Clarksville's business landscape,

but it will also provide new opportunities for our workforce. Thanks, Google, for joining Team Tennessee," Boyd added.

"This site comes with the benefits of existing infrastructure, which we plan to reuse and recycle — for example, many of the office buildings will be used for Googlers when the data center is operational," said Google Vice President for Data Center Operations, Joe Kava. "At the same time, we have room to

innovate and grow both as a data center and as a member of the Montgomery County community. We're excited about the opportunity to experiment with new kinds of technology and design an impressive facility — we can't wait!"

The roughly 1,300 acre site will be powered 100 percent by renewable energy thanks to an arrangement with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). Through the agreement, Google will be

able to scout new renewable energy projects and work with TVA to bring the power onto the electrical grid.

"Collaboration is vital to economic development. Today we recognize a notable result of the ongoing collaboration among state and local government, the business community and TVA to attract good jobs and sustainable investments to our region," TVA President and CEO Bill Johnson said.

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Stanford rockets past Iowa

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The first time Christian McCaffrey touched the ball in the 102nd Rose Bowl, he took it 75 yards for a spectacular touchdown. A few hundred yards later, Stanford's sophomore star had smashed the oldest bowl game's record for all-purpose yards while leading the Cardinal to a blowout win over Iowa.

Sure, McCaffrey didn't win the Heisman Trophy, and Stanford barely missed out on the College Football Playoff.

McCaffrey and the mighty Cardinal are still headed into the new year with the Pac-12 champions' most coveted postseason trophy — and the brightest of futures.

McCaffrey caught a touchdown pass on the opening snap and returned a punt 66 yards for another score while racking up 368 all-purpose yards, propelling No. 5 Stanford to a 45-16 victory over the sixth-ranked Hawkeyes on Friday.

Three-time Rose Bowl starter Kevin Hogan passed for 223 yards and three TDs in his final game for the Cardinal (12-2) as this unlikely Bay Area football powerhouse won the Granddaddy of Them All for the second time in three trips over the past four years.

"It's so fun when a team can come together," McCaffrey said. "We've got a bunch of fighters on this team that will never give up. Just love playing with these guys."

McCaffrey was sublime in his Rose Bowl debut, breaking the all-purpose yards record set by Wisconsin's Jared Abbrederis in 2012. McCaffrey finished second behind Alabama's Derrick Henry in the Heisman voting, but the speedy running back turned in one of the most dynamic performances in the Rose Bowl's lengthy history.

"I think he was the best player in America before this game, so I think it's just the icing on the cake," Stanford coach David Shaw said. "I do think it's a shame that a lot of people didn't

get to see him during the course of the year. Apparently the games were too late."

The world was wide awake to see McCaffrey in Pasadena — and he scored 11 seconds in. Hogan's throw to McCaffrey was the second-longest TD pass in Rose Bowl history and the longest play given up all season by the stingy Iowa defense.

"I wouldn't say I was in shock, (but) it was like, 'Dang, already?'" Stanford left tackle Kyle Murphy said. "I knew they haven't seen a player of his caliber all year, someone with speed like that. With all the Heisman stuff, he felt really snubbed. He's not going to say anything about it, but all of us, we know. He's the best player in the country. It lit a fire under him, although he's already the hardest-working man and most motivated man."

McCaffrey finished with 172 yards rushing, 105 yards receiving and 91 on kick returns, putting an appropriate cap on the season in which he set the NCAA record for all-purpose yards. He also became the first player ever to rack up more than 100 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in a Rose Bowl — and he even became the single-season rushing leader in Stanford history with 2,109 yards on the ground.

Stanford and Iowa finished in the final two spots outside the College Football Playoff field, but the Cardinal showed they belong among the best with their 12th win in their final 13 games.

With a powerful offensive line and a sturdy defense, they also ruined the first Rose Bowl in 25 years for the Hawkeyes (12-2), who followed up their remarkable 12-0 regular season with two postseason losses.

C.J. Beathard passed for 239 yards and two fourth-quarter touchdowns for the Hawkeyes, whose thousands of fans proudly filled the venerable stadium with old gold and black. The faithful had painfully little to cheer after Iowa fell behind on the first snap, putting a daylong damper on Kirk Ferentz's first Rose Bowl

after 17 years as a head coach.

"Just like this game won't define this team, one play doesn't define a game," Ferentz said. "We had ample opportunity after that to play, but they played a tremendous game in all phases."

The Cardinal had the highest-scoring first quarter and first half in the Rose Bowl's lengthy history. After McCaffrey's opening TD, Hogan rushed for an 8-yard score and Quenton Meeks returned an interception 66 yards for another TD in the first 11 minutes.

Iowa had never trailed by more than seven points at any point in its magical season, which included the first 12-0 start in school history before a narrow loss to Michigan State in the Big Ten title game. But the rout was really on after McCaffrey made his 63-yard TD return in the opening minute of the second, juking Iowa linebacker Josey Jewell on the way.

"He's a guy that can move around you, make quick cuts," Jewell said. "He has the breakaway speed, and he's a great running back overall."

Stanford even got creative — or cruel, depending on your perspective. Hogan appeared to fake a fumbled handoff to McCaffrey in the second quarter before popping up and throwing to an untouched Michael Rector for a 31-yard score, making it 35-0 at halftime.

The play has a name: Hawkeye.

Iowa avoided a shutout on Marshall Koehn's 39-yard field goal in the third quarter, prompting huge cheers and a confetti shower from the Hawkeyes' band. Matt VandeBerg and Akrum Wadley caught Beathard's late scoring passes.



AP photo
STANFORD SAFETY Ben Edwards, right, tackles Iowa wide receiver Tevaun Smith during the first half of the Rose Bowl Friday in Pasadena, Calif.

Flames

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points and added nine rebounds. Carrie Cheeks played around foul trouble and added eight points and eight boards.

Lee held a 33-24 advantage on the glass while doubling up the Wolves in the post by a 20-10 margin. The Lady Flames forced 14 turnovers and were guilty of 17.

"I was really proud of how we took a punch and handled their run with a run of our own in the fourth period," noted Rowe. "All the teams in our league are talented and well coached and come tournament time you won't see many blow outs so I like how we handled the adversity today."

Terriana Cave led the way for the Wolves with 21 points. Katrina Littlepage added 13 points and five assists while A'Kia Harris pulled down 10 rebounds.

Lee shot 41.8 percent (23 of 55) from the field and hit 11 triples in the contest. West Georgia was held to just 25.4 percent (15 of 59) from the field and went 7 of 28 (25 percent) from the 3-point line.

The win improves the Lady Flames to 9-4 overall and 6-1 in the Gulf South Conference (GSC). Rowe's club remains tied for first with No. 22 Delta State.

West Georgia falls to 2-11 on the year and 2-5 in league play. Rowe was quick to point out that the Wolves' record might be misleading, "I don't think this is a team that very many people will want to play down the road. They are very athletic and really well coached and give them credit they made some shots and fought back into the game."

Lee will head to West Alabama on Monday night at 6:30 p.m. before hosting 9 of the next 11 in the friendly confines of Walker Arena beginning on Saturday, Jan. 9 with Delta State.

WOLVES 80, FLAMES 79

CARROLLTON, Ga. — A late-game comeback attempt by Lee University came up short as the Flames dropped a Gulf South Conference (GSC) matchup to University of West Georgia, 80-79, at The Coliseum. Lee (3-9, 1-6 GSC) remains on the road to face University of West Alabama in Livingston on Monday at 8:30 p.m. EST.

The Flames led by as much as 10 points in the first half and held a 43-40 edge at the halftime break. West Georgia (8-4, 5-2 GSC) gained the lead for good with 15 minutes left in the game. The Wolves built a nine-point

lead at 80-71 with 3:29 remaining. The Flames pulled to within one point with 48 ticks left on the clock, but neither side was able to add to their point total.

"My heart goes out to our guys," said Lee head coach Tommy Brown. "They really battled and had a great effort, perhaps against the most talented team in our conference. They responded well to adversity and have had a good attitude."

Rico Overall led four Flames into double-digit scoring. The junior made 7-of-14 shots on his way to 16 points. Keevin Tyus recorded his third double-double of the season with 13 points and 10 rebounds.

Bryce Copeland was 4-for-4 from behind the arc to finish with 12 points and four rebounds. CJ Reese added 10 points to go with four rebounds, five assists and three steals.

Jervon Johnson supplied nine points, while Chase Cullen added seven markers, two boards and two assists. Rantavious Gilbert recorded seven rebounds and blocked five shots in the loss.

"We broke out the 2-3 zone and it worked," added Brown. "I think it helped us a lot. We have one of the nation's top shot-blockers and you'd like to keep somebody like that around the rim."

The Flames made 28-of-49 (.571) shots from the field and were 8-for-10 (.800) from beyond the arc. West Georgia was 30-for-67 (.448) overall and 6-of-19 (.316) from distance. Neither team excelled at the free throw line. The Flames made 55.6 percent (15-for-27) and the hosts converted just 14-of-34 (.412) attempts.

The Flames tallied 18 points off 22 West Georgia turnovers, while the Wolves turned 28 Lee floor mistakes into 26 points. UWG cashed 16 offensive rebounds in for 20 second chance points. Lee registered one point for each of its six offensive boards.

Iakeem Alston was the points-leader for West Georgia with 19. Alston also had five assists and four rebounds. Shannon Fowler added 15 points and Keron Briggs had 13 to give UWG three double-digit scorers.

Deontre Brown dished out five assists to go with seven points. Steph Branch was the team's rebounding leader with eight. Branch also contributed nine points.

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NEWCOMERS of Cleveland will have its next general meeting on Monday at Broad Street Methodist Church at 9:45 a.m. The guest speaker will be Judy Gault from the New Hope Pregnancy Center. She will explain the function of the facility and what we can do to help. If you are new to the area, start the New Year with us. More information on Newcomers' activities can be found at website: clevelandtn.weebly.com.

"BREAKING UP CHRISTMAS: AN OLD CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION" will be presented as a joint storytelling event at the Museum Center at Five Points on Tuesday. As part of our area's Appalachian heritage, the Cleveland Storytelling Guild and the Museum Center at Five Points will present traditional Appalachian songs and stories, along with simple treats, much like our ancestors may have done. Everyone is invited to come enjoy the festivities and learn more about our Appalachian heritage.

OCOEE THEATRE GUILD'S auditions for the play, "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment," will be held on Jan. 9 and 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Bradley Central High. Cast will include male and female actors, teen to mature. Creative individuals to help with sound effects and volunteers for stage crew, set building, costumes and so forth, will be needed, also. Check facebook.com/ocoee theatre guild or call 472-8896.

AT THE LIBRARY

— At 7:30 p.m. on Monday, the Storytelling Guild will host a special event in the Community Room. Take a seat to hear unique tales and discover the joy of storytelling.

— Tuesday at 6 p.m., the newest craft club will have their first meeting of the new year. The Craftin' Fools will be making useful art projects themed around a special day of each month. Refreshments will be provided.

— Edward Jones will host an estate planning presentation on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.

— On Jan. 15 at 10 a.m., Friends of the Library Association will host the Book and Coffee series in the History Branch Parlor Room. Refreshments provided.

— Tween Steam meets Jan. 14 at 4:30 p.m. to perform science experiments in a fun, interactive way. Registration is required so call to sign-up today.

— The Tween Movie Matinee will be showing "Bedknobs and Broomsticks," (Rated G) on Jan. 17 at 1:30 p.m. Free popcorn provided.

— Babies from infant through age 3 have Wiggle Worms on Mondays at 3 p.m. and Baby Bookworms on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool aged children can attend on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Families of all ages can enjoy stories on Saturdays at 2 p.m. at Family Story Time.

AT THE YMCA

— First Friday Fitness is open the entire day to anyone to take part in the Y with special community class offered in the evening.

— College Night at the Y is the first Tuesday of each month, with special activities and food.

— StrollerFit, on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8 to 10, is open to mothers and babies for walking laps in the Youth Gym.

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Expectations for a New Year

What many hope to see, do and bring into 2016



Larry Simsox



April Rader



Austin Morgan



Joseph Utsu

By WILLIAM WRIGHT
Lifestyles Editor

Whether you're thinking about kicking a bad habit, picking up some good ones, improving your finances or appearance or simply taking more risks in the coming new year, rest assured you are not alone. Whether you are worried about the safety of your family, the rising cost of making a living, taxes or terrorists — you are not alone.

People want to feel safe, valued and prosperous going into the new year.

Many want to lose weight, make better decisions and become better people in 2016. They also want to be heard, respected and appreciated. People in Bradley County shared their resolutions, concerns and predictions for the new year. In doing so, their comments might inspire or comfort others who share similar interest and concerns.

Larry Simsox, a greeter at Cooke's Grocery, said, "We've all had resolutions and I've lost about 60 pounds so far. My ultimate goal is to lose 100 pounds, so I'm trying to get a little healthier. But I wish we could do something about ISIS [an Islamic terrorist group]. That's absolutely tearing our country apart. I don't know how you fight them, but I wish we could do something about them, because they're a world threat — not only for us, they're a world threat."

April Rader of Cleveland, said, "My New Year's resolution is to be a better person each day than the day I was before. This was self-brought on. I talk with so many customers that come in and so many people are cynics, critics and fault-finders — everywhere you turn. They point out the negative, but they rarely take the time to praise you for anything good. Then I got to a point where I started to become negative. So I said, 'You know what? I'm going to change my attitude!' It seems like if you're thankful and each day try to be better, everything goes smoother. You feel better as a person. So that's what I'm focusing on — being positive instead of negative."

Virginia native Austin Morgan, who just arrived in Cleveland to attend Lee University as a sophomore starting in 2016, said, "I hope to experience a more deep-rooted, spiritual side of learning. I'm looking forward to getting into theology and different things that Lee offers that places up where I live can't. I'm looking to have a better, more firm relationship and spiritual walk that this place can offer. My whole family has generations of ministry. I've been in ministry for about four years now. So I'd like to further my scholarly knowledge of that side life and, hopefully, take it with me for the rest of my life."

City Manager Janice Casteel said, "My New Year's resolution is to gather all the recipes that my friends have for quick meals so



Janice Casteel

that after my retirement on May 31, 2016, I'll have the advantage of having those good recipes. So if anyone has a good recipe, please, send it to me. I'm not a great cook, but I want to have family dinners after I retire. So I'll need some of these fast things to cook because my husband and I will be busy. He says he's going to teach me how to play golf — that's going to be challenging for next summer. But I want to be able to have my family over, all of them, and have family dinners."

Bob Reffner, a substitute teacher at Cleveland Middle School, said, "I want to continue to keep the Lord first in my life, love my family and show other people that I love them. If we can't love each other we've got a poor world to live in, because that's what it's all about! So that's my resolution — to keep on doing what I've been doing and appreciate my fellow man."

Sue Bennett, born and raised in Elkhart, Ind., has been in Cleveland about 18 years now. The sites coordinator for the Christian Women's Job Corps said, "I want to grow and grow and grow in my relationship with the Lord, Jesus."

Rodney Williams, owner of B&B Barber Shop, stated, "My expectation is to be in a better situation this year than I was last year. My goal is to save money and buy land."

Susan King, an Ocoee resident involved in local sales, said, "I'd like to help more people throughout the year and contribute more time toward that."

Athens Police Officer Joshua Moser admits, "I say it every year, but I'm going to lose 20 or 30 pounds this year. I'm hoping so, at least," he said with a laugh.

Mikaela Robinson, who majors in exercise science at Lee University, said, "I'm a resident assistant who helps manage the hall. So, I guess, for me, I am resolved to be more intentional with people and not let conversations end so soon, but to see if people have greater concerns."

According to the 19-year-old who was born in China but raised in Chicago by her adopted parents, developing more per-

sonal relationships with people and engaging in more in-depth conversations will be one of her main goals in 2016.

"For me, I like everybody being happy with everyone else, so when there are disagreements it tenses me up," she explained. "Conflict is difficult for me. That's been a huge building block this (past) semester. It's like — yes, conflict exists and you have to deal with it in a healthy way."

The fashion industry is changing the way men and women dress in Cleveland and skinny jeans will continue to be a much talked about fashion statement, especially in menswear in 2016.

Nigerian-born Joseph Utsu, who is living in Cleveland, said he likes to keep up with current men's fashion and anticipates continuing to do so in 2016. He explained, "When you talk about fashion, everyone is looking at fashion now. Like education, it never dies. Everybody wants a different look. Every year people bring different styles of fashion."

"In the old days everybody wore oversized jackets, oversized jeans — oversized clothes. But now, people are going for the slim fit. That's what I've liked all my life! I feel more comfortable and confident wearing slim-fitting trousers. It's not expressing anything, it's just my style. Most of my trousers are bought online. I order them from the United Kingdom. But the slim fit style is here."

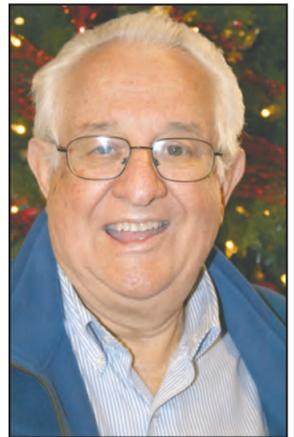
Utsu said in his opinion Cleveland is very much in style with current fashion, which is especially evident when you look at students walking around the campus of Lee University.

Reflecting on the past year, Martika Barrett, a newcomer to Cleveland from Wisconsin, said she is hoping 2016 will be a better year and that people will "enjoy their lives."

Ohio native Briana Tucker, who's been here in Cleveland for nine years, shared her wish for 2016, saying, "I want to better myself and better myself with God." As far as world conditions are concerned, she said the "killings are getting worse and worse. I guess the government needs to control that. All we can do is pray for the world — just let go, and let God."

These are some of the comments and concerns expressed about 2016. Everything from tightening national security and the presidential race to protesters marching for better treatment of minorities and fears of an impending war on religion are just a few of the issues taking shape in 2016.

While the future remains volatile and uncertain, it also remains hopeful and inspiring for many who are seeking to improve their lives and the lives of others in 2016. Many are refusing to live in the past, choosing instead to decide their own fate, follow new fashions and fortify their faith to prepare them for the unforeseen of 2016.



Bob Reffner



Rodney Williams



Sue Bennett

On that note, the words of William Wordsworth seem appropriate: "Life is divided into three terms — that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future."



Mikaela Robinson



Joshua Moser



Susan King



Briana Tucker



Family works

By Rob Coombs
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Speaking on the new year

Looking at a calendar with a group of 5-year-old children, I asked, “What days do you think are the most important days of the year?”

Nancy thought that Christmas was the most important day of the year.

Melissa added that New Year’s Day was also very important, “because everything is starting over again.”

Liz thought Easter should also be included in the list of the most important days of the year, especially since this is always an occasion for a new dress.

Julie agreed that all the days mentioned were very important, but not nearly as important as Sept. 8.

“What’s so important about Sept. 8?” I asked, more than a little confused.

She giggled and said, “Sept. 8 is my birthday!”

Then all the children started screaming their birthdays, making sure that I did not miss the importance of their own special day.

Later, thumbing through the calendar and looking at the colored prints for each month of year, I asked myself the same question. What days of the year are the most important – Easter, Christmas, New Year’s Day or perhaps Feb. 10, my birthday?

It occurred to me that although we place special significance on certain days of the year, the reality is that every day of the year is important. With each day comes the opportunity to live new life. Every morning is a new beginning, with new hope, new potential, new dreams to be actualized.

What often keeps us from enjoying the importance of each new day is either regret over yesterday or fear of tomorrow. Regret and fear are twin thieves that rob us of today.

Since most families have more than a few memories they regret,

learning how to face and deal with these memories is critical to every member of the family. Failure to deal successfully with one’s regrets means that the individual is immobilized in the past.

The degree of immobilization is directly related to the degree of the regret. It is certainly not uncommon for an entire family to become immobilized due to the inability of the family members to move beyond regret. Futile attempts are made to forget the memories, but we truthfully cannot forget, especially injustices.

The only way to resolve regrets is to “let go.” Letting go means reaching the point where we no longer are willing to allow the past to affect the present. We may remember the injustice. We may have even suffered intensely because of the injustice. But when we let go, we truly leave the past behind. No more regrets.

Regret’s twin, fear, robs us of the present by not allowing us to enjoy today. Usually, because of what has taken place in the past, fear so overwhelms the present moment that we cannot enjoy today.

Our uncertainty causes such anxiety that making constructive change does not seem possible. It is also not uncommon to see entire families immobilized by fear. Tragically, many are involved in self-destructive habits, but refuse to change due to the fear that change means facing the unknown. It appears easier to live with the known (even if it is destructive) than the unknown.

So, next time you are looking at a calendar, whether you are 5 or 85, remember that there really are no ordinary days. Refuse to allow either regret or fear rob you of today by remembering that every day is an important and special gift.

After months of heavy eating, lighten up with taste of Thai

By KATIE WORKMAN
Associated Press

Lots of us are crazy about Thai food, what with all those bright, vibrant flavors, exciting textures and the play of sweet and sour and salty happening in so many ways. And classic Thai ingredients like lemon grass, chilies and coconut milk are now popping up at grocers all over the country. You’ll find it’s fun and easy to work them into your home cooking.

This simple salad features crunchy cucumbers enhanced with just a bit of citrus, soy sauce and a few other Thai ingredients. Cilantro is an herb people usually love or hate; few people feel “meh” about it. So if it’s not your thing, or someone at the table doesn’t like it, serve it on the side and let people add it to their own salads as they wish. You also could substitute Thai basil.

If you want to bump up the flavor even more, substitute fish sauce for half of the soy sauce. It will add a layer of delicious pungency to the dish.

THAI CUCUMBER SALAD
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 4

2 large English cucumbers
1 jalapeno pepper
2 teaspoons minced shallots
2 tablespoons low-sodium soy sauce

2 tablespoons lime juice (freshly squeezed is best in a recipe such as this)

1 teaspoon sugar
2 tablespoons chopped cilantro leaves

1/4 cup salted cocktail peanuts, lightly crushed

Peel the cucumbers, then slice them in half lengthwise. Using a teaspoon, scrape down the center of each half to remove any seeds. Slice the cucumber halves crosswise into thin slices. A mandoline is best, but a knife is fine. Trim the jalapeno, slice in half lengthwise, then remove the seeds before mincing.

In a large bowl, combine the jalapeno, shallots, soy sauce, lime juice and sugar, then stir to combine. Add the cucumbers and toss to combine. Transfer the mixture to a serving bowl or platter, then top with the cilantro and the peanuts.

Katie Workman has written two cookbooks focused on easy, family-friendly cooking, “Dinner Solved!” and “The Mom 100 Cookbook.”

both have PTSD.

That’s where the Collaborative Consultative Care Coordinator Program — known as 4C, and where Eric Volz-Benoit works as a nurse — comes in.

The program helps parents and pediatricians manage medically complex children. Families are paired with a team of helpers, including a nurse care coordinator and a social worker who can make home visits. A child’s medical information is loaded into a central site, or “cloud,” so any specialists needed to check or treat any given condition can get what they need quickly and easily.

The program is a partnership between Boston Medical Center and Baystate Medical Center, funded in September 2014 by a three-year, \$6 million federal grant under the Affordable Care Act.

Tomatillo salsa offers a fresh approach to poaching salmon

By SARA MOULTON
Associated Press

The French love to cook fish by poaching it in a flavored liquid, usually a combination of white wine and water, leeks or onions, and some herbs. It’s a notably lean way to roll because there’s no fat involved. And the finished product is reliably tender because it has been cooked at a low temperature.

So, it’s lean, tender and... quite boring. I crave more flavor and texture. So here’s a recipe for poached salmon that adds the missing elements.

Typically, poaching calls for a lot of liquid. The fish is supposed to be submerged as it cooks, after which the liquid usually is tossed. I wanted a way to poach the fish in a small amount of liquid, which then could do double duty as a sauce. Given that fish generally requires a spritz of acid to brighten it up, the ideal liquid needed to be acidic and intensely flavored. Green salsa — that is, tomatillo salsa with chilies and lime juice — struck me as a likely candidate.

The salmon wouldn’t have to swim in a vat of the salsa. I made a modest batch and cooked the salmon in a smallish skillet with the salsa rising halfway up the sides of the fillets. I covered the pan tightly to trap the heat and flipped over the salmon half way through its cooking time to make sure it cooked evenly.

How do you know when the salmon is finished cooking? If you slide a knife into it and the blade sails through the fillet with no resistance, it’s done. And be sure to pull it off the heat when there’s still a tiny bit of resistance left, which will allow for carry-over cooking time.

For crunch, I sprinkled tortilla chips on top; they are salsa’s classic partner. But these were my own healthy baked tortilla chips, which take only 15 minutes to prepare. On the whole, this recipe is pretty quick and easy to make, but you can streamline it even



THIS NOV. 9, 2015, photo, shows salmon poached in green salsa and topped with baked chips in Concord, N.H. This dish is just as delicious cold as it is hot.

further by picking up green salsa and baked tortilla chips at the supermarket.

By the way, there were leftovers the second time we tested this winner. When we polished them off the next day, we discovered that this dish is just as delicious cold as hot.

SALMON POACHED IN GREEN SALSA AND TOPPED WITH BAKED CHIPS

Start to finish: 40 minutes
Servings: 4
For the tortilla strips:
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
Four 6-inch corn tortillas
Kosher salt
For the salmon:
8 ounces fresh tomatillos, husked, rinsed and quartered
1/2 cup coarsely chopped scallions (white and light green parts)
1/3 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro

1 tablespoon lime juice
1/2 jalapeno or serrano chili, seeds removed if desired
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup finely chopped red onion
Kosher salt and ground black pepper

1 1/2 pounds center-cut salmon fillet, cut into 4 equal portions

To make the tortilla strips, heat the oven to 400 F.

In a small bowl, stir together the oil, chili powder and cumin. Brush the oil mixture over both sides of each tortilla. Using a knife or pizza wheel, cut the tortillas into thin strips. Arrange the strips in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake the strips on the oven’s middle shelf for 6 to 8 minutes, or until crispy. Sprinkle with salt, let cool completely, then break them up slightly. Set aside.

To prepare the salsa, in a food processor, combine the tomatillos,

scallions, cilantro, lime juice, chili and garlic. Pulse until the ingredients are almost smooth with a few small chunks.

In a medium skillet over medium, heat the oil. Add the onion and cook, stirring, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatillo mixture and simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for 10 minutes. If the mixture gets too dry, add 1/2 cup of water. Season with salt and pepper. Add the salmon to the skillet, skin sides down, then cover the skillet tightly and simmer gently for 5 minutes.

Turn the salmon over, cover tightly and simmer gently until the salmon is almost cooked through, about another 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat and let the salmon stand for 3 minutes, covered, before serving.

To serve, transfer a portion of salmon to each of 4 plates, then top each with sauce and tortilla strips.

Arizona hotel’s dine-in gingerbread house hits sweet spot

MARANA, Ariz. (AP) — Like something out of “Hansel and Gretel,” a larger-than-life gingerbread house made with hundreds of pounds of sugar and spice has been luring in guests at one southern Arizona resort.

Much like the fairy tale, they are free to enter and sit down by a roaring fire. But there is no wicked witch.

Instead, there’s a server with a three-course menu.

A team of pastry chefs at the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain in Marana decided this Christmas to go make a gingerbread building that was more than a display. The 19-foot-tall “house” has been operating for the past month as a private dining room and become valuable real estate in terms of the attention.

There’s no cost to walk through. But for \$150, you can reserve the whole thing. Up to six people can sit down and order meals and beverages from the hotel kitchen. The fireside fee does not include food.

The idea of a life-size gingerbread house where people could go in and out drew skepticism, even from some hotel workers. But head pastry chef Daniel Mangione was confident it could be done.

“There’s a lot of gingerbread houses out there but usually it’s

just a facade and the inside is forgotten about,” Mangione said. “But this year we really wanted to see if we could make it different.”

Up since Thanksgiving, the house will be coming down after Sunday. But Mangione assured that they will resurrect it in some form next Christmas.

“We want to do something a little different. We’re not really too sure what that might be,” Mangione said. “We might do a sushi counter.”

Pastry chefs first prepped for construction back in June by making batches of gingerbread daily. They baked them with a reddish hue and cut them into “bricks.” They also pre-ordered massive quantities of ingredients including 200 pounds of ginger powder, 400 pounds of honey, 50 pounds of cinnamon and 10 pounds of nutmeg.

“It’s a much larger project than what we’re working on day-to-day for banquets,” said Marlene Carollo, another pastry chef at the resort.

According to Mangione, it took a “baker’s dozen” about four days to tile the exterior. More than 4,000 ginger bricks made of real gingerbread cover the outside walls and the roof. Gumdrops and peppermints adorn each tile in a precise pattern and the windows are framed with candy-cane trim.

Taste test: Next generation of fake meats, vegan mayo

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — How far have vegan alternatives come to tasting like the real thing? Not far enough, according to a panel that tasted some options for The Associated Press.

“Noxious” and “kind of not natural” were among the reactions to some of the meatless alternatives being pushed by a new generation of vegan food makers that want to revolutionize the way Americans eat.

“If I were to eat this thinking it is a regular hamburger, I might think it’s spoiled,” said Byron Champlin, a city councilor in Concord, New Hampshire, after taking a bit of a “beefless” burger patty made by Gardein.

Gardein, Beyond Meat and Hampton Creek are among the companies trying to bring energy to a category that has long been defined by brands like Morningstar Foods (founded in 1970), Nasoya (1978) and Quorn (1985). The thinking is that more Americans will embrace plant-based alternatives to beef, chicken and mayonnaise if there are better-tasting options.

The idea is attracting millions of dollars in investments and media fanfare, with the newer companies saying their products also are healthier and gentler on

the environment. But the recipes they’re cooking up might not be ready for prime time just yet.

A panel of taste testers at The Associated Press test kitchen in Concord, New Hampshire had mixed reactions to the offerings, and in some cases preferred the more established vegetarian options. The three panelists were meat eaters, but said they’d go for vegetarian foods, as long as they taste good.

Dan St. Jean, executive chef for The Common Man restaurants in New Hampshire, thought the Gardein patty had a strange smell.

“It almost tastes like someone tried to make a meatball into a hamburger, but did something wrong,” agreed Sarah Kinney, a community news editor for The Concord Monitor.

The reaction was worse for Beyond Meat’s Beast Burger, which was introduced this year. Unlike Gardein, Beyond Meat says it wants to replicate the taste of real meat, rather than just offer vegetarian alternatives. But Champlin spit out the Beast Burger after one bite and called it “noxious” and “non-recognizable.”

All three taste testers found the “original griller” made by



THIS PHOTO shows a giant gingerbread house at the Ritz-Carlton, Dove Mountain in Marana, Ariz. The window frame, left, of the house is seen missing a piece of candy. The 19-foot-tall “house” at the resort in Marana has been operating for the past month as a private dining room. There’s no cost to walk through, but for \$150, you can reserve the whole thing.

Mangione said they have had to do a quick check of the house every day to see if anything has gone missing. So far, the only hazards have been children caught licking walls or a few peppermints at a child’s eye-level disappearing.

“Parents are very good about controlling their kids,” Mangione said. “We haven’t had any major loss of tile.”

The aromatic abode has elicited strong reactions from adults

as well. One man asked if he could stay overnight. Another wanted to buy the house for his grandchildren.

Anne and Vincent Duffy, who were visiting from Los Angeles, happened upon the house while walking around the lobby. The couple initially thought only the candy was real.

“I was really impressed that they made something of this size,” Anne Duffy said. “I love it.”

For family of special-needs kids, ‘4C’ offers special help

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP) — It takes a strict routine and a lot of help to raise a family of special-needs children. Few know this better than Eric and Dennis Volz-Benoit, who have five.

Typical days involve feeding tubes, breathing treatments, medications and assembly-line showers, not to mention taking kids to school, making dinner and washing clothes.

“It’s just kind of like a well-oiled machine,” said Eric Volz-Benoit. “The key for us is routine. Everything is routine.”

But routine only goes so far for the Springfield couple and their children, Zachary, 8, who has epilepsy and cerebral palsy; Tyler, 7, who has brain damage and autism; Jayden, 5, who has post-traumatic stress disorder and borderline behavior problems; and biological siblings Ryan and Mandie, 7 and 6, who

Morningstar Foods the least offensive. It wasn’t exactly a hit either, though; Champlin said he would eat it if there was nothing else around.

The fake chicken didn’t fare much better.

“It’s just kind of rubbery. It didn’t really taste like chicken,” said Kinney of Beyond Meat’s Southwestern-flavored strips of chicken, which has been on shelves since 2013.

Champlin thought there was a bad aftertaste, but couldn’t place what it was.

He also thought the Gardein “chick’n scallopini” was tasteless. But that’s why St. Jean liked it — he thought his kids wouldn’t notice if he covered it in cheese and marinara sauce.

Champlin and Kinney preferred the chicken breast look-alike made by Quorn, although they agreed with St. Jean that it looked like “a grilled baguette.”

The panelists also noted the lack of aromas in the kitchen, where a chef was preparing the products on a stovetop. Meat, by contrast, would have filled the space with mouthwatering smells.

“If your back was to the stove, you couldn’t tell what she was cooking,” said St. Jean.

The panel was also given a meatless breakfast sausage patty made by Morningstar, and vegetarian bacon by Lightlife, another company that has been around since the 1970s. The sausage was the winner of the day, with everyone praising its texture for closely resembling the grind-like consistency of real sausage.

The bacon, by contrast, was given a thumbs-down, with Champlin likening it to a “leather chew.” St. Jean agreed, and said they reminded him of Beggin’ Strips, the pet treats made by Purina. The taste fell short, too.

“The saltiness isn’t there, the crunch isn’t there,” St. Jean said.

Although the fake meats didn’t go over well, the panel generally liked Just Mayo, the eggless mayonnaise introduced by Hampton Creek in late 2012. The spread now sells at major retailers, including Target and Wal-Mart. Everyone was able to identify it as vegan in a lineup of mayonnaises, but thought it came close to tasting like Hellmann’s.

“I wouldn’t have a problem with this,” Champlin said. St. Jean and Kinney agreed.

On the other hand, Nasoya’s mayonnaise was described as having a taste that is “funky” and “kind of pasty.”

Actress Mary-Louise Parker now respected writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The latest round of raves for Mary-Louise Parker is not for her acting, but for her writing.

Parker's "Dear Mr. You," a collection of lyrical and often emotional essays about men addressed to everyone from former (and unnamed) lovers to family members, NASA and a Sept. 11 firefighter, has been highly praised by critics. Essayist Leslie Jamison, memoir writer Mary Karr and poet Kevin Young are among those who have appeared with her in her promotional tour.

Parker is a prize-winning actress who has never wanted to be treated like a celebrity, or like a celebrity author. "Dear Mr. You" was originally submitted to publishers with her name withheld by literary agent Eric Simonoff, whose clients include Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction writers Jhumpa Lahiri and Edward P. Jones.

"I was immediately intrigued by the prose," said editor Colin Harrison of Scribner, which acquired the book. "It was star-

ting, electric — it beckoned, it provoked, it zapped up the energy level of the reader."

Drinking coffee at a Brooklyn cafe on a warm winter morning, the 51-year-old Parker clearly favors talking about writing over the discussion of acting, or, especially, her personal life. (She lives in Brooklyn with her two children, one of whom she had with the actor Billy Crudup). While a Golden Globe winner for the TV series "Weeds" and HBO film "Angels in America" and a Tony winner for "Proof," she has for years been contributing essays to Esquire, The Riveter and other magazines.

She is an admirer of poets Mark Strand and Philip Levine among others, and of short story writers Lorrie Moore and Deborah Eisenberg. But highest honors are reserved for her late father, John Morgan Parker, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War who later worked as a bank manager and a justice of the peace among other jobs and took "nearly freakish" pride in his children and

grandchildren. In "Dear Mr. You," Parker calls him the "wizard of all fathers" and remembers his advice to her soon before his death, in 2010: "Just write, keep writing, promise that you will."

Here are highlights from the interview.

On writing and privacy:

"I am apparently hard to read — not to people I know — but I hear the same comments often through my life. I guess I feel I can't ignore them — 'What are you thinking?' 'Are you upset?' — when I am not upset at all.

"When I do open up, I really open up and am very thorough about what I choose to reveal. ... It also seems very free to know I was the architect of it and I won't be misrepresented. I can be as truthful as I want to be. I'm saying it in the way I choose to present it."

On submitting her work to publishers without her name:

"I was terrified, but when it seemed like people were favorable toward it I felt validated in a way I hadn't really felt before. ... People get a little more emotional when it

comes to actors and this (book) had none of that behind it. I felt almost as if nothing else happened at least I had that moment people found it interesting and valuable.

On a near-death emergency and hospitalization, described in her essay "Dear Doctor":

"It's not that I saw God, necessarily, but I was in another space. I was not fully conscious. I was hallucinating. I was speaking gibberish. I was in shock, septic shock, and the question is, 'Where do you go? Where does your consciousness go when that happens?'"

On the sense of gratitude in many of her essays:

"When you're reading my book, I'm putting my thoughts in your head and why would I want to put in something negative? Not that there isn't some immense pain ... But I didn't want there to be an indictment of anyone, or try to elicit sympathy for me in any way. It's a bunch of thank-you notes. That's all there is — just a bunch of thank-you notes."

Israel rejects book on Jew-Arab love for school curriculum

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel has refused to include a novel about a love affair between a Jewish woman and a Palestinian man in the country's high school curriculum, reportedly over concerns that it could encourage intermarriage between Jews and non-Jews.

The rejection of "Borderlife," a novel published last year, created an uproar in Israel, with critics accusing the government of censorship.

The incident was first reported by the Haaretz daily and confirmed in a statement by the Education Ministry to The Associated Press on Thursday.

The rejection also touched on the climate of mistrust between Arabs and Jews, which has deepened during the current wave of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

The ministry told AP a panel had debated adding the book "Borderlife" to the high school reading curriculum but decided against it. Israeli media said teachers had requested its inclusion on the student reading lists.

Earlier, Haaretz cited a letter by ministry official Dalia Fenig, who wrote that the book, which this year received Israel's prestigious Bernstein literary prize, was excluded because its content was deemed unfit for high school students.

"Adolescent youth tend to romanticize and don't have, in many cases, the systematic point of view that includes considerations about preserving the identity of the nation and the significance of assimilation," Fenig was quoted as writing in the letter.

The Israeli high school curriculum includes books on a variety of hot-button issues, including "Khirbet Khizeh," a 1949 novel about the expulsion of Arabs from a fictional village by Israeli soldiers, and "A Trumpet in the Wadi," a 1987 novel about a love affair between a Jewish man and a Christian Arab woman. The author of "Borderlife," Dorit Rabinyan, has another work on the list.

In an interview with Army Radio, Fenig said having another book on the list that deals with relationships between Jews and non-Jews was a reason "Borderlife" was excluded.

She also said the timing, coinciding with the current outburst of violence, was not right, fearing tensions could be enflamed in classrooms over the book. She did not address the letter cited in

Haaretz.

More than three months of Israeli-Palestinian violence has killed 21 Israelis and 131 Palestinians, sending tensions between Arabs and Jews soaring.

The ministry's decision comes after Israeli Cabinet ministers gave a preliminary approval this week to a bill that imposes new disclosure requirements on non-profit groups that receive foreign funding. Since the restrictions would apply mostly to liberal nonprofits, the bill drew accusations that the government was trying to crack down on critics.

Earlier this year, Israel's culture minister froze funding for an Arab theater in the Israeli city of Haifa over the staging of a controversial play, eliciting criticism that she was impinging on freedom of expression.



Hints from Heloise

The mystery date

Dear Heloise: Every Friday, I take my wife OUT TO DINNER. For fun, I enter the address of the restaurant into her GPS system.

She drives without knowing our destination. She turns left when she's instructed and right when she's supposed to. Finally, the system tells her she's arriving at such-and-such address.

That's when she knows where we're going to eat. It is fun for her and for me, and adds a little spice to the date. — Robert C., Bakersfield, Calif.

Sounds good to me! No cooking, no cleanup and a Friday-night date. — Hugs, Heloise

Dishwasher

Dear Heloise: Regarding the film on glasses after using the dishwasher: We had some upgrading done in our kitchen. The dishwasher repairman asked if our glasses were filmy. We told him no, they were not.

He told us to use 1 tablespoon of orange instant breakfast drink and 1 tablespoon of dishwasher soap in the dishwasher, and they would never be filmy. — Zella D., via email

Zella, hmmm? This old hint has been around; the theory is that the citric acid in instant orange (or lemon) drink will help prevent the film. I don't really buy it, because 1 tablespoon of powdered drink is gone with the first rinse. The film can be from not-hot-enough water, hard water, poor rinsing or all three. I would love to hear from my readers. — Heloise

Grooming hints

Dear Heloise: I work in a senior community and have noticed two things about women and their grooming: They use too much perfume, and they frequently have loose hair on their clothes.

Perfume never should be sprayed on clothes after dressing. It should be applied to bare skin only. (It builds up on clothes.) Also, it should be applied by spraying in front of the body and stepping into the spray, never sprayed directly on the skin.

(HELOISE HERE: Sorry, but I disagree. Spraying and walking through the spray can damage clothes and jewelry. Dab or spray on your wrist and pat the back of your neck.)

Most women style their hair after they dress. Unfortunately, that puts a lot of loose hair on the clothes.

I suggest that they run a brush through their hair before dressing, then style after dressing. — Pat L., Grass Valley, Calif.

Bear paws

Dear Heloise: I read the question from Dorothy P., about cat paw prints on the car, in the (Harrisonburg, Va.) Daily News-Record. I had to chuckle.

I have pictures of my daughter's car with bear paw prints all over the hood, windshield and roof. Fortunately for the car, it wasn't a large bear. — Larry H., via email

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WANDA sent a picture of her 2-year-old, 5-pound Yorkshire terrier, Little Man. When she first got him, he was 1.9 pounds and 3 months old. He has captured her heart.



WILMA WEST, 78, center, holds little Evelyn Davis, who completes five generations of her family. At her right is her granddaughter, Angela Davis, her daughter, Linda Adams, is on her left, and in front is her great-grandson, Dakota Davis, Evelyn's father.

BANNER BABIES

Morgan and Kaitlyn Lett of Benton, along with Emery, announce the birth of Atticus James, their 20 1/2-inch, 6-pound, 12-ounce son, on Dec. 8, 2015, at Tenova Healthcare. Grandparents are Scott and Benda McClanahan of Cleveland and Roy and Patricia Lett of Benton.

Laura and Britt Bacon of Cleveland announce the birth of Carter Noah Lee, their 20 1/2-inch, 8-pound, 10-ounce son, on Dec. 14, 2015, at Tenova Healthcare. Grandparents are Gary and Jan Dunn, Charles and Rhonda Bacon and Charlotte Ann Ooten, all of Cleveland.

Ryan and Amy Ownby of Cleveland announce the birth of Garrett Ryan, their 22-inch, 9-pound, 4-ounce son, on Dec. 18, 2015, at Erlanger East. Grandparents are Michael and Sharon Smith and David and Lisa Dailey, all of Cleveland, and great-grandparents Gary and Susan Ownby and Margie Price.

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LIBRARY CORNER

Discover the joy of storytelling at the library 7:30 p.m. Monday

It's a whole new year and the library is full of excitement for all ages. This week the Teen Advisory Group meets Monday at 4:30 p.m. in the Teen Zone. This group meets every first Monday of the month to plan and implement programs for ages 13-17. Join them to make a difference in their own part of the world.

Then at 7:30 p.m., the Storytelling Guild will be hosting a special event in the Community Room. Take a seat to hear unique tales and discover the joy of storytelling.

Tuesday at 6 p.m., the newest craft club will have their first meeting of the new year. The Craftin' Fools will be making useful art projects themed around a special day of each month. January's theme is "Inspire Your Heart with Art." Refreshments will be provided.

For patrons 18 and older, the following events are available this month:

— Edward Jones is coming to host an estate planning presentation on Jan. 12 at 6 p.m.

— On Jan. 15 at 10 a.m., Friends of the Library Association will host the Book and Coffee series in the History Branch Parlor Room. This is a free book review with the purpose of piquing one's interest in the chosen book. Reading the material is not required to attend. Refreshments provided.

— The Piece by Piece Quilting Club will have its first meeting of the year on Jan. 24 at 2 p.m. Join them to learn to quilt or share some skills of your own. Bring any supplies you might have.

— Movie night for adults is every fourth Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. This year's theme will be Books to the Big Screen. Each month the movie shown will be based off of a book and each night will kick off with some fun activity about how the book and movie are related. The movie will then begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Popcorn will be provided and free.

This month join us on Jan. 26, as we kick off the new theme by watching "Jurassic World" (Rated PG-13).

Teens ages 13 - 17 have the following to look forward to:

— Board and video gaming

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Stevenson — McCarty

Erica McCarty and Jonathan Stevenson, both of Cleveland, were united in marriage in an afternoon ceremony on Nov. 14, 2015, at Faith Memorial Church.

The bride is the daughter of Roy and Linda McCarty of Cleveland. She is the granddaughter of the late McClain and Leah Weyandt and the late William and Harriett McCarty.

The bridegroom is the son of John and Bonnie Stevenson of Cleveland. He is the grandson of Estelle Hawkins of Cleveland and the late Charles Hawkins, and the late Woodrow and Elizabeth Stevenson.

The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Jerry Tow.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by Stacey Rogers of Cleveland as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Rogers and Lindsay Rogers, both of Cleveland, Kerri Brown of Ringgold, Georgia, and Dana McCarty of Old Fort, the bride's sister-in-law.

Jeremy White of Cleveland served the bridegroom as best man. Groomsmen included Tim Myers and the bridegroom's cousins Andrew Bonner and Nathaniel Bonner, all of Cleveland, and Brett McCarty of Old Fort, brother of the bride.

Children in the wedding party were flower girls, the bride's niece



Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stevenson

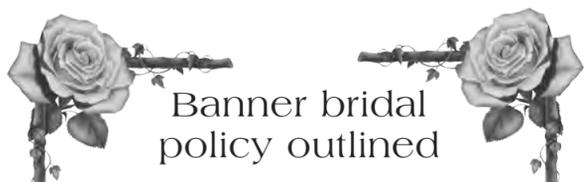
MaKenzie McCarty, the bridegroom's daughter McKenzie Stevenon, and Ensleigh Olivas, all of Cleveland. Junior bridesmaid was Jaicy Olivas of Cleveland. Gatlin McCarty, the bride's nephew, was ring bearer.

The reception was given by the parents of the bride at the Little People's Church. Diane Mason and Rebekah Freeman assisted.

Their wedding trip was a Disney Cruise in the Caribbean and they are now at home in Cleveland.

Happy anniversary

EDWARD AND PRISCILLA BULLARD, who married Jan. 8, 1966, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. A reception in their honor will be held Jan. 10 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Georgetown First Baptist Church, 8212 Highway 60, Georgetown. Friends and relatives are invited to attend the celebration through this Banner announcement. (No gifts, please.)



Banner bridal policy outlined

—Forms are available at the Banner for wedding and engagement stories. Please type or print information. The Banner is not responsible for errors due to illegible writing. Errors in content must be reported within three days of publication. (Article will be reprinted if error was the fault of the Banner staff.) A typo is not considered an error in content.

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FOOD — AMERICAN TABLE

Despite new varieties, search for the perfect tomato goes on

By **DEAN FOSDICK**
Associated Press

Page through any of the freshly arrived seed catalogs and you'll note the words "new" and "improved" splashed across many of the tomato varieties available to home gardeners for 2016.

New flavors, lively colors, different sizes, higher yields, and better disease resistance and pest tolerance are among the noteworthy traits. Despite all the new varieties, however, breeders believe there's still more room for development. The search for the perfect tomato continues.

"Iceberg lettuce is iceberg lettuce, but there are so many different kinds of tomatoes that we strive for perfection in a number of directions," said George Ball, chairman and chief executive officer of W. Atlee Burpee & Co., in Warminster, Pennsylvania. "There are cherries, small round salad tomatoes, slicers and paste, among others.

"We define the perfect tomato for what it delivers in taste," Ball said. "Everything else is delivery, with uniformity being a close second. We're looking for consistency in size and shape. We don't want a lot of different-looking tomatoes on the same plant. We're also trying to bring out a vibrancy in colors."

Tomatoes originated in the coastal highlands of South America and are second only to potatoes as the most consumed vegetable in the U.S., the Agricultural Marketing Resource Center says.

Over 700 different tomato varieties have been brought to market, and each year sees more new hybrids. But many consumers prefer the rich flavors and proven history of heirlooms — tomato types that have been cultivated for



AP photo

THIS PHOTO shows a varied assortment of heirloom and hybrid tomatoes at the Bayview Farmers Market near Langley, Wash. More than 700 different tomato varieties have been brought to the market and each year sees still more new introductions.

at least 50 years. We're talking plants with a pedigree, like Brandywines, German Johnson, Persimmon, Beefsteak and Radiator Charlie's Mortgage Lifter, the latter a large, meaty tomato introduced by a West Virginia radiator repairman to help him stay financially afloat during the Great Depression.

"We do carry many heirlooms, and while the flavor is quite good, productivity and disease resistance usually is not quite as good," said Janie Lamson, owner of Cross Country Nurseries in Stockton, New Jersey, who sells more than 180 tomato varieties.

The solution to some of those problems is a tomato series called

"heirloom marriages," says Sue Amatangelo, brand manager for Park Seed Co., a mail-order plant and seed operation in Hodges, South Carolina. That's where two classic varieties are crossed to create a new tomato with the advantages of both.

"Varieties such as Genuwine — a cross of the heirlooms Brandywine and Costoluto Genovese — offer the deep, tangy tomato flavor and aroma lacking in so many modern varieties, combined with improved plant vigor, crop size and appearance," Amatangelo said of that 2015 Park Seed introduction.

What else is on the way for tomato development?

Expect to see more blends from grafting, or attaching desirable fruiting varieties onto vigorous, disease-resistant rootstocks. Also look for more dwarf plants as gardening on patios and decks grows still more popular. Anticipate finding the right blends of acids with sugars to push tomato flavors forward.

And then there are weather adaptations.

"We're going toward regionalization big time," Ball said. Now, for instance, "in the Northwest, you can grow a great cherry tomato outside but you have to go to a greenhouse for the big steak varieties. We want to improve upon that."

Are you ready for chicken breasts that aren't bone dry?

By **ELIZABETH KARMELE**
Associated Press

We've all suffered through cardboard-dry chicken breasts. We do it because periodically we commit (or recommit or recommit) to healthy eating. And boneless, skinless chicken breasts are a fine and filling lean protein well suited to the job.

Except for one thing... Because boneless, skinless chicken breasts are so lean, they overcook and dry out heartbreakingly fast. Doesn't seem to matter whether I grill them or bake them or saute them. I always end up with dry, chewy and unpleasant chicken breasts. No wonder everyone gets irritable when they're trying to eat healthy.

But I have a secret for cooking chicken breasts that produces moist, tender meat every time. In fact, it's so foolproof and effortless, you don't even need to watch the clock. Though the chicken takes just 30 minutes to cook, you can let them go for as long as an hour and you won't risk ruining them in the slightest.

The secret? Poaching the breasts in a blend of stock, wine and seasonings. But my poaching technique is slightly different than what you're used to. And that's what makes it so forgiving.

First, I use a flavor-packed wine-infused stock to poach instead of water. The flavor difference is big. Second, I use mostly residual heat to cook the meat. As in, I bring the chicken stock, wine and aromatics to a boil, then add the raw boneless, skinless chicken breasts. I bring the liquid back to a boil, then turn off the heat, put a lid on the pot, then let the chicken cook. That's it.

This method allows the chicken to cook slowly, absorbing the seasonings and letting the wine



AP photo

THIS PHOTO shows wine-poached chicken breasts in Concord, N.H. This recipe produces moist, tender meat every time.

in the broth deepen the flavor of the meat. The chicken is never tough and doesn't taste "boiled," which sometimes happens when you put raw chicken in cold water and boil it.

I started poaching chicken in this manner to use in chicken salad. Moist chicken just tastes better in salad than grilled or baked. And because the chicken is so juicy, you need less mayonnaise when you prepare it this way. But now I make poached chicken breasts for many other dishes — on a green salad; sliced and tossed with pasta; chopped and mixed into soup; mixed with barbecue sauce for an easy "pulled" chicken wrap; etc.

However you use the chicken, be sure to season it with salt before serving, as there is no added salt in the poaching liquid.

Wine-Poached Chicken Breasts

Start to finish: 45 minutes
Makes 6 breasts
1 1/2 quarts low-sodium chicken stock or broth
3 cups white wine
3 medium carrots, cut into 2-inch chunks
3 stalks celery, cut into 2-inch chunks
2 medium yellow onions, halved
4 cloves garlic, smashed
4 sprigs fresh thyme
6 boneless, skinless chicken breasts

In a large (at least 6-quart) stock pot or Dutch oven over medium-high, combine the chicken stock, wine, carrots, celery, onions, garlic and thyme. Bring to a boil, then gently add the chicken breasts one at a time.

If the chicken breasts aren't entirely covered by liquid, add a bit more stock or water. Return the liquid to a boil.

As soon as the liquid boils, turn off the heat and cover the pot. Allow the breasts to poach for 30 minutes, then use tongs or a slotted spoon to remove from the liquid.

Chicken can be used immediately, or refrigerated for up to 3 days.

The poaching liquid can be saved for another use. It can be frozen, then thawed and boiled before reusing.

Nutrition information per breast: 150 calories; 30 calories from fat (20 percent of total calories); 3 g fat (0.5 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 85 mg cholesterol; 55 mg sodium; 0 g carbohydrate; 0 g fiber; 0 g sugar; 27 g protein.

Nutrition information per serving: 410 calories; 110 calories from fat (27 percent of total calories); 12 g fat (5 g saturated); 0 g trans fats; 175 mg cholesterol; 910 mg sodium; 29 g carbohydrate; 9 g fiber; 6 g sugar; 44 g protein.

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Of chipotles, chicken and slow cookers ... weeknights are easy with secret weapon!

By **KATIE WORKMAN**
Associated Press

One of the greatest secret weapon ingredients I know is chipotles in adobo sauce. These are smoked jalapeno peppers that have been stewed in a sauce of tomatoes, garlic, vinegar, salt and various spices, such as cumin, oregano and paprika. Imagine doing all that yourself! No thanks! Luckily, the whole thing — peppers and sauce — is sold in tiny cans at just about every grocer.

The easiest way to use these

peppers and sauce is to puree the whole thing. I just dump the contents of the can right into the food processor or blender. Then I store the puree in a sealed container in the fridge. Whenever a soup, stew or a chili (or anything that calls for a little touch of smoky heat) needs a little something extra, in goes a tablespoon or two of the puree.

Speaking of secret weapons, one of the best appliances to earn that description is the slow cooker. For many of us, this handy kitchen cooker takes up permanent residence on the

counter during the colder months. The unparalleled pleasure of walking into your home at the end of a long day to be greeted by the scent of a cooked meal is hard to overstate.

In this chili, these two secret weapons join together to turn juicy and moist boneless, skinless chicken thighs into a somewhat spicy and couldn't-be-easier chili. I often make chili with ground chicken or turkey, which we all love, but it was nice to change it up with real cubes of chicken. This one is a definite weeknight keeper.

Slow Cooker Chicken Chili

Start to finish: 4 to 6 hours on high, 6 to 8 hours on low (15 minutes active)

Servings: 8
1 cup chopped yellow onion
2 medium carrots, peeled and sliced
4 cloves garlic, minced
2 tablespoons pureed chipotles in adobo sauce
28-ounce can diced tomatoes, with juices
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
Two 15 1/2-ounce cans black beans, drained

3 pounds boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of fat and cut into 1-inch pieces
2 scallions, trimmed and chopped
Juice of 1 lime
Kosher salt
Shredded cheddar cheese or Mexican cheese blend
Sour cream

In a large slow cooker, combine the onion, carrots, garlic, chipotles in adobo, tomatoes, chili powder, cumin and beans. Stir to combine, then add the chicken and stir again. Cook in the slow cooker on high for 4 to 6

hours, or low for 6 to 8 hours. Stir in the scallions and lime juice just before serving. Taste, then season with salt. Serve with shredded cheese and sour cream on the side.

Senior Christmas Dinner 2015

Banner photos, BETTIE MARLOWE

SONNY HICKS, below right, was the emcee for the Christmas dinner given in honor of senior citizens of Bradley County recently. The annual event is sponsored and food is provided by local businesses and individuals. Volunteers served the hundreds of guests at the dinner which was held at Bradley Central High School. Cecil and Sandy Parkinson and Mary Brahen were dishing out the food for one of the four lines. At the conclusion of the dinner, Hicks drew tickets for prizes contributed for the event, including TVs, kitchen appliances, recliners, food baskets and other gifts. The Bradley Cleveland Senior Activity Center offers guest speakers for nutrition, health and other topics of interest to seniors, as well as crafts, music, Medicare assistance, Bible study and parties. Membership is only \$10 per year. The lunch program is available for donations (\$1 to \$1.50 per day) and participants are able to ride the SETHRA bus to the Senior Center and back home for free. You don't have to be on Medicare to take advantage of the opportunities at the Senior Center.



DINNER GUESTS included Mary and Billy Martin, Colette Taylor and Harriet Swit, who said they always enjoy the dinner each year, and meeting other guests.



COUNTY MAYOR D. GARY DAVIS, right, stops to give a hug to Linda Watson, a member of the Senior Center kickball team, left.



DEMETRIUS RAMSEY, left, executive director of the Bradley/Cleveland Community Services Agency, welcomed guests to the annual Senior Citizens dinner. Assisting in the event were sponsors and volunteers, from left, Dale Enos, organizer; Harvey Johnson; County Commissioner Howard Thompson; Guinn Green, pastor of Kinser Church of God; and William Hicks.

UDC welcomes new members at the meeting and auction Dec. 12

The United Daughters of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis Chapter 900, held its monthly meeting on Dec. 12 at the Kinser Church of God. Members enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon.

An auction was held after lunch. Members contributed items that were auctioned as a fundraiser for the chapter.

In old business, the historical reprint of "Echoes from the Kitchen" cookbooks can still be purchased at Stamper's Furniture and the Rebel Restaurant in Cleveland.

It was composed by the original members of the chapter in 1908.

New members Marlene Green Pritchett and Mini Su Willard were welcomed and presented membership certificates by President Marilyn Kinne and Chapter Registrar Anita Green.

The next meeting of the UDC will be held on Feb. 13 at the Kinser Church of God.

Anyone interested in the United Daughters of the Confederacy can visit website: www.udcjeffersondavischapter900.com; or facebook at www.facebook.com/udcjeffersondavischapter900.



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UDC Jefferson Davis Chapter 900 met at Kinser Church of God, for its annual Christmas luncheon. From left front are Peggy Morrison, Marilyn Kinne, Kevin Kinne and Amy Kibble; and back, Linda Ballew, Robin Ramsey, Jo Hill, Judy Hall, Debbie Riggs, Helen Riden, Anita Green, Mini Su Willard and Rose Willard.



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THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY, Jefferson Davis Chapter 900, held its Christmas luncheon on Dec. 12, at the Kinser Church of God. New members Mini Su Willard and Marlene Green Pritchett, center, were welcomed and presented membership certificates by President Marilyn Kinne, right, and Chapter Registrar Anita Green, left.

Ocoee Theatre Guild

Auditions for 'Shipwrecked' to be held Jan. 9, 10 at BCHS

The Ocoee Theatre Guild will hold auditions for "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment" on Jan. 9 and 10 at 2:30 p.m. at Bradley Central High.

The show will be performed for audiences between Feb. 27 and March 6 at The Venue Creekside in Cleveland.

"Shipwrecked! An Entertainment" provides a flexible cast with a variety of male and female roles ranging from teen to mature adult.

At the auditions potential cast members will be given a chance to review the roles and read designated lines for various parts. (Comfortable clothing for simple movements is suggested.)

In addition to actors on stage, this production needs individuals to create sound effects with unconventional materials.

Those willing to create during pre-production or use those materials during the

show are encouraged to come on the audition dates.

"Shipwrecked" follows the elaborate journey of famous adventurer Louis de Rougemont.

Lost at sea, this seafarer finds himself landing in the most exotic places with the sights and sounds of highly unusual people and wildlife.

After his very unconventional, 30-year journey and return home, he relays his experiences to crowds filled with amazement.

With Louis' new celebrity status, multiple experts begin to question the details of the wild voyage.

Could this exciting journey be a figment of Louis' imagination, or is it a true account, maybe with exaggeration?

No matter what, Shipwrecked takes the audience on an unforgettable journey,

starting with the complete play title, "Shipwrecked! An Entertainment — The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont" (as told by himself).

Tenika Dye, an experienced director and theater instructor for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as well as Lee University, will direct this adventurous tale.

Rehearsals will start shortly after casting.

A final rehearsal schedule will be made afterward, but individuals should anticipate some weekday evening rehearsals.

Ocoee Theatre Guild is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and depends on volunteers and financial supporters.

If you are interested in sponsoring this show for the community, advertising in the printed program, volunteering, or just need more information, call 423-472-8896

Sandhill Crane Cruises

Annual event begins in January

Chattanooga — The annual sandhill crane migration has been called one of the greatest spectacles of nature in the Southeast.

Each winter, between 15,000 and 20,000 of these graceful birds converge upon the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge on their journey from the upper Midwest to Florida.

"The cranes begin arriving in late November, but their numbers peak in early January," said Kevin Calhoun, the Tennessee Aquarium's assistant curator of forests.

Sandhill cranes and other migratory birds are fortunate to have such a welcoming stopover in Tennessee.

Located just north of Chattanooga, at the confluence of the Hiwassee and Tennessee Rivers, the Hiwassee Refuge contains 6,000 acres of habitat. Nearly 2,500 acres is a wooded landscape interspersed with food plots. The remaining 3,500 acres are water.

Exploring the refuge is a privilege many Tennessee Valley residents may take for granted. Wild places like this are disappearing around the world. According to a scientific study published in the journal Science last week, half of the world's migratory birds have experienced significant population declines in recent years.

Researchers say critical refueling habitat is being developed at an alarming rate. These scientists say protecting more lands like the refuge is critical to the survival of birds that travel long distances.

So, witnessing this impressive gathering of cranes in our backyard is a special event. Calhoun and other aquarium experts will lead sandhill crane viewing cruises aboard the River Gorge Explorer during the peak of their migration the first three weekends in January. (See dates below.)

During each two-hour excursion, passengers will enjoy excellent viewing from inside the climate-controlled cabin as well as outside on the stern viewing deck or topside observation platform.

"The Hiwassee Refuge is special in winter, because of the sheer numbers of cranes that can be easily seen from the river," said Calhoun. "There's also just the right ingredients to draw many other bird species to the area."

Calhoun serves as statistician of the bird records for Southeast Tennessee and says this critical

stopover point for sandhill cranes is also perfect habitat for resident and transient bald eagles, numerous waterfowl species including snow and white-fronted geese. Birders have also recorded occasional sightings of Ross's geese, white pelicans and even a few whooping cranes.

"We will also see wintering dunlin, least sandpipers and Wilson's snipe on the mudflats with the sandhill cranes," said Calhoun. "This variety of bird species and close up views from the water is why photographers and wildlife viewers love coming to the refuge every winter."

Each cruise is designed to get into the Hiwassee Wildlife Refuge efficiently so there's more time to enjoy the scenery.

"We'll have enough time to pause and make sure everyone gets a good view whenever we see something special while circumnavigating Hiwassee Island," said Captain Pete Hosemann. "The success of last year's excursions paved the way for the aquarium to offer more Sandhill Crane Cruises in 2016."

Passengers will also have two experienced aquarium naturalists aboard during each expedition, to help spot wildlife and bring the area's rich history to life. Archaeologists recognize the island as one of the most significant Native American cultural sites in the region.

"I really enjoy using our video system to help illustrate what life was like along this stretch of river during the past," said aquarium naturalist John Dever. "We pack a lot into each cruise to help everyone appreciate the communities that once existed here, and the historic significance of Hiwassee Island."

Cruises depart from the *Sale Creek Marina* located at 3900 Lee Pike near Soddy-Daisy. For a Google Map and directions, go to: <http://bit.ly/1ByJ1sW>. Special two-hour Sandhill Crane Cruises Aboard the River Gorge Explorer depart at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Jan. 8, 9 and 10 and Jan. 15, 16, 17 and 18. Cruises limited to 65 passengers. Registration is \$35 for Aquarium members, \$45 for non-members. Groups of 15 or more receive special pricing of \$40 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance online at: <http://www.tnaqua.org/sandhill-crane-cruises>.

HEALTH

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Center outlines top poisons, provides safety information

Special to the Banner

The leading cause of injury death in Tennessee is not motor vehicle crashes, gunshot wounds or drowning — it is poisoning.

And the main source of that poisoning is not the furniture polish or drain cleaner stored under the kitchen sink (dangerous as those are) — the main source of poisoning is analgesic drugs, according to Donna Seger, M.D., Tennessee Poison Center medical director.

"In the past year, more than 33,000 poison cases reported to the Tennessee Poison Center

were for pharmaceutical substances — 59 percent of our total cases," she said.

"Opioid analgesic pain relievers are involved in a substantial proportion of drug poisoning deaths," Seger said.

Opioid analgesics include natural and semisynthetic opioid analgesics such as hydrocodone, morphine and oxycodone, as well as other opioid analgesics such as fentanyl and methadone.

In order, the top five substances for poison exposure in Tennessee are:

1. Analgesics
2. Cosmetic/personal care

products

3. Household cleaning products

4. Sedative/hypnotics/antipsychotics

5. Antihistamines

Using information from the National Vital Statistics System, which compiles deaths due to drug poisoning nationwide, Seger notes in the past 15 years, the age-adjusted drug poisoning death rate has more than doubled, and that 81 percent of those deaths from drug poisoning were unintentional.

The Tennessee Poison Center offers these guidelines for avoiding poisoning by storing and

using poisons safely:

Store Poisons Safely

Store all medicines away from household products and food.

Never put any medicine or chemical in a cup or soft drink bottle.

Keep medicine and household products in their original containers.

Use child-resistant packaging. But remember — nothing is childproof.

If you have a young child who is able to walk or crawl, keep household plants and products stored above floor level, not beneath the sink.

Use Poisons Safely

Read the label on all medicines and household products and heed warnings and cautions.

Are children in the home? Take the product or medicine with you to answer the door or the phone.

Lock up products and medicines after using them.

If it's medicine, call it medicine, not candy.

Children learn by imitation. Take your medicines where children can't watch.

Always turn on the light when giving medicines. Never take medicines in the dark.

If you suspect a poisoning, call Tennessee Poison Center for treatment advice about any kind of poison. The Poison Help toll-free number is 1-800-222-1222.

Save this number in your cell phone so you will be sure and have it if there is an emergency.

Tennessee Poison Center, housed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, is a member of the Tennessee State Department of Health Commissioner's Council on Injury Prevention, a group of organizations throughout the state who collaborate to reduce injury deaths in Tennessee.

Kids' asthma rates quiet down — study

CHICAGO (AP) — Asthma rates in U.S. children have quieted down after a decades-long increase, a government study found, and researchers are trying to pinpoint reasons that would explain the trend.

A possible plateau in childhood obesity rates and declines in air pollution are among factors that may have helped lower cases in kids, the 2001-13 study suggests. Overall, average asthma rates among kids aged 17 and younger increased slightly, then leveled off and declined by the study's end, when 8.3 percent of kids were affected. Rates varied among some regions, races and ages.

The study was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

NUANCED TRENDS

Childhood asthma rates doubled from 1980 to 1995, partly because of more awareness and diagnosis. The new study shows slower increases after that, rising to 9.3 by 2010. Declines in the most recent years were in children younger than 5, Mexican kids, those in the Midwest and those from families that weren't poor. Rates plateaued among whites and those living in the Northeast and West, but increased in those aged 10 to 17, kids from poor families and those living in the South. Rates increased but then plateaued among blacks.

The study is based on annual in-person government health surveys in which parents of more than 150,000 kids were asked if their children had been diagnosed with asthma.

Data not included in the study show 2014 rates climbed slightly to 8.6 percent but it's not clear if that change was real, said lead author Dr. Lara Akinbami, a medical officer at the government's National Center for Health Statistics.

COMPETING FORCES

Asthma's causes are uncertain but authorities believe several factors play a role or trigger attacks, including air pollution, obesity, tobacco smoke, premature birth and respiratory infections in infancy. Competing changes in some of these factors complicate efforts to understand asthma trends, Akinbami said.

For example, while U.S. air quality has generally improved from decades ago, children whose schools are built near congested expressways may not be benefiting. And while U.S. smoking rates have fallen, a warming climate may prolong growing seasons and kids' exposure to pollen.



AP Photo

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE of Technology researchers Fadel Adib, left, and Emad Farag sit in chairs as a screen displays how RF-Capture is tracking them through the wall behind them on the MIT campus in Cambridge, Mass. RF-Capture is a technology being developed at MIT that uses WiFi signals to see and sense through walls.

X-ray vision? New technology making it a reality for \$300

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — X-ray vision, a comic book fantasy for decades, is becoming a reality in a lab at MIT.

A group of researchers led by Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor Dina Katabi has developed software that uses variations in radio signals to recognize human silhouettes through walls and track their movements.

Researchers say the technology will be able to help health care providers and families keep closer tabs on toddlers and the elderly, and it could be a new strategic tool for law enforcement and the military.

"Think of it just like cameras, except that it's not a camera," said Fadel Adib, a researcher on the MIT team developing the device.

"It's a sensor that can monitor people and allow you to control devices just by pointing at them," he said.

Work began in 2012 to determine how wireless signals could be used to "see" what's happening in another room, said Katabi, who directs the MIT Wireless Center.

"At first we were just interested ... can you at all use wireless signals to detect what's happening in occluded spaces, behind a wall, couch, something like that," Katabi said.

"It turned out that we were able to detect that. And when we figured out we could detect that, we started asking more advanced questions: Could we use it to detect exactly how people are moving in a space if they are behind a wall?"

The device displays the signal on a screen, where the person's movements can be tracked in real time. It depicts the target as a red dot moving around the room, occupying a chair and speeding up or slowing down.

The wireless signals used to track a person's motions also can measure the individual's breathing and heart rate — and potentially identify the person based on the shape of his or her skeleton, said researcher Zach Kabelac.

"The person won't be wearing anything on them, and the person it's tracking doesn't even need to know the device is there," Kabelac said.

"If something unfortunate happens to them, like a fall, the device will contact the caregiver that they chose to alert" by generating a text message or an email, he added.

That makes health care applications especially interesting, Katabi said. But she also sees military and law enforcement possibilities — particularly in hostage situa-

tions.

"You don't want to send the police inside without knowing where the people are standing or where the hostages are," she said. "If there is someone with a gun, where they are standing?"

A company set up to market the technology, now dubbed Emerald, will spin out of the MIT lab next year, with a goal of marketing the device early in 2017, and it's expected to sell for \$250-\$300, Adib said. The team is working to make the device smaller and to develop an interface that will let users configure it through a smartphone app, Katabi added.

The technology raises questions about privacy rights and intrusion, and Adib said the team gave serious thought to those implications.

"The user interface will be friendly for setting it up and using it at home, but it will be very hard to use it to track someone just by pointing it at their wall," he said.

"Think of it this way: Your cellphone already has wireless signals that can traverse walls, but how many people can use these signals to actually see through walls? The reason people can't do that is that the user interface does not expose this information."

ISU professor's book discusses mindful eating

By MARK BENNETT
Tribune-Star

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (AP) — A half a cookie becomes a whole experience through "mindful eating."

Jean Kristeller explains how people can transform their approach to food, lose weight and feel healthier in her new book, "The Joy of Half a Cookie." The professor emerita of psychology at Indiana State University poured 35 years of research into the power of mindfulness and meditation, resulting in the book

published by Perigee, a division of Penguin Random House.

People can learn when to stop eating that cookie, or any other food that appeals to them. That moment could come after a few bites of their favorite pizza or a warm chocolate chip cookie straight out of the oven. Through mindful eating, a person learns to enjoy the tastes felt in the initial bites and then wrap up the cookie or pizza slice once the initial sensation of flavor fades.

Instead of willpower and self-deprivation, a person can savor dishes they crave, but in smaller

amounts as they learn to sense the moment when their taste buds "habituate," or become tired of the flavor. In a nutshell, when the thrill is gone, you stop eating. In a pair of studies in Terre Haute and North Carolina, participants discovered "they really didn't want that fourth bite," Kristeller said.

Yet, they still get to experience delicious foods.

"I emphasize cultivating your inner gourmet," said Kristeller. "And if you're going to eat it, you might as well enjoy it. And enjoy it, rather than gobbling it down."

Mindful eating involves smaller amounts of food "and savoring the experience."

She's been "working on this area, really, from the beginning of my career," she added. Kristeller, who has earned degrees at the University of Wisconsin and a doctorate at Yale, researched eating disorders in her post-doctoral training, and she came to ISU in 1991 after serving on the staff and faculty in behavioral medical services of Cambridge Hospital at Harvard

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Get a good night's sleep — reset your biological clock

Special to the Banner

Some people are blessed with the ability to sleep anywhere at any time. Others find falling asleep a challenge that worsens with the passing of years. Left unattended, insomnia can become chronic, disabling and eventually even a medical condition.

Ronald M. Bazar, author of the new book "Sleep Secrets: How to Fall Asleep Fast, Beat Fatigue and Insomnia, and Get a Great Night's Sleep," said lack of sleep not only affects your ability to work effectively but can have serious effects on your relationships and your enjoyment of life. Lack of sleep also can wreak havoc with your hormones, your immune system and your body's ability to fight off disease.

"You need 6 1/2 to eight hours of good, relaxed sleep per night in order to maintain and regenerate your body's natural systems," he said. "You don't need to resort to taking drugs and narcotics every night, either. There are other natural and alternative ways that work even better."

Bazar's comprehensive and easy-to-read book includes, yet goes beyond, the sleep tips you've heard about and gets into both science-based research and complementary medicine tips for help resolving insomnia and other problems caused by sleep deprivation.

"One of the most important things to do is to reboot your body naturally, and then control every factor that prevents you from falling and staying asleep."

Here are some of his top recommendations about how to reset your body's biological clock and create solid, reliable sleep habits:

■ Detach from your electronic devices well before bed. They are insomnia creators.

■ Stretch before bedtime. Get on the floor and do some stretching exercises half an hour before bedtime. Do some yoga poses to relax your back and neck, and stretch your legs and especially your calves to help reduce cramping.

■ If you are hungry before bed, have a light snack like fruit, but don't have heavy foods or a full meal or a very late dinner.

■ Set your sleep time intentionally. Tell yourself that 10 p.m. is bedtime and 6 a.m. is wake-up time. Mentally establish and commit yourself to sleep on a regular schedule. Stick to it. Go to sleep the same time every night and get up the same time every morning. Make it a habit.

■ Listen to soothing music or read for 15 minutes or more before you turn off the lights. Just make sure you choose something that won't stimulate your thinking, make you tense up or worry right when you want to go to sleep.

■ Don't have any electronic devices in the room where you sleep. Turn off all lights, TV and radios, cellphones, laptops, computers, and all those power supplies that have a glowing LED or light. Move them into another room and away from your bedroom so

they can't make sounds that wake you up and interrupt your sleep. Use foam ear plugs to reduce noise levels that can prevent you from sleeping.

■ Go dark, totally dark. If necessary, cover the windows with blackout shades to prevent light from entering the room where you sleep. Wear an eye mask for total blackness. You may even need to replace your alarm clock with something that doesn't have glowing numbers, or is backlit.

■ Get up early! Set the alarm and get up just when it is getting light, before the sun rises. Better yet, learn how to awaken without an alarm. Don't touch that snooze button.

■ Get outside and spend 20 minutes or more in the bright early morning sun and fresh air. Take a walk, walk the dog, go for a bike ride, or do some work in the garden.

■ Eliminate stimulants such as coffee, tea, soda or anything with caffeine, and sweet drinks with sugar. If you drink coffee, only have it in the morning and never have it after lunch or within four to six hours of bedtime. Don't drink energy drinks or caffeine drinks in the afternoon or evening.

■ Take a short nap during the day only if you are sleepy. But if you have problems falling asleep at night, then do not nap until you re-establish a new rhythm. It's OK to take a 20-minute nap if you get tired, but don't go over 30 minutes. Also, take the nap at least six hours before your normal bedtime, so that you are not over-rested to the point where it interferes with your normal sleep time.

■ Get a comfortable bed and coverings. Turn the temperature down at night so it's cool in the air and warm in the bed. Go hypoallergenic or organic.

Here are some other things about getting good sleep covered in the book:

■ Mind techniques to quiet the mind and help you relax;

■ Simple breathing techniques that will help you sleep easier and deeper;

■ Eat the foods that will help you sleep, and avoid the foods that won't;

■ How to fall back asleep quickly if you wake up in the middle of the night;

■ The best pillow to use for sleeping;

■ Inclining your bed can help you sleep;

■ Walking outside barefoot can actually help you sleep better at night;

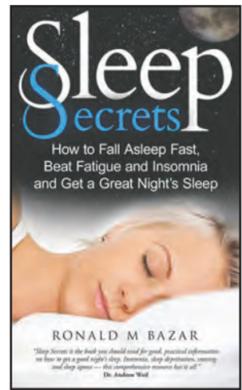
■ Supplements and remedies to target your sleep needs — or eliminate fears;

■ Solutions to snoring and sleep apnea;

■ Jet lag prevention tips; and

■ Cannabis for sleep? How to find the right strain.

"Be consistent," Bazar says. "You can train your body and achieve the cyclic rhythms you need to go to sleep when you want to and get a good night's rest."



Lee's Encore program offers new courses for the spring

Finding your roots, painting, conditioning and traveling are among class lineup

Lee University's Encore Program, which offers the opportunity to take university courses for individuals age 60 and over, has a new lineup of mini-courses available for the spring semester.

These mini-courses are planned exclusively for Encore-eligible students and are available along with selected traditional courses.

The cost is \$25 to sign up for two courses, and the following courses will be offered: Finding Your Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing Genealogy, Microsoft Word and Excel for Beginners, Computers for Beginners, Introduction to Painting, The Book of Ezekiel, Self and Society: Surviving and Thriving the Social Problems of Our Age, Joint Conditioning, Fitness for the Encore Years, Japanese Language and Culture, Scotland: Then and Now, Creative Writing Workshop Part III, Lights! Camera! Music!, America Between the Wars: 1919-1941, and Tennessee in Tennis Shoes.

■ Dr. Louis Morgan will teach "Finding Your Roots: A

Beginner's Guide to Tracing Genealogy," which is a basic introductory course for individuals wanting to trace their genealogy. The course will focus on basic research tools and processes, including using print and online sources, oral histories/interviews and DNA testing.

Examples of genealogical findings will be presented in the lectures, and students will have an opportunity to participate in discussion about their personal genealogical quests.

This five-week course will meet Thursdays from 6 to 7 p.m., Jan. 28 through March 3.

■ Microsoft Word and Excel for Beginners is designed to present the student with the basic concepts of Word and Excel. The goal is to provide each student with the knowledge to create simple documents using Word and simple spreadsheets using Excel. The course is taught by Rhonda Graham.

A 2 GB flash drive is recommended. This five-week course will meet Thursdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m., March 3 through April 7.

■ Computers for Beginners, also taught by Graham, will help students learn the basics of computers. The focus will be on

receiving and sending emails, searching the Internet, and keeping in touch with family on social media. A 2 GB flash drive is recommended.

This five-week course will meet Tuesdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m., March 1 through April 5.

■ Introduction to Painting will be taught by guest artist Bob Grayson. In this introductory course, students will create artwork using a variety of media including colored pencils, oils, watercolors and more. They will also learn color-mixing while becoming familiar with a variety of brushes, knives and other tools. Students will explore texture and composition in this class.

Both experienced and inexperienced artists are welcome. This course will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15 to 7 p.m., March 17 to April 19.

■ Assistant Professor of Old Testament Dr. Brian Peterson will teach The Book of Ezekiel, which seeks to introduce the student to the ancient world of the prophet Ezekiel in order to understand the prophet's message. Special attention will be given to interpreting the visions and imagery of the book, and the importance of the book for the

Church today.

Recommended materials include the book "Ezekiel in Context" by Pickwick Publications. This six-week course will meet Mondays from 2 to 2:50 p.m., Jan. 18 through Feb. 22.

■ Self and Society: Surviving and Thriving the Social Problems of Our Age will be taught by Lee faculty Drs. Ben and Karen Mundy-Judkins. This class will use a personal and societal perspective for each social problem while facilitating a discussion format. Social problems discussed will include family and kin, health and well-being, poverty and disadvantage, and challenge to faith and Christianity.

Ben is a macro-sociologist and Karen specializes in micro-sociology which will bring each topic to a "grounded" application to everyday life.

The five-week course will meet Mondays from 4 to 5:15 p.m., Feb. 1 through 29.

■ Joint Conditioning is a course that will go through different techniques to help students strengthen and regain movement in their joints.

Taught by Roxanne Tyson, the class will include different stretches and breathing techniques to help with relaxation and flexibility. Students will need to wear the proper attire such as clothing that can be moved in easily and comfortable walking shoes.

This nine-week course will meet Wednesdays 2 to 2:50 p.m., Jan. 20 through March 23.

■ Fitness for the Encore Years is a nine-week course also taught by Tyson. It will feature active but low-impact aerobic and weight resistant exercises including sitting and standing.

The class will begin with intro exercises and each week will include a new component to encourage the participants to challenge their fitness levels.

The course will focus on fun, music and interaction, and will meet Wednesdays from 3 to 3:50 p.m., Jan. 20 through March 23.

■ Dr. Steven Lay, senior adjunct professor of mathematics and former Japanese missionary, will teach the course Japanese Language and Culture. The course provides an introduction to speaking, reading and writing Japanese. Cultural topics will include Japanese mythology, a brief history of Japan, the role of the emperor and Japanese fes-

tivals.

Special emphasis will be given to issues facing the church in Japan and the difficulty of communicating the gospel to Japanese people. Recommended materials will include a \$25 book fee, which will be collected by the instructor. The book contains the language lessons, cultural readings, practice worksheet and CD.

This six-week course will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 4 to 5:15 p.m., Feb. 1 through March 21.

■ Scotland: Then and Now will survey some of the highlights of Scotland's long and rich history. Beginning with origins of the Scottish people and exploring a few of the individuals and incidents that have set this small country apart, such as William Wallace and Mary Queen of Scots, the Highland Clearances and the calls for independence, this course will bring the sights and sounds of the Scottish Isles to the classroom.

This five-week course, taught by Dr. Timothy Lay, will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4 to 5:15 p.m., Feb. 2 through March 3.

■ Creative Writing Workshop Part III will be taught by Brian Conn. This seven-week course seeks to pursue better writing through a workshop model, with all participants subjecting their work to the scrutiny of the class. Regardless of genre, everyone seeks to paint beautiful, powerful pictures with words.

Students who desire to write better in creative genres and who were enrolled in Creative Writing Workshop in the spring or fall of 2015 are eligible for the course. The course will meet Tuesdays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Jan. 12 through Feb. 23.

■ Bob Bernhardt will teach an exploration of the wonderful world of film music — Lights! Camera! Music! The class will journey through movies from the 1930s all the way to present day. From Max Steiner and Eric Wolfgang Korngold, to Elmer Bernstein and Bernard Herrmann, to Hans Zimmer and John Williams, students will listen to glorious soundtracks and learn about the composers' lives and work.

This four-week course will meet Mondays, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Feb. 1 through Feb. 22.

■ Distinguished Professor of History Dr. Bob Barnett will teach America Between the Wars: 1919-1941. This course

will examine the history of the United States in the two decades between the end of the First World War and America's entry into World War II. Particular attention will be paid to the causes and effects of the Great Depression, the social and cultural developments during the period and American foreign policy during an especially dangerous time in global affairs.

This five-week course will meet Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Feb. 2 through March 1.

■ Tennessee in Tennis Shoes is a traveling course which will include visits to four historical sites in Tennessee. The sites will be selected by class participants on the first day of class. Participants may choose which sites they wish to visit and one trip will be completed each week between Jan. 25 and Feb. 19. Travel costs and admission fees apply.

The course is taught by Dr. Dave Altopp, and the first meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2:35 to 3:50 p.m.

Students may choose up to two courses from the list of traditional courses and special lecture topics. All enrolled students will have free entry to campus concerts, plays and athletic events.

Registration will take place Wednesday, Jan. 6, through Monday, Jan. 11, in Room 113 of Lee's Communication Arts Building from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

After Jan. 12, Encore office hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Room 214 of Lee's Higginbotham Administration Building. Applications can also be returned by mail to HAB Room 214 at Lee University.

Fast-track registration will take place Thursday, Jan. 14, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the Centenary Room of the HAB. Participants can drop in and complete registration in one step during these times. All courses are on a first-come, first-served basis, and spaces are limited.

Lee University's Encore Program is a part of the institution's commitment of service to the community.

For more information about Encore, visit www.leeuiversity.edu/encore or contact Community Relations at communityrelations@leeuiversity.edu or by calling 423-614-8598.



RANA ABDELHAMID shows how to escape when an attacker grabs your arm during a self defense class in Washington.

Accosted for her hijab, woman now teaches Muslim empowerment

The Associated Press

When she was 16, Rana Abdelhamid was accosted on the streets of New York by a man who tried to pull off the head scarf she wears as a symbol of her commitment to her Muslim faith.

Rather than withdraw, as she'd seen other Muslim women do, she turned her anger into a program that is now working with young Muslim women to teach them self-defense while encouraging them to become leaders and role models for others in their communities.

Abdelhamid, a graduate of Vermont's Middlebury College who is now a student at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, says the challenge facing Muslims in general and Muslim women in particular has been getting worse, especially since the attacks in Paris and San Bernardino, California.

"It's unfortunate that it's becoming more needed and we're getting so many calls," said Abdelhamid, 22, who grew up in the Queens borough of New York.

Robina Niaz, the executive director of the group Turning Point for Women and Families, an organization that works to end domestic violence in New York's Muslim community, said she first met Abdelhamid when she was in high school and participating in programs at the center.

"Rana is a living example of what one can accomplish when we invest in these young girls," Niaz said. "If we believe in them, if we support them, watch their back — they need just a little bit of nudging and mentoring and they are ready."

Muslim women in several cities across the country are organizing or taking self-defense classes, but Abdelhamid's organization, the Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment, or WISE, goes beyond the physical self-defense skills to encourage the young women to become leaders and social entrepreneurs. The empowerment lessons can be as simple as showing the young women how to rent or reserve a room in a community center to tips on becoming a confident



MUSLIM WOMEN participate in a self defense class in Washington.

public speaker.

Abdelhamid said her efforts have not been universally well received by the Muslim community.

"We have had some challenges and pushback from more traditionalist members of our community who don't necessarily see space for women in leadership, unfortunately," she said. "It's really, really disheartening because you want your allies to be within the community."

The program has grown since the first class was offered to about a dozen girls in the basement of a community center in Brooklyn. The basic program, called Mentee Muslimah (an Arabic word for Muslim women), is a 13-session summer camp attended in New York by about 50 young women of high-school age that follows a 100-page course outline Abdelhamid developed during an independent study course at Middlebury.

The organization relies heavily on donated space and volunteers, but it's also received donations and in some cases fees are charged to people taking the program to help defray expenses. She's in the process of setting up a formal non-profit group so WISE can have a permanent home and a budget. While an undergraduate at Vermont's Middlebury College, Abdelhamid used a grant from the school's Center for Social

Entrepreneurship to expand her organization.

"What makes Rana really unique that we saw in her is that this is an issue that is connected to her identity and it drives her all the time," said Heather Neuwirth, the associate director of Middlebury's Entrepreneurship Center. "She took what could have been an experience that could have shut her down, she really realized the power in that and I think the way that she connects to others is deeply caring."

Abdelhamid sometimes travels to lead programs outside New York, but most are led by people who have taken the program and then been trained to teach it. The summer programs outside New York are held in Union City, New Jersey, Washington, Dallas, Madrid, and Edinburgh, Scotland. She's working on setting up programs in Chicago, Dublin and Istanbul. Next month WISE also is planning a three-day program in Boston for Jewish women.

Nitasha Siddique, a 19-year-old student at Princeton, said she got involved with WISE after her junior year in high school when she was accepted into the New York summer programs.

"There were a lot of really important conversations I'd never had before, but had the opportunity to have these conversations and have them with a group of girls who were close to me in age," she said.

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Grizzly bear deaths rise as Yellowstone population grows

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — The number of grizzly bear deaths or removals in the Yellowstone region climbed to an all-time high in 2015, but biologists say they're not worried about the animal's long-term survival in the area.

The known or suspected deaths of 55 bears shouldn't interfere with plans to remove the region's grizzlies from protection under the Endangered Species Act, Frank van Manen, leader of the Interagency Grizzly Bear Study Team, said Wednesday.

"This year should be considered within the context of what we've seen in terms of the long-term trend," van Manen said.

The team of state and federal scientists and biologists estimates more than 700 grizzlies live in the Yellowstone region spanning parts of Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. That's up from about 600 in 2010 and around 200 in the early 1980s.

Grizzlies first were listed as a threatened species in 1975. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has set a management goal of 674 bears as it moves toward delisting.

One reason for this year's high number of deaths: Poor production of wild berries, possibly because of late high country frosts and snow, caused bears to wander far in search of food.

"When you have a year of lower food availability, bears just tend to roam around more and be more vulnerable to various sources of mortality," van Manen said. "They get into trouble more. We had a lot of conflicts this year as a result of that."

Also, the region had only an average year for another grizzly food staple — nuts from the cones of whitebark pine trees. Grizzlies have proven adaptable, however, and able to sustain themselves on a variety of natural food sources in the region, van Manen said.

Wildlife managers this year euthanized 24 grizzlies for a variety of run-ins with people, property or livestock. Zoos took in four of those bears' cubs, including two cubs that belonged to a grizzly sow that killed a hiker in Yellowstone National Park in August.

Wildlife managers typically euthanize problem bears only as a last resort. More often than mauling people, such bears cause issues like killing livestock and raiding trash facilities.

"But we're also talking about a very intelligent animal," van Manen said. "Once they learn how to get access to human food sources, it becomes a real challenge. And their homing ability is just tremendous. You can move them 50 or 100 miles and they know how to make their way back pretty quick, in a lot of cases."

Other deaths included four grizzlies hit by vehicles. Another 19 remain under investigation. Hunters killed many of those grizzlies, and law enforcement officers are withholding details until they sort out what happened, according to van Manen.

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Eating

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Medical School and the University of Massachusetts Medical Center.

Like millions of other people, she struggled with weight fluctuation in her teen and early college years. After eating too much at dinner, Kristeller would starve herself the next day, overeat again that evening, feel guilty and repeat the cycle the next day. The daytime skimping and deprivation failed to offset the heavier eating at night.

"Despite my attempts, I never lost the weight I'd hoped to," Kristeller writes in the book, "and in fact, I gained more. A familiar story."

The studies ☐☐ one supported substantially by National Institutes of Health funding ☐☐ delved into a person's concept of feeling full. Some participants defined that point as 20 minutes after starting a meal. Others told Kristeller that time comes "when my plate is empty." Through mindful eating practices, they detect the tiring of their taste buds. The meal slows down, the pleasure stands out more, and the sensory signals to stop become more clear.

"Absolutely, people will tell me they're finding they can just stop and reflect for a moment," Kristeller said, "and that they're in a wiser place."

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Holiday Decorations



RICHARD AND RANDALL HAMILTON decorated their home with Christmas trees during the holiday season. They had some kind of display in every room. The duo hold an open house each year to share their creations with their friends. Ruby Phillips provided these photos of a few of the decorations.



Sheriff's Office

Eric Watson
Bradley County Sheriff

Out with the old!

We are hearing "Out with the Old, In with the New" a lot right now!

The end of 2015 on Thursday at 11:59 p.m. and the arrival a minute later of 12 a.m. Friday meant a clean slate.

The past year is done and the new year has arrived. There are so many "resolutions" floating around right now and many of them will be forgotten in just a few days, because many times change is hard.

In fact, there are times that a sudden change is just impossible. One has to plan for that change and implement it over a period of time. True, there are some changes we must deal with immediately, such as the loss of a loved one.

One thing I have found about change is, whether it is planned or not, it must be dealt with.

I talk to inmates all the time who have had their freedom taken away due to their past behavior. This behavior has led to a separation from society, friends and family.

When asked about losing their freedom, most inmates will say they are numb at first; however, eventually the cold facts sink in.

It is my prayer that these men and women realize they can make a change in themselves for the better. It can come immediately, but most will tell you it takes time and serious prayer and/or reflection.

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The Mizer family business was started 45 years ago by Bobby Mizer and is now operated by his three sons: Brad, Charlie and Sam Mizer. Today, East-West Media has more than 400 billboard faces and is the leading billboard company in the region. Because of their long-standing ties with TWC, East-West Media has committed \$50,000 to TWC's Proud Heritage, Strong Future Campaign.

"We must be good stewards of what this community has given to our family," East-West Media President Brad Mizer said. "TWC trusted us before we were the market leader, and it is our duty to make sure we help TWC reach new heights."

The Mizer family saw stories of many other local businesses contributing to the campaign and was inspired to take action.

"Gifts from organizations such as Athens Federal Community Bank, Citizens National Bank, AUB and Jackson & Runyan CPA inspired us," Mizer said. "We want to do our part."

The Mizers hope their gift will move other businesses in the region to give to TWC as well.

"TWC attracts the type of people from other parts of the country and world that we need in our community. Creative and talented students arrive in Athens and stay for a lifetime. They are business owners, civic leaders, teachers, and professionals. TWC imports the best and brightest young adults into



PARTICIPATING IN the donation to Tennessee Wesleyan College are, from left, Brad Mizer, Sam Mizer, Sarah Mizer, Bobby Mizer and Charlie Mizer of East-West Media.

our community," Mizer said.

"We expect that TWC will continue to add a broader range of academic fields and embrace the digital age that we find ourselves in. The recent addition of the MBA and communication studies programs will serve this community well. We know the college will use our gift to make Athens a better place."

TWC President Dr. Harley Knowles thanked the Mizer family and East-West Media for this contribution that will allow TWC to remain a strong center of higher education in the Athens community and beyond. "We are grateful for the Mizer family's generous gift to the

Proud Heritage, Strong Future Campaign," Knowles said. "Tennessee Wesleyan is proud to have a strong relationship with East-West Media and the Mizer family."

The Proud Heritage, Strong Future Campaign at Tennessee Wesleyan College will accelerate change and improvements outlined in the college's strategic plan. This \$16 million campaign has four funding priorities that will help the college attain excellence: annual fund support, student scholarships, academic support, and facility enhancements, including the construction of a new 30,000 square foot campus center. For

additional information about how you can support the college during this campaign, please contact the Advancement Office at (423) 746-5330.

Tennessee Wesleyan College, founded in Athens, in 1857, is a comprehensive liberal arts institution affiliated with the Holston Conference of the United Methodist Church.

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How end to phone discounts will help customers

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T will no longer offer discounted phones with two-year contracts starting Jan. 8. Before you rush out to beat the deadline, consider that you might be better off paying full price for the phone.

That's because phone companies also reduce the monthly bill for voice, text and data services when you buy your own phone or bring a used one. Some may pay a bit more, some a bit less, but the overall bill is roughly the same. What you get in return is more flexibility in which phone you buy and how long you stay with the carrier.

AT&T's decision comes as no surprise. In the third quarter, only 1 in 5 customers chose a contract plan when they signed up with AT&T or upgraded their phones. T-Mobile broke away from contracts completely nearly three years ago, and Verizon stopped offering contracts to new customers in August. Sprint also has been weighing dropping contracts completely.

Sprint CEO Marcelo Claure told The Associated Press in September that discounted, contract phones — including his company's — amount to "a gimmick, a trick. You tell people I'm going to give you a free phone, but really the customer pays in a more expensive service plan."

Indeed, phone discounts mask the true costs of phones and phone services.

Here's an explanation of the changes:

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS NOW?

Most people now buy and pay for phones in monthly installments, though you can also pay the full price upfront. You can also bring a used device, such as one from a friend or family member who has upgraded to a newer model. Sprint and T-Mobile also have leasing options — you pay less each month, but you don't get to keep or resell the device in the end.

WILL I PAY MORE?

Not necessarily so, even though you now have to pay the full price for a phone.

When you got a discounted phone under contract, you were already paying the balance in the form of fees. For instance, the full cost of an iPhone 6s is \$650. Although you pay just \$200 at the contract rate, the phone company passes along the remaining \$450 in higher monthly fees for voice, text and data. Over two years, the \$450 comes to \$18.75 a month. Put another way, your phone company is subsidizing your phone by \$18.75 a month and tacking that on to the phone bill for voice, text and data.

If you forgo the contract, your monthly bill for voice, text and data is typically reduced by \$15 or \$25 a month. The \$25 discount applies for higher data plans — usually ones you share with family members. In such cases, you're actually better off buying the phone yourself, as you're getting a \$25 bill reduction but giving up only \$18.75 in subsidies.

If your discount is only \$15, and you're giving up \$18.75 in subsidies, then technically your bill is going up slightly. What you get instead is flexibility.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY FLEXIBILITY?

Because phone companies were subsidizing phones, there was an incentive to get the most expensive model, even if you didn't need that. These days, there are many mid-range Android phones that do what high-end phones did just a few years ago. If you choose one of those models, you keep the savings. That's also the case if you get a friend or relative's old phone. You no longer feel that you're losing out by not claiming the most expensive phone in a contract renewal.

And if your phone lasts longer than two years, there's no longer the pressure to upgrade just to claim the phone subsidies. You simply pocket the savings.

More important, you're no longer tied to two-year contracts.

DOES THIS MEAN I CAN SWITCH WHENEVER I LIKE?

Yes and no.

If you buy a phone under an installment plan, you're still stuck with the phone company until you pay off the phone. That said, rival companies often have promotions to pay off the balance for you. And if you pay the full cost of the phone upfront, you own the phone and can switch whenever you like. Just be aware that certain phones work on limited number of networks, so it's still not total freedom.

WHAT IF RATES INCREASE ONCE I PAY FULL PRICE FOR A PHONE?

Phone rates can go up at any time, but that historically hasn't happened because of stiff competition. In fact, phone companies have been offering more data for the same prices, an effective price cut.

And if your phone company does increase the rates, just go to another. Again, rivals typically offer promotions to switch. You can always take your phone number with you as long as you sign up with the new company before cancelling.

CAN I STILL GET A SUBSIDIZED PHONE?

Sprint still offers contract plans, though they aren't emphasized and they may disappear any day. Verizon offers contracts only to existing customers who renew. At AT&T, contracts will be offered only under certain business plans.



THE RFK PROJECT recently donated a variety of food, clothing and blankets to the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church's Cold Weather Shelter.

The RFK project donates snacks, goods to Wesley Memorial Cold Weather Shelter

The RFK Project donated 136 snack packages, 120 hygiene packages, 50 warm clothing items, 58 blankets and canned food to the Wesley Cold Weather Shelter at Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church.

Jack Burke, founder of The RFK Project said, "The Project was built for the purposes of assisting those in need, and creating awareness as well as involvement opportunities within our community."

This is the second year of operation for the WMUMC Shelter, which provides dinner, showers, overnight accommodations and a light breakfast for homeless guests when the outside temperature is 30° or below.

"This amazing donation extends our outreach with necessary supplies that our guests will need

throughout the day," said Leah Walker, WMUMC youth minister.

"We are excited to again be able to provide this ministry to assist our homeless community," said Amy Mott, administrative assistant at Wesley. "Last season we served 24 different guests with the help of 100 volunteers."

"The Shelter began as a dream of a 16-year-old youth who wanted to establish a place for the homeless community during the harsh winter months," she continued. "She had the heart and the courage to start the program, and we adults can continue to live out her ministry."

Walker stated, "The program has plugged into the community, and people from other churches and organizations have become involved. We have been able to build partnerships with several

groups in town."

The decision to open for the night is made by 3 p.m. the prior day. This information is also sent to New Life Community Soup Kitchen, Cleveland Public Library and Lee University Campus Corner Kitchen Ministry.

Burke concluded, "We are pleased to be able to extend our assistance to the Wesley Cold Weather Shelter, and look forward to working with them and other community groups to combat the issues of poverty and need in Bradley County."

For information about the Wesley Cold Weather Shelter, call the church office at 423-472-9578.

For information about The RFK Project, visit the website. www.therfkproject.wix.com/get-involved.

Reservist tracks down the deck bell from USS Chattanooga for memorial

CHATTANOOGA (AP) — The deck bell of the World War I-era USS Chattanooga will become part of a memorial to the five servicemen killed in an attack on the Naval and Marine Reserve Center this summer.

A Chattanooga newspaper reports the ship that was once the flagship of the U.S. fleet was scrapped before World War II but its 200-pound deck bell survived and somehow made its way to Shelbyville, where it

remained for 85 years.

Gowan Johnson, a Chattanooga and petty officer in the U.S. Navy Reserve, heard about the bell's existence several years ago and eventually tracked it down to a recently shuttered American Legion post.

In September, Johnson retrieved the 21-inch-tall bronze magnesium bell. Since then, he has been preparing a place for it at the reserve center. Johnson said a cast-iron yoke is being

fabricated for the bell, and the shrine will be anchored to a black granite base with a plaque honoring the dead. The emblems of the U.S. Navy and Marines also will be part of the memorial, he said.

"We are thinking that we could toll the bell five times on July 16 when the names are read for the ceremony (on the anniversary of the attack)," Johnson said.

Johnson also has another idea for honoring the fallen servicemen, now that the Navy is commissioning a new class of ships bearing the names of American cities.

"How about another ship called the USS Chattanooga?" Johnson said.

Watson

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I am excited about DARE in fifth grades and look forward to hearing about the successes the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program has.

Yes, the new year is here! I am excited about the challenges and opportunities 2016 will bring. Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy New Year!

Bible translated to modern Alaskan language writing style

BETHEL, Alaska (AP) — The Holy Bible is now available in the modern Yupik writing style.

The translation to Yupik — spoken by an estimated 18,000 Alaska Natives from Norton Sound in the western part of the state to Bristol Bay on the eastern end — was produced after nearly half a century of work by fluent Yupik speakers and the American Bible Society, reported KYUK-AM. Yupik is the second-most spoken language in Alaska, after English.

The first missionaries translated the New Testament into an early form of Yupik writing, said Moravian Pastor Jones Anaver of Kwiglingok. But today, Yupik textbooks and dictionaries in the local schools use a newer and easier to read script developed by linguist Steven Jacobson in the 1980s.

The team rewrote the New Testament Jacobson's style and translated the Old Testament into Yupik using the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

"We wanted the youngest of our generation to be able to read and fully appreciate the Holy Bible," said Anaver.

Bethel elder Elsie Jimmie agreed that the earlier translations took more learning to read. She's been part of the translation project for the past 6 years.

Georgia cities eye Disney World-style mode of transport

BROOKHAVEN, Ga. (AP) — Three Georgia cities are expressing interest in a form of transportation from another world: A monorail, like one at Walt Disney World.

The city of Brookhaven, just northeast of Atlanta, is already committing tax dollars to study the idea, WXIA-TV reported.

Sandy Springs will include the idea in a long-term planning study, and a Chamblee city councilman is also interested in the concept, the Atlanta station reported.

Brookhaven already has a Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority rail line linking it to downtown Atlanta. But WXIA reports that its surface streets are often choked with automobiles.

Brookhaven City Councilman Joe Gebbia says he envisions a 12-mile loop connecting Brookhaven's MARTA station to places such as the Century

Center commercial area and DeKalb Peachtree Airport.

"It's all going to evolve around money," Gebbia told WXIA. "So we really just need to find out what are the facts, what is the potential, is it affordable, are there ways to fund it?"

Brookhaven is about 7 miles northeast of downtown Atlanta.

Thomas Hogan, a city councilman in Chamblee, said he's optimistic the monorail idea may have merit. Chamblee officials will be interested in seeing the results of Brookhaven's study, Hogan said.

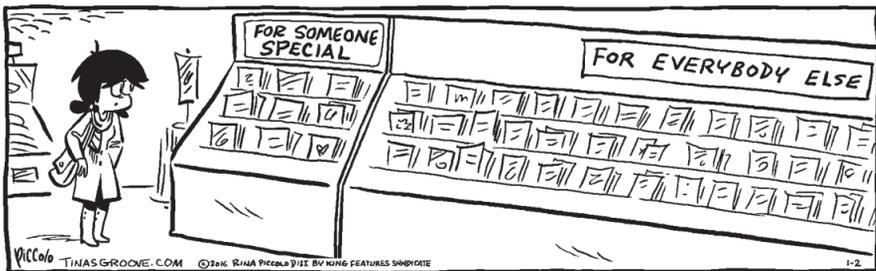
Monorails have operated for years in some cities, such as Seattle and Las Vegas.

In the Florida Keys, county commissioners agreed in November to work with state transportation officials to study whether a light rail or monorail system would be feasible for the island chain. The Key West Citizen reported.

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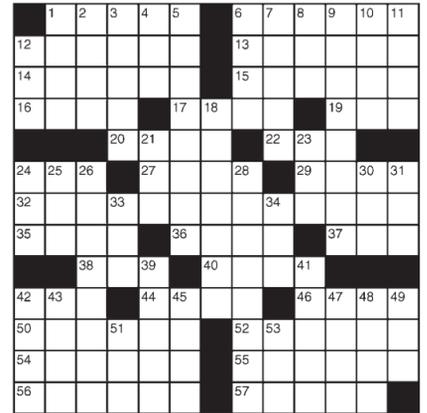


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 - 43 In the thick of
 - 45 Paddles
 - 47 Poker stake
 - 48 One with will power?
 - 49 Curve
 - 51 Author Harper —
 - 53 Tic-tac-toe loser



Solution time: 27 mins.



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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I NEEDED A SECOND PERSON TO INK THE LEGAL LOAN AGREEMENT, SO I TOOK IT TO A CO-SIGNMENT SHOP.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals H

ASTROLOGY

By Eugenia Last

SUNDAY, JAN. 3, 2016
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Eli Manning, 35; Danica McKellar, 41; Mel Gibson, 60; Victoria Principal, 66.

Happy Birthday: Tone down any aggressive behavior. You will get ahead if you work quietly behind the scenes. Don't invite conflict into your world. It's in your best interest to practice being a listener and an observer and to use the information you gather to further your own interests. Don't let past regrets stifle your ability to enjoy the moment and embrace the future. Your numbers are 5, 13, 20, 27, 31, 34, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let the little things get to you. Settle into the new year with an open attitude and a willingness to work with what you have. Diplomacy and compromise will help you persuade others to eventually see things your way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Plan to jump in to your professional goals immediately. Set up meetings or business trips or discuss your plans with someone who can contribute to your advancement. Trust that you will learn as you go and don't doubt your ability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't withhold information or get involved with people who are a poor influence. Rethink your plans for the year and avoid lofty, unrealistic ideas that are costly or indulgent. Partnership problems will develop if you aren't honest about the way you feel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Taking one more day to enjoy children, friends or family will do you good. You'll be inspired by what others have to offer and should make plans to get together more often throughout the year. A unique, creative hobby will grab your interest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Listen carefully to the people you live with or peers

who do things differently than you. It won't help to argue, but if you consider making a compromise, you will find common ground and avoid a sensitive situation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mingle with people who have something interesting to offer. Network and discuss your plans, but don't sign up for something that is risky. Focus on gathering information. When it comes to love, less talk and more action is encouraged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can finally address issues that have been bothering you. Open up and share your feelings. Based on the feedback you receive, you should consider making a few changes that will help you face the new year with greater optimism.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on what you can do, not on what you can't. Don't be afraid to do things differently. Your uniqueness is your strength. Make lifestyle changes that will allow you to do the things you enjoy more often.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stick close to home and make the changes to your surroundings that will help you be more productive. Taking time to assess your current situation and go over your options will help you immensely as the year unfolds.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Avoid messy encounters with people you don't see eye-to-eye with. Look out for your interests and choose to work alone. Joint ventures will leave you in an awkward or vulnerable position.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your emotions spin out of control. Protect against minor illness by taking precautions. Take time to relax and enjoy doing something you love. A little pampering is well-deserved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't

waste time overreacting or looking for what's wrong in every situation. Health problems will develop if you aren't realistic when it comes to physical activities. A connection you have with someone appears to be based on ulterior motives.

Birthday Baby: You are a dreamer and an enthusiast. You are aggressive, driven and tenacious.

MONDAY, JAN. 4, 2016
CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:
Dot-Marie Jones, 52; Dave Foley, 53; Michael Stipe, 56; Patty Loveless, 59.

Happy Birthday: Live, learn and make strategic moves. Exciting opportunities are within reach if you don't let little annoyances get to you. Handle any setbacks with diplomacy, but take care of business shrewdly so that you don't miss a beat. Be the driving force instead of the obedient onlooker. Stand tall and push your way to the top. Your numbers are 6, 10, 13, 24, 31, 36, 49.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Live in the moment. Have the confidence to negotiate what you want. Forward thinking will lead to an opportunity that is right for you. Romance and personal progress are on the rise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You'll learn a lot by observing your peers. Take the knowledge you pick up and put your own unique spin on things. You can get ahead by using diplomacy and being a team player. Say little, but do a lot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let uncertainty take over. If there is something you don't understand, ask questions until you learn what's required of you. Use your intelligence and show everyone how disciplined you can be. Don't let your personal life interfere with work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Go where the action is. Take part in activities that will allow you to show off your skills, knowledge and expertise. Avoid joint financial ventures. It's best to count on yourself and no one else. Your intuition won't let you down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Put some effort into improving your skills, appearance or your relationships. The changes you make will show others that you are preparing for any tasks that come your way. Put aside time for romance and making personal plans with the people you love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do your best to take part in community events, or get involved in other activities that will benefit you professionally. Don't let problems at home get you down. A misunderstanding is at the root of an issue you are having with someone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Make vacation plans or set up business trips. Talk with someone who can influence your future and your standard of living. Look for ways to satisfy your needs as well as those of the people you are dealing with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do what needs to be done, and don't wait for someone else to take over. Don't get too caught up over issues with people from your past. Doing things differently should be your calling card. Don't back down or conform to others' standards.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take one step at a time. You'll face opposition and disillusionment when dealing with peers, friends and relatives. Listen carefully, but don't reveal your opinions to others. Focus on self-improvement, development and personal gain.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get your facts straight before taking part in a conversation. There are deals to be made and opportunities to take advantage of, but first try to figure out who you are dealing with. Let your intuition guide you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Charm, goodwill and dedication will help you achieve your goals. Check out the rules of any competition before you begin. Romance and making personal plans for the future will improve your domestic life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get involved in anything that may jeopardize your health or well-being. Focus on contracts, legal matters and your personal finances, and you will find a way to get positive results. Opportunities are present, but emotional issues will cloud your vision.

Birthday Baby: You are driven, hard-working and relentless. You are playful and aggressive.

Contract Bridge

by Steve Becker

Choosing the Right Line of Play

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 5
♥ Q 9 8 4
♦ A Q 10 3
♣ 9 4

WEST
♠ 7 6 4
♥ A K J 7 2
♦ 8 4
♣ A J 3

EAST
♠ 9 2
♥ 6 5 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ Q 10 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 8 3
♥ 10
♦ K J 5 2
♣ K 7 6

The bidding:
West North East South
1♥ Pass Pass 1♠
Pass 3♠ Pass 4♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Assume you become declarer at four spades after West opens the bidding with one heart. West leads the king of hearts and shifts to a trump. How would you play the hand?

Since West is virtually certain to hold the ace of clubs as part of his opening bid, his trump shift poses a real threat to your contract. Without the trump lead, you could have negotiated a club ruff in dummy after losing two clubs, thereby limiting your self to three losers.

But the trump shift has put a seri-

ous crimp in that plan, since there is now a danger that persistent trump leads by the defenders will exhaust dummy's trumps before you can ruff your third club. A substitute plan is therefore needed.

When the deal occurred, South found the answer. He won the spade at trick two, drew trumps, cashed the K-J of diamonds and led a diamond to the queen. The queen of hearts was then led and a club discarded.

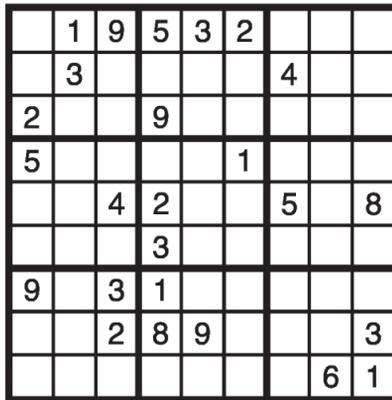
West took the queen with the ace, but found himself in a most uncomfortable position. If he returned the jack of hearts, declarer would ruff, cross to the ace of diamonds and discard another club on the established heart nine; if he returned a low heart instead, South would gain the club discard immediately. And if he led a club, declarer would score a trick with the club king. All roads thus led to 10 tricks.

South's play was noteworthy on two counts. First, he recognized the potential of dummy's Q-9-8 of hearts and took full advantage of it.

Secondly, he handled the diamonds perfectly, cashing three rounds of the suit to make sure West couldn't exit with a diamond when he was thrown on lead. At the same time, South retained a diamond entry to dummy so that West couldn't exit safely with the heart jack.

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SUDOKU



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!

See Answer on Page 47

Level: Advanced

WEEKDAY DAYTIME

	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30	12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30
WRCBNBC	3 Today				Today		Today		3 Plus You		Rachael Ray		Days of our Lives		The Meredith Vieira Show		Crime Watch Daily	
WELFTBN	4 Joel Osteen Prince	Walk in the	Joyce Meyer		Creflo Dollar	John Hagee	Joel Osteen	Prince	K. Copeland Kerry Shook	S. Furtick	Blessed Life	Marriage	Varied	Robison	Potters	The 700 Club		
WTNB	5 The Rick & Bubba Show								Around Town									
WFLCW	6 Sacred Name Varied	K. Copeland	Oasis	Varied	Community	The Real			Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Judge Karen	Judge Karen	The Bill Cunningham Show	Judge	Judge	Judge Ross	Judge Ross		
WNGHPBS	7 Wild Kratts Wild Kratts	Curious	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg Plus Cat		Dinosaur	Dinosaur	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Cat in the Hat	Curious	Curious	Arthur	Arthur
DAYSTAR	8 Joni Lamb T.D. Jakes	Life Today	A. Wommack	Varied	Today	Benny Hinn	Prince		Varied	Joyce Meyer	Marcus and Joni	Varied Programs	Supernatural	Today	Prince	Gary Keesee		
WTVABC	9 Good Morning America				Live! With Kelly and Michael	The Doctors			The View		News	This n That	The Chew		General Hospital		Steve Harvey	
WTCIPBS	10 Wild Kratts Wild Kratts	Curious	Curious	Daniel Tiger	Daniel Tiger	Sesame St.	Peg Plus Cat		Dinosaur	Dinosaur	Super Why!	Thomas & Fr.	Sesame St.	Cat in the Hat	Curious	Curious	Arthur	Arthur
WDSIFOX	11 (6:00) Movie				Varied Programs	Movie			Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs		Movie		Varied Programs	
WDFCBCS	12 CBS This Morning				The 700 Club	Andy Griffith	Paid Program		The Price Is Right		News	The Young and the Restless	Bold		The Talk		Let's Make a Deal	
QVC	13 (8:00) Mornings Made Easy				Varied Programs				Q Check		Varied Programs							
CSPAN	14 Washington Journal				Varied Programs				U.S. House of Representatives		Legislative Business						Varied Programs	
WGN-A	15 Prince Joyce Meyer	J. Robison	Creflo Dollar		Funniest Home Videos	Walker, Texas Ranger			Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night		In the Heat of the Night	
HSN	16 HSN Today		HSN Today		Varied Programs													
E!	23 E! News		Take the Hamptons		Take the Hamptons				Total Divas		Total Divas		Total Divas		Kardashian		Kardashian	
ESQTV	24 American Ninja Warrior				Car Match.	Car Match.	Burn Notice		Burn Notice		Varied Programs							
LIFE	25 Varied	Balancing Act	Unsolved Mysteries		Unsolved Mysteries	Unsolved Mysteries			How I Met	How I Met	Varied Programs							
TLC	26 Varied Programs				Little Couple	Varied Programs							Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries	
TBS	27 Married Married	Married	Married	Married	King	King	King	King	Cleveland	Cleveland	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy	New Girl	New Girl
TNT	28 Charmed	Charmed			Supernatural				Supernatural		Supernatural		Bones		Bones		Bones	
USA	29 Varied Programs																	
FX	30 Movie				Movie	Varied Programs				Two Men	Two Men	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	How I Met	Two Men	Two Men
ESPN	31 (6:30) SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter				SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	College Football Live	NFL Insiders		NFL Live	
ESPN2	32 (6:00) Mike & Mike						First Take				His & Hers		First Take	Varied Programs			His & Hers	
FSTN	33 (6:00) NHL Hockey		Varied Programs						College Basketball				Varied Programs					
SEC	34 SEC Now		SEC Now		SEC Now				College Basketball				College Football				The Paul Finebaum Show	
GOLF	35 Morning Drive				Morning Drive		Varied Programs		Morning Drive		Varied Programs							
FS1	36 FOX Sports Live		FOX Sports Live		Varied Programs				FOX Sports Live		The Herd					Varied Programs		
FSSE	37 Paid Program Paid Program		Paid Program	Paid Program	Varied Programs				NBA Basketball				Varied Programs				Basketball	Varied
WEA	38 (6:00) AMHQ				Weather Center Live						Weather Center Live						Weather Center Live	
CNBC	39 (6:00) Squawk Box				Squawk on the Street				Squawk Alley		Fast Money Halftime Report		Power Lunch				Closing Bell	
MSNBC	40 (6:00) Morning Joe				MSNBC Live With José Diaz-Balart				MSNBC Live W/ Tamron Hall		Andrea Mitchell Reports		MSNBC Live With Thomas Roberts				MSNBC Live W/ Kate Snow	
CNN	41 New Day		New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		At This Hour With		Legal View With Ashleigh		Wolf		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
HDLN	42 Morning Express		New Day		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom		Morning Express		The Daily Share		Wolf		CNN Newsroom		CNN Newsroom	
FNC	43 (6:00) FOX and Friends				America's Newsroom				Happening Now		Outnumbered		Happening Now		The Real Story		CNN Newsroom	Shard Smith Reporting
HIST	44 Varied Programs																	
TRUTV	45 Varied Programs		Paid Program	Varied	World's Dumbest...		World's Dumbest...		Varied Programs								Dumbest	Varied
A&E	46 Parking Wars Parking Wars	Dog	Dog		Dog	Dog	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds		The First 48		The First 48	
DISC	47 Varied Programs		Joyce Meyer	Varied Programs														
NGC	48 Paid Program Paid Program		Paid Program	Varied Programs									Alaska State Troopers		Alaska State Troopers		Varied Programs	
TRAV	49 Paid Program Varied Programs		Paid Program	Bourdain: No Reservations	Bourdain: No Reservations		Varied Programs										Man v. Food	Man v. Food
FOOD	50 Varied Programs		Paid Program	Paid Program	IT Cosmetics	Barbecue	Varied Programs		Cupcake Wars		Chopped		Pioneer Wo.	Contessa	The Kitchen		Giada-Home	Giada-Home
HGTV	51 Varied Programs									Hunters	Hunters Int'l		Varied Programs					
ANPL	52 Big Cat Diary Big Cat Diary	The Crocodile Hunter	Too Cute!		Bad Dog!		Dogs 101				Pit Bulls and Parolees		Animal Cops Houston		Varied Programs			
FAM	53 Melissa Gilmore Girls	Gilmore Girls			700 Club		The 700 Club		Varied Programs				The Middle		Varied Programs			
DISN	54 Never Land Mickey	Tmrwland	PJ Masks	Mickey	Sofia	Goldie	Doc McSt.	Wil. West	Mickey	Mickey	Mickey	Sofia	Sofia	Varied Programs				
NICK	55 SpongeBob SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Blaze	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Mutt & Stuff	Team Umiz.	Bubble	Shimmer	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	PAW Patrol	Blaze	Alvinn!!! and Odd Parents	SpongeBob	SpongeBob		
TOON	56 Pokémon: XY	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	We Bare	We Bare	Gumball	Gumball	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Wabbit	Wabbit	Uncle Gra.	Uncle Gra.	Teen Titans	Teen Titans	Advent. Time	Advent. Time
TVLND	57 Paid Program	Paid Program	Cindy's Skin		Gilligan's Isle	Gilligan's Isle	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gunsmoke				Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke		Gunsmoke	
AMC	58 Varied Programs		Paid Program	Varied	Stooges	Stooges	Movie		Varied Programs									
TCM	59 (:15) Movie	Varied Programs			(:15) Movie	Varied Programs			Movie		Gunsmoke				(:45) Movie		Varied Programs	
HALL	60 I Love Lucy	I Love Lucy	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Home & Family		Home & Family						Little House on the Prairie		Little House on the Prairie	
OXYGEN	61 Crazy Talk	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Varied Programs							
BRAVO	62 Varied Programs																	
SYFY	63 Varied Programs														Movie		Varied Programs	
SPIKE	64 Varied Programs																	
COM	65 Varied Programs		Paid Program	Varied	Nightly Show	Daily Show	(:05) Saturday Night Live	(:05) Saturday Night Live	Guy Code		Varied Programs		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Chappelle's		Key & Peele	Key & Peele
MTV	66 Music Feed	Varied	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Varied Programs													
VH1	67 My Wife-Kids	My Wife-Kids	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Varied Programs							
CMTV	68 CMT Music		CMT Music		CMT Music		Movie						Cowboys Cheerleaders		Cowboys Cheerleaders		Reba	Reba
BET	69 Prince Joyce Meyer	House/Payne	House/Payne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Movie	Varied Programs				House/Payne	House/Payne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Martin	Martin
SCIENCE	83 How/Made	How/Made	Secret Space Escapes		Varied Programs													
CSPAN2	85 Key Capitol Hill Hearings		Key Capitol Hill Hearings															
EWTN	100 St. Michael	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		Varied Programs				Women of	Holy Rosary	Daily Mass - Olam		The Best of	Varied Programs			Chaplet	Rosary
WPXA ION	107 Paid Program	Feldick	Varied Programs		NUMB3RS		NUMB3RS		Varied Programs									
DISXD	117 Yo-Kai Watch	Gravity Falls	Star-Rebels	Varied Programs														
GSN	144 Varied	Paid Program	Match Game	Match Game	Card Sharks	Press Luck	Card Sharks	\$25,000 Pyr.	Whammy!	Whammy!	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Catch 21	The Pyramid	Chain Rctn	Chain Rctn
COOK	153 Varied Programs								Brunch at Mexican		Not My Mama	Kelsey's Ess.	Extra Virgin	Extra Virgin	Every/Italian	Every/Italian	Law & Order: Criminal Intent	Law & Order: Criminal Intent
WE	163 Paid Program Paid Program	Paid Program	Paid Program	IT Cosmetics	Varied		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent	
GALA	217 Primero Noticias				Cuando me enamoro		Cuando me enamoro		Al Derecho	Al Derecho	Chespirito	Varied	Chespirito		Chespirito		Como Dice el Dicho	
TELE	223 Un Nuevo Día				Decisiones	Los Herederos	del Monte		¿Qué Culpa Tiene Fatmagül?		Amores Verdaderos		Hoy		Suelta la Sopa		Lo Mejor de Caso Cerrado	
UNIV	224 :Despierta América!								Como Dice el Dicho						La Rosa de Guadalupe		La Vecina	
NBCSP	311 NASCAR	NASCAR	Pro Ftb Talk	Pro Ftb Talk	The Dan Patrick Show								Varied Programs					
DLC	319 A Baby Story A Baby Story	Birth Day	Birth Day	Hoarding: Buried Alive	Mystery Diagnosis		Varied Programs						Untold Stories of the E.R.		Hoarding: Buried Alive		Mystery Diagnosis	

MONDAY AFTERNOON/EVENING

JANUARY 4, 2016

	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	12 AM	12:30
WRCBNBC	3 The Ellen DeGeneres Show	Live at 5:00	Live at 5:30	News	Nightly News	Ent. Tonight	Inside Edition	Superstore	Telenovela	The Biggest Loser "Money Hungry" (Season Premiere) (N)		News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Seth Meyers				
WELFTBN	4 John Hagee Jewish Jesus	Praise the Lord			Body	Southern-Fit	Deals Around Town	Trinity Family	Harvest	Franklin	J. Duplantis	Praise the Lord			Graham	Joel Osteen	Perry Stone	
WTNB	5 Around Town				Body	Southern-Fit	Deals Around Town	Around Town	Around Town	Around Town	Around Town	WTNB Sports			Adrenalin Rush Wrestling	Around Town	Around Town	
WFLCW	6 Judge Mathis	Friends	Friends	Mod Fam	Family Feud	The Middle		Whose Line	Whose Line	Penn & Teller: Fool Us		Crazy Talk		Hollywood	Paid Program	Anger	Larry King	
WNGHPBS	7 Martha Speak Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	PBS NewsHour (N) & (S)	A Few Good Pie Places	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Independent Lens (N) & (S)		In Defense of Food	Food and staying healthy.			
DAYSTAR	8 Mission Bill Winston	Love a Child	Jewish Voice	Hour of Sal	Creflo Dollar	Perry Stone	John Hagee	Rod Parsley	Joni Lamb	Marcus and Joni		J. Duplantis	Ron Carp.	Kenneth W.	K. Copeland	Life Today	Joyce Meyer	
WTVABC	9 Dr. Phil	News	News	News	World News	Wheel	Jeopardy! (N)	The Bachelor	Ben Higgins begins his search for love.			(:01) Bachelor Live		News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:37) Nightline		
WTCIPBS	10 Odd Squad Odd Squad	Wild Kratts	Wild Kratts	World News	Business Rpt.	PBS NewsHour (N) & (S)	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	Antiques Roadshow	A Few Good Pie Places		Southern	World				



AP Photo

THE LA CAADA FLINTRIDGE Tournament of Roses Association float "Up A Creek" wins the Bob Hope Humor Award in the 127th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., Friday.

Security concerns, temperatures don't take fun out of Rose Parade

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The flower-drenched Rose Parade rolled with few hitches Friday under cloudless blue skies to the delight of hundreds of thousands of fans, some of whom camped out all night on sidewalks determined not to let security fears get in the way of their fun.

The temperature at the start of the annual New Year's Day pageant in Pasadena barely topped 40 degrees but spectators shed layers as the sun lit up dozens of bright floats featuring characters and settings woven with roses, carnations and other flowers.

The theme of this year's parade, "Find Your Adventure," was inspired by the centennial of the National Park Service in 2016. The grand marshal was documentary filmmaker Ken Burns, who produced the Emmy-award winning series, "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."

Burns waved to the crowd with his family from an antique convertible. Earlier, he said he has been a fan of the parade since he was a child, though he had never before attended in person.

"I don't think I've ever missed one on television since the early '60s," he told parade organizers.

The 44 floats included an entry paying homage to the City of Hope medical center that was built by and featured athlete cancer survivors.

A losing record didn't stop the Los Angeles Lakers from entering a float titled "Every Second is an Adventure," ridden by team legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Paula Abdul, a former member of the Laker Girls dance squad.

The massive Disney entry featured a Star Wars theme complete with stormtroopers on one end and characters from the animated hit "Frozen" on the other. It won the Extraordinaire Trophy for most spectacular float — one of several awards given to the massive works of art that thrilled spectators along Colorado Boulevard.

"The Bachelor" television series float depicting a romantic date on an exotic beach also drew big cheers from the crowd and won the President's Award for most effective use of flowers.

The India Punjab float got people



AP Photo

TRADER JOE'S "Fearless Flyer" float wins the Fantasy Award in the 127th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., Friday.

moving to its Bollywood beat. It was followed by whooping and hollering by a mounted unit from the U.S. Army's 1st Cavalry Division.

Overhead, a squadron of sky-writing planes scrawled anti-Donald Trump messages but few people seemed to be looking away from the floats. A gentle Santa Ana wind carried the aroma of sizzling bacon-wrapped hot dogs down the boulevard.

Enthusiastic fans began lining the parade route Thursday. Many sipped hot cocoa and were equipped with portable heaters, blankets and sleeping bags to stay warm as overnight temperatures dipped to the mid-30s.



AP Photo

FLAMES SHOOT from the dragon's mouth on Singpoli Group's "Marco Polo East Meets West," which won the Sweepstakes Trophy in the 127th Rose Parade in Pasadena, Calif., Friday.

Their numbers were expected to swell to more than 700,000 for the annual parade that served as a kick-off to the 102nd Rose Bowl football game between Iowa and Stanford.

It was the final parade broadcast for longtime TV hosts Bob Eubanks and Stephanie Edwards, who have described the colorful floats and parade participants for more than 30 years. Eubanks, 77, and Edwards, 72, thanked fans and their broadcast crews as they signed off for the last time and passed the torch to Leeza Gibbons and Mark Steines, who will take over next year.

Authorities said the event was held under unprecedented security, although there were no known threats.

Geoffrey Hayton, an attorney from Redlands, near the site of the recent San Bernardino attack, said his father began attending the parade in the 1950s and his family has attended ever since. For the first time this year though, he had a conversation with his wife about the potential dangers of going to the parade.

Ultimately, they decided fear wouldn't stop them. "Statistically, I feel like we're pretty safe," Hayton said.

The massive influx of people into the city, the length of the parade route, and numerous venues ranging from float decorating pavilions to Tournament of Roses headquarters and the Rose Bowl stadium have always required a huge deployment of law enforcement, but officials said the 2016 security effort was bigger than ever.

Mark Selby, deputy special agent in charge of Homeland Security Investigations in Los Angeles and the federal coordinator for the Rose Parade and security, said the plan involved unprecedented resources and technologies.

Federal authorities intended to use a variety of explosives-detection methods ranging from bomb-sniffing dogs to devices that register even minute amounts of radiation, Selby said.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Magnitude-4.5 quake shakes in ocean off Northern California

FERNDALE, Calif. (AP) — Another moderate earthquake in the Pacific about 30 miles offshore of far Northern California was felt lightly by some along the coast but brought no reports of damage or injuries.

A preliminary report from the U.S. Geological Survey says the magnitude-4.5 quake struck at 9:11 p.m. Friday at a depth of about five miles. It was located about 40 miles southwest of Eureka and about 250 miles northwest of San Francisco.

The National Tsunami Warning Center says there is no danger of tidal problems and officials in Humboldt County say there are no reports of damages or injuries. Dozens of people reported to the USGS they had felt some light shaking.

It came as in the same offshore area as a magnitude-4.9 quake on Monday and several smaller ones that followed this week.

Humpback whales slow to arrive in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — December usually marks the start of humpback whale season in Hawaii, but experts say the animals have been slow to return this year.

The giant whales are an iconic part of winter on the islands and a source of income for tour operators. But officials at the Humpback Whale Marine Sanctuary said they've been getting reports that the whales have been difficult to spot so far.

"This isn't a concern, but it's of interest. One theory was that something like this happened as whales increased. It's a product of their success," said Ed Lyman, a Maui-based resource protection manager and response coordinator for the sanctuary.

"What I'm seeing out there right now I would have expected a month ago," said Lyman, who was surprised by how few of the animals he saw while responding to a call about a distressed calf on Christmas Eve. "We've just seen a handful of whales."

It will be a while before officials have hard numbers because the annual whale counts don't take place until the last Saturday of January, February and March, according to former sanctuary co-manager Jeff Walters.

"They don't necessarily show up in the same place at the same time every year," Walters said.

More than 10,000 humpback whales make the winter journey from Alaska to the warm waters off Hawaii to mate and give birth.

Lyman said the whales' absence could just mean they're spending more time feeding in northern waters, possibly because of El Nino disruptions or because their population has gone up.

"With more animals, they're competing against each other for that food resource, and it takes an energy of reserve to make that long migration over 2,000 miles," he explained.

Family spokeswoman: Alaska plane crash was a suicide

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — The death of a man whose plane clipped one building before smashing into another in the heart of downtown Anchorage was a suicide, a spokeswoman for his family said.

There's no reason to think that Doug Demarest was trying to harm anyone but himself, Jahna Lindemuth said on Friday.

Lindemuth is a managing partner at the law firm where Demarest's wife, Katherine Demarest, works. Lindemuth declined to say how the family knew it was a suicide and asked that the family's privacy be respected.

Clint Johnson, the Alaska region chief for the National Transportation Safety Board, did not immediately return a New Year's Day call Friday.

Demarest, 42, was flying a plane owned by the Civil Air Patrol Tuesday when he clipped the building that houses the law firm, Dorsey & Whitney, and crashed into an unoccupied commercial building. He died at the scene. No one else was hurt. The crash occurred in the morning, before most businesses opened for the day, in a part of the city surrounded by offices, hotels and restaurants.

Authorities have said that Demarest, who joined the Civil Air Patrol five years ago, was not authorized to fly the aircraft but they've released few other details.

The FBI released a statement Wednesday noting that agency policy prevents it from commenting on an active investigation, including "confirming or denying reports surrounding this case

other than to reiterate there is no indication this was a terrorist act."

Searchers find body of Seattle philanthropist

SEATTLE (AP) — Search and rescue officials near Seattle found the body of a snowshoer on Friday who was identified as a locally well-known philanthropic leader and software entrepreneur.

A statement from the King County Sheriff's Office said friends called authorities Thursday evening after 64-year-old Doug Walker didn't return to a trailhead near Granite Mountain, 45 miles east of Seattle.

About 60 search and rescue members searched for Walker through the night and found his body just before 10:30 Friday morning. A snow debris field indicated that he was caught in an avalanche, the sheriff's office said.

Walker served on the board of REI, was a founding member of the Seattle Parks Foundation and had also served on the Wilderness Society's governing council, The Seattle Times reported. He also helped launch and fund summer outdoor programs for city kids.

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell, Gov. Jay Inslee and Sen. Patty Murray issued statements of remembrance.

"Seattle has lost one of its most passionate and inspirational civic leaders in business, philanthropy and conservation," Murray said in a statement. "Doug's seemingly endless amount of energy and dedication to our region was infectious and inspired everyone around him to engage and help make a difference."

Man is crushed to death by falling elevator in New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — A falling elevator trapped and crushed a man to death on New Year's Eve, and witnesses said he helped a woman to safety before losing his own life.

The man, identified as Stephen Hewett-Brown, 25, was riding the lower Manhattan elevator around midnight when it malfunctioned. He was able to push a woman out of the lift and onto one of the building's floors before getting pinned between the elevator car and the shaft as he tried to escape himself, witnesses said.

They said he wished onlookers a happy new year before he died from his injuries. Witness Manuel Coronado said he tried to help Hewett-Brown but couldn't lift him out.

"He was saying, 'I can't breathe.' I tried to pull him up, but he said, 'Leave me here, leave me here,'" Coronado told the Daily News of New York.

The New York Police Department said the victim was unconscious, suffering from severe body trauma, when officers arrived shortly after midnight. A police spokesman said he had no information on the exact circumstances of Hewett-Brown's death, but the department says no criminality is suspected.

The city Buildings Department was investigating the accident. It came after a string of complaints and violation notices over the years about the Broome Street high-rise's three elevators, Buildings Department records show. They indicate it was inspected as recently as September and that a violation notice concerning the up-and-down lights was unresolved as of Thursday.

"The elevators were a problem and needed to be fixed," former Tenants Association President Dasha Imperiale told WABC-TV, saying the lifts sometimes lurch up and down. But another resident, Zin Halcomb, told the station he felt the building was well-maintained.

Bar owner: Suspect in Rochester attack plot is a panhandler

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — An ex-convict arrested in a plot to carry out an attack at a bar on New Year's Eve is a panhandler who'd been asked to leave the tavern in the past, its owner said, while the man's family said he had a long history of mental problems.

Federal authorities have said Emanuel Lutchman, 25, sought to prove he was worthy of joining the Islamic State group by leading an attack in Rochester with a machete and knives provided by an FBI informant.

After authorities announced his arrest Thursday, his father and mother described a man who'd had psychiatric troubles since childhood, had recently stabbed himself in a suicide

attempt and, they said, wouldn't have conducted the attack on his own.

"The boy is impressionable," his father, Omar Lutchman, told NBC News. "First he was a Blood, then he was a Crip, then he became a Muslim. He's easily manipulated."

The father and the suspect's grandmother, Beverley Carridice-Henry, told the network Lutchman is married and has a 2-year-old son but had been having marital and money problems. He was frustrated over being unable to find work and care for his family, they said.

"He got very emotional and sick about that," Carridice-Henry told the Democrat and Chronicle of Rochester.

Authorities said in court papers that Lutchman said he received direction from an overseas Islamic State group member and planned to carry out the attack Thursday.

"I will take a life, I don't have a problem with that," the court papers quoted Lutchman as saying.

Nevada Supreme Court orders new trial in biker club killing

CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — The Nevada Supreme Court has ordered a new trial for a man convicted of assassinating a Hells Angel leader in a 2011 shootout between rival motorcycle clubs at a Reno-area casino.

The high court issued its ruling Thursday overturning the conviction of Ernesto Gonzalez, 57, saying the district court abused its discretion by not answering a jury question about a conspiracy charge.

Justices also said the lower court failed to split up decisions about guilt and whether Gonzalez should get a harsher penalty for gang involvement.

"The cumulative effect of these errors deprived appellant of his right to a fair trial," Justice Nancy Saitta wrote in the unanimous opinion.

Gonzalez is an ex-president of the Vagos chapter in Nicaragua. He was convicted in 2013 of first-degree murder and other felonies in the killing of Jeffrey "Jethro" Pettigrew, 51, who was known as the "godfather" of the Hells Angels in San Jose, California.

Pettigrew's mother called Gonzalez a coward for shooting her son in the back before Washoe District Judge Connie Steinheimer sentenced the San Francisco man to life with the possibility of parole after 20 years.

But the judge added a gang enhancement to the penalty, so Gonzalez was unlikely to get out of prison until he was at least 83. He's currently serving time in High Desert State Prison outside of Las Vegas.

Gonzalez claimed he was acting in self-defense and defense of others after a brawl broke out on a crowded casino floor in Sparks in September 2011. He said he fired his gun because Pettigrew and another Hells Angel were kicking a fellow Vagos member so hard in the head he thought they would kill him.

Alec Baldwin, Richard Linklater join polar bear plunges

EAST HAMPTON, N.Y. (AP) — Actor Alec Baldwin and director Richard Linklater have braved the chilly waters off New York's Long Island at separate polar bear plunges on New Year's Day.

Newsday reports that Baldwin dived into the Atlantic Ocean on Friday to benefit an East Hampton rehabilitation facility. Linklater took part in a nearby plunge benefiting the East Hampton Food Pantry.

Baldwin is a Long Island native and a regular at glitzy charity events on the island's East End.

The Texas-based Linklater was vacationing in the area and decided to join the plunge. He said it was "really cool, so many people coming out for a good reason."

Virginia Beach police investigating illegal hog farm

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Virginia Beach police are investigating after more than 100 hogs were discovered at an illegal farm in the city.

The Virginian-Pilot reports that authorities described the farm's condition as deplorable but declined to be more specific. The pigs, discovered Tuesday behind a soybean field in the southern part of the city, were relocated to another farm.

Officer Tonya Pierce, a police spokeswoman, said she couldn't disclose who owns the livestock because it's part of the investigation. She said the hogs were found on city property, but they don't belong to the city.

White House South Lawn has become first lady's grassy stage

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Obama's affection for the White House South Lawn has grown just like the sweet potatoes and carrots she plants there.

During seven years as first lady, Mrs. Obama has often used her family's temporary backyard as a grassy stage from which to promote a lifestyle built around plenty of fresh, nutritious food and lots of exercise.

But to Mrs. Obama, the 6-plus acres of manicured grass and gardens are more than a place to talk about diet and health. It's a symbolic venue for a mother of two from the South Side of Chicago who stepped into the role of presidential spouse with the goal of welcoming more visitors, especially children, to the seat of world power.

"While our family might live upstairs, the president and I know that the White House is truly the 'People's House,'" the first lady said. "It belongs to all of us."

Military families and students are among those given priority at White House events such as the annual Fourth of July picnic. Mrs. Obama is also more consistent than her recent predecessors in using the South Lawn. Most first ladies used the outside grounds for the occasional state dinner, annual Easter Egg Roll or ceremony for a visiting head of state.

Girl Scouts hunkered down in

tents for a campout last summer until rain and claps of thunder sent them and their chaperones scampering into a nearby office building. Mrs. Obama said it was the first campout ever held on the lawn.

In 2011, scores of children surrounded Mrs. Obama on the lawn to break the Guinness World Record for the most people around the world doing jumping jacks in a 24-hour period. (More than 300,000 people participated.) The lawn is also where she showed off her hula-hooping prowess, performing 142 turns of her hips during a "healthy kids" fair that same year. Children joined her in 2014 when blue sport bottles were laid out on the lawn in the shape of a water drop, part of her campaign to encourage people to drink more plain water.

Observers say these events wouldn't pack the same punch if Mrs. Obama held them anywhere else.

"Even if those kids are sweating in the sun doing jumping jacks, they only need to look back over their shoulder to see the most powerful house in the world," said Carl Anthony, historian at the National First Ladies' Library in Canton, Ohio.

Then there's Mrs. Obama's world-famous garden. It's the first one on the South Lawn since World War II, when first lady Eleanor Roosevelt started a gar-

den there as Americans were being encouraged to plant "victory gardens" to supplement the U.S. food supply.

Students from local schools helped plant Mrs. Obama's inaugural plot in 2009. She used the garden to nudge the public to think about eating healthier and to prepare for "Let's Move," her nearly 6-year-old initiative to reduce childhood obesity. Students from these and other schools visit the White House each spring and fall to help replant the garden and harvest the vegetables.

The South Lawn is also the largest event space at the White House.

"In some ways, it's even more inspiring than being inside the house," said Anita McBride, who was Laura Bush's chief of staff and now directs American University's first ladies' program.

As parents, both President Barack Obama and his wife enjoy the sound of kids on the lawn, aides say. They installed a swing set for daughters Malia and Sasha after the family moved in. The president also presides over his own lawn events, with championship sports teams, wounded service members and more.

Another advantage to the lawn? Security. It's behind iron fencing and far removed from surrounding streets and passers-by, though it wasn't always closed off.



AP Photo

IN THIS MARCH 20, 2009 file photo, first lady Michelle Obama, accompanied by students from Washington's Bancroft Elementary School, takes part in groundbreaking of the White House Kitchen Garden, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. The South Lawn, for which Mrs. Obama's affection has grown during seven years as first lady, is more than a place to talk about diet and health. It's a symbolic venue for a mother of two from the South Side of Chicago who stepped into the role of presidential spouse with the goal of welcoming more visitors, especially children, to the seat of world power that is the White House.

Members of the public were allowed on the South Lawn during regular visiting hours that continued into the late 19th century, said William Bushong, chief historian at the White House Historical Association. The nurse maid for President Grover Cleveland's wife, Frances, often

took the first family's two young daughters to the lawn during the public hours.

But the situation got a "little bit dicey," Bushong said, when, due to public fascination with the children of presidents, a woman picked up Cleveland's youngest child and "started passing her

around." Mrs. Cleveland was "freaked out" and "at that point, they closed the gates," Bushong said.

Subsequent presidents reopened the White House grounds, except during war. Open access to the grounds ended with World War II, Bushong said.



AP Photo

IN THIS APRIL 21, 2014 file photo, a pair of youngsters get a hug from first lady Michelle Obama after she read to children during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington.



AP Photo

IN THIS APRIL 9, 2009 file photo, first lady Michelle Obama plants herbs in the White House Kitchen Garden with students from Bancroft Elementary School in Washington, on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington. The South Lawn, for which Mrs. Obama's affection has grown during seven years as first lady, is more than a place to talk about diet and health.

Cities look at subsidized housing to stem teacher shortages

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — As the days get shorter, first grade teacher Esmeralda Jiménez watches the dimming afternoon sky outside her classroom window the way her pupils watch the clock at dismissal time.

The studio apartment Jiménez rents for \$1,783 a month, or 43 percent of her salary, is located in one of San Francisco's sketchiest neighborhoods. Getting home involves running a gauntlet of feces-strewn sidewalks, popping crack pipes, discarded needles and menacing comments — daily irritants that become more daunting after dark.

"If I lived in a better area, I wouldn't feel so scared going home and I would be able to stay at school a little longer," Jiménez, 26, said. "You have so many things to do to prep for the next day, but it's gotten to the point where even if I leave at a decent time I will walk three blocks out of my way to avoid some streets."

It's a scenario that has Jiménez wondering if she should find a profession that pays more, and public officials here and in other cities looking at housing as a tool to prevent the exodus of young educators like her.

Inspired by the success in the heart of the Silicon Valley of a 70-unit teachers-only apartment complex, school districts in high cost-of-living areas and rural communities that have long struggled to staff classrooms are considering buying or building rent-subsidized apartments as a way to attract and retain teachers amid concerns of a looming shortage.

Housing costs especially have become a point of friction for teachers in expensive cities such as Seattle, where teachers who went on a one-week strike in September said they could not

"At that 5-year mark we see a lot of them saying, 'This is great for a while, but I'll never be able to afford a home here or make it work here, I'm moving on.'"

— Assistant Superintendent Shannon Pelland

afford to live in the same city as their children they teach.

In San Francisco, where many of Jiménez's colleagues have roommates or long commutes, addressing the affordability crisis for teachers was one of the main selling points of a housing bond voters approved in November, the first to pass in a generation.

About \$35 million of the \$310 million to be raised has been earmarked for construction of up to 100 new apartments on surplus land owned by the San Francisco Unified School District. The units would be rented at below-market rates to the district's 3,500 teachers and 1,600 classroom aides, who also would be eligible for new rental housing allowances and home down payment loans aimed at reducing living costs for another 300 educators, Deputy Superintendent Nyong Leigh said.

"Each one of these ideas would reach some modest number, but in aggregate it would hopefully make a difference," Leigh said.

Officials in the Roaring Fork School District in western Colorado, which serves three mountain towns in the valley that houses Aspen's posh ski resorts, similarly leveraged a \$122 million school construction bond on the November ballot to secure \$15 million for subsidized teacher rentals.

The district hopes to acquire 15 to 20 apartments in each of the three towns, enough to house at least 10 percent of its 450 teachers, Assistant Superintend-

ent Shannon Pelland said. In an area where the average home sells for \$630,000 and the average teacher makes \$47,000, housing costs are "without a doubt the number one reason we lose teachers and it's the number one reason people turn down jobs," Pelland said.

"Our typical pattern with teachers is they come to the valley, it's an absolutely beautiful place, it's a great lifestyle with wonderful recreational opportunities, and they are willing to live with roommates and do whatever they have to do to make it work for four or five years," she said. "And right at that 5-year mark we see a lot of them saying, 'This is great for a while, but I'll never be able to afford a home here or make it work here, I'm moving on.'"

School districts in Oakland, Milwaukee, Odessa, Texas, and Asheville, North Carolina, also have apartment projects for teachers in the works. The Los Angeles Unified School District this year opened its first apartment complex on school grounds for district employees and has two more under construction.

Stockton Williams, executive director of the Urban Land Institute's Terwilliger Center for Housing, said the concern over teachers being priced out of the communities they serve reflects an inadequate supply of new rental housing designed for middle-income workers instead of the high end of the market.

"It's not just a San Francisco-New York-Seattle story. It's in



AP Photo

KATY HOWSER, a kindergarten teacher in the Santa Clara School District, looks out from the balcony of her apartment at Casa Del Maestro, an apartment complex for teachers, in Santa Clara, Calif. School districts in high cost-of-living areas and rural communities that have long struggled to staff classrooms are considering buying or building rent-subsidized apartments as a way to attract and retain teachers amid concerns of a looming shortage.

many cities, large and small, and in most parts of the country," Williams said.

Officials in Santa Clara, California, found a workable formula more than a decade ago that other school districts in the San Francisco Bay Area and beyond still are trying to replicate. Working with a private developer under a tax-exempt financing scheme, the school district built 70 apartments between 2002 and 2009 that collectively are known as Casa del Maestros, Spanish for "house of the teachers."

When kindergarten teacher

Katy Howser moved into a one-bedroom apartment there 6 1/2 years ago, she was a 23-year-old living with her parents while she paid off her student college loans and credit card debt. The teachers-only complex was all she could afford, but having other educators as neighbors turned out to be more than a financial advantage.

"Everyone has the same common courtesy for each other," Howser said. "There are technically quiet hours, but it's not ever really quiet. Everyone just wants to come home and be quiet because we have to be loud all day."

Now married and expecting her first child, Howser and her husband pay \$1,700 a month for a two-bedroom apartment, at least \$1,000 less than for a comparable place in the area. They will have to move out in June because tenants can only stay for seven years. Howser hopes they will have saved enough for a down payment on a house by then.

"The fact that our district sees enough value in teachers to make a way for us to be here says a lot," Howser said. "It tends to be a relatively thankless job, and if you can't afford to live, you can't afford to stay."



MEMBERS OF THE POLISH American String Band perform during the 116th annual Mummers Parade in Philadelphia on Friday. Outrageously costumed Mummers strutted their stuff Friday at the city's annual New Year's Day parade, a colorful celebration that features string bands, comic brigades, elaborate floats and plenty of feathers and sequins.

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Philadelphia celebrates New Year's Day with annual Mummers Parade

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Outrageously costumed Mummers have strutted and twirled at Philadelphia's annual New Year's Day parade, a colorful celebration that features string bands, comic brigades, elaborate floats and plenty of feathers and sequins.

Broad Street, the city's main north-south thoroughfare, during the 116th edition of what has been called Philadelphia's Mardi Gras.

New this year was the "Philadelphia Division," meant to inject some diversity into the parade, with two new Hispanic performance groups, a black drill team and the LGBT Miss Fancy

Brigade.

But some critics called the parade offensive, with one performing group painting their faces brown to portray Mexicans and a comic brigade mocking Caitlyn Jenner.

Dozens of activists from the Black Lives Matter movement used the parade to stage a protest.



MEMBERS OF THE Woodland String Band perform during the 116th annual Mummers Parade in Philadelphia on Friday. Outrageously costumed Mummers strutted their stuff Friday at the city's annual New Year's Day parade.

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Japanese research institute earns the right to name element 113

TOKYO (AP) — A team of Japanese scientists have met the criteria for naming a new element, the synthetic highly radioactive element 113, more than a dozen years after they began working to create it.

Kosuke Morita, who was leading the research at the government-affiliated Riken Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science, was notified of the decision on Thursday by the U.S.-based International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

"Now that we have conclusively demonstrated the existence of element 113, we plan to look to the uncharted territory of element 119 and beyond," Morita said in a statement.

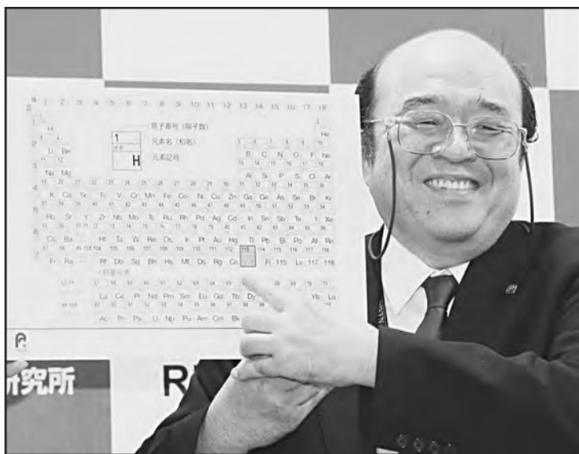
A joint working group of the IUPAC and International Union of Pure and Applied Physics also announced decisions on recognition of discoveries of elements 115, 117 and 118.

Discoveries of atomic elements have often involved competition between scientists. The news is a morale booster for Riken, which has undergone a reorganization of some of its research following a scandal over stem-cell research.

"To scientists, this is of greater value than an Olympic gold medal," Ryoji Noyori, former Riken president and Nobel laureate in chemistry told reporters.

Riken had earlier said japonium might be proposed as a name for element 113, which provisionally had been named ununtrium. However, Morita has no specific candidates under consideration. He said he planned to spend part of next year considering a name for the element.

The IUPAC group gave collabora-



Kyodo News via AP

KOSUKE MORITA of Riken Nishina Center for Accelerator-Based Science points at periodic table of the elements during a press conference in Wako, Saitama prefecture, near Tokyo Thursday. A team of Japanese scientists have met the criteria for naming a new element, the synthetic highly radioactive element 113, more than a dozen years after they began working to create it. Morita was notified of the decision on Thursday by the U.S.-based International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry.

rating teams from the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research in Dubna, Russia; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, the right to name elements 115 and 117. Separately, scientists from the Dubna laboratory and Lawrence Livermore were invited to name element 118.

Element 113 sits between copernicium and flerovium on the periodic table. A joint team of scientists in Russia and the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the U.S. also were vying for naming rights for 113

after announcing its discovery in 2004.

Morita and his group used Riken's linear accelerator and ion separator to search for new synthetic superheavy elements, beginning in the late 1980s. In 2003, his team began working to create element 113 by bombarding a thin layer of bismuth with zinc ions traveling at about 10 percent the speed of light, Riken said.

Isotopes of element 113 have a very short half-life, lasting for less than a thousandth of a second, making its discovery very difficult.

Natalie Cole, master of past and present styles, dies at age 65

LOS ANGELES (AP) — She began as a 1970s soul singer hyped as the next Aretha Franklin and peaked in the 1990s as an old-fashioned stylist and time-defying duet partner to her late father, Nat "King" Cole.

Natalie Cole, who died Thursday in Los Angeles at age 65, was a Grammy winning superstar honored and haunted by comparisons to others.

"Natalie fought a fierce, courageous battle, dying how she lived ... with dignity, strength and honor. Our beloved Mother and sister will be greatly missed and remain UNFORGETTABLE in our hearts forever," read a statement from her son, Robert Yancy, and sisters Timolin and Casey Cole.

According to her family, Cole died of complications from ongoing health issues. She had battled drug problems and hepatitis that forced her to undergo a kidney transplant in May 2009. Cole's older sister, Carol "Cookie" Cole, died the day she received the transplant. Their brother, Nat Kelly Cole, died in 1995.

"I had to hold back the tears," Franklin, who had feuded with Cole early in Cole's career, said in a statement. "She fought for so long. She was one of the greatest singers of our time. She represented the Cole legend of excellence and class quite well."

A mezzo-soprano with striking range and power, Cole was destined to be a singer, the only question being what kind. She was inspired by her dad at an early age and auditioned to sing with him when she was just 11 years old. She was 15 when he died of lung cancer, in 1965, and would reunite with him decades later in a way only possible through modern technology.

All along, she was moved by and sometimes torn between past and present sounds. As a young woman, she had listened to Franklin and Janis Joplin and for years was reluctant to perform her father's material. She sang on stage with Frank Sinatra, but also covered Bruce Springsteen's "Pink Cadillac."

"I was determined to create my own identity," she wrote in her



Natalie Cole

2010 memoir "Love Brought Me Back."

The public loved her either way. She made her recording debut in 1975 with "Inseparable," and the music industry welcomed her with two Grammy Awards — one for best new artist and one for best female R&B vocal performance for her buoyant hit "This Will Be (An Everlasting Love)." Her quick success and the similarities to Franklin, another mezzo-soprano, did not please the "Queen of Soul," who at the time called Cole "just a beginner."

"The first time I saw Aretha was at an industry banquet," Cole later told Franklin biographer David Ritz. "She gave me an icy stare and turned her back on me. It took me weeks to recover."

Backed by the writing-producing team of Chuck Jackson and Marvin Yancy, she followed with such hits as "Our Love" and "I've Got Love on My Mind," and by 1979 had a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. But her career faded in the early 1980s and she battled heroin, crack cocaine and alcohol addiction for many years. She spent six months in rehab in 1983.

Her recovery began later in the decade with the album "Everlasting" and reached multi-platinum heights with her 1991 album, "Unforgettable ... With Love." No longer trying to keep up with current sounds, Cole paid tribute to her father with reworked versions of some of his best-known songs, including "That Sunday That Summer," "Too Young" and

"Mona Lisa."

Her voice was overlaid with her dad's in the title cut, offering a delicate duet a quarter-century after his death.

Although criticized by some as morbid, the album sold some 14 million copies and won six Grammys, including album of the year as well record and song of the year for the title track duet.

While making the album, Cole told The Associated Press in 1991, she had to "throw out every R&B lick that I had ever learned and every pop trick I had ever learned. With him, the music was in the background and the voice was in the front."

"I didn't shed really any real tears until the album was over," Cole said. "Then I cried a whole lot. When we started the project it was a way of reconnecting with my dad. Then when we did the last song, I had to say goodbye again."

She was nominated for an Emmy award in 1992 for a televised performance of her father's songs.

"That was really my thank you," she told People magazine in 2006. "I owed that to him."

Another father-daughter duet, "When I Fall in Love," won a 1996 Grammy for best pop collaboration with vocals, and a follow-up album, "Still Unforgettable," won for best traditional pop vocal album of 2008.

She also worked as an actress, with appearances on TV's "Touched by an Angel" and "Grey's Anatomy."

But she was happiest touring and performing live.

"I still love recording and still love the stage," she said on her website in 2008, "but like my dad, I have the most fun when I am in front of that glorious orchestra or that kick-butt big band."

Cole was born in 1950 to Nat "King" Cole and his wife, Maria Ellington Cole, a onetime vocalist with Duke Ellington who was no relation to the great bandleader.

Her father's graceful easygoing style was admired by Sinatra, Ray Charles and many others and, in 1956, he became the first black entertainer to host a national TV variety show.

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Trial in NYC set to air GM ignition switch recall issues

NEW YORK (AP) — A civil trial set to start this month in New York City will test the legal boundaries of hundreds of claims remaining against General Motors Co. stemming from faulty ignition switches. The case involves an Oklahoma man who blames a defective ignition switch for preventing his air bags from deploying during a crash. It's the first trial to result from hundreds of lawsuits filed against GM after the auto giant revealed in 2014 that faulty ignition switches in Chevy Cobalts and other small cars necessitated an unprecedented recall. The switches can slip out of the "on" position, causing the cars to stall, knocking out power steering and turning off air bags.

GM knew about the faulty switches for more than a decade but did not recall them until February 2014. The company paid nearly \$600 million to settle 399 claims made to a fund it established. Those claims covered 124 deaths and 275 injuries, though GM's fund rejected more than 90 percent of the 4,343 claims it received, according to figures the company released in December.

In recent weeks, U.S. District Judge Jesse M. Furman, the presiding judge, has made rulings that may prevent the automaker from taking the easy road toward settling or forcing dismissal of scores of lawsuits.

The judge has refused the company's request to exclude evidence and arguments related to punitive damages, saying GM's delay in recalling admittedly defective vehicles was "arguably dangerous conduct as it involved a hidden defect that caused a risk of serious injury or death."

The judge also ruled that the "New GM," as it is repeatedly referred to in court papers, cannot dismiss the claims of Robert S. Scheuer — the plaintiff in the trial set to start Jan. 11 — merely because he failed to keep his 2003 Saturn Ion after his front air bags failed to deploy when he was forced off an Oklahoma highway by another car and smashed head-on into two trees in Bristol. Scheuer, of Tulsa, was injured in the May 28, 2014, crash and retained lawyer Bob Hilliard, co-lead counsel for hundreds of federal cases consolidated in New York City.

"For years and years, GM — including to some of my clients — would say: 'Look, this accident is your fault. Take \$75,000 even though your family is dead,'" he said in a telephone interview from his Texas office.

Hilliard said the litigants watching the case closely include "many traumatized folks who got pushed around by GM while the cover-up was active."

General Motors has told U.S. regulators in a recent quarterly report that it still faces 217 wrongful death and injury lawsuits in the U.S. and Canada, along with 122 lawsuits alleging that the recalls reduced values of owners' cars.

GM spokesman Jim Cain said the Scheuer trial, likely to last about a month, is the first of six bellwether trials that will occur over the next year. He said the outcome of the Scheuer trial would "help form the basis for settlement of similar claims."

"It's our belief that the air bags weren't designed to deploy in the

accident that he had," Cain said.

In September, GM announced it had reached a \$575 million deal with Hilliard to settle 1,385 death and injury cases and to resolve a 2014 class-action lawsuit filed by shareholders claiming GM's actions reduced the value of their stock.

The announcement came as the U.S. attorney's office in Manhattan revealed GM had settled a criminal investigation, agreeing to pay \$900 million to the government to avoid prosecution on wire fraud charges.

The company has initiated companywide safety reforms and in 2014 issued a record 84 recalls covering more than 30 million vehicles, including 27 million in the U.S.

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WHEREAS, default having been made in the payment of the debt(s) and obligation(s) thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the current holder of said Deed of Trust, Branch Banking and Trust Company, (the "Holder"), appointed the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, as Substitute Trustee, by an instrument duly recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Bradley County, Tennessee, with all the rights, powers and privileges of the original Trustee named in said Deed of Trust; and NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the entire indebtedness has been declared due and payable as provided in said Deed of Trust by the Holder, and that as agent for the undersigned, Brock & Scott, PLLC, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in it, will on January 14, 2016, at 1:00PM at the usual and customary location at the Bradley County Courthouse, Cleveland, Tennessee, proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Bradley County, Tennessee, to wit:

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