



Courtesy VDGIF
The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries is working to restore the elk population in historical ranges in the state, but during the week of Nov. 19-24, two mature bull elk were slain by poachers in Southwest Virginia.

Virginia officials seek elk poachers

By **STEPHEN IGO**
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NORTON — The Virginia Department of Game & Inland Fisheries is asking for the public’s help to resolve two cases of elk poaching, one in Wise County and the other in Buchanan County.

The agency reports that during the week of Nov. 19-24, two mature bull elk were slain by poachers. One was killed in the Guest River section of Wise County near Norton, the other shot in the Warfork area of Buchanan County.

The VDGIF, along with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and the Southwest Virginia Sportsmen’s Association, is working to restore the elk population in historical ranges in Virginia. The agency said poaching is a “critical threat” to the restoration effort.

The Virginia Conservation Police requests anyone having information concerning the poaching of these animals to contact the Virginia Wildlife Crime Line at (800) 237-5712 or email WildCrime@gdgif.virginia.gov.

There is the possibility of a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the elk poachers.

“In the next five years, it’s going to be in every state in America.”
— State Rep. Jeremy Faison (R-Cosby)

The right Rx?

Lawmaker close to finishing bill that would legalize medical marijuana in Tennessee

By **ZACH VANCE**
Johnson City Press

JOHNSON CITY — Medicinal marijuana is legal in some capacity in 29 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico.

State Rep. Jeremy Faison (R-Cosby) is advocating strongly for Tennessee to become the 30th state.

Thursday marked the third and final meeting of the Tennessee General Assembly’s Joint Ad Hoc Committee on Medical Cannabis, which has spent the last three months researching the viability of legalizing medicinal marijuana.

“We have done an immense amount of research, and we’ve brought professionals in from all around America and the world,” Faison said.

Faison, a co-chair of that committee, said he has almost finished drafting legislation for the 2018 session that would legalize cannabis in certain forms for medicinal purposes.

“Some of my friends go to the drug store for help. Some of my friends go to the liquor store for help. Some of my friends go to nature’s store for help. The only store that’s never killed somebody is nature’s store. The drug store and the liquor store kill people every day,” Faison said.

At the end of Thursday’s meeting, Faison implied that the committee’s other co-chair, Sen. Steven Dickerson, would sponsor the effort in the upper chamber.

“In the next five years, it’s going to be in every state

Where marijuana is legal

Eight states have legalized recreational and medical marijuana. Twenty-one states and Washington, D.C., have legalized marijuana for medical use only.

- Recreational and medical
- Medical
- Medical and no jail time for small amounts of marijuana
- No jail time for small amounts of marijuana

Source: Marijuana Policy Project
Graphic: Stateline/TNS



Rep. Jeremy Faison, R-Cosby, wears a camouflage jacket as he speaks during a House session in Nashville in May.

in America. I would choose to be the 30th, not the 50th. However, I don’t know where my colleagues are on this,” Faison said at the meeting’s conclusion.

Opposed to recreational marijuana usage, Faison

Kingsport Chamber welcomes two new Lifetime Members

By **HANK HAYES**
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KINGSPORT — Community leaders Lynn Johnson and Dr. Brenda White Wright on Friday received the Kingsport Chamber of Commerce’s most prestigious honor: the Lifetime Member Award.

They are the award’s 31st and 32nd recipients respectively.

Johnson is a retired Eastman Chemical Co. government relations executive, and Wright is the owner of the Wright Approach, where she is a motivational speaker, storyteller and trainer.



JOHNSON



WRIGHT

During the State of Your Kingsport Holiday Breakfast, Citizens Bank President Bill Dudney, who is also a Kingsport Chamber Lifetime Member and past Kingsport Chamber board president, was presented with the Leadership Kingsport Distinguished Leadership Award for a lifetime of community leadership.

More than 400 Kingsport Chamber members and business and civic leaders attended the event, heard about the organization’s 2017 achievements and

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Tim Cox

Decking the Hall

Santa was on hand Thursday night for the Christmastime tradition of ‘The Lighting of Crockett Hall’ at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise. Santa and Chancellor Donna Henry joined in wishing all a Merry Christmas!

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Flynn pleads guilty

Michael Flynn, Donald Trump’s former national security adviser, pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump’s behalf. **Page 2A.**

Bankruptcy filing

Radio giant Cumulus Media, which owns and operates several Tri-Cities radio stations, has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. **Page 9A.**



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WHO'S IN THE NEWS

Making some ‘Noise’

Given that he routinely fills stadiums and has notched 30 No. 1 hits, it's a pleasant surprise for Kenny Chesney to still be experiencing firsts in his 20-plus-year career. Tuesday morning he celebrated his first solo Grammy nomination: best country album for “Cosmic Hallelujah.”

“To me, the Grammys represent the best of what all music is,” Chesney said.

The Tennessee native has previously been nominated five times, including nods for duets with Pink (2016’s “Setting the World on Fire”) and Grace Potter (“You and Tequila” from 2011) and group outings with friends like Jimmy Buffett and Alan Jackson. But all of those were either in the duo/group or collaboration categories so this solo recognition was particularly meaningful.

That the album also took risks both creatively and promotionally makes the nomination that much sweeter for the 49-year-old singer-songwriter.

“For ‘Cosmic Hallelujah’ more than any album, we defied conventional wisdom every way possible,” said Chesney, noting that, among other moves, the decision was made to change the first single to the song “Noise” nine days before release because it “felt so topical and urgent.”

“Noise,” a catchy lament for our information-overloaded times, hit No. 6 and was followed by No. 1s “Setting the World on Fire” and “All the Pretty Girls.”



CHESNEY

CHAMBER

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learned about its plans for 2018.

“I continue to be amazed at all we accomplish and the impressive work of the Kingsport Chamber every year,” Miles Burdine, Kingsport Chamber president and CEO, said in a release. “The successes we highlighted this morning are only a small part of what we do for this great community of Kingsport. We do all of this because of our incredible members, sponsors and volunteers and a superb staff who get up every morning to give their all for Kingsport. I am most thankful to everyone who makes this community the great place we call home.”

Outgoing Kingsport Chamber chair Stephen LaHair, co-owner of Chef’s Pizzeria and KAOS Investments, showcased a great 2017 for the organization, and incoming chair Bob Feathers, president of WorkSpace Interiors and owner of East Coast Wings & Grill, previewed the group’s plans and goals for 2018.

“Twenty seventeen was a year for the ages for our community,” LaHair said. “We were proud and honored for the Kingsport Chamber to promote our city’s centennial in many of our programs and events throughout the year. This city continues to grow and the Kingsport Chamber continues to be a huge part of this community’s success.”

For the past year, LaHair noted, more than 30 businesses celebrated ribbon cuttings or groundbreakings in Kingsport, Fun Fest marked its 37th fes-

tival, Visit Kingsport attracted more than 44,000 visitors for a \$38 million impact on the local economy, Keep Kingsport Beautiful received another award of excellence, Move to Kingsport made a \$34 million impact on the economy, 400 local high school students graduated as Tennessee/Virginia Scholars, STREAMWORKS was created to promote the importance of science and technology to students, Government Relations hosted multiple gubernatorial candidates, Leadership Kingsport created a Selfie Trail, the Kingsport Office of Small Business & Entrepreneurship provided counseling and training to more than 200 individual clients and assisted in the capital formation of nearly \$5 million, and Healthy Kingsport helped Kingsport become the first city in the nation to achieve more than one million miles of documented physical activity for a year, among many other events and highlights.

The Kingsport Chamber’s membership program attracted more than 60 new members and topped \$400,000 in membership revenue.

The organization celebrated the 75th running of the historic Santa Train and created the inaugural Santa’s Depot enjoyed by thousands of children.

The Kingsport Chamber will continue to celebrate Kingsport at its 71st Annual Dinner on Feb. 2, 2018, at 6 p.m. at the MeadowView Marriott.

Tickets will go on sale in January.

MARIJUANA

Continued from 1A
“I always take my lead, not only from my constituents obviously, but in this case I always try to listen to the Tennessee Medical Association and the Tennessee Pharmacy Association — all those doctors statewide that come out with their collective voice,” Crowe said.

Faison has sponsored similar legalization bills in the past.

Last session, his bill was taken off notice before House Speaker Beth Harwell and Lt. Gov. Randy McNally announced the formation of the committee to study the feasibility of legalization.

So far, Harwell is the only Republican gubernatorial candidate to say she was “open” to the idea of legalizing marijuana for medical purposes.

LOTTERY

The numbers drawn in the Virginia Lottery Friday were:

Day Drawing
Pick 3 — 9-1-1
Pick 4 — 8-9-9-8
Cash 5 — 4-7-8-10-28
Night Drawing
Pick 3 — 7-3-7
Pick 4 — 3-3-7-0
Cash 5 — 3-12-13-15-30
Mega Millions
16-22-40-41-59 Mega Ball: 8



The numbers drawn in the Tennessee Lottery Friday were:

Day Drawing
Cash 3 — 8-2-9
Cash 4 — 3-9-9-8
Midday Drawing
Cash 3 — 4-7-9
Cash 4 — 8-2-8-4
Night Drawing
Cash 3 — 3-8-2
Cash 4 — 4-6-8-5
Tennessee Cash
16-17-29-32-33 Cash Ball: 5
Mega Millions
16-22-40-41-59 Mega Ball: 8



CORRECTIONS

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Drawing Card



Drawing contributed by Liam Davis, fourth grade, Saint Dominic Catholic School.

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Flynn pleads guilty to lying to the FBI

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Flynn, the retired general who vigorously campaigned at Donald Trump’s side and then served as his first national security adviser, pleaded guilty Friday to lying to the FBI about reaching out to the Russians on Trump’s behalf and said members of the president’s inner circle were intimately involved with — and at times directing — his contacts.

His plea to a single felony count of false statements made him the first official of the Trump White House to be charged so far in the criminal investigation by special counsel Robert Mueller. And his action could be an ominous sign for a White House shadowed for the past year by investigations, turning Flynn into a potentially key government cooperator as prosecutors examine whether the Trump campaign and Russia worked together to influence the 2016 presidential election in Trump’s favor.

Friday’s developments don’t resolve the paramount question of possible Trump-Russia coordination in the campaign, but they do show that Flynn lied to the FBI about multiple conversations last December with the Russian ambassador to the United States. Court papers make clear that senior Trump transition officials were fully aware of Flynn’s outreach to Russian officials in the weeks before the inauguration.

The officials were not named in court papers, but people familiar with the case identified two of them to The Associated Press as Jared Kushner, the president’s son-in-

law, and former Deputy National Security Adviser KT McFarland, now up for an ambassadorship.

That revelation moves the Russia investigation deeper into the White House. And, given the direct involvement of the transition team in Flynn’s calls with Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, the plea also raises questions about the accuracy of repeated assertions by the administration that Flynn had misled Mike Pence and other officials when he denied having discussed sanctions with the diplomat.

Flynn, the longtime soldier, stood quietly during his plea hearing except to answer brief questions from the judge. Flynn accepted responsibility for his actions in a written statement, though he said he had also been subjected to false accusations. He said, “My guilty plea and agreement to cooperate with the Special Counsel’s Office reflect a decision I made in the best interests of my family and of our country.”

A former Defense Intelligence Agency chief, Flynn was a considerably more vocal Trump surrogate during the campaign, known for leading rally crowds in “Lock her up” chants regarding Hillary Clinton’s use of a private email server.

Though prosecutors also had investigated Flynn’s lobbying work on behalf of the Turkish government, the fact that he was permitted to plead guilty to just one count, and faces a guideline range of zero to 6 months in prison, suggests that prosecutors see him as a valuable tool in their investigation and are granting a degree of leniency in exchange for cooperation.

GOP nears Senate OK of tax bill after flurry of final deals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans used a burst of eleventh-hour horse-trading to edge a nearly \$1.5 trillion tax bill to the brink of Senate passage Friday, as a party starved all year for a major legislative triumph took a step toward giving President Donald Trump one of his top priorities by Christmas.

“We have the votes,” Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., declared after leaders swayed holdout senators by agreeing to fatten tax breaks for millions of businesses and let people deduct local property taxes.

The Senate was on track to give near party-line approval to the measure by late Friday, setting up negotiations with the House for a final package. The measure focuses the bulk of its tax reductions on businesses and higher-earning individuals, gives more modest breaks to others and would be the boldest rewrite of the nation’s tax system since 1986.

Republicans touted the package as one that

would benefit people of all incomes and ignite the economy. Even an official projection of a \$1 trillion, 10-year flood of deeper budget deficits couldn’t dissuade nearly all GOP senators from rallying behind the bill.

“Obviously I’m kind of a dinosaur on the fiscal issues,” said Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., the only announced GOP opponent, who battled to keep the measure from worsening the government’s accumulated \$20 trillion in IOUs.

The Republican-led House approved a similar bill last month.

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Justice League (PG-13)
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Justice League (PG-13)
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:45pm, 9:45pm, MXC

Roman J. Israel, Esq. (PG-13)
12:25pm, 3:25pm, 6:25pm, 9:25pm

The Star (PG)
11:50am, 2:10pm, 4:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:00pm

Wonder (PG)
12:20pm, 12:50pm, 3:20pm, 3:50pm, 6:20pm, 6:50pm, 9:00pm, 9:30pm

Daddy’s Home 2 (PG-13)
11:55am, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Murder on the Orient Express (PG-13)
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:50pm

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12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:10pm

Today’s TV Listings

SATURDAY				DECEMBER 2				
	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST STATIONS								
(2) WETP	Big Band	Ray Stevens CabaRay Nashville Special 'G' (CC)		Tommy Emmanuel: A Music Gone Public Special 'G'			Rock Rewind	
(5) WCYB	Will & Grace	Superstore	Dateline NBC 'PG' (CC)	Saturday Night Live (N) '14' (CC)		News 5 Tonight	SNL	
(6) WATE	College Football ACC Championship -- Miami vs Clemson. (N) (Live) (CC)						News	
(10) WBIR	Will & Grace	Superstore	Dateline NBC 'PG' (CC)	Saturday Night Live (N) '14' (CC)		News	SNL	
(11) WJHL	Kevin Can Man-Plan	NCIS: New Orleans '14'		48 Hours 'PG' (CC)		News	Whacked Out	
(19) WKPT	(7:30) Columbo 'G' (CC)	The 3rd Annual Carney Awards (CC)			The Rockford Files 'PG' (CC)		Dragnet 'PG'	
(36) WAPK	Svengoolie The Frozen Ghost 'PG' (CC)			Batman 'PG'	Batman 'PG'	Star Trek 'PG' (CC)		
(39) WEMT	College Football Big Ten Championship -- Ohio State vs Wisconsin. (N) (Live)						Hell's Kitchen	
(47) WBSN	(7:30) American Masters This Is Bob Hope ... 'PG'			Great Performances Moody Blues: Days of Future Passed Live 'G' (CC)			Victoria Returns	
(68) WLFJ	Higher Ground Baptist Church	Meadows	TBA	Connection	Sing Time	Every Manna	Gospel Msg	
CABLE STATIONS								
AMC	Movie: Hocus Pocus ** (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. Premiere. (CC)				Movie: Hocus Pocus ** (1993, Comedy) Bette Midler. (CC)			
ARTS	Live PD: Rewind (N) '14' (CC)		Live PD Live PD -- 12.02.17 (N) (Live) '14' (CC)					
BET	Movie: A Madea Christmas * (2013, Comedy)				Movie: Madea's Witness			
BRAVO	Medi	Housewives/Atl.	Housewives/Atl.	Movie: The Town (2010)				
CMTV	(5:30)	Movie: Legally Blonde ** (2001) (CC)				Movie: I'll Be		
CNBC	Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss		Undercover Boss	
COM	(6:10) Meet	Movie: Meet the Fockers ** (2004) (CC)					Movie:	
CYB-CW	High School Football					Scandal The Box '14' (CC)		
DISC	Homestead Rescue Attack of the Cows, Bears and Bees (N) 'PG' (CC)					Homestead Rescue 'PG' (CC)		
E!	Movie: Hairspray *** (2007) John Travolta.					Movie: 10 Things I Hate		
ESPN	(7:45) College Football Mountain West Championship -- Fresno State at Boise State. (N) (Live)					SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N) (Live) (CC)		
ESPN2	(7:30) College Football Troy at Arkansas State. (N) (Live)					Kickboxing Glory 48.		
FOOD	Cajun	Cajun	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking	Holiday Baking			
FOXFX	Movie: Captain America: The First Avenger *** (2011, Action) Chris Evans. (CC)				Movie: Captain America: The First Avenger (2011)			
FOXSS	NHL Hockey		Post	Tennis				
FREE	(7:00) Movie: Elf		Movie: Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas (2000)					
H&G	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		House Hunters	Hunters	Hunt Intl	
HIST	Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens		Ancient Aliens	Ancient Aliens		
ION	Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU		
LIFE	Movie: Four Christmases				Movie: The Flight Before Christmas			
NICK	Movie: Tiny Christmas (CC)		House	House	House	Friends	Friends	
SPIKE	Movie: Jurassic Park *** (1993) Sam Neill. (CC)					Movie: Lost World		
SYFY	Movie: Shooter ** (2007, Suspense) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña. (CC) (DVS)					Movie: Blade ** (1998) (CC)		
TBN	Huckabee 'PG'		Every	Hour of Power 'G'	Pathway	Huckabee 'PG'		
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal	Search Party	
TLC	Cake Boss 'PG'		Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake	Cake Boss 'PG'	
TOON	Cleve	Family	Rick	Rick	Family	Dragon	Dragon Black	
TNT	Movie: Ant-Man *** (2015, Action) Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. (CC) (DVS)					Movie: Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters ** (2013)		
USA	(6:00)	Movie: Couples Retreat ** (2009) (CC)					Movie: Big Daddy	
WGN-A	Blue Bloods Genetics '14'		Blue Bloods '14' (CC) (DVS)		Blue Bloods In & Out '14'		Person of Interest '14' (CC)	
PREMIUM STATIONS								
DISN	Movie: Good Luck Charlie, It's Christmas! (2011, Children's) Bridgit Mendler, Leigh-Allyn Baker. (CC)			Andi Mack 'G' (CC)	Andi Mack 'G' (CC)	K.C. Undercover 'Y7'	Walk the Prank 'Y7'	MECH-X4 'Y7' (CC)
HBO	(7:15) Movie: Unforgettable ** (2017) Rosario Dawson. (CC)		Michelle Wolf: Nice Lady (N) 'MA' (CC)		Boxing Miguel Cotto vs. Sadam Ali. (N) (Live) 'PG' (CC)			
HBO2	Curb Your Enthusiasm The Shucker '14' (CC)		Movie: Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me *** (1999, Comedy) Mike Myers. (CC)			Movie: Mechanic: Resurrection ** (2016, Action) Jason Statham, Jessica Alba. (CC)		
MAX	Movie: 15 Minutes ** (2001, Suspense) Robert De Niro, Edward Burns. Premiere. (CC)				Movie: The Deer Hunter **** (1978, War) Robert De Niro, Christopher Walken. (CC)			
MAX2	(6:45) Movie: Rain Man *** (1988) Dustin Hoffman. (CC)		Movie: Mystic River *** (2003, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Tim Robbins. (CC)				Movie: AVP: Alien vs. Predator	
SHOW	(7:20) Movie: Bad Moms ** (2016, Comedy) Mila Kunis. (CC)		Movie: Office Christmas Party ** (2016, Comedy) Jason Bateman, Olivia Munn. Premiere. (CC)			SMILF 'MA' (CC)	White Famous 'MA' (CC)	Shameless 'MA' (CC)
TMC	(7:25) Movie: The Babadook *** (2014, Horror) Essie Davis. (CC)		Movie: Child's Play 2 ** (1990, Horror) Alex Vincent, Jenny Agutter. (CC)			Movie: Child's Play 3 * (1991, Horror) Justin Whalin, Perrey Reeves. (CC)		

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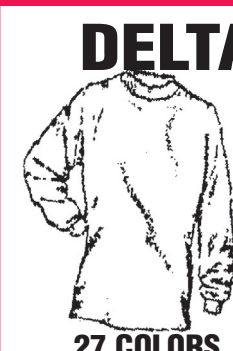


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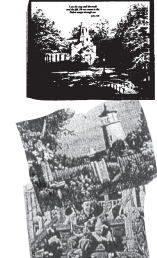
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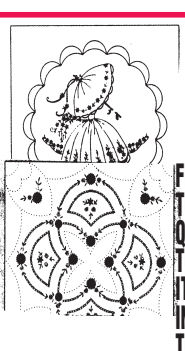
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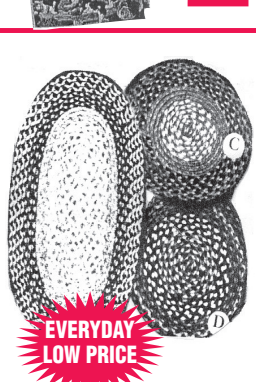


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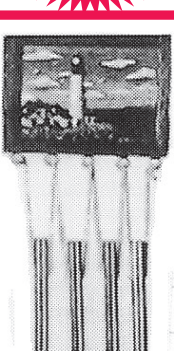


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ELLA MAE BLOOMER, 78, Duffield
ROBERT C. CLEAR, 83, Kingsport
IRENE MELTON FORD, 79, Kingsport
GLEN ROOSEVELT KILGORE, 93, Weber City, VA
JERRY E. MARCUM, 79, Big Stone Gap, VA
R. BARRY MCCARLEY, 67, Ft. Blackmore, VA
JOHN DAVID MILLER, 60, Big Stone Gap, VA
JUANITA MOFFITT, Big Stone Gap, VA
JERRY "MOOSE" LENVILLE NIECE, 53
LULA ROLLER, 99 Church Hill
CATHY PENNINGTON ROSSI, 62, Kingsport
WANDA WALLEN SIMPSON, 59, Rogersville
MARTHA VIRGINIA (JENNI) GOINS STEFFEY, 85, Kingsport
LEYNO RHOTON STEPHENSON, 96, Kingsport
MARY WATSON, 94, Kingsport
JEFFREY CRAIG WITT

REGIONAL DEATHS

GLORIA WALLACE BOYD
PATRICIA A. GRAY, 75, Elizabethton

These obituaries may be read in today's edition of **The Johnson City Press** or online at johnsoncitypress.com.



Irene Melton Ford

KINGSPORT - Irene Melton Ford, 79, of Kingsport, TN, passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017, at her home after a long illness. At the request of the deceased a private family service was held at Oak Hill Cemetery on November 29th, 2017. Trinity Memorial Centers Funeral Home (423-723-8177) is honored to serve the family.



Ella Mae Bloomer

DUFFIELD, VA - Ella Mae Bloomer, 78, of Duffield, went to be with the Lord, Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at her residence following a brief battle with lung cancer. The family will receive friends Friday, December 1, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Gate City Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Gene Falin Memorial Chapel of the funeral home with Evangelist Kenneth Neely and Pastor Kevin Vincent officiating. Music will be provided by Andy Tate, Aaron Tate & Cody Vaughn. Graveside services will be conducted at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Lane Rhoton Cemetery in Duffield, VA. Family and friends will serve as pallbearers. Those wishing to attend the graveside service are asked to meet at the funeral home no later than 12:00 noon to go in procession to the cemetery. The family would like to send a special thank you to the caregivers of Wellmont Hospice. An online guest registry is available for the Bloomer family at www.gatecityfunerals.com. Gate City Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Ella Mae Bloomer.

R. Barry McCarley

FT. BLACKMORE, VA - R. Barry McCarley, 67, Ft. Blackmore, VA passed away on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at his residence. There will be a Masonic graveside services at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Craft Cemetery, Ft. Blackmore, VA conducted by Catlett Lodge #35, AF&AM, Gate City, VA with Pastor Jason Ratliff officiating. Family is asking to meet at the cemetery by 9:45 a.m. It was the wishes of Barry to be cremated. An online guest register is available for the McCarley family at www.gatecityfunerals.com. Gate City Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of R. Barry McCarley.



Robert C. Clear

KINGSPORT - Robert C. Clear, 83, of Kingsport, died Tuesday night, November 28, 2017, at Brookdale of Colonial Heights. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport. A memorial service will follow at 3:30 p.m. with Dr. Spurgeon McCartt and

Rev. Jack Weikel officiating. An inurnment service will follow in First Broad Street United Methodist Church columbarium. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Broad Street United Methodist Church, 100 E Church Cir, Kingsport, TN 37660, or the Alzheimers Association, 2020 Meadowview Pkwy #100, Kingsport, TN 37660.



Martha Virginia (Jenni) Goins Steffey

KINGSPORT - Martha Virginia (Jenni) Goins Steffey, 85, of Kingsport, died peacefully on Thursday, November 30, 2017, at The Village at Allendale. Born on March 10, 1932, Jenni was married to Stanton H. Steffey for over 35 years, prior to his death. She lived in Kingsport most of her life and was a retired dispatcher from the Kingsport Police Department. Jenni was a member of Waverly Road Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Randolph Goins, Don Goins, and Johnny Ferguson; and her daughter, Judy Cole. Jenni is survived by her daughter, Kim Fifield and husband Rich; son, Stanton H. (Bubba) Steffey, Jr.; grandchildren, Jessica Schaus and husband, Sam, Jacob Hammond, Tammy Hayes and husband Steven, great-grandchildren, Madelyn and Ryan Hayes; brothers, George Goins and Richard Goins; sister, Teresa Proffitt; nieces, Becky Laws, Pam Gentry; and many other beloved members of her extended family. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport. Graveside services will be conducted at 3 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at East Lawn Cemetery The Rev. Dr. Rich Fifield officiating.



John David Miller

BIG STONE GAP, VA - John David Miller, 60, died Wednesday (November 29, 2017) at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center due to complications with cancer. John was a Christian and a member of First Baptist Church of Big Stone Gap, Va. He was a 1976 graduate of Powell Valley High School. He served in the United States Navy for 6 years. He worked at Powell Valley High School as the head of maintenance for 32 years. He was a foster parent to over 100 children for the past 24 years. He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeri Ann Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va. and his sister, Stephanie "Cookie" Gates, Big Stone Gap, Va. Surviving are his wife, Joyce Miller of Big Stone Gap, Va; daughters - Kari Head and husband Shawn Head of Kingsport, TN, Hollie Huff and husband Jacob Huff of Winston Salem, NC, and Emmalee Miller; Sons - Austin, Kodee and Jaydree Miller; father - Marvin Miller; brother - Joseph Miller all of Big Stone Gap, Va; 2 grandchildren- Braylon and Tanner Head of Kingsport, TN, as well as many nieces, nephews and foster children. Services will held on Sunday, December 3 at First Baptist Church in Big Stone Gap, Va. Visitation hours will be from 4-6 pm, funeral service will immediately follow with Pastors Josh Tompkins and Garrett Sheldon officiating. Military Graveside Rites will be on Monday, December 4. There will be a funeral procession from the church to Powell Valley Memorial Gardens in Big Stone Gap at 10:30 am. Graveside Service will begin at 11 am. Pallbearers include Lee Miller, Steven Butler, Vernon Boggs, Jon Kern, Randall Kern and Bradley Boggs. Honorary Pallbearers include Dave Barnett, Venson Baker, Kirby Durham, Johnny Mullins, Francis Williams, Jeff "Salt" Stipe and Mark Tignor. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made in his memory to the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center 671 US-58 ALT, Norton Va 24273 To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com. Holding Funeral Home is serving the Miller family.

Mary Watson

KINGSPORT - Mary Watson, 94, Kingsport, TN passed away, Thursday, November 30, 2017 at her residence. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by Gate City Funeral Home, www.gatecityfunerals.com.



Wanda Wallen Simpson

ROGERSVILLE - Wanda Wallen Simpson, 59, of Rogersville, TN went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Monday, November 27, 2017, at her residence following a long illness. A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 1:00 pm Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Calvary Worship Center Church, 500 Lucy Road, Kingsport, TN. Pastor Larry Bledsoe will officiate. The care of Wanda Wallen Simpson and her family has been entrusted to the staff of Oak Hill Funeral & Cremation Services.



Leyno Rhoton Stephenson

KINGSPORT - Leyno Rhoton Stephenson, 96, of Kingsport, passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center. She was born in Hawkins County and had resided most her life in Kingsport. She had worked at the Kingsport Press for 28 years in the accounting department. Leyno was a member of First Broad Street United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Stephenson; parents, Lloyd and Myrtle Taylor Rhoton; three sisters, Lochiel Wilson, Sylvia Jo Carter, and Irene Orfanides; two brothers, Gordell (Luke) Rhoton and Orbin Rhoton. Leyno is survived by two brothers, Orville Odell Rhoton, Alvin Glen Rhoten; and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017, at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. with Rev. Joe Green officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be family and friends.



Glen Roosevelt Kilgore

WEBER CITY, VA - Glen Roosevelt Kilgore, 93 of Weber City, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, November 30, 2017 at Holston Valley Medical Center following a brief illness. He was a lifelong resident of Scott County, VA and a WWII veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. Glen was retired from Daugherty Chevrolet where he was manager of the body shop. He was a Master Mason - Scott Commandry #013, Royal Arch Chapter #78 and Gate City VFW Post 10611 and a member of Oak Glen Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marie Kilgore; parents, James and Elizabeth Price Kilgore; sisters, Mary Kilgore and Orpha Hartsch; brothers, D. P. Kilgore, Giles Kilgore and James M. Kilgore; step-father, Wilson Smith. Glen is survived by his daughters, Linda Frances Campbell and husband Lowell, Wilma Lane and husband Danny; grandchildren, Jeff and Eric Campbell (Anita), Allen Lane (Cindy), Missy Moore (Brent); great-grandchildren, Hannah Campbell, Aaron Johnson, Seth Campbell, Aimee Roop (Isaac), Ellie Campbell, Hannah Douthat, Sarah Wallace, Jacob Lane, Jackson Lane, Jonahus Lane, Lane Moore and Taylor Moore; great-great-grandson, Eli Roop; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Monday, December 4, 2017 at Scott County Funeral Home in Weber City. A funeral service will follow at 12:30 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Dean Smith officiating. Music provided by Debra Green. Burial will follow at Holston View Cemetery with military rites being conducted by the American Legion Hammond Post #3/265 and the Virginia National Guard. Grandsons and great-grandsons will serve as pallbearers. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Nova Health and Rehab Center and Holston Valley Medical Center for the kindness shown to Glen during his sickness. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.scottcountyfuneralhome.com. Carter-Trent/Scott County Funeral Home, Weber City is serving the Kilgore family.



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DEATHS

Jeffrey Craig Witt

Jeffrey Craig Witt, born August 28, 1961, in Harlan, KY and died peacefully at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC, surrounded by his family after fighting for 6 weeks in ICU following a double lung transplant.

He served in the Army Reserves for 12 years and was a miner operator for 18 and a half years working for various coal

companies throughout Kentucky and Southwest Virginia.

He is preceded in death by his son Eric Cooper Witt, his father JC Witt, sister Janice Witt Irvin and maternal grandparents.

Jeffrey leaves behind his loving wife of 37 years, Mary Middleton Witt, daughter Megatha Witt Gates and fiancé Dale Wilson of Rogersville, TN, daughter-in-law Tonya Witt of Tifton, GA, five grandchildren Ethan and Kaden Gates, Dylan Witt, Cole and Gage English, his mother Geneva Witt, one sister Jennifer Witt Garlic and husband, Denny of Corbin, KY and a host of other family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, December 3, 2017 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM with a memorial service to be held at 5:00 PM with Pastor Chris Bishop of Hope Community Church of Rogersville to officiate.

Memorials and condolences can be sent to the family by visiting www.provincefuneralhome.com. We are located at 42098 E. Morgan Ave. Pennington Gap, VA 24277 Phone 276-546-2456

Province Funeral Homes are honored to be serving the family of Jeffrey Craig Witt.

Cathy Pennington Rossi

Cathy Pennington Rossi, 62, of Kingsport, heard Jesus call her name and she took her heavenly flight home on Sunday, November 26, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday, December 1, 2017 at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, Kingsport. The funeral service will follow with Dr. Ronnie Owens and Phip Sams,

Minister officiating. Special music will be provided by Brenda Isaacs and Wayne Bledsoe.

Graveside services will be conducted at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at East Tennessee Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be selected from family and friends.

Those attending services are asked to assemble at the funeral home by 10:00am and then proceed to the cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bays Mountain Park Wolf Habitat and Sanctuary, 853 Bays Mountain Park Road, Kingsport, TN 37660.



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Juanita Moffitt

BIG STONE GAP, VA – On Nov. 29, 2017 Juanita Moffitt who would have been 93 years old on Dec. 23, 2017 passed away peacefully at Heritage Hall Health Care to enter her eternal home.

Juanita was born in Jacksonville, AK to Lucian and Dora Heard. She was married to Glen Moffitt for 63 years until his death in 2008 and served as wife, mother and

homemaker in many different countries as he was transferred during his 20 years in the military.

Throughout the years of their marriage they were faithful church attendees. After his retirement they lived in several different states in the USA and while residing in Big Stone Gap at different times from 1977 to 2007 they attended the Trinity United Methodist Church. Glen and Juanita moved in with their daughter, Judy Phillips, in Baskerville, VA in 2008 and since 2012 Juanita lived with daughter, Marilyn Humbert, in Big Stone Gap, VA until she entered Heritage Hall Health Care in June 1, 2017.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband and son, Donald Moffitt of Sumerduck, VA; son-in-law Steve Humbert of Big Stone Gap, VA; grandson Brian Moffitt of Sumerduck, VA; brothers Virgil and Willard Heard; and sisters Ruth Heard, Alma Stojka, Mildred Smith, Chlorine Blazer, and Virginia Bush.

Surviving are daughters Marilyn Humbert of Big Stone Gap, VA and Judy Phillips of Baskerville, VA; daughter-in-law Lynn Moffitt of Sumerduck, VA; grandchildren Stephen Humbert and wife Errin of Durham, NC, Nikol and husband Jonathan Hood of Ruston, LA, Christina Thomas of Woodbridge, VA, Jennifer and Dwayne Williams of Fredericksburg, VA, Julie and David Bagshaw, Fairfax Station, VA, Rebecca and Rico Wilson of Sumerduck, VA; great grandchildren William, Ella and Jack Humbert; Maggie and Henry Hood, Christopher Phillips, Lindsey Thomas, Sean and Kayden Williams, Brayden, Brook and Bradley Bagshaw, Adriana, Zachary and Nathaniel Wilson; and sister Lorine Robinson.

Graveside services will be conducted Dec. 6 at 2pm at the Quantico National Military Cemetery in Triangle, VA, followed by internment with her husband.

The family thanks all the friends and neighbors who visited, brought flowers or food and helped in the home and at the nursing home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Youth Fund of East Stone Gap Baptist Church, PO Box 100, East Stone Gap, VA 24246.

Gilliam Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to serve the family of Juanita Heard Moffitt.

Jerry “Moose” Lenville Niece

WISE, VA - Jerry “Moose” Lenville Niece, 53, passed away Thursday, November 30, 2017 surrounded by his loved ones at his home.

He was a member and head deacon of the Lighthouse Family Worship Center and an employee of Shamrock Environmental Corporation.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James and Janice Hubbard Niece.

Surviving are his loving wife of 30 years, Sherri Niece; two daughters, Caitlin Niece of Johnson City, TN and Madison Niece and fiancé Austin Schank of Wise, VA; three brothers, Steve Niece and wife Rhenea of Wise, O’Dell Niece of Esserville, VA and Lee Niece and wife Carolyn of Esserville, VA; sister, Kay Dingus and husband Fuzz of Norton, VA; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Jerry “Moose” Niece will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the Lighthouse Family Worship Center, 145 Lake St NW, Wise, VA 24293 with Pastor Roger Barker and Pastor Nathaniel Maggard officiating. Family will receive friends from 5:00 P.M. till time of services at 7:00 P.M. Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the church. Graveside committal services and burial will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, December 3, 2017 in the Wise Cemetery. Family and friends will meet at 1:30 P.M. Sunday at the church to go to the cemetery in procession. In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorial contributions be made to, Southwest Virginia Cancer Center Patient Assistance Fund - 671 HWY 58 East, Norton, VA 24273. Please visit www.sturgillfuneral.com to leave online condolences for the family.

Sturgill Funeral Home 1621 Norton Rd SW Wise, VA 24293 is in charge of arrangements.



Jerry E. Marcum

BIG STONE GAP, VA - Jerry E. Marcum, 79, of the Cadet Community, passed away on Wednesday (Nov. 29, 2017) at his home.

He was a lifelong resident of Big Stone Gap. He was a truck driver for various companies throughout his career. He was a Christian.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Lou Ferguson Marcum;

his parents, Willie B. and Maxie M. (McDavid) Marcum; sisters, Marjorie Mullins and Sarah Clark, his twin; and brothers, Bob “Pete” Marcum and Doyle “Butch” Marcum.

Surviving are three sons, Garth Marcum and wife, Dulcie, of the home, Michael Marcum and wife, LisAnn, and Chad Marcum, both of Norton, VA; four grandchildren, Makayla Marcum, Matthew Marcum, Alexis Kilbourne and fiancé, Blake Patrick, and Taylor Marcum; one brother, Joe Marcum and wife, Nell of Crestview, FL; several nieces and nephews, and his granddog, “Bella.”

The family will receive friends from 5:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday (Dec. 4, 2017) at Holding Funeral Home (17 E. 3rd St., N.) in Big Stone Gap.

The funeral service will be conducted at 7 p.m. Monday in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Tony Nunley officiating.

Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the Riverview Cemetery in East Stone Gap, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Southwest Virginia Cancer Center, 671 Highway 58 E, Norton, VA 24273.

To view the obituary online and offer condolences, please visit www.holdingfuneralhome.com.

Holding Funeral Home is serving Mr. Marcum’s family.

Lula Roller



CHURCH HILL - Lula Roller, 99, of Church Hill, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1, 2017, at NHC HealthCare of Kingsport.

She was born in Hawkins County and had lived there all of her life and was a member of First Baptist Church, Church Hill.

She loved having her family come and visit with her. Mrs. Roller was preceded in death by her husband, Roy “Slick” Roller; parents, Wilburn and Kate Skelton Fields; sisters, Mary Chapman, Thelma “Pet” Williams, Maude Alley, Ruby Walters and brothers, Kermit Fields and Alfred Fields.

Surviving are two sons, Earl Roller and wife, Gail and Lynn Roller and wife, June; grandchildren, Ryan Roller, Loree Taylor and husband, Tim and Karen Redmond and husband, Mike; great grandchildren, Charlee Rain Taylor and Ryker Roller and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 – 3 pm Sunday, December 3, 2017 at Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services.

A Funeral Service will follow at 3 pm in the J. Wayne Hamilton Memorial Chapel with Pastor Gary Gerhardt officiating.

A Graveside Service will be held 11 am Monday, December 4, 2017 at Oak Hill Memorial Park in Section A. Pallbearers will be Ryan Roller, Tim Taylor, Larry “Bo” Alley, Paul Williams, Randall Williams and Mike Redmond. Family and friends are asked to meet at the gravesite at 10:50 am.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the “Angels” at NHC for their compassion, love and care.

Online condolences may be shared with the family by visiting www.oakhillfh.com

The care of Lula Roller and her family has been entrusted to by Oak Hill Funeral & Cremation Services.



IN MEMORIAM



The icing on the case

LGBT wedding cake dispute reaches Supreme Court

By **DAVID CRARY**
Associated Press

In a legal case with profound implications for LGBT rights and religion's place in public life, the opposing sides agree on this: It's not about the cake.

At its core, the case that goes before the U.S. Supreme Court for oral arguments on Dec. 5 is a showdown between a gay couple from Colorado and a Denver-area baker who in 2012 cited his Christian faith in refusing to make a cake for their wedding celebration.

Jack Phillips, owner of Masterpiece Cakeshop in Lakewood, was judged through multiple phases of litigation to have violated Colorado's anti-discrimination law. Through his lawyers, he now gets to argue before the highest court in the land that he's an artist who should not be compelled to create a cake that contradicts his religious views.

For Phillips' legion of supporters — including conservative politicians, advocacy groups and religious institutions — the case has ramifications for creative professionals of all kinds.

“Every American should be free to choose which art they will create and which art they won't create without fear of being unjustly punished by the government,” Phillips recently told a rally of local supporters.

For advocates of LGBT rights, the stakes are perilously high. They fear a Supreme Court ruling in Phillips' favor would open the door to discrimination by a wide range of business owners and entrepreneurs.

“Cakes can often have artistic

or creative designs. So can sandwiches, legal briefs, bicycles, cars, flowers, medical care,” American Civil Liberties Union lawyer Chase Strangio argued in a recent blog post.

“If a baker can reject LGBTQ people because of who we are, then what about the mechanic, the florist, the doctor, the teacher?” Strangio asked. “This is not about cake. This is not about art. This is about survival.”

Lambda Legal, a prominent LGBT-rights group, was among dozens of organizations submitting briefs to the Supreme Court on behalf of the Colorado couple, Charlie Craig and David Mullins.

The group argued that LGBT people, for all their recent civil rights advances, still encounter varied forms of discrimination in the public square. Among its examples: a lesbian couple denied infertility treatment in San Diego, a gay Iowa couple rebuffed in efforts to rent a wedding venue, a transgender man turned away from a New Jersey hospital where he sought a hysterectomy.

“This is why nondiscrimination laws like Colorado's are so important,” wrote Lambda's law and policy director, Jennifer Pizer. “So that people can live their lives without fearing that, at any moment, they may be turned away or verbally abused just for who they are.”

Craig and Mullins spent only a few moments at the bakery in 2012 before Philipps' rebuff hit home.

“There was a horrible pregnant pause,” Mullins recalls. “It was publicly humiliating and it was painful.”

“Never in a million years did we

think that five years later we'd be going to the Supreme Court,” he said. “It's been emotionally trying. You sort of have to relive that pain again and again.”

For opponents of same-sex marriage, religious liberty and religious freedom have become watchwords for a broad campaign to carve out more public space for their viewpoints.

There have been defeats. Earlier this year, Washington state's Supreme Court ruled unanimously that florist Barronelle Stutzman broke the state's anti-discrimination law by refusing to provide flowers for a same-sex wedding. In October, two women who specialize in hand-lettering and calligraphy for weddings lost the latest round of their challenge of a Phoenix ordinance requiring them to provide their services for same-sex weddings.

There have been some victories as well.

In Michigan, a federal judge recently ordered the city of East Lansing to make room for a farmer who was barred from selling apples at a seasonal market because he doesn't let gay couples get married at his orchard, which is a popular wedding spot. A panel of U.S. appellate judges has allowed a sweeping Mississippi law to take effect that lets government workers and business owners cite religious beliefs to deny services to LGBT people. The law, now the subject of an appeal to the Supreme Court, protects three beliefs: that marriage is only between a man and a woman, that gender cannot be changed and that sex outside of marriage is wrong.



James Winter/TNS

Burgundy Glow ajuga cascades over the edge of this container, also featuring Delta Marina pansies.

A beautiful plant for the entire country

Burgundy Glow tolerates a wide variety of soils and light conditions

By Norman Winter
Tribune News Service

If I asked if you had bugleweed in your garden you would probably gasp and say I hope not. That's just one of those unfortunate names for not only a great ground cover but a terrific plant to use in your cool season mixed containers.

Think of it as not a weed but ajuga which is a plant for the entire country as it is cold hardy from zones 3-10. It is in the mint family making it related to other garden plants like salvias and coleus.

Burgundy Glow which exhibits green, cream and pink with royal violet-blue flowers is one of my all-time favorites. While I like it for the low growing 8- to 12-inch texture it offers the front of the landscape, I love it in mixed containers as it gently tumbles over the edge. Simply put, this one of the best spiller or even filler plants you can use.

In the landscape, Burgundy Glow and other ajugas can be aggressive and seem to tolerate a wide variety of soils and light conditions. It quickly spreads by runners, forming a dense mat of colorful foliage, accompanied by showy blue or pink spring flowers. I will say in my 40 years of gardening I have never had it be a nuisance.

I believe that most gardeners have not taken advantage of the artistic possibilities in cool season designer type containers.

Combined with other foliage like Goldilocks lysimachia and Ogon Japanese sweet flag Burgundy Glow is stunning in the contrast it provides.

Use it with pansies and violas, and it will add even more interest to your container.

In the landscape, I have admired it in combination with flowers like perennial pink verbenas and other foliage plants among stepping stones.

Despite its durability, Burgundy Glow ajuga and others do best in fertile well-drained soil.

A site in morning sun and afternoon shade, or high filtered light, allows them to look their best, although it is not uncommon to find exceptional plantings in full sun.

Nursery grown plants can be set out anytime during the growing season, with early spring or fall being the best choice.

Space plants 6 to 12 inches apart. Ajuga is very easy to grow, after the spring bloom, deadhead the flowers, for a tidy look and to maximize air circulation.

This can be accomplished with a string trimmer, high set mower or by hand pruning.

Plan ahead for a good return on your garden investment

There are lots of things you can do to keep costs down and still provide fresh produce for your family

By DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

The first of the 2018 seed catalogs will be arriving soon in the mail, signaling the start of another growing season. Savvy vegetable gardeners pore over the pages while choosing plants and drafting budgets.

Planning ahead provides healthier returns for what can become a costly investment.

"Food gardening, like any hobby, can get as expensive as you wish, but there are many ways to have a productive garden at a reasonable cost," said Brooke Edmunds, an Extension community horticulturist with Oregon State University.

"Setting a budget can be helpful," Edmunds said. "Keep in mind that many of the costs are upfront (bulk soil amendments and tools), and then smaller annual costs — items like seed and fertilizer — can even be further managed by being a smart shopper."

Don't overdo it. Planting a garden too large for your needs depletes pocketbooks, and leads to food waste and unnecessary work. Determine what you eat the most and stick to the basics.

Some additional tips for keeping costs down while enriching family nutrition:

— **Buy small.** Use seeds rather than seedlings. "You'll get a lot more plants. Some (seed) packets have 100 seeds," Edmunds said.

— **Select** vegetables with a long shelf life, or that can easily be preserved or dried. Potatoes, apples, onions and winter squash can be shelved safely for several months after being harvested.

— **Choose** items that



Dean Fosdick via AP

This photo taken near New Market, Va., shows a large supply of vegetables awaiting transplanting into home gardens. Buying supplies in bulk and then dividing them with your neighbors will provide a healthy financial return.

cost the most at the grocery store, like tomatoes and melons. Or "grow things you won't find in the produce sections," said George Dickert, an Extension director with Clemson University. "Most heritage varieties taste a great deal better than the commercially grown hybrids."

— **Attend plant and seed swaps.** Collect cuttings. Shop the sales. Buy out of season when items have been marked down. Dig through the bargain bins at nurseries.

— **Reduce inputs.** Use rain barrels for irrigation, and convert kitchen scraps to compost. Reuse bricks, cement chunks and stones for retaining walls and trails. Make trellises and fencing from bamboo poles.

— **Grow organic.** Stop

using expensive chemical pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers that may be harmful to the environment and your health.

— **Share the workload.** "Get together with other families," Dickert said. "Everybody can have their own garden, or a central garden where everyone has their own crops."

One family does the watering, another the weeding. It makes for a very nice arrangement and can be as large or as small as you want."

— **Buy in bulk.** Soil mixes, mulch, yard debris and leaves, rocks and wood chips can be had for little or nothing by contacting arborists, landfills and landscape companies.

Split the loads and de-

livery costs with neighbors. "Find a central location and divide it up," Dickert said.

Another way to shave costs and stock your larder at the end of the growing season?

"After you've brought in the harvest, it makes sense for people to gather for some canning and preserving," Dickert said.

"Get together and buy together — jars and other materials. Meet in somebody's kitchen, get it all done and share it."

Online: For more about preparing garden budgets, see this fact sheet from Michigan State University Extension: http://www.msue.anr.msu.edu/news/can_a_vegetable_garden_save_you_money. You can contact Dean Fosdick at dean-fosdick@netscape.net

A LITTLE THYME IN THE GARDEN

Now is a good time to prune, but leave your spring blooming shrubs alone

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. What a great week I had. Family, fun, food and friends were everywhere. Now we are off to the next season of Christmas. I wish we could live in the moment. Christmas comes too early. It isn't magical anymore. Instead of it being a wonderful short season, it is a drawn out process. The beauty and magic are sucked out of it.

Now with that, this weekend is chocked full of Christmas events. Exchange Place is hosting their Christmas in the Country. Downtown Kingsport is having the tree lighting for the tree that isn't hardy AND a parade. There is a craft fair at the Farmer's Market here in Kingsport. I am sure the list goes on and on.

Get out and enjoy the season. Live in the moment. Take the chance to take in the ambience and drink some hot cocoa. Take a carriage ride, enjoy some local shops and just walk and talk and leave the phone in the car.

NOW is a great time to do some judicious pruning on evergreens. These cuttings can be used for Christmas decorating or composted.

Taking a little time now to shape up a holly, juniper or other evergreen will make a big difference in the future. We have had several hard frost and growth has stopped for the season. Now is also the time to whack those roses back.

If you haven't trimmed your Knock Outs or other rose varieties,



Roy Odom II

and other landscape roses, just cut them back. I have a friend who cuts hers back with a chainsaw. They are waist high again by July. DON'T prune azaleas, camellias, rhododendrons, dogwoods, forsythia, quince or any other spring blooming plants right now. Pruning now will remove potential bloom buds for next spring.

I don't understand why more people aren't mulching their leaves. The trees spend so much effort bringing up nutrients from the soil to replenish the top soil and we remove it. Several studies have been done in urban areas where there are declines in tree species. It isn't pollution or insects, it is lack of nutrients. We are removing all of that.

Mother Nature set up a beautiful recycling system and we are throwing a wrench into the works. If you are removing leaves, please do a soil test and replace any missing nutrients. If you are wondering why your grass is thin and your

now is the perfect time to take them back. Remove any dead or diseased for sure and then remove the overgrowth. For tea roses, we used to take them back to 8 inches and mulch the crowns to protect the graft. For Knock Outs

trees aren't full, they are probably starving slowly right in front of you.

Americans tend to be a little too clean when it comes to their gardens.

Fall is also a great time to add organic material to our beds and gardens.

You can top dress with the organic material of your choice and by spring, the worms and nature will have worked it into the soil for you.

The organic material can also act as a mulch and protect more tender species.

And as I learned recently, organic material breaks downs and fertilizes the soil.

I hope this has inspired some of y'all to get out and enjoy our area and your garden. I also want to thank everyone for the supportive emails from my last column. I have been accused of throwing the committee under the bus, but I just felt like the citizens of Kingsport needed to know how things are being handled here.

It has not given me a warm feeling in my heart. The support of my readers, however, made me feel there is hope.

Until next time, get your manicure a little dirty and enjoy this wonderful weather.

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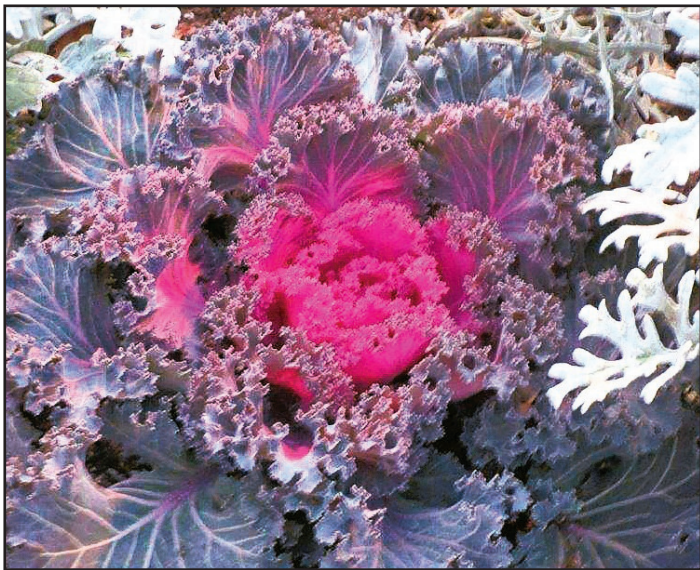


Photo by Nola Smith

In your winter garden

As we wait for spring to bring new growth and beautiful blooms, we can still bring some color to our winter landscapes.

Ornamental cabbages, like this one in the photo above, can bring a pop of color to your garden in the winter. And pansies, shown in the file photo below, can be planted in fall and continue to grow and bloom all winter and into spring in our growing zone.

Our thanks to Nola Smith for sending in the photo of the cabbage, and for reminding us that winter can also be a beautiful time in the garden.



WHAT'S KEEPING YOU UP?

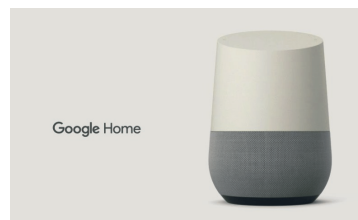
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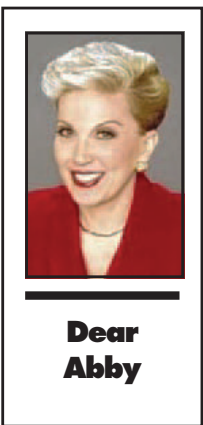
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Best friend’s long shadow proves difficult to escape

DEAR ABBY: I’m 22. Ever since I was 8, I’ve had the best friend I could ever have asked for. “Kylie” stood up for me when I was bullied as a child and hung out with me when I had no other friends.

The problem is, Kylie is extremely pretty and has always been charismatic, too. It’s not her fault, but people have always been attracted to her, both as a bright personality and as a romantic interest.

All through high school, I fell into the role of sidekick. When I became romantically interested in someone, nine times out of 10 he liked her. When we were together, people would pop in and speak only to her. It made me feel somewhere between shy and invisible.



Dear Abby

My job has nothing to do with her, but old habits still hold me back from making friends, and romantic interests still magically disappear when I introduce them to my best friend. What do I do?

SECOND BEST IN MONTANA

WE are adults now, and Kylie is married with four kids. We’re still very close. The thing is, breaking out of her shadow has become impossible. I went to a different college, and

because this pattern has been going on for so long, it may take the help of a licensed mental health professional to help you gain the tools to change it. It’s crucial that you realize what fine qualities YOU have to offer. Looks are an asset, but they are only skin deep. If a man you are interested in is distracted to the point of disappearing by someone else’s good looks, recognize that he’s interested only in the veneer of a relationship, not the hardwood. Until you get this straight in your head, it might be wise to distance yourself from Kylie.

DEAR ABBY: I love my sister “Susan,” but her 4-year-old son

is completely out of control. “David” runs around restaurants, screaming and throwing food and doesn’t listen at all. Susan keeps wanting to plan trips and outings with me, but when she brings David, it’s embarrassing and unpleasant. I don’t want to take off work and pay for a trip with my sister if I’m going to be miserable.

I do want to spend time with her, so how do I tell her this? I have kids of my own, and I work with kids. I am very tolerant of children, but even for me it’s too much.

LITTLE TERROR IN TEXAS
DEAR LITTLE TERROR: Assuming that David does not have an emotional or developmental disability, I don’t recommend telling your sister any

version of “Your kid is so obnoxious I no longer want to be exposed to his bad behavior.”

I wish you had mentioned whether she brings along coloring books, toys or gadgets to keep her son entertained while he’s in adult company. (Many parents do.)

If the answer is no, suggest it. If the answer is yes, then it would not be out of line to say to your sister that you prefer your visits be adults-only because it will enable you both to concentrate on each other with no distractions.

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BRIEFLY

Market stumbles, but recovers

NEW YORK — Wall Street took investors on a turbulent ride Friday as stock indexes veered into a steep slide that knocked 350 points off the Dow Jones industrial average before the market eventually clawed back most of its losses. The market stumbled after former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI and said he would cooperate with the probe into Russian meddling in the U.S. presidential election. That raised concerns among traders that the White House’s legislative agenda, including a tax overhaul under debate in Congress, could be at risk. Those jitters were allayed by early afternoon, when Senate Republicans signaled they have enough votes to push forward on the tax legislation. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 5.36 points to 2,642.22. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 40.76 points to 24,231.59. The Nasdaq composite lost 26.39 points to 6,847.59. Benchmark U.S. crude in New York rose 96 cents to settle at \$58.36 a barrel. Wholesale gasoline gained a penny to \$1.74 a gallon. Heating oil picked up 4 cents to \$1.94 a gallon. Natural gas gained 4 cents to \$3.06 per 1,000 cubic feet.

MARKET

Stocks of Local Interest				
Name	Ticker	Prev.	Close	Chg.
AdvAuto	AAP	101.00	99.28	-1.72
AirProd	APD	163.04	161.64	-1.40
Altria	MO	67.83	68.58	+ .75
AEP	AEP	77.63	77.24	-.39
ATMOS	ATO	92.29	92.24	-.05
BB&T Cp	BBT	49.43	49.6	+ .18
BkoFAm	BAC	28.17	28.1	-.07
BlockHR	HRB	25.94	25.86	-.08
BobEvans	BOBE	78.04	77.34	-.70
Brinks	BCO	80.85	79.85	-1.00
CSX	CSX	55.75	56.14	+ .39
CVS Health	CVS	76.60	75.12	-1.48
Citigroup	C	75.50	75.51	+ .01
CocaCola	KO	45.77	45.97	+ .20
CrackerB	CBRL	156.33	155.9	-.43
DeenFoods	DF	11.16	11.55	+ .39
Deare	DE	149.86	149.94	+ .08
DollarGen	DG	88.08	87.98	-.10
DollarTree	DLTR	102.76	103.01	+ .25
DomRescs	D	84.16	83.57	-.59
Dontmar g	UFS	48.22	48.06	-.16
EQT Corp	EQT	59.60	59.57	-.03
EastChem	EMN	92.37	91.98	-.39
FstHorizon	FHN	19.39	19.86	+ .47
Goodyear	GT	32.37	32.12	-.25
HP Inc	HQ	21.46	21.41	-.05
HancFinOp	BTO	37.45	37.56	+ .11
HlthShon	HLS	49.95	49.18	-.77
HomeDp	HD	179.82	180.42	+ .60
IBM	IBM	153.95	154.76	+ .82
IntlSpdw	ISCA	41.25	40.7	-.55
Kroger S	KR	25.86	25.67	-.19

Money Rates				
Prime Rate:				4.00
Discount Rate Primary:				1.75
Discount Rate Secondary:				2.00
Broker call loan rate:				2.50
Federal funds effective rate				1.16
Certificates of Deposit Retail				
3 months				0.28
6 months				0.45
1 year				0.79
Jumbo CDs				
1 month				0.16
3 months				0.32
6 months				0.50
1 year				0.81
London Interbk Offered Rate				
3 months				1.48
6 months				1.66
1 year				1.94
Treasury Bill auction results				
average discount rate				
3-month as of Nov. 27				1.285
6-month as of Nov. 27				1.435
Treasury Bill annualized rate on weekly average basis, yield adjusted for constant maturity, 1-year, as of Nov. 27: 1.61				
Treas. Bill market rate, 6 Mos:				1.53
Treas. Note market rate, 10-year:				2.37
Fed Home Loan 11th District Cost of Funds				
As of Nov. 7:				
Money market fund				
Fidelity Cash Reserves				
7 day average yield				0.75

Daily Gainers			
Name	Close	Chg.	%Chg.
PyxisTnkr	4.10	+2.08	+102.8
AWoodmk	127.70	+28.10	+28.2
Contango	2.96	+ .52	+21.3
MaraPat rs	4.95	+ .78	+18.7
AegleaBio n	4.73	+ .73	+18.3
CASI Phr h	3.63	+ .56	+18.2
StitchFix n	23.60	+3.56	+17.8
FndntMed	62.60	+9.40	+17.7
VersarHis	2.25	+ .30	+15.4
ClearOne	8.10	+1.05	+14.9

Daily Losers			
Name	Close	Chg.	%Chg.
EagleBncp	49.95	-16.20	-24.5
UnivTInst	2.87	-.81	-22.0
ChinRap n	6.02	-1.40	-18.9
Gensco	25.55	-5.55	-17.8
KBS Fash rs	4.37	-.83	-16.0
ReToEco n	8.56	-1.54	-15.2
Boxlight n	6.88	-1.10	-13.8
GlfmOff wt	2.10	-.30	-12.5
BostPrv wt	9.80	-1.36	-12.2
FulingGbl n	4.68	-.63	-11.8

Daily Indexes			
Name	Close	Chg.	%Chg.
Dow Industrials	24231.59	-40.76	-.17
Dow Transportation	10186.63	-88.14	-.87
Dow Utilities	767.16	-3.23	-.42
NYSE Composite	12614.56	-13.23	-.11
Nasdaq Composite	6847.59	-26.38	-.39
S&P 500	2642.22	-5.36	-.20
S&P Mid-cap	1894.58	-4.60	-.24
S&P Small-cap	937.31	-5.63	-.60
Wilshire 5000	27448.01	-45.38	-.16
Russell 2000	1537.02	-7.12	-.46

Most Actively Traded (NYSE and Nasdaq)																	
Name	Volume	High	Low	Close	Chg.	Name	Volume	High	Low	Close	Chg.	Name	Volume	High	Low	Close	Chg.
AK Steel	197355	5.15	4.80	4.89	+ .02	Facebook	194715	177.48	172.34	175.10	-1.08	Oracle	154090	50.00	48.90	49.61	+ .55
AT&T Inc	297285	36.75	35.93	36.50	+ .12	FifthThird	72915	30.97	29.75	30.69	+ .18	Pandora	141482	5.00	4.72	4.77	-.23
AMD	414208	10.97	10.53	10.73	-.16	FstHorizon	208282	20.00	18.68	19.86	+ .47	PayPal n	129457	76.44	74.26	75.30	-.43
Altaba	189445	71.25	69.47	70.10	+ .04	FordM	517441	12.70	12.35	12.58	+ .06	Paycom	216981	3.48	3.21	3.36	+ .05
Altria	76657	68.65	66.78	68.03	-.75	FrpMcM	131168	14.31	13.84	14.11	+ .19	Phizer	177063	36.59	36.01	36.35	+ .09
Ambarella	78321	65.09	58.89	62.03	+7.76	Gap	61772	32.31	31.15	31.98	-.33	PhilipsMor	59536	103.79	102.15	103.71	+ .91
AmaAirlines	60310	50.38	48.69	49.00	-1.49	GenElec	789803	18.28	17.86	17.88	-.41	PlusPower h	83020	2.55	2.38	2.51	+ .14
AEagleOut	60560	16.16	15.28	15.66	-.42	GenMotors	184812	43.25	41.87	42.79	-.30	ProctGam	76387	50.53	89.12	90.36	+ .36
Anadarko	81482	49.83	48.44	48.72	-.73	GileadSci	77447	75.61	73.50	75.34	+ .56	QVxTnkr	139240	9.20	1.92	4.10	+2.08
Annaly	94282	11.80	11.60	11.80	+ .13	Goldcorp p	88908	12.81	12.58	12.72	+ .08	Peys Res	76954	10.62	9.89	10.34	+ .68
Apple Inc	379788	171.67	168.00	171.05	-.80	Groupm	90424	5.76	5.47	5.63	-.01	Qualcom	331910	66.12	64.60	65.49	-.85
ApldMatl	155859	52.72	50.37	51.91	-.86	HP Inc	90424	21.59	20.97	21.41	+ .05	Qudan n	113490	4.72	12.90	13.78	+ .18
Axalta	66651	32.37	30.89	31.03	-.63	HollbrInn	178269	43.57	41.85	43.06	+1.28	RangeRS	68802	18.92	18.25	18.50	+ .47
BB&T Cp	145984	49.83	48.25	49.60	+ .18	Hanesbds S	71771	20.56	20.54	20.84	-.05	RegalEnt	101454	20.98	20.31	20.50	+ .51
BakHuGE n	107227	30.83	29.83	30.70	-.97	HertzGI	80339	20.75	18.90	20.27	+1.32	RegionsFin	160706	16.73	16.05	16.65	+ .06
BkofAm	1313483	28.51	27.50	28.10	-.07	HP Ent n	180864	14.47	13.75	14.44	-.49	RiteAid	286558	1.98	1.88	1.92	-.09
BarrickG	164718	14.35	13.72	14.07	+ .29	HstHlth	61864	19.89	19.32	19.51	-.28	SLM Cp	71140	11.67	11.14	11.39	-.18
BklkshMtg	36068	32.28	31.70	32.01	-.71	IntlBncsh	141031	14.53	13.92	14.44	+ .04	Schmberg	115974	65.13	63.02	64.73	+1.88
BlueAprn n	62240	3.35	3.05	3.23	+ .24	Intel	255702	44.84	43.53	44.68	-.16	Schwab	99889	49.55	48.00	49.50	+ .71
BostonSci	160627	26.36	25.73	26.15	-.14	JPMorgCh	190876	105.32	102.20	104.79	+ .27	SiriusXm	222371	5.57	5.54	5.54	+ .04
CSX	98967	56.32	54.80	56.14	+ .39	JnprNtwk	119928	29.00	27.57	28.38	+ .62	SnapInc A	191302	13.90	13.41	13.87	+ .09
CVS Health	101508	76.59	73.63	75.12	-1.48	Keycorp	125908	19.21	18.54	19.13	+ .15	SnapInc B	191302	13.90	13.41	13.87	+ .09
CoborIO&G	70371	29.54	28.37	28.68	-.27	KindMorg	142693	17.45	17.19	17.41	-.18	SwatEnt	180087	6.62	6.32	6.38	+ .02
Cores&Ent	92822	13.80	12.60	13.25	-.82	Kinross g	110763	4.20	4.07	4.09	-.07	SprintRtC	93402	8.61	8.44	8.55	+ .01
CallanPet	64399	11.75	11.20	11.50	+ .46	Kroger S	199487	25.96	25.20	25.67	-.19	Sprint	97000	6.03	5.91	5.97	+ .02
Celgene	61056	102.46	100.00	102.14	+1.31	LeadingClb	88975	4.38	4.18	4.30	-.07	Square n	24652	39.55	36.72	38.22	-1.00
CntryLink	145483	14.62	13.97	14.30	-.29	LimelghtN	61452	5.02	4.64	4.96	+ .10	Starbucks S	125337	57.71	56.46	57.32	-1.50
ChesEng	256255	4.24	4.07	4.09	+ .02	MGM Rsts	78809	34.31	33.76	34.02	-.10	Symantec	79194	29.28	28.76	29.11	+ .14
Chevron	65861	120.46	118.52	119.51	+ .52	Macys	146690	24.40	23.39	24.19	+ .39	Synchrony	71661	36.07	34.66	35.94	+ .05
Cisco	253603	36.66	36.73	37.60	+ .31	MarathnO	179737	15.24	14.79	15.08	+ .24	SynrgyPh	61923	2.11	1.95	2.00	+ .08
Citigroup	178917	76.24	73.78	75.51	-.01	MaraPat rs	155019	5.15	4.46	4.95	+ .78	Target	79369	60.47	58.90	59.51	-.39
CitizFincl	65645	41.19	39.42	40.69	+ .01	MarvellTch	102293	22.99	21.68	22.18	-.16	Transcom	181993	10.86	10.26	10.83	+ .69
ClevCliffs	128557	6.00	6.66	6.82	+ .16	Mattel	96160	18.42	17.23	17.26	-.99	TrisCFOXA	11509	32.35	31.37	32.19	+ .50
CocaCola	114762	46.02	45.21	45.97	+ .20	Merck	114378	55.98	55.22	55.87	-.60	Twitter	150751	20.98	20.12	20.71	+ .13
Concast S	306044	38.70	37.11	38.43	+ .89	MicroSt	294848	42.55	40.01	41.99	-.40	UltraBeauty	65903	217.61	201.00	212.58	-9.13
ComcastPhil	64782	52.47	51.23	51.74	+ .86	MicroSoft	719629	84.81	83.22	84.26	+ .09	US Bancrp	71343	55.39	53.70	54.90	-.25
Corning	66343	32.53	31.20	31.85	-.54	Mondleiz	83037	43.16	42.42	42.92	-.02	USSteel	142370	30.21	28.78	29.30	+ .38
CyberSemi	164565	15.81	14.74	15.19	-.82	MorogS g	110763	52.24	50.72	51.95	+ .33	Valeant Ph	125112	16.72	16.87	17.25	+ .50
DynalAir	87493	53.58	51.76	52.06	-.86	Mylan NV	74666	38.62	36.95	38.12	+1.59	Verat Inc	775136	7.88	7.73	7.88	+ .08
DenburyP	172806	1.93	1.79	1.91	+ .16	Nabors	118223	6.46	6.11	6.36	+ .32	VerizonCm	220775	51.55	50.34	51.25	+ .36
DiscCmA	110183	19.60	18.79	19.46	+ .44	Netflix S	59588	189.80	185.00	186.82	-.76	Visa S	107968	112.44	109.76	110.73	-1.86
Disney	91374	105.85	103.87	105.25	+ .40	NewellRub	87250	31.74	30.61	31.51	+ .54	WPA Express	83738	13.52	12.83	13.08	+ .41
DowDuPnt	74012	72.61	70.67	71.01	-.97	NobleCorp	93963	60.42	59.25	59.88	-.35	WPA Ent	78377	97.71	96.23	97.35	+ .12
Dynegy	61717	12.19	11.83	11.93	-.20	Nobis	83895	4.58	4.26	4.46	+ .28	WebRoots	85342	7.76	7.61	7.71	-.01
eBay S	106518	35.25	34.31	35.20	+ .53	Novavax	65398	1.48	1.36	1.43	+ .07	WealthIntl	282294	3.53	3.33	3.49	+ .19
EnCana g	95066	12.48	12.00	12.11	-.27	Nutanix n	204191	38.28	33.97	36.06	+3.26	WellsFarg	306871	57.18	55.44	56.20	-.27
EngvTrtPt	90533	17.13	16.39	16.53	-.08	Nvidia	161513	200.13	192.47	197.68	-.303	WDigital	63339	80.36	77.11	79.36	+ .50
ENSCO	189982	5.89	5.48	5.82	+ .45	OasisPet	141313	10.87	10.23	10.46	+ .23	WhitngPet rs	73458	20.75	25.29	25.86	+ .91
EntProdPt	26005	25.25	24.60	25.05	+ .42	OrPhar h	143952	1.39	.84	1.28	+ .43	Yamana g	106198	2.66	2.55	2.58	+ .04
ExxonMbl	134231	84.13	82.41	83.46	+ .17	OnSmcd	70875	20.00	19.28	19.86	-.22	Zynco	107451	4.09	3.89	3.96	-.14

Cumulus Media files for Chapter 11 protection

Company owns several Tri-Cities radio stations

By **NATHAN BAKER**
Johnson City Press

Radio giant Cumulus Media's struggles with industry-wide revenue declines took another turn Wednesday when the Atlanta-based company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The company, which owns and operates several Tri-Cities radio stations, asked for the protections while it puts in place a financial restructuring plan hashed out with lenders to cut \$1 billion from its \$2.4 billion debt load.

The filing wasn't a surprise after Cumulus defaulted on a \$24 million debt payment earlier this month and was delisted at NASDAQ last week. As of Thursday, the company's stock was trading at 9 cents on an over-the-counter market.

In a press release, CEO Mary Berner downplayed the significance of the bankruptcy protection filing and said business at the 446 company-owned and -operated

stations would continue as usual.

"As we have demonstrated in many measurable ways — including increased ratings, revenue market share gains, improved employee satisfaction, reduced employee turnover and, over the last several quarters, our return to year-over-year EBITDA and revenue growth — that turnaround has not only been successful but is continuing," Berner said. "However, as we have noted consistently, the debt overhang left by previous years of underperformance remains a significant financial challenge that we must overcome for our operational turnaround to proceed."

In the Tri-Cities, Cumulus owns classic rock station WQUT on FM 101.5, country station WKOS on FM 104.9, sports talk station WXSM on AM 640, business station WGOC on AM 1320 and news and talk station WJCW on AM 910. It also owns Westwood One, a radio syndication company that distributes talk, music and sports

programming including "Imus in the Morning" with Don Imus, "The Savage Nation" with Michael Savage, "The Mark Levin Show," "The Bob & Tom Show" and "The John Tesh Radio Show."

Earlier this year, the company's board of directors approved a "poison pill" to drastically dilute the value of its stock if another company were to purchase 4.9 percent of the company in public trading. The measure seemed to be an effort to stave off rivals looking to scoop up its more valuable assets and sell off the rest in pieces.

Despite still reaching large audiences, traditional radio has seen advertising revenue decline as studies seem to show less expensive Internet ads have the same effectiveness and can be more narrowly targeted at consumers.

Cumulus competitor iHeartMedia seemed to be on the verge of bankruptcy in July, but worked out a debt restructuring deal by giving some of its lenders a significant share of the company.

For the third time, TDEC fines Hawkins businessman for illegal open burning

By **JEFF BOBO**
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SURGOINSVILLE — Hawkins County businessman Rick Stewart was fined \$2,250 Thursday by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation for burning oil, tires and other prohibited items on his property near downtown Surgoinsville.

It was Stewart's third TDEC fine since 2012 for illegal burning in Hawkins County.

On Aug. 2, Surgoinsville Police Department Chief James Hammonds responded to a complaint of open burning on property owned by Stewart at 1310 Main St.

Stewart owns the entire square block, which includes a structure commonly referred to as the "old country stores" as well as a garage and some rental mobile homes.

Hammonds observed black smoke billowing from an open fire that included tires, plastic, used motor oil and other debris.

Hammonds described the smoke as "smothering" to the nearby residential neighborhoods.

The Surgoinsville Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire, and Hammonds contacted TDEC, which responded to the scene on Aug. 4.

According to a report released Thursday, the TDEC investigator discovered the burned remains of a plastic tarp, a painted auto-



Surgoinsville Volunteer Fire Department

A photo courtesy of the Surgoinsville Volunteer Fire Department shows the black smoke from the alleged illegal burning on the Main Street property owned by Rick Stewart on Aug. 2, 2017.

mobile rim, various coated metal objects, eight tires and used motor oil in two burn piles.

Stewart has 30 days to appeal the \$2,250 civil fine assessed by TDEC for violating a state regulation which prohibits the burning of, among other things, tires and other rubber products.

In 2015, Stewart paid a \$1,500 TDEC fine for illegal open burning at 5127 Highway 11-W in Rogersville, where he operated a pawn shop and used car lot; and in 2012 he paid a \$750 fine for illegal open burning at 202 Barton Road in the far western end of Carters Valley near Rogersville.

FDA approves first-of-a-kind cancer test

Gene profiling test can be used for any solid tumor and surveys 324 genes plus other features that can help predict success with treatments

Associated Press

U.S. regulators have approved a first-of-a-kind test that looks for mutations in hundreds of cancer genes at once, giving a more complete picture of what's driving a patient's tumor and aiding efforts to match treatments to those flaws.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved Foundation Medicine's test for patients with advanced or widely spread cancers, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services proposed covering it.

The dual decisions, announced late Thursday, will make tumor-gene profiling available to far more cancer patients than the few who get it now, and lead more insurers to cover it.

"It's essentially individualized, precision medicine," said Dr. Kate Goodrich, chief medical officer for the Medicare oversight agency.

Currently, patients may get tested for individual genes if a drug is available to target those mutations. It's a hit-and-miss approach that sometimes means multiple biopsies and wasted time. In lung cancer alone, for example, about half a dozen genes can be checked with individual tests to see if a particular drug is a good match.

The new FoundationOne CDx test can be used for any solid tumor such as prostate, breast or colon cancer, and surveys 324 genes plus other features that can help predict success with treatments that enlist the immune system.

"Instead of one or two, you have many" tests at once from a single tissue sample, said the FDA's Dr.

Jeffrey Shuren. The tests give better and more information to guide treatment and can help more patients find and enroll in studies of novel therapies, he said.

"This will be a sea change" for patients, said Dr. Richard Schilsky, chief medical officer of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the association of doctors who treat the disease.

"On balance I think this is good," but there is a risk that spotting a mutation will lead doctors and patients to try treatments that haven't been proven to work in that situation and promote more off-label use of expensive drugs, he said.

A better outcome in those situations is to guide people into studies testing drugs that target those genes, Schilsky said.

Foundation Medicine, based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and others have sold tumor profiling tests for several years under more lax rules governing lab-developed tests. But insurers have balked at paying for the tests, which cost around \$6,000.

Now, the FDA's approval gives assurance of quality, Shuren said, and the government's proposed coverage for Medicare and other public insurance programs means private insurers will more likely follow.

Public comments on the coverage proposal will be taken for 30 days. A final decision is expected early next year followed by setting a price for reimbursement.

Coverage is proposed for patients with recurrent, widely spread or advanced cancers, in

people who have decided with their doctors to seek further treatment and who have not previously had a gene sequencing test.

"A lot of these folks have run out of treatment options," but the tests may point to something new that might help, Goodrich said.

The impact is expected to be greatest on lung cancer, since so many of those tumors are found at an advanced stage and multiple gene-targeting drugs are available to treat it.

Evidence isn't strong enough to warrant using these gene profiling tests for earlier stages of cancer. Patients get standard, guideline-based care in those cases.

In mid-November, the FDA also approved a gene-profiling test developed by Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, but it's used almost exclusively on patients at that cancer center and is not envisioned to be a widely available commercial test.

The federal decisions will make gene sequencing a more routine component of cancer care, "just like we normally look with a microscope" to classify the stage of a patient's disease, said Dr. David Klimstra, pathology chief at the cancer center.

Another leader in this field, Caris Life Sciences, says it also intends to pursue FDA approval for its widely used tumor profiling test, sold now through lab certifications. It's also working on a newer tool to profile tumor genes from a blood sample. Many companies already sell these so-called liquid biopsy tests, though none are FDA-approved yet.

Today in History

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry

Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Dec. 2, the 336th day of 2017. There are 29 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 2, 1942, an artificially created, self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time at the University of Chicago.

On this date:

In 1697, London's St. Paul's Cathedral, designed by Sir Christopher Wren, was consecrated for use even though the building was still under construction.

In 1804, Napoleon crowned himself Emperor of the French.

In 1859, militant abolitionist John Brown was hanged for his raid on Harpers Ferry the previous October. Artist Georges-Pierre Seurat was born in Paris.

In 1927, Ford Motor Co. unveiled its Model A automobile that replaced its Model T.

In 1939, New York Municipal Airport-LaGuardia Field (later LaGuardia Airport) went into operation as an airliner from Chicago landed at one minute past midnight.

In 1954, the U.S. Senate passed, 67-22, a resolution condemning Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R-Wis., saying he had "acted contrary to senatorial ethics and tended to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first full-scale commercial nuclear facility in the U.S., began operations. (The reactor ceased operating in 1982.)

In 1967, Cardinal Francis Spellman died in New York at age 78.

In 1970, the newly created Environmental Protection Agency opened its doors under its first director, William D. Ruckelshaus.

In 1982, in the first operation of its kind, doctors at the University of Utah Medical Center implanted a permanent artificial heart in the chest of retired dentist Dr. Barney Clark, who lived 112 days with the device.

In 1997, the film drama "Good Will Hunting" starring Robin Williams, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck was released by Miramax Films.

In 2015, a couple loyal to the Islamic State opened fire at a holiday banquet for public employees in San Bernardino, California, killing 14 people and wounding 21 others before dying in a shootout with police.

Ten years ago: Venezuela President Hugo Chavez suffered defeat as voters rejected sweeping constitutional reforms by 51 to 49 percent. Russian President Vladimir Putin's party swept 70 percent of the seats for a new parliament in a vote whose fairness was called into question by European election monitors. Brian Wilson, Martin Scorsese, Steve Martin, Diana Ross and pianist Leon Fleisher received Kennedy Center honors for their career achievements.

Five years ago: Hundreds of concrete slabs, each weighing more than a ton, fell from the roof of a highway tunnel west of Tokyo, crushing vehicles below and killing nine people. Dustin Hoffman, David Letterman, Led Zeppelin, Chicago bluesman Buddy Guy and ballerina Natalia Makarova received Kennedy Center Honors.

One year ago: Thirty-six people died when fire erupted in an illegally converted warehouse in Oakland, California, during a dance party (two men have pleaded not guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter).

Today's Birthdays: Former Attorney General Edwin Meese III is 86. Former Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is 78. Actress Cathy Lee Crosby is 73. Movie director Penelope Spheeris is 72. Actor Ron Raines is 68. Country singer John Wesley Ryles is 67. Actor Keith Szarabajka is 65. Actor Dan Butler is 63. Broadcast journalist Stone Phillips is 63. Actor Dennis Christopher is 62. Actor Steven Bauer is 61. Country singer Joe Henry is 57. Rock musician Rick Savage (Def Leppard) is 57. Actor Brendan Coyle is 54. Rock musician Nate Mendel (Foo Fighters) is 49. Actress Suzy Nakamura is 49. Actress Rena Sofer is 49. Rock singer Jimi (cq) HaHa (Jimmie's Chicken Shack) is 49. Actress Lucy Liu (loo) is 49. Rapper Treach (Naughty By Nature) is 47. Actor Joe Lo Truglio is 47. International Tennis Hall of Famer Monica Seles is 44. Singer Nelly Furtado is 39. Pop singer Britney Spears is 36. Actress-singer Jana Kramer is 34. Actress Yvonne Orji is 34. Actress Daniela Ruah is 34. NFL quarterback Aaron Rodgers is 34. Actor Alfred Enoch is 29. Pop singer-songwriter Charlie Puth is 26. Actresses Deanna and Daniella Canterman are 25.

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Sunday

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Monday

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58° 46°

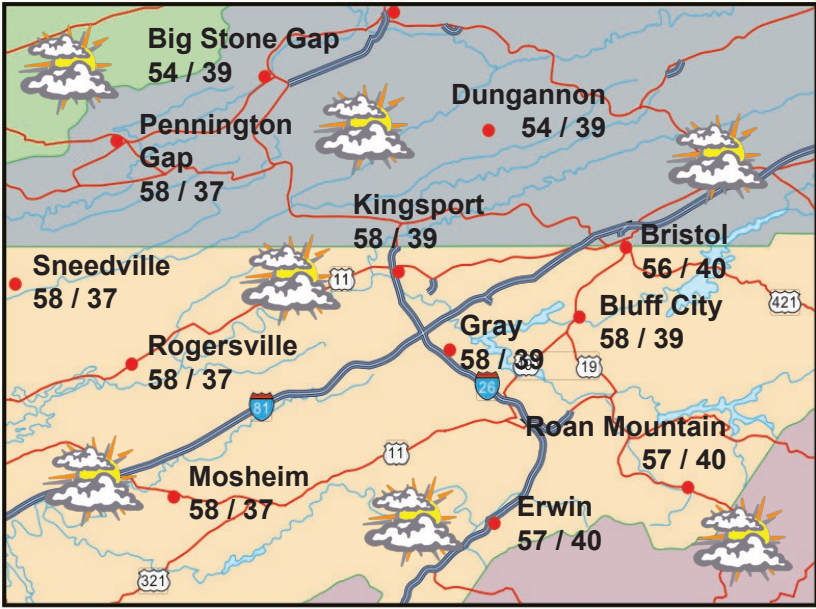
Tuesday

Few Showers
60° 40°

Wednesday

Few Showers
46° 26°

Regional Weather Forecast



Around Our State

City	Today			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
CHATTANOOGA	61	43	mc	63	47	s
CLARKSVILLE	60	37	pc	61	45	pc
KNOXVILLE	59	43	mc	61	44	s
MEMPHIS	65	44	pc	67	51	mc
NASHVILLE	61	38	pc	62	46	pc

Weather (Wx): cl/cloudy; fl/furries; pc/partly cloudy; mc/mostly cloudy; ra/rain; rs/rain & snow; s/sunny; w/windy; sh/showers; sn/snow; ss/snow showers; t/thunderstorms

UV Index

UV Index for 3 periods of the day.		
8 a.m.	0	
Noon	2	
4 p.m.	0	

0-2: Minimal The higher the UV index, the higher the need for eye and skin protection.
3-4: Low
5-6: Moderate
7-9: High
10+: Very High

Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 58°, humidity of 68%. South southwest wind 1 to 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 76° set in 1982. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 39°. Light winds. The record low for tonight is 13° set in 1960. Sunday, skies will be mostly sunny, high of 60°, humidity of 53%.

Almanac

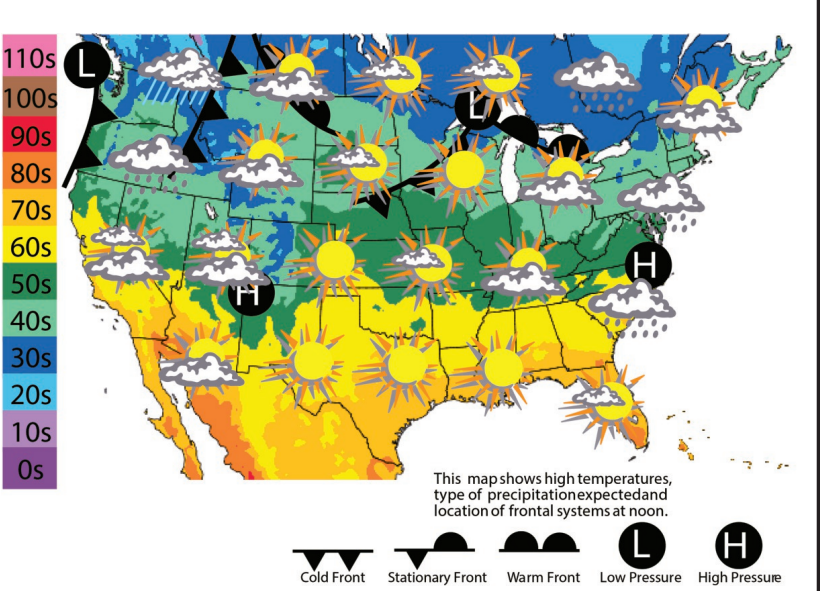
Temperatures & Precipitation (Yesterday)	
High Temperature	61
Low Temperature	45
Normal High	53
Normal Low	31
Record High	76 in 1991
Record Low	6 in 1903
Precipitation	0.00"
Precipitation Month to Date	0.00"
Precipitation Year to Date	41.35"
Precipitation Normal Year to Date	37.77"

Area River/Lake Levels

River Levels are in feet. Change is over the past 24 hrs.

Name	Full Pool	Current	Change
Holston	1729.0	1,709.8	-0.2
Watauga	1975.0	1,952.4	-0.1
Boone	1385.0	1,353.0	+0.1
Henry	1263.0	1,259.0	-0.8
Cherokee	1075.0	1,046.9	-0.3
Douglas	1002.0	957.5	-0.6
Fontana	1710.0	1,655.9	-0.4
Norris	1020.0	1,000.9	-0.2

National Map for Dec. 2, 2017



Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise	4:52 p.m.
Moonset	5:53 a.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	7:24 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow	5:14 p.m.
Moonrise tomorrow	5:43 p.m.
Moonset tomorrow	7:05 a.m.

Moon Phases



For more weather updates, please visit: www.WhatsOurWeather.com

Across The Nation

City	Today			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	Wx	Hi	Lo	Wx
ATLANTA	64	45	fg	65	46	pc
BALTIMORE	49	40	mc	52	41	s
BOSTON	43	34	mc	41	33	pc
CHARLOTTE	55	39	mc	61	40	pc
CHICAGO	51	36	pc	52	42	pc
CINCINNATI	52	32	pc	54	39	s
CLEVELAND	50	34	pc	45	39	s
DALLAS	77	58	mc	73	63	mc
DENVER	61	36	s	66	32	pc
DES MOINES	55	35	s	57	47	mc
DETROIT	47	34	pc	45	37	s
HONOLULU	81	71	sh	82	70	s
HOUSTON	77	61	s	74	66	sh
INDIANAPOLIS	53	34	s	54	43	s
KANSAS CITY	62	44	s	64	57	mc
MINNEAPOLIS	47	33	s	50	44	mc
NEW ORLEANS	71	58	pc	72	61	pc
NEW YORK	46	39	pc	49	36	s

Gift guide: Choosing a streaming device without overpaying

By ANICK JESDANUN
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NEW YORK — Why watch video on a phone or a tablet when you can get a device for as little as \$30 to stream shows on a big-screen TV?

Apple, Google, Amazon and Roku are all competing to be your gateway to online video. Which device you need will largely depend on what services you watch and what kind of TV you have.

Of course, the device alone won't be enough. You'll probably want at least one subscription to a video service such as Netflix or Hulu, which charge monthly fees. Others, such as WatchESPN, require a cable TV subscription. Plenty of others — YouTube, for instance — offer video for free with ads, although their selections can be limited.

Here's a holiday buying guide for the TV-streamers in your life.

STREAMING BUILT-IN

Smart TVs, game consoles and the TiVo digital video recorder all have streaming capabilities built in. If all you watch is Netflix and Hulu, you'll be fine with those. But apps for individual channels such as The CW and FX won't work with every device.

The exceptions are TVs that run Roku or Amazon software or that have Google's Chromecast technology built in. They tend to have wider app selections, so you might not need a streaming device at all.

AMAZON FIRE TV

Although Amazon has gotten better about promoting rival services, its Fire TV device is best seen as a companion to the company's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program. Video available through Prime is prominent. The device has Amazon's Alexa voice assistant built-in, giving you weather, sports scores, stock quotes and playback controls with selected apps — ask Alexa to forward 30 seconds, for instance.

Amazon's \$40 Fire TV Stick is good for regular, high-definition TV sets.

If you have a higher-resolution 4K TV, you'll want the regular Fire TV for \$70. There isn't a lot of 4K video yet, but the price difference is small compared with what 4K TVs cost. The regular Fire TV also offers high-dynamic range, which has better contrast and produces bright-



Eldaine Thompson

This photo shows an Amazon Fire TV streaming device displayed with its remote. The device plugs into the back or side of a television set to stream Netflix and other video. Although Amazon has gotten better about promoting rival services, Fire TV is best seen as a companion to Amazon's \$99-a-year Prime loyalty program.

er whites and darker blacks. Again, HDR video is slowly coming.

Fire TV doesn't offer apps for iTunes or Google Play video. Fire TV's remote also lacks volume controls, something that's becoming standard on streaming devices.

ROKU

Roku has one of the most complete channel libraries — more than 5,000, many you've never heard of. But there's no iTunes.

Roku's Express sells for just \$30. The \$50 Streaming Stick gets you a remote with volume buttons and voice search — though we're talking basic queries related to

shows and apps, not playback controls or information such as weather. The \$70 Streaming Stick Plus adds 4K and HDR. Bells and whistles in the \$100 Ultra include a remote that will emit a sound to help you find it in your couch cushion.

The Ultra's remote has a headphone jack, so you can watch TV without waking up roommates. For cheaper models, you can get that through Roku's smartphone app. (With Fire TV and Apple TV, you can pair wireless headphones.)

GOOGLE

Google's Chromecast is cheap but trickier to use, as you have to start video on your phone and then switch the stream to the TV.

An entry-level streaming device from Amazon or Roku might be a better choice now that those prices have come down.

Separately, Google offers its Android TV software for other makers of streaming devices.

Google's YouTube and Play services often get prominent billing in search results. Again, no iTunes.

Nvidia's Shield device is one notable example of an Android TV device, though it's pricey, starting at \$179. It comes with 4K and HDR. You get voice searches through Google Assistant — playback controls with some apps, weather and data you might never think to

ask a TV, such as flight status.

Shield is powerful and designed with gamers in mind; one feature allows screen sharing of game play. A package that includes a game controller costs \$20 more. The controller gives you a headphone jack for private listening and hands-free queries with Google Assistant. Even if you're not a gamer, it's nice not to have to press a microphone button on a remote to ask Google to pause or start video from the beginning.

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Fulmer to the rescue

National championship-winning coach takes charge of UT athletic department; Currie put on leave

By **STEVE MEGARGEE**
AP Sports Writer

KNOXVILLE — Tennessee turned to its familiar past to comfort its uneasy fan base in an attempt to salvage what has been a tumultuous and embarrassing football coaching search.

The man Vols faithful blamed for the chaos: John Currie. Chancellor Beverly Davenport, who watched as the search was bungled seemingly at each turn, finally had enough.

So she turned everything over Friday to Phillip Fulmer, naming the College Football Hall of Famer Tennessee's athletic director. Fulmer replaces Currie, who was suspended and placed on paid leave just eight months after taking the job.

The chancellor said at a news conference that Fulmer will be Tennessee's athletic director "for the foreseeable future" and "take the reins of our search." In the meantime, the school is investigating whether it can fire Currie for cause.

"I think with the background that I have here and as well as we've done at different times here, with the facilities and leadership we have here, I definitely think there will be people that will be interested," said Fulmer, who coached

Tennessee to the 1998 national title.

Getting any coach interested in this job has proved challenging ever since the Nov. 12 firing of Butch Jones.

Tennessee was close to hiring Ohio State defensive coordinator Greg Schiano on Sunday before that deal fell through amid a public backlash.

Reports linked Oklahoma State's Mike Gundy and Purdue's Jeff Brohm to the vacancy, but both stayed with their respective teams. North Carolina State's Dave Doeren agreed to a new contract with the Wolfpack on Thursday after speaking with Tennessee officials.

Currie met Thursday with Washington State coach Mike Leach in Los Angeles, and Davenport said she asked Currie to return to Knoxville early Thursday afternoon.

It is unclear where talks with Leach currently stand.

Davenport said her decision wasn't related to a single coaching candidate and was due to a "series of events" rather than a single tipping point.

"It has indeed been a difficult week," Davenport said. "It's been a difficult road to get to where we are. This has not been an easy process for any of

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Calvin Mattheis/Knoxville News Sentinel via AP

Phillip Fulmer, who played for Tennessee and coached the Vols to the 1998 national championship, is now in charge of the university's search for a new football coach to replace the fired Butch Jones. 'I hope to be a stabilizing and unifying force through this just because we do have some gray hair and a lot of experience at this place,' Fulmer said during Friday's news conference in which UT announced that AD John Currie had been put on paid leave.



Allen Greene/TriCitiesSports.com

Dobyys-Bennett's Jasun Mills, right, battles Science Hill's Shane Austin (30) and Jerriah Love, left, under the basket during Friday night's clash in Johnson City.

Late shooting woes cost Tribe in loss to 'Toppers

By **STEVE WILMOTH**
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JOHNSON CITY — Science Hill came out on top in Friday night's Big 7 Conference basketball season opener against rival Dobyys-Bennett.

The Lady Hilltoppers scored six points in the final 17.5 seconds to rally for a 55-51 win, and the D-B boys netted just seven points in the entire second

half to let Science Hill complete the sweep with a 50-41 victory.

Lily Griffith's drive to the basket had put the Lady Indians up 51-49 with 48 seconds remaining, but D-B missed the front end of a bonus situation to set the stage for the frantic final seconds.

Alasia Smith was fouled underneath and made the first free throw, but the

See **INDIANS, 3B**

Central boys, South girls pull off clutch TRC wins

Self powers Cougars with 27 points, Leslie goes for 21 for Lady Rebels in early league matchups

By **BRYAN MOORE**
TriCitiesSports.com

BLOUNTVILLE — The change in the calendar from November to December means a change in the high school basketball season. The intensity picks up. The games matter more.

The conference schedule begins, and the Sullivan Central boys and Sullivan South girls made strong statements in their Three Rivers openers on Friday night at the Dickie Warren Dome. Central rode Jordan Self's 27 points to an impressive 64-53 win, and the Lady Rebels registered a thrilling 55-47 come-from-behind victory over the Lady Cougars.

South rallied from an early deficit and Cole Layne's basket gave the Rebels a 14-13 lead after one quarter of action. But sophomore sharpshooter Ben Diamond picked up his third foul early in the second period, costing the Rebels one of their top weapons.

"We wanted to hang in it and we need him on the floor because he does so much for us as far as



Melvin Barbour/TriCitiesSports.com

Sullivan South's Hannah Clark (33) passes the ball to teammate Mollie Leslie (14) while being pressured by Sullivan Central's Parker Hurd (22) during Friday's Three Rivers game in Blountville.

scoring and getting in the paint and creating opportunities for everybody else," noted South coach Michael McMeans. "We tried leaving him out there to see if he could handle it and he got an unfortunate foul on an effort play he was trying to make."

The Cougars (5-3, 1-0) ended the first half on a 17-7 run — powered by eight points from Self and 3-pointers from Gabe Sanders and Kaden Duncan — for a 31-21 lead at halftime.

Self scored the first seven points of the third quarter and then came up with a steal and found Matt Long for the basket. Suddenly Central led 40-21.

"The game plan was to get the ball into Jordan," Central coach Derek McGhee said. "They had nobody who could stop him. I knew it. They knew it. Everybody on our team knew it."

"He took over and did what a great player does."

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Cherokee opens Big 7 era on winning note, sweeps Volunteer

By **JIMMY MOORE**
TriCitiesSports.com

ROGERSVILLE — Cherokee pulled off a clean sweep in its inaugural night of Big 7 Conference basketball on Friday.

The Chiefs turned back cross-county rival Volunteer 62-53 in the boys' game, which

followed a 57-47 victory for the Lady Chiefs over the Lady Falcons.

Tyler Webb, the Cherokee boys' first-year coach, saw his team build a 32-18 halftime advantage, but the Falcons (1-5, 0-1) kept battling. Volunteer trimmed its deficit to three points, 56-53, with under a min-

ute to play, but the Chiefs (5-2, 1-0) closed out the win with six unanswered points at the foul line.

"Anytime Volunteer and Cherokee get together, it is always a great game and it is never over until it is over," Webb said. "We built that good lead in the first half, but we knew

they would come fighting back. That is kind of the nature of this rivalry. You have to play 32 minutes."

Ryan Bledsoe led the Chiefs with 23 points and Collin Trent had 12.

"For some reason we came out of the locker room and were not playing our aggres-

sive style at the beginning, but I think Cherokee had a lot to do with that," Volunteer coach Greg Barnett noted. "They slowed the game down and ran their offense and kind of made us play their style."

"We kind of got ourselves in

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Football

NFL

National Football League AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New England	2	0	.818	325	220	
Buffalo	6	5	0	.545	224	260
N.Y. Jets	4	7	0	.364	228	257
Miami	4	7	0	.364	174	289
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Tennessee	7	4	0	.636	242	269
Jacksonville	7	4	0	.636	269	168
Houston	4	7	0	.364	283	285
Indianapolis	3	8	0	.273	195	300

National Football League NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Philadelphia	10	1	0	.909	351	191
Dallas	6	6	0	.500	286	284
Washington	5	7	0	.417	272	314
N.Y. Giants	2	9	0	.182	172	267
South						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
New Orleans	8	3	0	.727	322	222
Carolina	8	3	0	.727	248	207
Atlanta	7	4	0	.636	265	230
Tampa Bay	4	0	0	.364	223	262
North						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
Minnesota	9	2	0	.818	271	195
Detroit	6	5	0	.545	294	264
Green Bay	5	6	0	.455	242	261
Chicago	3	8	0	.273	177	252
West						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
L.A. Rams	8	3	0	.727	329	206
Seattle	7	4	0	.636	266	212
Arizona	5	6	0	.455	203	278
San Francisco	1	10	0	.091	187	284

Thursday's Games						
Dallas	38	Washington	14			
Sunday's Games						
Tampa Bay	at Green Bay	1 p.m.				
Minnesota	at Atlanta	1 p.m.				
San Francisco	at Chicago	1 p.m.				
Detroit	at Baltimore	1 p.m.				
Denver	at Miami	1 p.m.				
Indianapolis	at Jacksonville	1 p.m.				
Houston	at Tennessee	1 p.m.				
Kansas City	at N.Y. Jets	1 p.m.				
New England	at Buffalo	1 p.m.				
Cleveland	at L.A. Chargers	4:05 p.m.				
Carolina	at New Orleans	4:25 p.m.				
N.Y. Giants	at Oakland	4:25 p.m.				
Philadelphia	at Seattle	8:30 p.m.				
Pittsburgh	at Cincinnati	8:30 p.m.				

Late Cowboys 38, Redskins 14						
Washington	0	7	0	7	—	14
Dallas	0	17	0	21	—	38
Second Quarter						
Dal.	Witten	8	pass	from Prescott	(Bailey kick),	10:43.
Dal.	FG Bailey	24	5:29.			
Dal.	Switzer	83	punt	return	(Bailey kick),	3:46.
Was.	Grant	20	pass	from Cousins	(Rose kick),	:59.
Fourth Quarter						
Dal.	Bryant	13	pass	from Prescott	(Bailey kick),	14:53.
Was.	Doctson	14	pass	from Cousins	(Rose kick),	11:28.
Dal.	Morris	1	run	(Bailey kick),	4:55.	
Dal.	R.Morris	1	run	(Bailey kick),	2:37.	
A.	91,	712.				

	Was	Dal
First downs	15	21
Total Net Yards	280	275
Rushes-yards	19-56	42-182
Passing	224	93
Punt Returns	1-4	2-68
Kickoff Returns	3-54	0-0
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-30
Comp-Att-Int	26-37-2	11-22-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	4-27	1-9
Punts	5-42.6	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	0-0
Penalties-Yards	7-43	3-25
Time of Possession	27:32	32:28
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
RUSHING Washington, Perine 12-38,		
Marshall 4-12, Cousins 3-6, Dallas, Morris		
27-127, Prescott 5-28, R.Smith 10-27.		
PASSING Washington, Cousins 26-37-2-		
251, Dallas, Prescott 11-22-0-102.		
RECEIVING Washington, Grant 5-76,		
Crowder 5-67, Marshall 5-24, Perine 3-31,		
Doctson 3-26, Paul 3-12, Davis 2-15, Dallas,		
Bryant 5-61, Te.Williams 2-21, Beasley 2-14,		
Witten 1-8, N.Brown 1-(minus 2).		
MISSED FIELD GOALS None.		
College		

College

College Football Schedule (Subject to change)						
Friday, Dec. 1 FAR WEST						
Pac-12:	Southern Cal	31,	Stanford	28.		
Saturday, Dec. 2						
SOUTH						
UMass	(4-7)	at FIU	(7-4),	Noon		
Louisiana-Monroe	(4-7)	at Florida	St. (5-6),			
Noon						
AAC championship:	Memphis	(10-1)	at UCF			
(11-0),	Noon					
CUSA championship:	North Texas	(9-3)	at FAU	(9-3),	Noon	
Georgia Southern	(2-9)	at Coastal Carolina				
(2-9),	1 p.m.					
Idaho	(3-8)	at Georgia	St. (6-4),	2 p.m.		
Louisiana-Lafayette	(5-6)	at Appalachian	St. (7-4),	2:30 p.m.		
SEC championship:	Georgia	(11-1)	vs.	Auburn	(10-2)	at Atlanta,
4 p.m.						
ACC championship:	Clemson	(11-1)	vs.	Miami	(10-1)	at Charlotte,
8 p.m.						
MIDWEST						
MAC championship:	Toledo	(10-2)	vs.	Akron	(7-5)	at Detroit,
Noon						
Big Ten championship:	Ohio	St. (10-2)	vs.	Wisconsin	(12-0)	at Indianapolis,
8 p.m.						
SOUTHWEST						
Big 12 championship:	TCU	(10-2)	vs.	Oklahoma	(11-1)	at Arlington,
Texas,	12:30					
p.m.						
Troy	(9-2)	at Arkansas	St. (7-3),	3 p.m.		
SWAC championship:	Alcorn	St. (7-4)	vs.	Grambling	St. (10-1)	at Houston,
4:30 p.m.						
FAR WEST						
South Alabama	(4-7)	at New Mexico	St. (5-6),			
4 p.m.						
MWC championship:	Boise	St. (9-3)	at	Fresno	St. (9-3),	7:45 p.m.

FCS PLAYOFFS						
Kennesaw	St. (11-1)	at Jacksonville	St. (10-1),			
2 p.m.						
Sperry Brook	(10-2)	at James Madison	(11-0),			
2 p.m.						
Furman	(8-4)	at Wofford	(9-2),	2 p.m.		
N. Iowa	(8-4)	at S. Dakota	St. (9-2),	3 p.m.		
New Hampshire	(8-4)	at Cent. Arkansas	(10-1),	3 p.m.		
South Dakota	(8-4)	at Sam Houston	St. (10-1),	3 p.m.		
San Diego	(10-2)	at N. Dakota	St. (10-1),	3:30 p.m.		
Weber	St. (10-2)	at S. Utah	(9-2),	8 p.m.		
Saturday, Dec. 9						
EAST						
Army	(8-3)	vs.	Navy	(6-5)	at Philadelphia,	3 p.m.

Soccer

MLS

Major League Soccer Playoffs						
Conference Championships						
Home-and-home						
Eastern Conference						
First leg						
Tuesday,	Nov. 21:	Toronto	0,	Columbus	0,	tie
Second leg						
Wednesday,	Nov. 29:	Toronto	1,	Columbus	0,	
Toronto advances on 1-0 aggregate						
Western Conference						
First leg						
Tuesday,	Nov. 21:	Seattle	2,	Houston	0	
Second leg						
Thursday,	Nov. 30:	Seattle	3,	Houston	0,	
Seattle advances on 5-0 aggregate						
MLS Cup						
Saturday,	Dec. 9:	Seattle	at	Toronto,	4 p.m.	
Golf						
PGA						
Hero World Challenge Pro Scores						
Friday, Dec. 1						
At Albany Golf Club						
Nassau, Bahamas						
Purse: \$3.5 million						
Yardage: 7,309, Par: 72						
Second Round						
Charley Hoffman	69-63	—132	—12			
Jordan Spieth	68-67	—135	—9			

Tommy Fleetwood	66-69	—135	—9
Justin Rose	68-68	—136	—8
Hideki Matsuyama	71-66	—137	—7
Tiger Woods	69-68	—137	—7
Francesco Molinari	69-68	—137	—7
Matt Kuchar	67-70	—137	—7
Rickie Fowler	67-70	—137	—7
Patrick Reed	72-66	—138	—6
Kevin Chappell	68-70	—138	—6
Justin Thomas	69-70	—139	—5
Dustin Johnson	68-72	—140	—4
Henrik Stenson	70-71	—141	—3
Alex Noren	73-69	—142	—2
Kevin Kisner	70-72	—142	—2
Daniel Berger	75-73	—148	+4
Brooks Koepka	71-78	—149	+5

Hockey

NHL

National Hockey League						
EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Tampa Bay	25	17	6	2	36	90 65
Toronto	27	17	9	1	35	98 82
Montreal	27	12	12	3	27	68 85
Boston	23	11	8	4	26	63 68
Detroit	26	10	11	5	25	73 80
Ottawa	24	9	9	6	24	74 81
Florida	25	10	13	2	22	73 85
Buffalo	26	6	16	4	16	55 89
Metropolitan Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Columbus	26	17	8	1	35	76 62
New Jersey	24	14	6	4	32	78 74
N.Y. Islanders	25	15	8	2	32	94 82
Pittsburgh	27	14	10	3	31	78 90
N.Y. Rangers	26	14	10	2	30	87 78
Washington	26	14	11	1	29	76 80
Carolina	24	10	9	5	25	69 75
Philadelphia	25	8	10	7	23	70 78
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Winnipeg	26	16	6	4	36	89 71
St. Louis	27	17	8	1	35	87 70
Nashville	25	15	7	3	33	79 73
Dallas	25	14	10	1	29	74 72
Chicago	25	12	9	4	28	79 67
Minnesota	25	12	10	3	27	76 76
Colorado	23	12	9	2	26	76 73
Pacific Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF GA
Los Angeles	27	16	8	3	35	82 60
Vegas	25	15	9	1	31	87 80
San Jose	24	14	8	2	30	63 52
Calgary	25	14	10	1	29	73 76
Vancouver	26	12	10	4	28	73 76
Anaheim	25	11	11	3	26	70 77
Edmonton	26	10	14	2	22	71 87
Arizona	28	6	18	4	16	66 101
NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.						

BRIEFLY

Wildcats stop Bucs in NCAA opener

LEXINGTON, Ky. — East Tennessee State's second trip to the NCAA volleyball tournament ended like its first: with a loss to Kentucky. The No. 4 Wildcats swept the Bucs 25-19, 25-20, 25-21 in the first round Friday night at Memorial Coliseum to give Craig Skinner, Kentucky's winningest coach, his 300th career victory. The Southern Conference tournament champion Bucs (19-12) also lost to Kentucky in the 2012 NCAAAs. The Wildcats (27-3) advanced to take on Western Kentucky (31-3) in the second round today at 7 p.m. The Hilltoppers eliminated Notre Dame.

SEC Media Days moving to Atlanta

ATLANTA — The Southeastern Conference will move its pre-season football media gathering to Atlanta next year, the first time it's been held outside of the Birmingham, Ala., area since 1985. Commissioner Greg Sankey announced the move Friday on the eve of the SEC championship game at Mercedes-Benz Stadium but said it's not a permanent move. The event will return to Hoover, a suburb of Birmingham, in 2019. The long-term plan is to move Media Days throughout the conference's 11-state region.

Board OKs new deal for Doeren

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State's Board of Trustees approved a new contract for football coach Dave Doeren on Friday. School spokesman Fred Demarest said the deal is worth \$3 million annually over five years. Doeren is 33-30 in five seasons at N.C. State, and his 56-34 career record includes two years at Northern Illinois. The Wolfpack (8-4, 6-2 Atlantic Coast Conference, No. 24 CFP) are headed to their fourth consecutive bowl.

No. 13 UNC men top Davidson

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Joel Berry II had 27 points, Luke Maye had 24 points and a career-high 17 rebounds and the No. 13 North Carolina men's basketball team defeated Davidson 85-75 on Friday night. The Tar Heels (7-1) outrebounded Davidson 54-23. Peyton Aldridge had 22 points and seven rebounds to lead the Wildcats (3-3).

Braves get RHP Whitley from Rays

ATLANTA — The Braves claimed pitcher Chase Whitley off waivers from the Tampa Bay Rays on Friday, one day after Atlanta dealt reliever Jim Johnson to the Los Angeles Angels. Whitley appeared in 41 games over three separate stints with the Rays last season, going 2-1 with two saves and a 4.08 ERA.

CHEROKEE

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a hole, but we came in at halftime and regrouped and I challenged our guys to play our game and make them play our speed, and I think for the most part in the second half we did."

The Falcons had a chance to trim the lead further in the final minutes but missed four straight free throws.

Jacob Deal led Volunteer with 16 points and Chance Johnson added 10.

In the girls' contest, Volunteer (0-7, 0-1) managed a 12-10 lead at the first rest stop and a 25-all tie at halftime. At the end of three quarters, it was still a three-point game with Cherokee (5-2, 1-0) on top 38-35.

However, the fourth quarter belonged to the Lady Chiefs, who scored 14 unanswered points to push their advantage to 52-35.

Volunteer coach Tracy Cloninger

By KEVIN MAYES

Times-News Sports Correspondent

WISE — It's a new season for the Wise Central girls basketball team, but the delivery is the same for the defending state champions.

"I think at the start of the game we were a little too emotional, a little too hyped," Lady Warriors coach Robin Dotson said after his team opened with a 56-38 nonconference win over Rye Cove on Friday. "We've still got some things to work on. It's early. It's a long way from now to February and March."



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Dobyns-Bennett junior Courtney Whitson shoots a free throw during Friday's Big 7 Conference game against Science Hill in Johnson City.

INDIANS

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Lady Indians couldn't secure the rebound off the miss on the second. Science Hill's Symantha Fugate then found Aysha Redford, who scored and was fouled. Redford's three-point play put the Lady Toppers (7-0, 1-0) ahead 53-51 with 11.1 seconds remaining.

After a pass was knocked out of bounds at midcourt, the Lady Indians saw their inbound pass stolen by Aliyanna Hill. Hill's layup was off the mark, but Smith's putback was not, setting the final margin.

"We did some really good things tonight," said D-B coach Bill Francis. "Our mistakes late were crucial."

Smith tallied a game-high 23 points, also adding six rebounds, two blocks and two assists.

D-B (3-5, 0-1) got a team-high 19 points from Courtney Whitson, who also pulled down seven rebounds. Britney Griffith had only one bucket but notched six rebounds and dished out five assists.

"I thought our guards played well tonight and handled their pressure for the most part," Francis said. "Every night I see encouraging things and I still think we are going to be a really good basketball team come January."

In the boys' contest, the Indians made just three field goals in the second half and shot just 10-for-48 from the field for the game.

Still, a late second-

quarter burst gave the Tribe a 34-29 lead at halftime.

"We were focused and executed well in the first half," said Indians coach Chris Poore. "We were the aggressive team and put a lot of pressure on them."

D-B forced 16 Science Hill fouls in the first half but after making 17 of 22 free throws over the first two quarters, the Tribe didn't attempt a one in the second half.

"We got away from what we needed to do," Poore said. "We weren't as aggressive and settled. It was one or two passes and then a shot instead of really trying to work it into a gap."

Science Hill (5-2, 1-0) pulled even at 34 on a nifty bucket from Tate Wheeler early in the third quarter.

Mello Wadsworth sank a jumper to put D-B (5-4, 0-1) back up two and a Brit Thomas 3-pointer still had the Tribe out front, 39-38, late in the third.

But the Indians scored only two points in the final nine minutes.

Wadsworth finished with a game-high 15 points and snagged eight boards.

"Mello puts a lot of pressure on the defense when he's attacking," Poore said. "He had a good game tonight."

Chase Jenkins added eight points for the Tribe.

Wheeler finished with 10 points and blocked five shots. Jerriah Love added nine points and handed out four assists.

said the game reminded her of what the Lady Falcons' season has been so far.

"We came out and had a good first half, but then we went through a spell where we just could not put the ball in the basket," she said. "We just have to fix that."

"Things are not going our way now, but we have the whole season to work to fix things before the postseason gets here."

Bryna Minton led the Lady Falcons with 17 points.

Harper Russell scored 14 points and Keely Henard had 13 to lead the Lady Chiefs.

"A lot of these girls have been playing three years for me and we saw some maturity of them tonight," Cherokee coach Jason Lawson said. "We really came out focused in the second half."

Class 2 Central did plenty of things right against the visiting Class 1 Lady Eagles, including getting the ball inside to Dee Cvetnich. She finished the night with 17 points and 22 rebounds.

"That's awesome," Dotson said of his post player's stats. "We've been focusing on that a lot with rebounding."

Rye Cove stayed close through the first quarter and most of the second. The Lady Eagles got seven straight points from Maricar Zamora to pull to within 18-17 with 3:33 to play in the first half.

Then the Lady Warriors took control. They reeled off 15

straight points over the remainder of the second period and the first five minutes of the third to build a 33-17 lead.

"We started attacking the basket better and that created some drives and kick-outs for shots," Dotson said.

The run was a frustrating one for Rye Cove coach Kelly Hood, whose team features four returning starters.

"We struggled shooting and when you play a good team like that, it's hard to have those dry spells," Hood noted.

The loss was the second for the Lady Eagles, who fell to

Class 3 Abingdon earlier in the week.

Playing a tougher schedule is something Hood hopes helps her Cumberland District team down the stretch.

"We've got seven seniors, but some of them are new to basketball. But we've got four starters back. We're old. So we're trying to build on that experience," she said.

Gracie Mullins complemented Cvetnich's big night with 16 points for Central.

Lexie Rhoton led Rye Cove with 12 points and Abigail Roller added 10.

THREE RIVERS

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Layne finished with 19 points and Diamond had 14 for the Rebels (6-4, 0-1).

The victory over the county rivals from Colonial Heights was particularly sweet and deeply personal for McGhee.

"This is the game that I want to win every single year," he said. "I don't ever want to lose to South again. I lost to them in my first year and won both of them last year and this is the biggest game on my schedule."

"We're losing kids left and right to South from Blountville and Holston, and I'm trying to put a stop to that."

In the girls' contest, the Lady Cougars (2-2, 0-1) held the advantage throughout much of the first half behind the inside play of Abbey Crawford and the outside shooting of Peyton Sams.

But Crawford drew her third foul midway through the second quarter with Central up 20-10. The Lady Rebels (3-5, 1-0) methodically cut into the deficit and got to within 22-20. Sams canned a 3-pointer at the buzzer, and the Lady Cougars led 25-20 at the intermission.

But South came out of the locker room on fire in the third quarter and seized control with a 16-5 run. Alex Harris scored eight consecutive points, including two 3-pointers, to put the Lady Rebels up 36-30 going into the final period.

"I wasn't too hot in the first half," said Harris, who scored 10 points for South. "But I just kept on shooting and they started going in."

A Sams 3-pointer got the Lady Cougars to within 42-40, but each time Central got close the Lady Rebels' Mollie Leslie answered with clutch free throws to



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Sullivan Central's Jordan Self (21) puts up a shot against Sullivan South during Friday night's Three Rivers Conference game in Blountville.

preserve South's third straight win.

"We go over our free throws over and over in practice," said Leslie, who converted 15 of 19 free tosses and led the Lady Rebels with 21 points. "I just get in my game mode and black everything out and go to work."

"Our girls could not have done better defensively in what we asked them to do and offensively," South coach Torey Haile said. "They did exactly what we talked about in practice this week."

Sams paced the Lady Cougars with 16 points. Crawford and Taylor Sanders each scored 11.

"You've got to give it to South," said Central coach Kristy Walling. "They outplayed us. They wanted it more tonight."

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Texas A&M lures Fisher from 'Noles

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Jimbo Fisher is leaving Florida State for Texas A&M, four years after leading the Seminoles to their third national title.

Fisher told university President John Thrasher on Friday that he was resigning to accept Texas A&M's offer.

"I believe Texas A&M is getting one of the best coaches in college football. We appreciate all he has done for our program and wish him and his family great success moving forward," Thrasher said in a statement that closed days of speculation about Fisher's future.

Fisher leaves Florida State after going 83-23 in eight seasons. Besides the national championship, he led the Seminoles to three Atlantic Coast Conference titles and four ACC Atlantic Division crowns. He replaces Kevin Sumlin, who was fired after going 51-26 in six seasons with the Aggies. The Houston Chronicle reported that Fisher is expected to earn between \$7 million and \$7.5 million over at least five years.

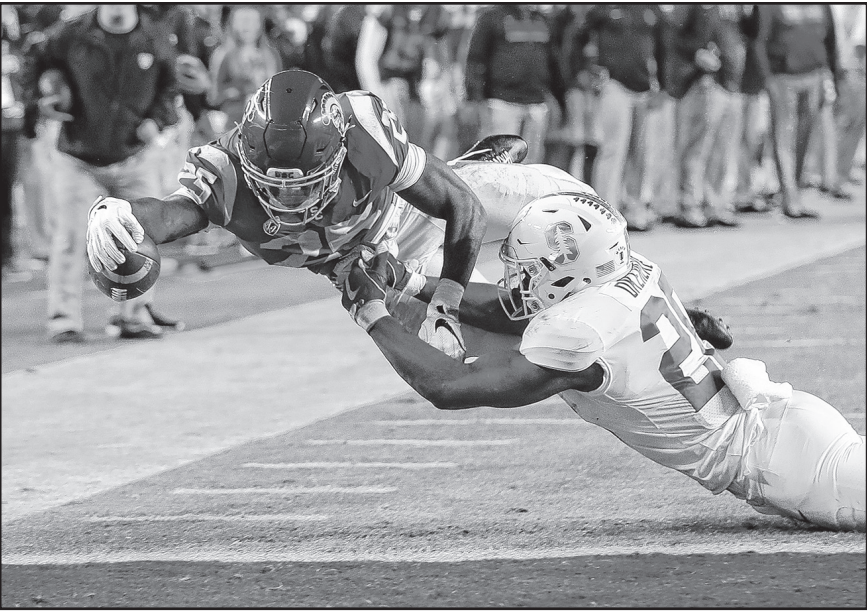
Fisher's buyout from Florida State is the sum remaining on the contracts of his assistants who are not retained, which would be in the range of \$7 million.

Fisher goes to a program that last won a conference championship in 1998, when A&M was in the Big 12. The school's only national title came in 1939.

Fisher is just the fourth head coach to leave a school where he has won an AP national title and go directly to another college job. The last to do it was Johnny Majors, who went from Pittsburgh to Tennessee in 1977.

Florida State (5-6) plays Louisiana-Monroe today needing a win to be bowl eligible for a 36th straight year. Defensive line coach Odell Haggins will be the interim coach.

Possible candidates include Oregon's Willie Taggart and Virginia Tech's Justin Fuente. Taggart, who grew up in Bradenton, Fla., went 7-5 in his first season at Oregon. He spent four seasons at USF where he took a team that was 2-10 in 2013 to 10-2 in 2016.



Associated Press

Southern California running back Ronald Jones II, top, dives toward the goal line against Stanford linebacker Bobby Okereke during the first half of the Pac-12 championship game Friday night in Santa Clara, Calif. The play was called back on a penalty.

No. 11 USC captures Pac-12 crown, 31-28 over No. 14 Stanford

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Sam Darnold threw for 325 yards and two touchdowns and engineered a back-breaking 99-yard drive following a goal-line stand in the fourth quarter to lead No. 11 Southern California to a 31-28 victory over No. 14 Stanford in the Pac-12 championship game on Friday night.

"It was time to dig deep and win a championship," USC coach Clay Helton said. "When you're trying to win one, those are the plays that are going to define you and define your football team."

Darnold threw touchdown passes to Michael Pittman Jr. and Tyler Vaughns to stake the Trojans (11-2, No. 10 CFP) to the lead. He then delivered one of the biggest plays of the game when he stepped up to avoid pressure in the end zone before connecting on a 54-yard pass to

Pittman to spark the key touchdown drive in the fourth.

Ronald Jones II finished that drive with an 8-yard run that made it 31-21 to cap a productive night in which he ran for 140 yards and two touchdowns to give the Trojans their first Pac-12 title since 2008.

The long drive came after USC stuffed Stanford (9-4, No. 12) at the goal line to preserve the lead. With Bryce Love nursing an injured ankle on the sideline, Cameron Scarlett was stopped on successive runs from inside the 2, including a fourth-down try from the 1 that was stopped by Uchenna Nwosu.

"We told our guys to hunker down and this is what Trojan football is," Nwosu said. "We were able to make a play."

Darnold sealed the game with a 15-yard pass to Josh Falo on fourth-and-2 to let USC run out the clock.

'Unconstrained booster culture' NCAA slams Ole Miss with two-year ban

Associated Press

Mississippi's football program won't participate in the postseason this year or in 2018 as part of the NCAA's sanctions levied against the school in the long-running rules violation case that included a charge of lack of institutional control.

In the latest development in the more than five-year ongoing case, the Committee on Infractions Friday came down fairly hard on Ole Miss. Most notably, the NCAA decided the one-year self-imposed postseason ban was not enough for the Rebels, who finished the regular season with a 6-6 record.

Ole Miss had hoped to avoid a postseason ban in 2018 but was hit with another year and plans to appeal the decision.

"We wish that this were over," Ole Miss athletics director Ross Bjork said. "But there is more work to be done and that work has already started."

The Committee on Infractions said the case was similar to other Ole Miss rules violations cases in 1986 and 1994 and that the school had an "unconstrained booster culture." The NCAA says six football staff members and 12 boosters contributed to the current violations.

"This is now the third case over three decades that has involved the boosters and football program," the panel said in its decision. "Even the head coach acknowledged that upon coming to Mississippi, he was surprised by the 'craziness' of boosters trying to insert themselves into his program."

Ole Miss had self-imposed other punishments in anticipation of Friday's sanctions, including scholarship reductions and recruiting restrictions. The NCAA largely accepted those penalties, but the big addition was the extra year of postseason ineligibility — which Ole Miss Chancellor Jeffrey S. Vitter believes is excessive.

"It is simply not war-

ranted and based on fundamental flaws in the NCAA case and how the investigation was conducted," Vitter said. "We will vigorously appeal the additional postseason ban."

Bjork added that citing a rules violations case from more than 30 years ago "is not applicable to our current case."

NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn wrote in an email that Ole Miss has 15 days to notify the appeals committee of its intent to appeal. Once the appeals committee acknowledges the request, the university has 30 days to file the appeal.

Former Ole Miss coach Hugh Freeze will be suspended for two conference games during the 2018 season if he's employed as a head coach at another school. The ruling said Freeze promoted an atmosphere of rules compliance, but that he failed to monitor his staff.

"While my hope is to be a head coach again as soon as possible, this restriction does not limit, in any way, my ability to serve as an assistant coach," Freeze said in a statement released through his lawyer's office. "I want to thank everyone who stood by me, including my family, my friends, and the University of Mississippi."

Several former Ole Miss assistants and staff members received show-cause restrictions, which hinders their ability to work for schools in the NCAA. The stiffest penalty was for former staff member David Saunders, who received an eight-year show cause for helping arrange fraudulent ACT scores.

The Rebels will also be on probation for three more years through November 30, 2020 and must pay a financial penalty of about \$179,000. Ole Miss must also vacate wins that ineligible athletes participated in.

The case consisted of 21 alleged violations, including 15 that were Level I, which the NCAA considers the most serious.

Greeneville races off with state title

From staff reports

COOKEVILLE — Junior quarterback Cade Ballard accounted for seven touchdowns — running for four and passing for three to tie a state championship game record — and Greeneville dominated Springfield 54-13 on Friday to claim the TSSAA Class 4A title at Tennessee Tech.

The score was tied at 7 late in the first quarter before the Greene Devils (15-0) scored 47 unanswered points.

Ballard, the 4A Mr. Football winner, scored on runs of 1, 14, 5 and 4 yards. He completed 14 of 17 passes for 218 yards and threw for scores of 33, 28 and 19 yards. Seth Crawford caught four of his passes for 82 yards and two touchdowns.

Ballard was named the offensive player of the game. Crawford, who intercepted two passes, earned defensive player of the game honors.

Kevontay White had 75

yards rushing and scored on a 38-yard scamper for Springfield (11-4).

Boys basketball

Sullivan East 58, THS 56
BLUFF CITY — After falling behind early, the Patriots rallied to beat their rivals in a nonconference matchup.

Dustin Bartley hit four 3-pointers on the way to 21 points for Sullivan East. Ethan Whitley, who also hit four treys, added 12 points.

Christian Webb scored 20 for Tennessee High.

Crockett 63, Boone 50
JONESBOROUGH — The Pioneers gifted coach John Good with his 100th victory by beating their Big 7 rivals.

David Crockett (5-2, 1-0) avenged last week's 17-point loss to Daniel Boone (4-4, 0-1) in the Hardee's Classic.

Eric Rigbsy scored 23 points for the Trailblazers.

Eastside 61
Oak Hill-Red 52
COEBURN — Colyn Sturgill had a double-

double in the Spartans' win over Oak Hill-Red. Sturgill scored 21 points and pulled down 10 rebounds, also blocking four shots.

Luke Lawson totaled 16 points, nine boards and three blocked shots for the Spartans.

Jon Hall led Oak Hill with 18 points.

Apostolic Christian 71

Tri-Cities 68
BLOUNTVILLE — Caleb Rose sank five 3-pointers on the way to 22 points, but it wasn't enough for the Golden Eagles to beat Apostolic Christian.

Isaac Hatfield added 13 points and dished out nine assists, Aaron Rose chipped in 11 points and Willy Shen scored 10 for Tri-Cities Christian (1-1).

Girls

THS 58, Sullivan East 54

BLUFF CITY — Erin Walker hit four straight free throws in the final minute of play to lift the Lady Vikings over the Lady Patriots. Adison Minor made a putback to

tie the game at 54 before Walker made her trips to the charity stripe.

Makayla Richards added 10 points for Tennessee High (2-3). Kayla Honaker and Kaylee Wolfe had 15 points each for Sullivan East (4-6).

Boone 76, Crockett 34
JONESBOROUGH — Macie Culbertson scored 17 points and Bayleigh Carmichel added 14 to lead the Lady Trailblazers to the easy Big 7 win.

Emma Gouge accounted for half of the Lady Pioneers' offensive output with her 17 points.

Battle 53, Lebanon 49
BRISTOL, Va. — Callie Haderer hit a crucial 3-pointer with less than a minute to play and followed that with two late free throws in the Lady Trojans' season-opening win.

Haderer finished with 22 points. Bethany Smith added 16 and Haylee Dye had 11.

Avery Price put up a game-high 24 points for Lebanon (2-1).

TENNESSEE

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us. I want you to know that I regret deeply any hurt that's been caused."

Tennessee is conducting this coaching search after possibly the most disappointing season in school history.

After starting the year ranked in the Top 25, the Vols went 4-8 to set a school record for losses. They were winless in the Southeastern Conference for the first time since the league formed in 1933.

"Our football program has the history, the facilities, the tradition and the resources to play with anyone any time, and that's what we're going to do again," Fulmer said.

Tennessee hasn't won an SEC title since 1998 and hasn't reached the league championship game since 2007, the year before Fulmer was replaced as coach. This marks UT's fourth coaching search since Fulmer's exit.

Fulmer ruled out the possibility of returning to coaching by appointing himself as Jones' replacement, but he believes his experience can help him choose an ideal candidate.

"I hope to be a stabilizing and unifying force through this just

because we do have some gray hair and a lot of experience at this place," Fulmer said. "Sometimes it's when you're younger that you've screwed it up so bad that you figure it out later and you don't make the same mistakes again."

Currie just took over as Tennessee's athletic director in April. He agreed to a five-year contract worth at least \$900,000 annually, and his buyout terms indicated he'd be owed \$5.5 million if he were fired without cause. Davenport's letter to Currie announcing his suspension said Tennessee is investigating whether it can terminate him for cause, in which case the school wouldn't owe him anything.

Fulmer and Currie have a complicated history.

Before taking over as Kansas State's athletic director in 2009, Currie was chief deputy and adviser to former Tennessee AD Mike Hamilton, who forced out Fulmer as football coach in 2008.

Fulmer had publicly expressed his interest in the athletic director position, but Currie was chosen instead. Tennessee announced in June that Fulmer had been named a special adviser for community, athletics and university relations,

a position that was paying him \$100,000 annually. Fulmer instead will make \$575,000 a year as athletic director.

Putting Fulmer in charge won over at least some former players who had vented on social media as the coaching search dragged on.

"I think I can speak for most former Vols in that they're excited and happy to see the person who entered their living room and sold them on Tennessee and what it meant to play at Tennessee is now leading Tennessee in a search for a head coach and a search for the person that's going to help bring this football program back," said Jayson Swain, a former Vols wide receiver who played for Fulmer and now hosts a Knoxville-based sports radio show.

It also could temporarily calm an angry fan base. About 100 fans had gathered on campus Sunday to protest a potential Schiano hire. A "Fire Currie" chant broke out a handful of times Wednesday during the Tennessee men's basketball team's victory over Mercer.

They got their wish. Getting a coach is the next step.

AP College Football Writer Ralph D. Russo and AP Sports Writer Teresa M. Walker contributed to this report.



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420 Miscellaneous

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Smooth Rolling Rotating Octagonal Slatwall Tower Display with mirror, 66" H. \$45. Retail for over \$400!

Vintage Hamilton 31 Day Wooden Chiming Wall Clock 25 by 16 by 7" \$35.

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UNIQUE 4 gallon horizontal jar on wood stand. Suitable as fish bowl or terrarium. \$40

Vintage patio or porch serving cart on casters; painted purple; has two glass shelves; simple lines--probably wrought iron or metal. Can be brought inside for tea/serving cart. \$25.00 cash. Call (423)245-0310.

Vintage wood shutters (4), painted forest green with pine tree cut-out, perfect for Christmas display. \$40.00

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Text or Call 423-956-5810

WOMEN'S Vera Bradley sunglasses (brown frame/ brown lens) with case \$20 (423-247-8564)

421 Clothing

2 black leather jackets w/zip out liners, 1 medium and 1 large, never worn \$25.00 each.

1 black leather jacket, no zip out liner, EC \$15.00 Call: 423-330-4004

Boys 8 winter clothes/ jeans, shirts & coat (Levi & Gap) \$75

Boys 10 winter clothes/ jeans, shirts & coat (Levi & Gap) \$75

Girls 10 winter clothes/ jeans, tops & coat (Justice & Gymboree) \$75

Two pair Victoria Secret yoga small workout pants (black/ pink & gray/ coral) \$24

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Call after 10 am 423-349-0735

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Mens XL Clothes, 2 large trash bags full of XL shirts, Coats, Pants sizes 36-40. Also some XL ladies clothes included, Clean, good condition. \$30.00 cash for all Call 276-225-9212 or 423-360-3998

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430 Household & Antiques

Antique Glass Insulators (8) Vintage Hemingway Clear Glass. Used original glass, not reproductions. Normal aging for antique. No defects. \$40 423-928-5333.

Antique furniture. 1) Maple Boston Rocker / Rocking Chair by Nichols & Stone. Antique, solid wood. Excellent condition. Single family owned. 43" tall, 29" deep, 23" wide \$200. 2) Danish (mid century) Modern bookshelf with Peg Leg, 2 Tier Wood. Normal wear and tear; some rust on metal portion of legs \$60. 3) Antique Mersman vintage oval coffee table. Mahogany wood in very good condition (no glass). Approx. 1940's. Approx 36" x 19" x 16" high. \$80 423-928-5333

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40" Round Dining Table with 2 drop leaf on each side. Walnut color. Sits on nice Pedestal stand. \$150.00 423-794-8758

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Bedroom Suite 1950's includes bookcase headboard, footboard, dresser with mirror, chest, no mattress. \$125.00 cash Call 276-225-9212 or 423-360-3998

BLACK METAL DESK - 5 drawers, good condition \$100 423-571-6430

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Solid Oak Entertainment Center - \$100.00 (22D x 55W X 49T with prairie grid glass door)

Showtime Rotisserie -

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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5 Cracked
9 Painter
Rem-
brandt
10 Judicial
garb
12 Bitter
13 Deeply
impressed
14 Risky
under-
taking
16 Rowing
team
leader
17 Hydrocar-
bon suffix
18 Breeding
20 "Silkwood"
star
22 Invites
23 Showy
flower
25 Relaxing
places
28 Irish
province
32 Foster
34 Metal
source
35 Compass
trace
36 Prof's
delivery
38 Violinist
Stern
40 Add up
41 Narrow
shelf
42 Blissful
spots
43 Glade
grazer

- 44** Former
senator
Chris

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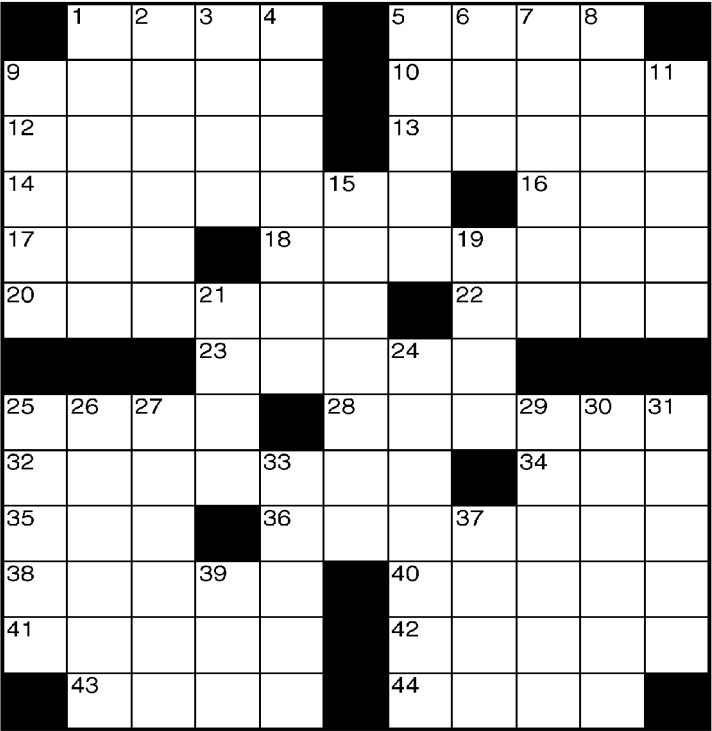
- 1** Suitably
dressed
2 Bread-
winner
3 Landed
4 Lessens
5 Disney
mermaid
6 Singer
Bon Jovi
7 Old
counter
8 Overhaul
9 Makes a
lot
11 Sides
in an
ongoing
battle



Yesterday's answer

- 15** Burst
19 Old salts
21 Compass
point
24 Sent to
Washing-
ton
25 Slow
mover
26 Puckered
27 Gaming
spot
29 Praised
loudly
30 Gofer's
work
31 Staggers
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problem
37 Commo-
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39 Period
of
history

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12-2

431 Furnishings

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- Call 423-+483-8282

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White Wicker Coffee table, 3 ft round, glass with shelf, very well made, heavy. Used in covered patio. VERY NICE! \$65 423-946-9267

Legals

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF SULLIVAN COUNTY TENNESSEE AT BLOUNTVILLE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PROBATE # 17-PR-21766

ESTATE OF STEPHEN WALLACE REED, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of November, 2017 Letters Testamentary/Administration in respect to the estate of Stephen Wallace Reed who died September 27, 2017, were issued to the undersigned by the Chancery Court of Sullivan County, Tennessee.

All persons, resident and non resident, having claims, matured or un-matured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk & Master of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred:

(1)(A) Four (4) months from the date for the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this Notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this Notice to Creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the Notice to Creditors if the creditor received the copy of the Notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

This 20th day of November, 2017

Clarence Reed, Executor

Stephen L. Gilley,
Attorney for the Estate

Katherine Priester, Clerk & Master
P.O. Box 327
Blountville, TN 37617
Tel: 423-323-6483

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-2 CRYPTOQUOTE

C X UWACMB W RZXWM MZR

R O Z , I D C U I M A G E , C F

J M W R W Q I Z L C A . — B W Q Q E

F O W M U G C M B

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERY SUCCESSFUL INDIVIDUAL KNOWS THAT HIS OR HER ACHIEVEMENT DEPENDS ON A COMMUNITY OF PERSONS WORKING TOGETHER. — PAUL RYAN

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shaft \$ 40.00
Please call 423-725-3170 after
11:A.M.

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good parts on them, they are
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back and had the handle bars.
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A Convenient NJC 3BR/2BA
Condo w/Office Space in
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Legals

NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S FORECLOSURE SALE

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Substitute Trustee, as con-
tained in Appointment of Substitute Trustee by instrument dated March
29, 2017, recorded in Book 3238, Page 1046, Register's Office for Sulli-
van County, Tennessee, and as contained in the Deed of Trust from
Brandi Patrick to Kirk Moser, Trustee, dated the 4th of September, 2015,
of record in Book 3173, Page 330, Register's Office aforesaid, to which
reference is here made, notice is hereby given that the property describ-
ed below will be sold by me at the front door of the Sullivan County
Courthouse in Blountville, Tennessee, at public auction, on December
28, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., to the last, highest and best bidder for cash, free
from all right and equity of redemption, homestead, dower, and all other
rights or exemptions of every kind, all of which are expressly waived in
said Deed of Trust to satisfy the balance due on that certain promissory
note dated September 4, 2015, and any and all subsequent modifications
thereof, from Brandi Patrick to Cameron Cantwell, and secured by the
aforesaid Deed of Trust to Kirk Moser, Trustee, and also to pay all costs
necessarily incident to the foreclosure. Said property being described as
follows, to-wit:

SITUATE, LYING AND BEING in the Sixteenth (16th) Civil District of Sulli-
van County, Tennessee, and is more particularly described as follows, to-
wit:

BEING all of Lot 1 of the Replat of the Judd's Lots as shown on plat of re-
cord in Plat Book 54, Page 18, containing 3.30 acres more or less, to
which reference is here made for a more complete description of said lot.

DESCRIPTION TAKEN FROM PREVIOUS DEED.

AND BEING the same property conveyed to Brandi Patrick by Warranty
Deed dated September 3, 2015, from Cameron William Cantwell, or re-
cord in Book 3173, Page 327, Register's Office for Sullivan County, Ten-
nessee, to which deed reference is here made.

Map 97, Parcel 44.10

Said sale will be made subject to all visible and/or recorded rights-of-way
and easements and subject to any and all easements and rights-of-way
acquired by use and possession, whether visible and/or recorded or not;
applicable building and zoning regulations; such state of facts as an accu-
rate survey would disclose; all unpaid taxes; all leasehold interests; rights
of parties in possession, and restrictive covenants. If the U.S. Department
of the Treasury/Internal Revenue Service, the State of Tennessee De-
partment of Revenue, or the State of Tennessee Department of Labor
and Workforce Development are listed as interested parties in the adver-
tisement, then the notice of this foreclosure is being given to them and
the sale will be subject to the applicable governmental entities' right to re-
deem the property, all as required by 26 U.S.C. 7425 and T.C.A. 67-1-
1433. The notice requirements of T.C.A. 35-5-101 et seq. have been met.

Terms of Sale: CASH.

The Substitute Trustee reserves the right to withdraw the property from
sale at any time prior to the termination of bidding.

The Sale will be made without covenants of a warranty and the under-
signed Substitute Trustee reserves the right to adjourn the sale of this
property after commencement hereof and reconvene at another time,
there announced without the re-advertising. The note holder shall have
the right to bid for the purchase of the trust premises at the sale. Said
Deed of Trust is made a part hereof as if fully copied verbatim herein.

Other interested parties: Kingsport Housing Authority

This 1st day of December, 2017.

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garage, NO PETS.
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Legals

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

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pus of The University of Virginia's College at Wise. Each proposal
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mation and to view the Request for Proposal visit www.kidscentrainc.com.

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als for the playground as outlined in the request.

Job 2: Replacement and relocation of heat pump units.

Job 3: Removal and replacement of chain-link fencing.

PUB3T: 12/01/17, 12/02/17, & 12/03/17

Sudoku Pacific

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box
contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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

12/2 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

Friday's Puzzle Answer 12/1

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

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Saturday, Decmber 2, 2017

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1 - Neither vulnerable, as South,
you hold:

♠9♥KJ865♦KQ10♣KQJ10

Right-hand opponent opens one
spade. What call would you make?

Q 2 - Neither vulnerable, as South,
you hold:

♠Q10643♥1042♦A4♣A85

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ Dbl Pass ?
What call would you make?

Q 3 - North-South vulnerable, as
South, you hold:

♠QJ93♥KQ10984♦93♣10

As dealer, what call would you
make?

Q 4 - East-West vulnerable, as South,
you hold:

♠AK♥J75♦J432♣10876

Partner opens one club and right-
hand opponent bids one spade. What
call would you make?

Q 5 - Both vulnerable, as South, you
hold:

♠9654♥QJ76♦6♣10853

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
2♣ Pass 2♦ Pass
2♠ Pass ?
What call would you make?

Q 6 - North-South vulnerable, as
South, you hold:

♠Void♥AKQ87543♦109♣KJ3

As dealer, what call would you
make?

Look for answers on Monday.

*(Bob Jones welcomes readers'
responses sent in care of this
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Today's Horoscope

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the
degree of your sun at birth. The sign
name is simply a label astrologers put on
a set of degrees for convenience. For best
results, readers should refer to the dates
following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in
Sagittarius and a Moon in Taurus if born
before 4:21 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the
Moon will be in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec.
2, 2017:

This year you open up to new concepts
and more feedback. You might not be
aware of the importance of having those
who care about you be more verbal.
Encourage friends and loved ones to
share their thoughts. If you are single,
your warmth becomes more apparent
each day. You are likely to attract some-
one who is very similar to you. If you are
attached, the two of you happily carry on
together as if you were the only two peo-
ple in the world. Share your vulnerabili-
ties with each other more often. GEMINI
has the same issues as you, but he or she
handles them differently.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll
Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;
3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might need to weigh the
pros and cons of a financial decision. Do
you really want to continue going to
extremes? You have a lot of get-up-and-
go, and you also have a strong intuitive
sense about which direction you should
head in. Tonight: Time for a heart-to-
heart talk.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Be aware of the costs of continu-
ing as you have been. You could be very
tired and unsure of what needs to happen.
You might have a strong feeling about
taking a financial risk. Make sure you
can handle it, should your hunch be
wrong. Tonight: A little overindulgence

never hurts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You could be in a funk in the
morning. Do not allow moodiness —
yours or others — to get the best of you.
You might want to handle a personal
issue ASAP. Your instincts carry you
through a hassle. You become more in
tune with your needs as well. Tonight:
Just be yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Listen to what is being offered.
Your imagination goes haywire with
many different scenarios. Follow your
instincts, and don't worry so much about
others' judgments. Be conservative in
how you approach your feelings.
Tonight: Vanish with a special person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You might not want to share
everything that you are thinking. Just be
fun-loving and enjoy a special friend.
One-on-one relating comes to the fore-
front when dealing with this person. Your
feelings for him or her are stronger than
you will want to admit. Tonight: Let the
party happen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might resent the fact that
you must handle responsibilities on a
Saturday. Your imagination has been
working overtime lately. Handle what
you must, and then allow your fantasies
to play out. You'll just have to postpone
having a great time. Tonight: Out and
about.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Any fantasies you have about
taking off will need to be indulged in
some way. Spending funds might be an
issue, though you feel unusually affluent
at this point in the month. You could get
into some holiday shopping, and clear
out most of your list. Tonight: Read
between the lines.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ One-on-one relating always
intrigues you. You like to understand the
various mechanics that make others tick.
Nothing pleases you more than getting to
know someone even better. Be aware that

this exploration probably will become
mutual. Tonight: Dinner and a movie for
two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Defer to someone else if you
would like to have a good day. This per-
son sometimes gets tired of you calling
all the shots. Your instincts are right-on.
Let others steal the stage from you more
often. You will be well-rewarded by a
more easygoing attitude. Tonight: Accept
an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ One-on-one relating gives you
the information you seek. Clear out a
project in the morning in order to have
more time with your family and/or to run
errands. You can accomplish a lion's
share of the work if you set your mind to
it. Do some holiday decorating. Tonight:
Pace yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Though you could be having a
good time caught up in your thoughts,
others might feel as though you are
ignoring them. You might want to con-
sider sharing some of the wilder thoughts
you have. Someone might want to join
you. Tonight: Build your reputation as a
wild thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Tension builds around the
homefront, as you have a lot you want to
get done. Others might not be as accom-
modating as you would like. As a result,
you could be slightly more aloof than
you have been in a while. Do some holi-
day shopping, and you'll feel better.
Tonight: All smiles.

BORN TODAY

Singer Britney Spears (1981), football
player Aaron Rodgers (1983), actress
Lucy Liu (1968)

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JUMBLE

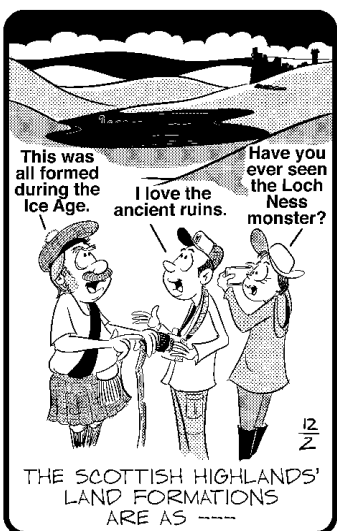
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O	T	B	U	D
A	L	E	N	D
G	L	E	H	I

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by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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(Answers Monday)

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY PROBATE DIVISION, AT BLOUNTVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE: ESTATE OF WANDA ROE ROBERTS

LINDA BAIRD, Personal Representative

Plaintiff

vs.

VICKIE JOHNSON, Address Unknown, Greeneville, TN

LYNN A. JOHNSON, last known address P.O. Box 1356, Greeneville, TN 37744

WHITNIE SHEA TUNNELL, last known address 1185 Snapps Ferry Rd., Greeneville, TN

KNOW AND UNKNOWN HEIRS

Defendants

ORDER ALLOWING SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN LIEU OF PERSONAL SERVICE

The Plaintiff, Linda Baird, Personal Representative of the Estate of Wanda Roe Roberts, has filed a Motion for an Order allowing service of process by publication in lieu of personal service upon Defendants, Vickie Johnson, Lynn A. Johnson, Whitnie Shea Tunnell, the known heirs and also for any unknown heirs. Plaintiff, Linda Baird, had demonstrated by sworn Affidavit that at the filing of the Motion for Service by Publication, the addresses of three (3) named Defendant(s) known and the unknown heirs could not be ascertained upon diligent inquiry.

It is therefore, ORDERED, that the Clerk of this Court shall:

1. Forthwith cause a copy of this order to be published, for four (4) consecutive weeks in the Kingsport Times News which is the newspaper of general circulation in Sullivan County;

2. The copy of this order that is to be published, shall include the names of the parties to this action, the name of this Court, and the location at which this Court is held.

3. The copy of this Order that is published shall further notify the defendant that he/she must answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this action within 30 days of the fourth weekly publication of this order, and if he does not answer or otherwise respond, a Default Judgment may be entered against them.

(signed) HONORABLE E.G. MOODY, CHANCELLOR

Larry R. Dillow TN-BPR #000663
421 E. Market Street
P.O. Box 3886
Kingsport, TN 37664

(signed) By: Larry R. Dillow
Attorney for the Estate
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NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that The Health and Educational Facilities Board of the City of Johnson City, Tennessee (the "Board") will hold a special meeting on December 18, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building located at 601 E. Main in Johnson City, Tennessee to consider and act upon all business which may properly come before the Board, said business to include, but not necessarily be limited to:

- the issuance of the Board's revenue bonds in the total amount not to exceed \$350,000,000 (the "Advance Refunding Bonds"), the proceeds of which, if issued, would be loaned to Mountain State Health Alliance, a Tennessee nonprofit corporation (the "Alliance"), to assist the Alliance with the refunding in whole or in part of the outstanding principal amount of (a) the Board's Hospital Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance), Series 2009A (the "Series 2009A Bonds"), (b) the Industrial Development Authority of Smyth County's (the "Smyth Authority") Hospital Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance), Series 2009B (the "Series 2009B Bonds"), (c) the Industrial Development Authority of Washington County, Virginia's Hospital Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance), Series 2009C (the "Series 2009C Bonds"), (d) the Board's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance), Series 2010A (the "Series 2010A Bonds"), and (e) the Smyth Authority's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance), Series 2010B (the "Series 2010B Bonds"); and
- the issuance of the Board's revenue bonds in the approximate amount of \$215,000,000 (the "Current Refunding Bonds"), the proceeds of which, if issued, would be loaned to the Alliance to assist the Alliance with the refunding in whole or in part of the outstanding principal amount of (a) the Board's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013C, (b) the Smyth Authority's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013D, (c) the Smyth Authority's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013E, (d) the Smyth Authority's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013F, (e) the Board's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013G, and (f) the Smyth Authority's Hospital Refunding Revenue Bonds (Mountain States Health Alliance) Series 2013H.

The Series 2009A Bonds financed or refinanced costs associated with the acquisition, constructing and equipping of the Alliance's facilities located at (1) 400 N State of Franklin Road, Johnson City, Tennessee, and commonly known as the Johnson City Medical Center ("JCMC"), (2) 203 E. Watauga Avenue Johnson City, Tennessee, and commonly known as the Johnson City Specialty Hospital ("JCSH"), (3) 401 Princeton Road, Johnson City, Tennessee, and commonly known as the North Side Hospital ("Northside"), (4) 2000 Brookside Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee, and commonly referred to as Indian Path Medical Center ("Indian Path"), (5) 1501 West Elk Avenue, Elizabethton, Tennessee, and commonly known as Sycamore Shoals Hospital ("Sycamore Shoals"), (6) 403 N State of Franklin Road, Johnson City, Tennessee, and commonly known as Woodridge Hospital ("Woodridge"), and (7) 300 Med Tech Pkwy, Johnson City, Tennessee, and commonly known as Franklin Woods Community Hospital ("Franklin Woods").

The Series 2009B Bonds refinanced prior obligations of the Alliance, which financed and refinanced the costs associated with the acquisition, constructing and equipping of the Alliance's facilities located at 245 Medical Park Drive, Marion, Virginia, and commonly known as Smyth County Hospital.

The Series 2009C Bonds financed the costs associated with the acquisition, constructing and equipping of the Alliance's facilities located at 16000 Johnston Memorial Drive, Abingdon, Virginia, and commonly known as Johnston Memorial Hospital.

Series 2010A Bonds financed or refinanced costs associated with the acquisition, constructing and equipping of the Alliance's facilities located at (1) JCMC, (2) Franklin Woods, (3) Woodridge, (4) Northside, (5) Indian Path, (6) JCSH, (7) 1901 South Shady Street, Mountain City, Tennessee, and commonly known as the Johnson County Community Hospital, and (8) Sycamore Shoals.

The Series 2010B Bonds refinanced prior obligations of the Alliance, which financed the costs associated with the acquisition, construction and equipping of the Alliance's facilities located at 245 Medical Park Drive, Marion, Virginia, and commonly known as Smyth County Hospital and 100 15th St NW, Norton, Virginia, and commonly known as Norton Community Hospital.

It is expected that approximately \$204,000,000 of the Advance Refunding Bonds will be used to refinance the Series 2009A Bonds and the Series 2010A Bonds, which financed and refinanced the costs of the facilities that are located in Tennessee. It is expected that approximately \$146,000,000 of the Advance Refunding Bonds will be used to refinance the Series 2009B Bonds, the Series 2009C Bonds and the Series 2010B Bonds, which financed and refinanced the costs of the facilities that are located in Virginia.

THE ADVANCE REFUNDING BONDS AND THE CURRENT REFUNDING BONDS (COLLECTIVELY, THE "BONDS"), IF ISSUED, WOULD NOT REPRESENT OR CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR PLEDGE OF THE FAITH AND CREDIT OR THE TAXING POWER OF THE BOARD, THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, OR ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THEREOF INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE CITIES OF JOHNSON CITY, KINGSFORT, ELIZABETHTON AND MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE AND THE COUNTIES OF WASHINGTON, SULLIVAN, CARTER AND JOHNSON, TENNESSEE.

At the time and place set forth above, the Board will hold a public hearing relative to the proposed issuance of the Advance Refunding Bonds on behalf of itself, the Cities of Kingsport, Elizabethton and Mountain City, Tennessee and the Counties of Sullivan, Carter and Johnson, Tennessee. The public hearing will be held pursuant to the requirements of Section 147(f) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any person interested in the issuance of the Advance Refunding Bonds or the location or purpose of the assets to be financed or refinanced with the proceeds of the Advance Refunding Bonds is invited to attend the public hearing (which may be continued or adjourned to a later date), and they will be given an opportunity to express their views both orally and in written form concerning the proposed issuance of the Advance Refunding Bonds and the financing and refinancing of the projects with the proceeds thereof.

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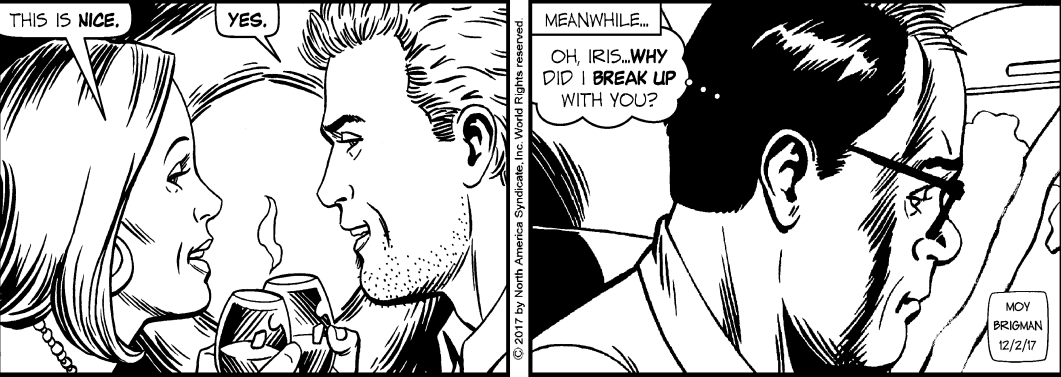
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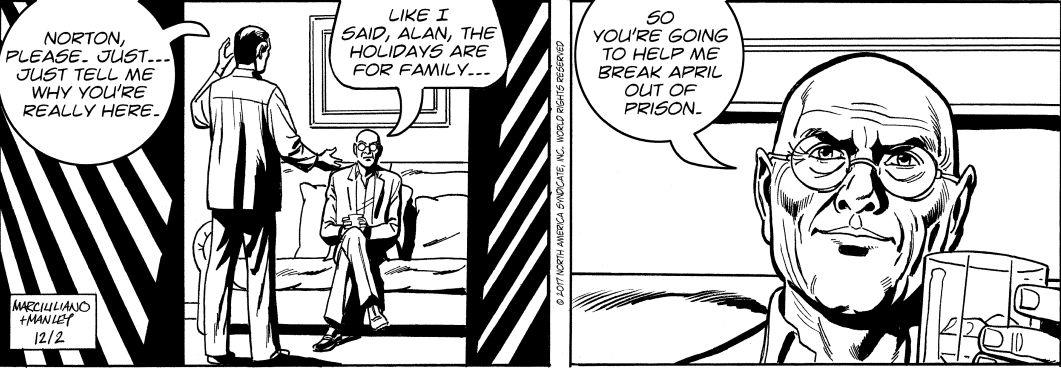
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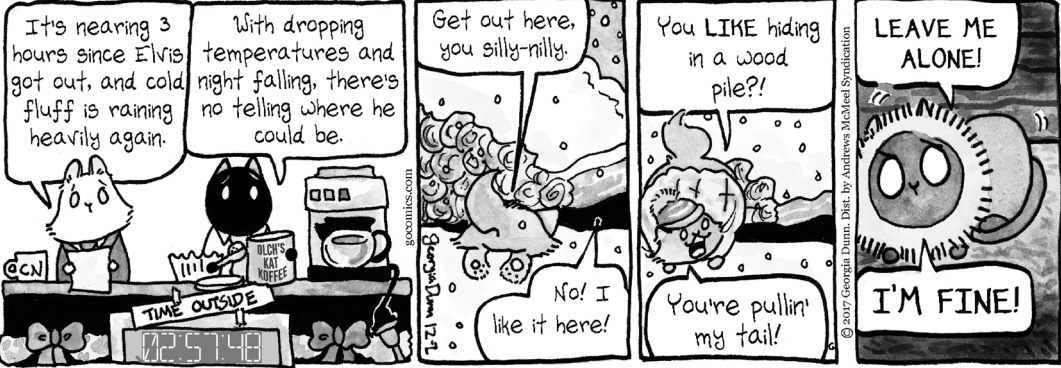
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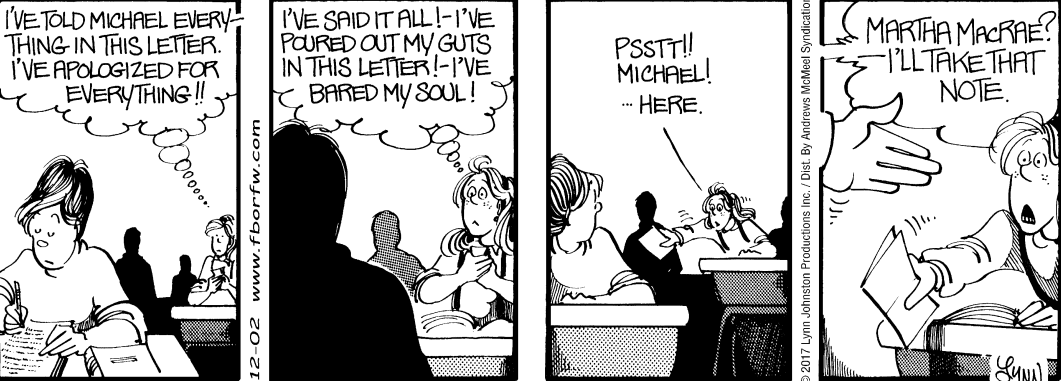
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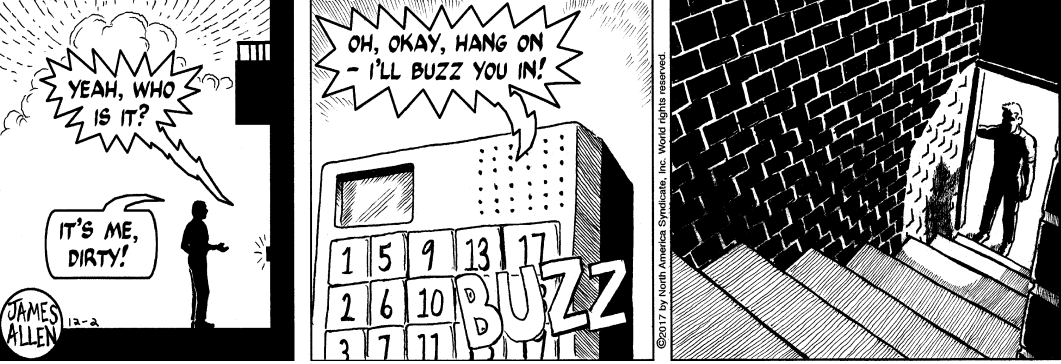
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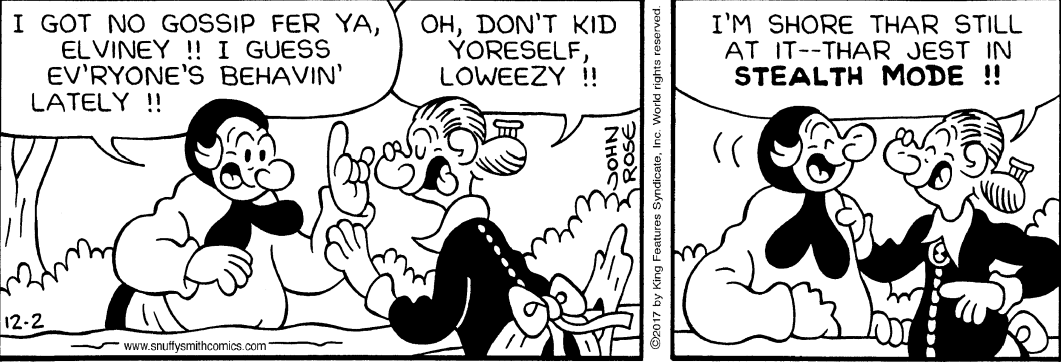
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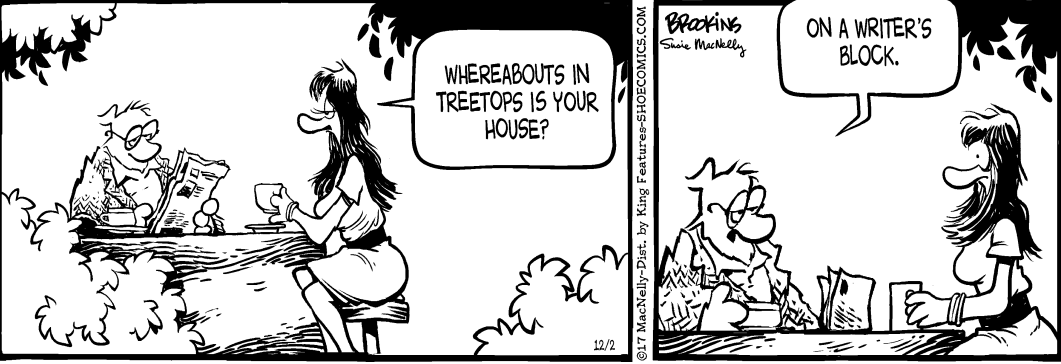
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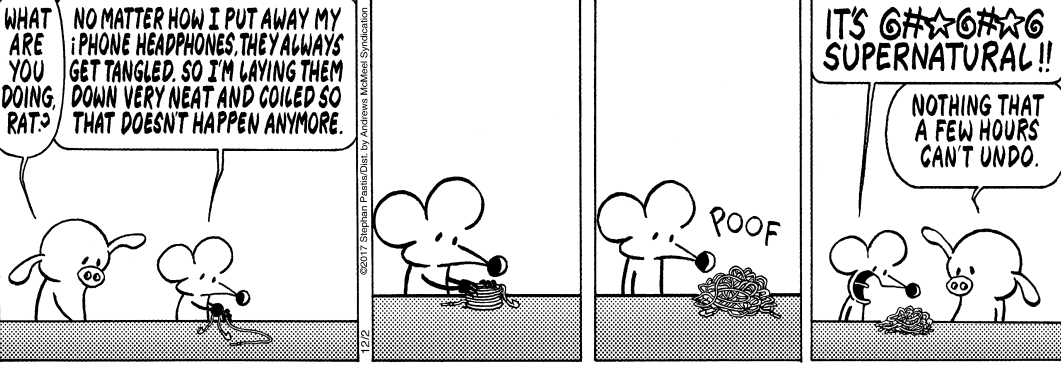
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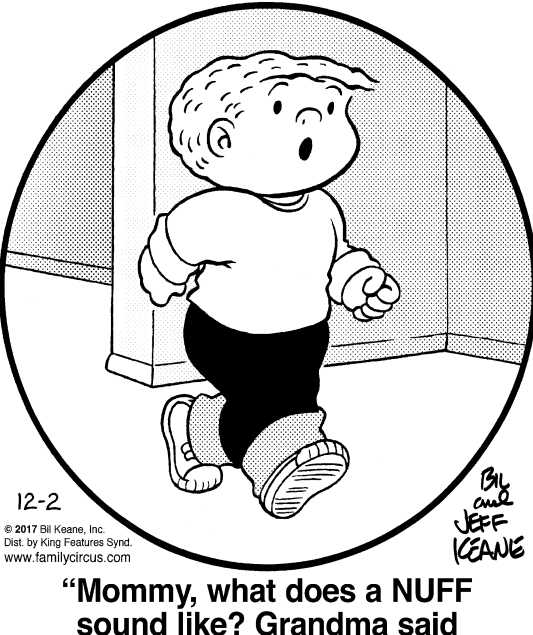
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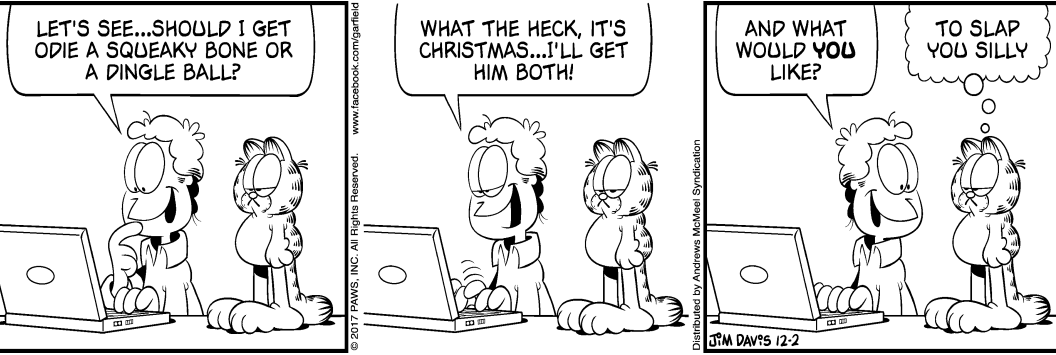
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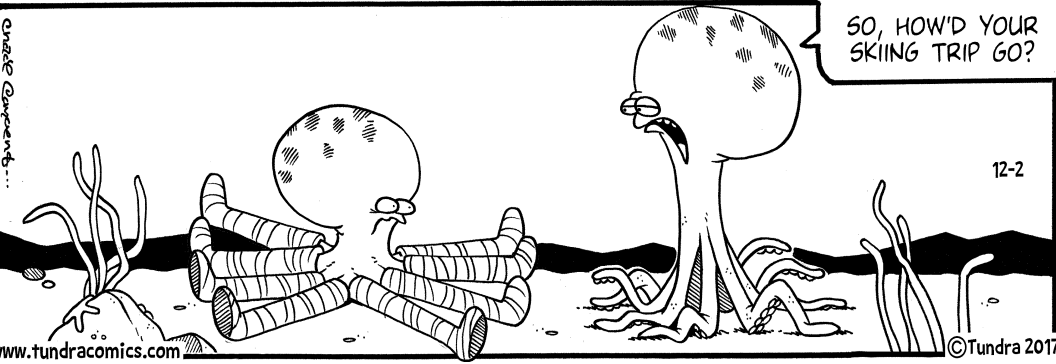
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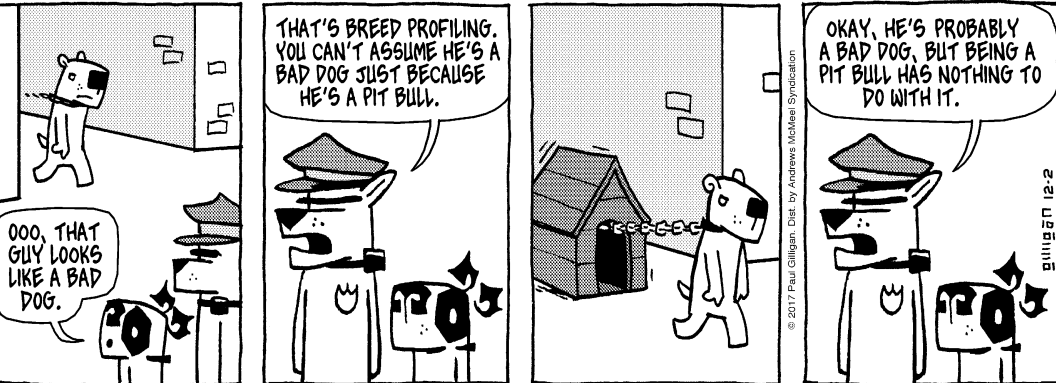
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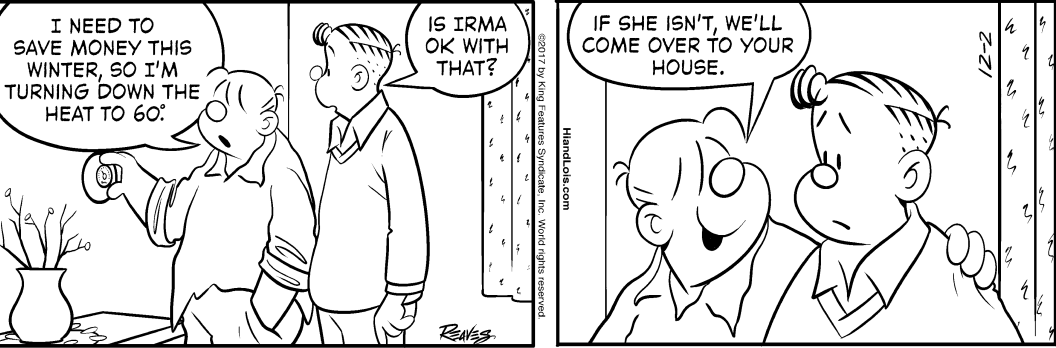
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