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## 1,000-POINT MARK



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Cascade's Lucas Clanton fires up the free throw that marked his 1,000th career point.

## Cascade's Clanton reaches goal

By WILL CARTER  
Sports Writer

Three points were all that separated Lucas Clanton from etching his name in Cascade High School's record book of 1,000 career point scorers heading into a home matchup with the Lincoln County Falcons on Friday night.

While the mark was as close as a three-pointer away, points in general weren't easy to come by for Clanton early on in the game.

After driving baseline and laying the ball in from the opposite side of the goal

in the first quarter, he was just one free throw away from the career achievement, but foul trouble forced him to sit idly for the majority of the second quarter.

That one free throw came early in the third quarter after Clanton broke free on a fast break and drew a foul for two chances at the line.

In what was the most dramatic point of the game as the Champions held a comfortable lead throughout, Clanton missed on his first attempt and an audible

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## MTSU urges city to back aero campus

### Economic boost touted by university's leaders

By DAVID MELSON  
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Middle Tennessee State University leaders had a strong message for Shelbyville City Council members at a workshop last Wednesday.

The university plans to bring a "world-class aviation campus" to Shelbyville Municipal Airport, president Dr. Sidney A. McPhee said. "I don't blow smoke. If I say we're going to do something, we're going to get it done."

"We'll be the biggest economic thing that has ever happened to this city," Stephen B. Smith, chair of the university's Board of Trustees, said.

### Decision makers

Newly-elected council member Bobby Turnbow had a strong message for McPhee and other aerospace campus supporters.

"The six people here are the ones who will make it happen," he said, referring to the council members who will ultimately decide the university's use of the airport.

McPhee had been asked by Turnbow when the university would know specific details about its needs concerning proposed use of and development near the airport. He responded by saying city staff members are reviewing MTSU's requests, which will be brought before Shelbyville Airport Authority at its January meeting.

Turnbow has expressed

concern that groups and individuals dealing with city issues are talking first with advisory boards and full-time staff members in various departments rather than the council.

"You said 'staff.' Who is 'staff'?" Turnbow said at a council study session last week in response to an engineer who had mentioned discussing drainage issues with a fulltime City of Shelbyville department head.

### Making a point

McPhee brought several of MTSU's big guns with him to the session, held solely for the council to be presented details of the proposed campus. They included Smith, a businessman and well-known Tennessee Walking Horse enthusiast, who said he has owned a home in Shelbyville for 40 years.

"This is one of the most exciting opportunities in my 22 years at MTSU," McPhee said, describing the campus as a "win-win" for the university, city and Bedford County.

MTSU's aerospace department is one of its oldest, established in 1942 and operating from Murfreesboro's airport since 1952, said Dr. Gregory Van Patten, interim dean of basic and applied sciences at MTSU.

The program has run out of space at that facility, which was once surrounded by open space

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## Planning commission approves moratorium

By ZOË WATKINS  
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The Bedford County Planning Commission voted to pass a favorable recommendation on a resolution that would place a six-month moratorium on all major subdivisions and planned unit developments.

This would allow the planning commission to study potential amendments to both the Zoning Resolution and Subdivision Regulations. The moratorium only applies to developments that include more than five individual parcels.

The moratorium has to go before the Bedford County Board of Commissioners when they

meet next month before it is approved.

"It gives us a chance to be able to work on some things without being inundated with plans and reviews...so we can study our rules, look at what's working and what's not working," said zoning director Chris White.

Some of those issues include looking at flag lots, storm water detention, roads, and STEP systems.

### Flag lots

The discussion of flag lots took up most of the Tuesday study session's time. They have been an issue in the zoning rules

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## Rezoning pleas draw mixed results

By ZOË WATKINS  
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The Bedford County Board of Commissioners met in a regular meeting Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, to discuss two rezonings, one of which passed and another which was turned down.

Approximately one acre of land at the corner of Fairfield Pike and Bell Buckle-Wartrace Road will be rezoned from agricultural to commercial for the purpose of a convenience store.

But the biggest concern was traffic. Since the Cascade schools are nearby, commissioners were concerned about any increase in traffic, especially during school hours.

District 1 Commissioner Drew Hooker said many residents were split on the rezoning due to the potential traffic concerns.

Bedford County Schools superintendent Tammy Garrett was present at the meeting to speak on the school zone traffic, which is an issue in the area as only 20% of Cascade Elementary School students ride the bus. On the positive side, Garrett said the elementary, middle, and high school all begin at different times, which helps with traffic congestion.

Highway superintendent Mark Clanton was also at the meeting and said the owner of the lot, Dwayne Sullivan, was willing to cooperate with the Tennessee Department of Transportation to put in a 50 foot right of way. Though Clanton had some certainty it requires no less than 50 feet of an additional right of way, he said that figure shouldn't be locked in stone until further study is made.

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**WOMAN'S CLUB HONORS PAST LEADERS**



The Shelbyville Woman's Club honored several past presidents who are still active today. Each lady was given a rose to commemorate her service. Front row, left to right, Billie Crowell, Janice Carlton, Gay Ervin, Ardis R. Caffey, Becky Nichols. Middle row, Geneva Melson, Joan Gray, Kay Rose. Back row, Jenni Feldhaus, Lori Schuler, Lila Beasley, Mary Ann Davis, Peggy Orrell, Tami Smith, Helen Garner, Ann Spencer, Sally McReynolds, Barbara Blanton.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

**Arctic air predicted to blast South**

By **JEFF MARTIN**  
and **JULIE WALKER**  
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Forecasters are warning of treacherous holiday travel and life-threatening cold for much of the nation as an arctic air mass blows into the already-frigid southern United States.

"We're looking at much-below normal temperatures, potentially record-low temperatures leading up to the Christmas holiday," said Zack Taylor, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The polar air arrives as an earlier storm system gradually winds down in the northeastern U.S. after burying parts of the region under two feet (61 centimeters) of snow. More than 80,000 customers in New England were still without power on Sunday morning, according to poweroutage.us, which tracks outages across the country.

The incoming arctic front brings "extreme and prolonged freezing conditions for southern Mississippi and southeast Louisiana," the National Weather Service in a special weather statement Sunday.

By Thursday night, temperatures will plunge as low as 5 degrees in the Shelbyville-Middle Tennessee area and 13 degrees in Jackson, Mississippi, the National Weather Service predicts.

For much of the U.S., the winter weather will get worse before it gets better.

The coming week has the potential for "the coldest air of the season" as the strong arctic front marches across the eastern two-thirds of the country in the days before Christmas, according to the

said. "It's the speed with which the temperature drops."

Florida will not have a white Christmas, but forecasters are expecting that weekend to be unusually cold throughout the state.

Northern Florida cities such as Jacksonville, Tallahassee and Pensacola have predicted lows in the 20s on Christmas Eve, with highs of about 40. Orlando and Tampa are not expected to break 50 on Christmas Eve and even Miami isn't expected to get out of the 50s.

In the Northeast, utility companies brought in extra workers from other states but were hampered by slick roads and dangerous conditions.

"This was a heavy, wet snow so that had impacts on both travel and the infrastructure," said Frank Pereira, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Police across New

England responded to hundreds of weekend crashes or vehicles sliding off the road. Maine State Police said Saturday night they had responded to more than 180 crashes since Friday evening. There were only minor injuries.

Vermont officials said they're finding locations for potential warming centers in the hardest-hit areas, in case they're needed. State officials warned Saturday that some customers' power may not be restored for two to three days.

"Last night we had some people come in who weren't able to cook for themselves, and so we definitely made sure that we had room for them," Becket Gourlay, a host at the Waterhouse Restaurant in Peterborough, New Hampshire, said on Sunday. "Even today we had some people who came in to watch the final match for the World Cup because their TVs were out."

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Thanks from Marine Corps League**

Dear Editor:

As a life member and historian of the local Brig. Gen. Austin Shofner Marine Corps League (MCL) and former Marine, this letter is written in appreciation to all who made possible and successful our annual Children's Christmas program for Bedford county in which we buy clothes and shoes for Bedford county's needy children in as much as our funds provide.

This Christmas program for children is also funded and implemented by the MCL in the surrounding counties of Coffee, Moore and Franklin. The Marine Corps League is a national recognized, non-profit, tax exempt charitable military organization composed of current and former Marines and Navy corpsmen who were assigned to Marine Corps units. During the year our MCL engages in many fund-raising endeavors with the money raised used to fund various charitable programs in the four mentioned counties. Our MCL also funds a scholarship program for excellent high school students and other worthy charitable issues.

Special thanks is given to the Bedford County Center for Family Development; and the volunteers there who provide our MCL the Bedford county children with clothing needs. Again, thanks to the many who have contributed to, and supported our MCL.

Our MCL is named in honor of a Bedford County Marine hero and Shelbyville native, the late Brig. Gen. Shofner, and we MCL members encourage all former and present Marines and Navy corpsman to join our organization and enjoy the camaraderie, fellowship and satisfaction in performing charitable work in helping the less fortunate. Semper Fidelis to my fellow Marines.

Charles David Slinger  
Shelbyville

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**AG NOTES**

By **JOHN TEAGUE**  
UT/TSU Extension

**PROGRAMS**

I'll be sharing and reminding folks about the programs that are starting up. These are really good opportunities and I want everyone to have a chance to get enrolled in these really good webinars. I support them and will be enrolled in some of them as we go through them.

**MASTER HORSE OWNER**

Dr. Jennie Ivey has announced the 2023 version of Tennessee Master Horse Program (TMHP). It is a good series on topics important to horse owners. There will be guest horse specialists from over the country in addition to Dr. Ivey.  
The schedule begins January 12 with a session on responsible horse ownership. On January 19 the session is on pasture management. This will be a good one. January 26 and February 2 will focus on nutrition. Dr. Ivey's specialty is forage based nutrition and this is a great discussion. February 9's session will cover economics and waste management.  
Diseases and emergencies will be discussed on February 16. The February 23 session will be on parasites and dental care. March 2 session will focus on hoof care. March 9 session's focus is equine liability and insurance, and the last session on March 16 will be hot topics and graduation.  
Early bird registration is \$165 and ends on December 31, 2022, and late registration runs from January 1-14, 2023 and costs \$195. Registration for the state TMHP includes access to all 10 webinars and the google classroom, a PDF of the TMHP Manual, a TMHP sign, a boot towel, and certificate upon completion, and one forage or soil test. Register today at tiny.utk.edu/2023tmhp  
Participants will also be registered for the Horse Management Field Day in our region at the Middle Tennessee Research and Education Center in Spring Hill. (More information on the field days will be sent in a separate email).  
For questions, contact Dr. Ivey at [jzivey@utk.edu](mailto:jzivey@utk.edu) or contact me at 648-5971 or at [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu)

**FARMING FUNDAMENTALS**

With the rise of many new and beginning farmers, we are excited to promote the Farming Fundamentals program offered by the Center of Farm Management! This program targets those who are new to farming and are looking to start a farm business/operation. As an added bonus, this program is also an accepted course for the Beginning Farmer option on the Tennessee Ag Enhancement Program application.  
This program can be delivered online. The online version can be accessed at any time, giving producers the flexibility to complete it at their own pace. It consists of 8 modules, each lasting roughly 1.5 hours long. Topics covered include: financial statements, taxes, farming foundations, business actions, livestock basics, specialty crops, value added and crops.  
I have the information on registration to pass on to those interested. Give me a call at 684-5971 or send me an email to [jteague1@utk.edu](mailto:jteague1@utk.edu) and I'll be glad to discuss this program and send the registration information.

**MASTER SMALL RUMINANT**

The dates for the upcoming Master Small Ruminant webinar series will begin on February 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue on February 9, February 16, February 23, March 2, March 9, March 16, March 23, March 30, and April 4. The time will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Central Time. Videos of each session will be available for those who may miss a live session. This is done in the convenience of home, and it is live and questions can be submitted. It will be led by  
For those who applied for TAEP, we can get you certified for the Master level of funding in time for the equipment deadline. For those who are interested, this will certify you for the next three years as a Master Small Ruminant Producer. I will have the registration information shortly, so if you are interested in this program, contact me at 684-5971 or by email.  
The topics will cover reproduction, health, nutrition marketing, facilities, etc., and will feature guest speakers. I'm a fan of this program due to the wide range of topics, the speakers involved, and the convenience of the programs.

**BORN IN A BARN**

I've shared this before. I still mean it and I feel strongly about it. Agriculture is important and its roots go back before anything else. I'll share it again.  
I wasn't born in a barn, but I heard about somebody who was. He was arguably the most influential person in the history of the world and still is at the center of focus for many, some for and some against. He lived for a time with animals such as a donkey and sheep. His first visitors were farmers.  
I've always been comfortable in a barn. I milked when I was three, and it was love for animals from that point. My Teague grandparents taught me about animals. Precious memories. It's the most fascinating thing to me, the whole process of livestock reproduction, genetics, feeding, caring, etc. My college education is in animal husbandry. My careers have been focused on agriculture. I never wanted to do anything else.  
My most peaceful times have been at the barn.  
Observing a quiet birth, listening to them eat, watching a baby nurse, watching for them to chew their cud. It's what I do. I've always felt that you could learn a lot about character at the barn. I know some folks who hated it, and they couldn't wait to leave it, and that's ok for them, but it's my thing.  
It's a peaceful time. A busy time, but there's some real peace. Listen for it, look for it, live it. After what we've been through and going through as a human race, we need it.

**SCHEDULE**

As a branch of the University of Tennessee, we will be on their holiday schedule. We will be open the rest of this week, but we will be closed the week of December 26 through January 2. We'll check phone messages and emails, so if it can't wait, leave us a message.



AP Photo by Lisa Rathke

**Organic dairy farmer Abbie Corse talks about farming at her family's more than 150-year-old-farm, in Whittingham, Vt.**

# Organic livestock farmers, hit by rising prices, seek help

By **LISA RATHKE**  
Associated Press

WHITTINGHAM, Vt. — Organic dairy and other livestock farmers are seeking emergency federal aid as they grapple with skyrocketing organic feed costs, steep fuel and utility expenses as well as the consequences of drought in many parts of the country.  
Two dozen U.S. senators and representatives wrote to U.S. Agriculture Department Secretary Tom Vilsack this week asking for emergency assistance for these farms. National and regional organic farming groups have also reached out to the department and the heads of the congressional committees.  
Organic dairy farmer Abbie Corse, whose more than 150-year-old family farm is located in the southern Vermont town of Whittingham, said she doesn't know what the future of the farm will look like.

organic soybeans in the U.S., used as feed on organic farms, soared to \$40.52 per bushel, an increase of nearly 110% from January 2021, according to the letter the members of Congress sent to Vilsack on Monday.  
Feed costs normally average over half of organic dairy and poultry farmers' total production costs "but dramatic increases year-over-year in organic feedstuffs are now creating unsustainable circumstances that could lead to farm closures, reduced competition and ultimately, limited consumer choice," the letter said.  
The war in Ukraine and the Agriculture Department's discontinuation of the National Organic Program recognition agreement with India has reduced imported grain supplies and pushed up prices, officials said.

Twelve farms had provided organic milk to the creamery until one recently went out of business, he said.  
"I'm concerned that the viability of these farms and the future of our communities is at risk," Straus said.  
U.S. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said he's heard from Vermont organic dairy farmers, companies that buy their milk and the state's agriculture secretary about "the severe financial pressure" organic dairies are facing.  
While Leahy, a Democrat, said the longer term solution must be found in more stable markets and a risk management program that works for organic dairy, he's confident "that the federal government will find an approach to provide temporary support to our struggling organic dairy farm families."

"If a farm like ours is questioning how we're going to keep going if something doesn't change, I don't know how we think there's a future for anybody," said Corse, 40, who farms with her mother and father.  
On top of the high feed, energy and fuel costs organic farmers are facing, labor is a pressing challenge for The Corse Farm Dairy, which has a herd of about 90 and sells its milk to Organic Valley, an international milk cooperative based in LaFarge, Wisconsin. If anyone is unable to work, the family doesn't have backup to keep the farm running.  
"We are a medical emergency away from selling our herd," she said.  
In May of this year, prices for

California, the country's top dairy state, to have its driest three-year stretch on record and, this summer, challenged farmers in the Northeast. Western forages have been depleted and organic alfalfas, hays and silageages are in limited supply and nearly doubled in price, said Albert Straus, the founder and CEO of Straus Family Creamery in Marin County. The creamery has formed a crisis coalition of organic dairy farms, processors and brands in the West to petition for emergency drought relief.  
California has lost 10 organic dairies in the last several months and as many as 50 are projected to go out of business if no relief comes in the next couple of months, said Straus.

A spokesperson said the Agriculture Department "is exploring avenues to address the challenges faced by organic dairy farmers, while also pursuing ongoing work to support organic and transitioning farmers through USDA programs."  
For Kathie Arnold, who farms with her son at Twin Oaks Dairy in the central New York town of Truxton, this is likely one of the most financially difficult periods she has seen since the farm became organic in 1998. They're going to survive, but for other younger farmers, who bought their farms in recent years and have debt to pay off monthly, "they're not going to be able to weather this storm," Arnold said.

## New state service helps combat bird flu

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Tennessee Department of Agriculture says they're offering a new service to help bird owners following a new detection of highly pathogenic avian influenza. The agency said Thursday that the detection occurred in Weakley

County, where it affected a backyard flock of egg-producing chickens.  
Department officials say that people who have backyard flocks or pet birds can now sign up to receive email alerts on the health of domesticated birds in Tennessee.

Notifications will range from new HPIA detections, changes to movement or sales requirements, and other issues affecting domesticated birds.  
"We hate to see this illness affecting another farmer in Tennessee," State

Veterinarian Dr. Samantha Beatty said in a statement. "As we work with this producer and our partners to contain this outbreak to one facility, we are also considering how best to share information with bird owners."

## USDA hired to kill coyotes

NAHANT, Mass. (AP) —A Massachusetts town has decided to become the first in the state to contract with the federal government to kill coyotes locals say have killed pets and become a dangerous nuisance.  
Local officials said eight to 12 coyotes inhabit Nahant, a densely settled town of about 3,300 people on a peninsula about 15 miles north of Boston. The animals have killed pets, including three that were taken straight from leashes held by their owners, said Antonio Barletta, the town administrator.  
Town officials voted Dec. 7 to enter into an agreement with U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services to kill the coyotes using rifles. It's the first time a Massachusetts community has pursued such an option, which Barletta said is expected

to cost \$5,000 to \$10,000, depending on how long it takes.  
The USDA workers will perform the work at night using night vision equipment in parts of town where the shooting won't pose a threat to residents, Barletta said. The work will likely take place next month, he said.  
The decision has drawn criticism from some wildlife advocates, including the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. But Barletta said the coyotes are becoming a threat to dogwalkers.  
The town is also working on a campaign to help residents coexist with coyotes in the future, Barletta said. That will mean cutting off their food sources and preventing them from becoming too comfortable around humans, he said.

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# CALL OF THE SONG

## Longtime educator Gordon follows his heart into radio

By **MARK MCGEE**  
Special to the T-G

It is a rare occurrence when someone's life is influenced positively by a television show. It is even more unusual when the person's life is reflective of two TV shows.

But such has been the case for Shelbyville's Neal Gordon. His two favorite television shows growing up were "Welcome Back Kotter", about a former student returning to his alma mater as a teacher, and "WKRP in Cincinnati", a comedy about a radio station.

He spent 35 years as a teacher, returning home to be in a high school classroom just like Gabe Kaplan's character. In October he began his career as a radio executive as general manager for Bowman Media Company's three radio stations — WDUC (93.9 The Duck), WFTZ (Rooster 101.5) and WHMT (Whiskey Country 95.9 and 105.1).

"I wasn't looking for a change," Gordon said. "School was going great. I always considered myself the last of the company men with 35 years of working in one industry with one job in one place and one classroom for the longest time. I worked in a magical profession with some of the best people I have known."

"I always took a lot of pride in that...the consistency. My job resume looked very thin. But it has a lot of things it has entailed through the years."

Pete Bowman, owner of Bowman Media Co., called Gordon to see if he was interested in changing careers.

"I told him to give me a week to think about it," Gordon said. "But I needed less than 48 hours."

"Pete is a great guy. I am learning so much from him. This has been a great fit."

### Love of music

His love of music made the offer to teach one he could not refuse.

Gordon had been a part of WDUC on a part-time basis hosting a pair of music shows and co-hosting "Sports Saturday" which has been a morning staple for 10 years. His co-hosts a music show, "Time To Time" with Johnny Rodriguez on Sundays from five to 7 p.m.

"Few people get to work in two fields they are passionate about," Gordon said. "This has been a really good opportunity. I



T-G Photo by Mark McGee

Neal Gordon works at his new desk as general manager of Bowman Media Co.'s radio stations.



Submitted Photo

Gordon in his 35-year home — his classroom at Shelbyville Central High School.



T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

A large group of Gordon's former SCHS soccer players gathered to honor his legacy as the program's founding coach.

am learning so much from Pete. He is a great guy.

"I was a Bedford County man tried and true. I very seldom ventured outside the county. Now with the stations we serve an 11-county area. I have a great area of influence."

### Path to the classroom

After graduation from Shelbyville Central High School, Gordon attended the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he spent weekends cheering on the Volunteers and weekdays studying for a career in medicine.

In pre-medicine as his major he needed an extra quarter to complete his student teaching requirements, graduating in December 1987.

"I thought I was going to go into medicine particularly as a pediatrician," Gordon said. "I had some success in college, but I wasn't satisfied at a certain point about my choice."

"As a junior my roommates and I were talking in the wee hours of the morning. Someone asked, 'if it wasn't for money, what would you



Submitted photo

Gordon on the sideline during his coaching days.

want to do?" I said I would go back to my high school and teach biology and chemistry."

Then Central High School principal Mike Bone gave Gordon the Christmas present he wanted a year later.

"One morning Mike called me and asked me when I was going to graduate," Gordon said. "I told him strangely enough I was graduating that day."

"He told me he needed to see me the next Monday. He hired me on the spot, and I went straight to the classroom. It was magic."

### His coaching legacy

Gordon's established a legacy in local education both in and out of the classroom. He started the boys' soccer program in 1992 and served as a head coach until 2018 when he stepped down. He started the girls' soccer team in 1996. He also coached the golf team.

"It was a natural thing," Gordon said of his leaving coaching. "I just knew it was time. It wasn't a big decision."

Chris Fritz took over both programs. Eventually, Casey Curren, one of Gordon's former players, stepped in as head coach of the girls team.

"I was surprised as anybody when my coaching career was over," Gordon said of his decision. "Coach Fritz let me hang around as an assistant. I wasn't as good a help as I needed to be."

"I was satisfied with where things were. Sometimes you have to step aside and let younger people with new ideas and



Submitted Photo

Gordon, left, with several then-new graduates of SCHS.

new ways of doing things take your place. We don't like to do that. There is some finality in giving up your spot. There is so much reward in watching your proteges and the people you have taught be successful. It is maybe in many ways more fun than my own success."

### Embracing the changes

"Over the course of 35 years there have been highs and lows," Gordon said. "Most of the time it was pretty consistent. I enjoyed my job."

"The administrations changed but it has always been good. One of the most consistent things we have had is great teachers and great administrators the whole time. However, none of the people I started with at Central were there when I left."

In the classroom he taught biology, chemistry, physics, anatomy and physiology, honors biology and honors chemistry. He saw many changes during his time in front of students.

"Obviously, our society has changed," Gordon said. "In particular in Shelbyville we have had major changes."

"I don't think the young people have changed but maybe their talents have changed. Discipline has changed. The way students interact with each other has changed."

He also watched the physical aspects of his classroom evolve.

"When I first started classroom were organized in rows and columns and fluorescent lighting," Gordon said. "They have found many of those things were not conducive to learning so they are using softer lighting and round

tables. That would have been fanciful thinking when I went to school."

### Family support

Gordon is the son of Mary Frances and David Gordon. He and his wife Kanya, a teacher at Eakin Primary, have two daughters — Whitney and Alexis.

"When I talked to Mom and Dad about this job, they were in on it from the beginning," Gordon said. "I think they saw it as a good opportunity as well."

"My wife was supportive. There was a lot of upheaval in our lives. My sister, Marla Agee, probably said it best of all. She told me she was so proud of me being willing to take a risk. That was a good moment for me right there."

One of his former students told him one day he wanted to be "a lifelong learner". It was music to Gordon's ears as it was always his goal as a teacher to prepare his students to never stop learning new things.

"The world does change," Gordon said. "You either learn and adapt or get swallowed up by it. One of my biggest challenges was to keep growing and adapting as a professional. When you get older none of us accept change the way we should."

"They say the average person in the workforce today will have 10 different jobs. I always considered myself the last of the company men after 35 years working in one industry, one job and one classroom for most of that time. I take a lot of pride in that consistency."

He doesn't like to talk about any disappointments he experienced in the classroom, but he does

admit there are more things he would have liked to have accomplished.

"For all of the things you accomplish you think there is so much more left to do," Gordon said. "There was so much more left on the table that I could have done. There was a lot of untapped potential in myself."

"Sure, I would have liked to have gone to the state tournament in soccer. We got really close a couple of times. I would have liked to have taught a few Nobel prize winners. Maybe I could have been more inspirational. My biggest disappointment would be did I do enough?"

### A new challenge

Like his former students Gordon is learning to adapt to change at the age of 57 in his second career.

"The biggest challenge I had as a teacher was to keep growing and adapting as a professional," Gordon said. "You realize you have to put away some of the things you used to do."

"I don't think any of us, especially when we get older, accept change the way that we should. It is necessary to keep changing or sooner or later you are going to be teaching students to make buggies and harnesses. You have to keep going forward."

Which is exactly what he is doing with his radio gig.

"It is fun," Gordon said. "It is challenging. I was passionate about teaching, and I have always been passionate about music which is something I get to do through radio."

"I look forward to continuing to grow in this job. I love being around music and this is a perfect opportunity for me. It has been an adventure."

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# Infuse Holiday Gatherings with Fresh Grape Flavor

FAMILY FEATURES

The elegance of the holidays starts at the table with meals, desserts and drinks shared among loved ones. This year, let grapes add easy elegance to seasonal recipes as a signature ingredient perfect for special occasions.

As a highly versatile addition to appetizers, snacks, main courses, sides and desserts, grapes are an essential ingredient to keep on hand. Thanks to their delicate sweetness and juicy texture, Grapes from California can be the star at the center of the meal in unique and tasty Braised Pork Chops with Spiced Honey and Grapes served with Spiked Grape Cider for a cozy adult beverage.

Finish the celebration by sharing Grape Basque-Style Cheesecake, where delicious, fresh grape juice is used in the cheesecake batter to lend natural sweetness and enhance flavor. Decorate the top with fresh, juicy grapes for a final festive touch.

Find more sweet ideas to celebrate the holidays at [GrapesfromCalifornia.com](http://GrapesfromCalifornia.com).

## Braised Pork Chops with Spiced Honey and Grapes

Servings: 4

- 4 thick pork chops (about 3 pounds)
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted
- 1 1/2 cups whole red or black Grapes from California
- 1/3 cup honey
- 2 small cinnamon sticks, broken
- 3-5 whole cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon dried ground ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh mint (optional)

Preheat oven to 325 F.

Heat heavy, lidded saute pan or casserole dish over medium-high heat. Dust pork chops with flour and brown slowly in melted butter. Do not let flour burn.

Remove pan from heat and add grapes, honey, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, salt and pepper. Cover and place in oven. Braise slowly 50-60 minutes, or until pork is tender. Remove pork from pan and keep warm. Skim pan sauce of excess fat. Arrange pork chops on serving platter, spoon with sauce and sprinkle with chopped mint, if desired.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 569 calories; 54 g protein; 41 g carbohydrates; 21 g fat (33% calories from fat); 9 g saturated fat (14% calories from saturated fat); 33% calories from fat; 165 mg cholesterol; 407 mg sodium; 1.6 g fiber.



## A Sweet Party Starter



Set the stage for a delicious get-together by serving an easy, attractive appetizer like this Grape Party Tray with fresh grapes, prosciutto, cheeses, pistachios and more holiday favorites. Grapes are easy to include as they offer variety – different colors, shapes, sizes and textures – which makes them an ideal healthy snack or ingredient in tasty recipes.

## Grape Basque-Style Cheesecake

Prep time: 15 minutes, plus cooling and chilling

Bake time: 40 minutes

Servings: 12

- 2 cups green Grapes from California, divided
- 1/4 cup, plus 2/3 cup, granulated sugar, divided
- 2 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 large pinches kosher salt
- 21 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1 cup cold heavy cream
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 2 tablespoons orange-flavored liqueur (optional)

Heat oven to 425 F with rack in center. Use 12-by-16-inch sheet of parchment paper to line 9-inch springform pan in center. Press paper into bottom edge of pan and flatten creases around sides. Place pan on shallow baking sheet.

In mini blender or food processor, blend 1 cup grapes, 1/4 cup sugar, cornstarch and salt on high until smooth, about 1 minute.

In bowl of electric mixer fitted with paddle, beat cream cheese and remaining sugar until fluffy, 1-2 minutes. With mixer on medium speed, gradually pour in heavy cream; scrape down and beat on high speed until mixture resembles soft whipped cream, about 1 minute. Beat in eggs, one at a time, scraping down between additions. At medium speed,

gradually add grape puree mixture; scrape and mix until well blended, 1 minute.

Pour batter into prepared pan, transfer to oven and bake 38-40 minutes until cake is puffed and top is caramel brown. Cracks will appear around edges and cake will be wobbly when touched gently with finger. Set cake pan on baking sheet on rack to cool. Cake will sink to half its height. Cool to room temperature, 1-2 hours, then refrigerate uncovered. Do not unmold cake from pan until well chilled, at least 5 hours or overnight.

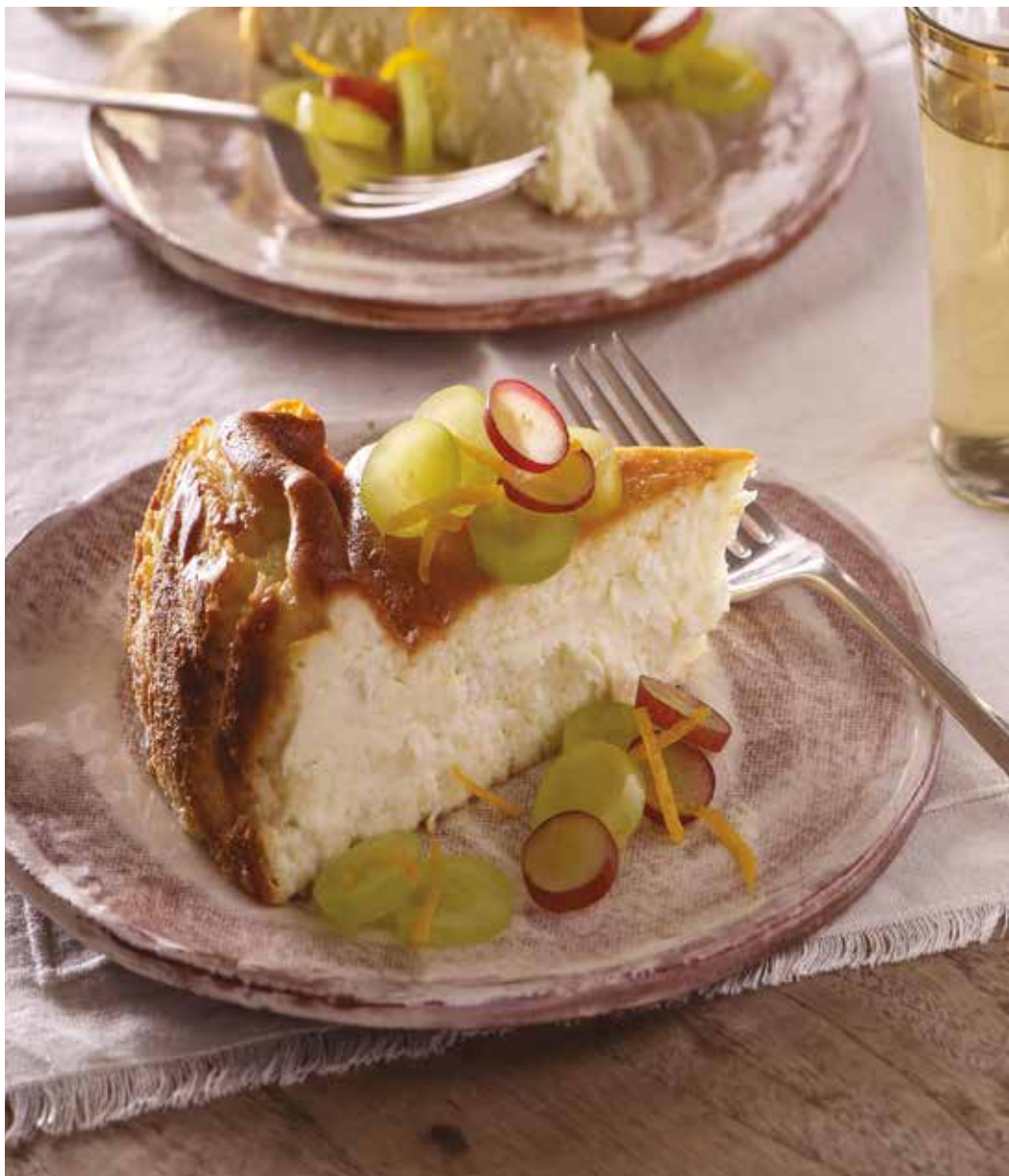
Slice remaining grapes in halves or rounds. In small bowl, combine grapes with orange liqueur, if desired, and set aside.

When ready to serve, remove side of pan. Carefully pull creased parchment away from side of cheesecake then transfer to serving platter by peeling parchment away from bottom of cake and underneath pan while gently tugging cake toward platter and off parchment.

Garnish top of cheesecake with grape-liqueur mixture, if desired, or fresh grapes. Cut cake into wedges with thin, sharp knife.

Note: Cheesecake can be made up to 2 days ahead. Once cake is well chilled, cover pan with plastic wrap until ready to serve.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 350 calories; 6 g protein; 25 g carbohydrates; 26 g fat (67% calories from fat); 15 g saturated fat (39% calories from saturated fat); 135 mg cholesterol; 200 mg sodium; 0 g fiber.



Grape Basque-Style Cheesecake



Hot Spiked Grape Cider

## Hot Spiked Grape Cider

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: about 1 hour

Servings: 4

- 5 cups red Grapes from California, plus additional for garnish, divided
- 3 cups water
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 2 star anise (optional)
- 1 large navel orange
- 6 ounces amber rum

In large saucepan, combine 5 cups grapes with water, honey, cinnamon and star anise, if desired. Bring mixture to boil over medium-high heat, reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer

until grapes are tender, 50-60 minutes. Let cool 15 minutes.

Lay medium mesh strainer over bowl and pour grape mixture through. Gently press on solids to remove juice from fruit for about 2 cups grape cider.

With peeler, peel off large strip orange zest and add to warm juice. Let cool, cover and refrigerate.

When ready to serve, gently warm cider over medium heat. Pour 1/2 cup cider into each cup. Add 1 1/2 ounces rum and garnish with twist of orange and small skewer of grapes.

**Nutritional information per serving:** 170 calories; 0 g protein; 18 g carbohydrates; 0 g fat (0% calories from fat); 0 g saturated fat (0% calories from saturated fat); 0 mg cholesterol; 5 mg sodium; 0 g fiber.



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## Davis, Gentry spark Champs past Falcons

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — Every game the Cascade Champions (10-0) set out to hold the opposition to 55 points and they did just that and then some against the Lincoln County Falcons (2-8) on Friday night as they cruised to a 80-43 victory.

“This was a really good team win,” Champions head coach Chris Lawson said. “We held them to 43 tonight and that’s a huge deal for us. We take a lot of pride in hitting our goal of holding teams to under 55 points.”

“No matter what we score, we feel like doing that gives us a good chance to win any night.”

Champion seniors Jackson Davis and Thomas Gentry combined for 45 points on the night to outscore the Falcons by two points by themselves.

Davis got off to a hot start with six first quarter points, and followed it up with 14 more in the second for a 20 point first half.

His efforts jolted a 15-0 run in Cascade’s favor midway through the second quarter that extended their lead to double-digits.

Four more Champions scored in the frame to round out a 28 point production to head into halftime with a 42-19 lead.

Coming out of the break, the Champions continued to dominate on both ends of the floor, but it was Gentry who led the offensive attack with 15 of his 21 points coming in the third quarter.

Having multiple guys attack offensively and score is important for Lawson and Cascade’s success.

“It makes us hard to guard,” Lawson said. “If you get multiple guys scoring like that, it’s hard to focus on just one player in our offense. It makes us very versatile, and that’s a huge deal.”

After another huge quarter where they totaled 25 points,

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T-G Photo by Gary Johnson

Shelbyville Central’s Paige Blackburn scored 23 points to lead all scorers in the Eaglettes’ win over Siegel.

## Blackburn leads Eaglettes’ win

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
Sports Writer

SHELBYVILLE — Junior Paige Blackburn scored a game-high 23 points and connected on five 3-pointers along the way to lead Shelbyville Central past visiting Siegel on Thursday evening.

The Eaglettes posted leads of 11-8 at the end of the first quarter, 24-20 at the intermission before holding a 42-26 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Siegel was able to cut into the lead late in the game but the Eaglettes held

on to claim the victory,

Lilly Brown joined Blackburn in double figures with 15 points.

Ayanna Young and Jasmine Sneed paced Siegel with 15 tallies apiece

Shelbyville Central plays at Tullahoma on

Tuesday evening at 6.

Siegel 8 12 6 18 - 44  
Shelbyville Central 11 13 18 9 - 51  
Siegel: Ayanna Young 15, Lyrid Lillard 3, Amiyah Thompson 1, Issie Hodge 2, Crystal Peratta 2, Neela Alexandra 1, Elle Walker 3, Fiona Mallory 2, Jasmine Sneed 15.  
Shelbyville Central: Jaz Western 1, Yasmine McFarland 8, Paige Blackburn 23, Lilly Brown 15, Sammie Brown 3.  
3-point goals - Shelbyville Central (7): Blackburn 5, McFarland 2; Siegel (4): Young.  
Halftime score: Shelbyville Central 24, Siegel 20.



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Jackson Davis drives through the lane for a layup in the second quarter against the Falcons. Davis led all scorers with 24 points on the night.

## Golden Eagles drop heartbreaker to Siegel

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
Sports Writer

SHELBYVILLE — Shelbyville Central’s improving Golden Eagles battled till the end in a 60-57 loss to Siegel at home on Thursday night.

After trailing 15-13 at the close of the first quarter, Eagles (2-12) led 32-31 at halftime and were in front 44-41 after three periods.

Chase Brandy pitched in 16 points while Carter Webb and Mac Moss added 15 each to lead the winners.

Terence Johnson’s 15 points was best for Shelbyville Central while Tae’Shawn Shelton and Isah Alexander netted 11 apiece. Zyon Bonner joined in double digits with 10.

The Eagles face Tullahoma on the road Tuesday night at 7:30.

Siegel 15 18 10 19 - 60  
Shelbyville Central 13 19 12 13 - 57  
Siegel: Carter Webb 15, Peter Thomas 2, Mac Moss 15, Roath Clark 8, Chase Bandy 16, Thomas Santel 4.  
Shelbyville Central: Zyon Bonner 10, Terrence Johnson 15, Tae’Shawn Shelton 11, Isah Alexander 11, Joe Harris 5, Kyle Trice 5.  
3-Point goals: Siegel (8): Bandy 4, Moss 2, Webb, Clark, Shelbyville Central (7): Johnson 3, Alexander 2, Harris, Trice.  
Halftime score: Shelbyville Central 32, Siegel 31.

Golden Eagle freshman Jack Conditt gets some quality playing time in Shelbyville Central’s matchup with Siegel on Thursday night.

T-G Photo by Gary Johnson



## Titans drop 4th straight

By **GREG BEACHAM**  
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Ryan Tannehill has been playing on an injured right ankle for at least two weeks, and it got a whole lot worse when Khalil Mack rolled it into a thoroughly unnatural position while tackling the quarterback during Tennessee’s opening series Sunday.

“It felt awful,” Tannehill said. “It felt probably worse than it looked. A lot of pain. Whatever the top reading on the pain scale is, it was that.”

After a long time in the injury tent and a cart ride to the locker room at SoFi Stadium, Tannehill improbably returned to the Titans’ game against the Los Angeles Chargers after missing just one series. He performed admirably despite taking four sacks, and he even rushed for what became the tying touchdown with 48 seconds left in a game Tennessee desperately wanted to win.

The Chargers’ 17-14 victory left Tannehill facing a

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the Champions went into the final frame with a 67-33 advantage.

Senior Lucas Clanton opened the fourth quarter on a mission as he knocked down back-to-back threes to extend their lead to 40 points.

Until that point, Clanton had only scored the three points he needed to surpass the career mark of 1000 points as he was forced to sit idly in foul trouble for most of the contest.

He finished with 11 points to join Davis and Gentry in double-digits.

As the clock continued to run due to Cascade's large lead, Lawson went to his bench and pulled his starters for the final minutes of the game.

Lawson credited his team for carrying out their game plan and limiting the Falcons opportunities.

"Our guys did a great job of executing our game plan," he said. "Lincoln County did a good job of running their offense, but from a scouting standpoint our guys were prepared so credit to them for executing it."

Cascade doesn't have much time to rest as they will be playing in the Riverdale Christmas Classic that takes place December 19-21.

Cascade 14 28 25 13 — 80  
 Lincoln Co. 10 9 14 10 — 43  
 Cascade: Jackson Davis 24, Thomas Gentry 21, Lucas Clanton 11, Saelbyn Burriss 7, Jayden Gulick 6, Isaac McElroy 6, Eli Elliott 2, Henry Stone 2, Sawyer Lovorn 1.  
 Lincoln: Eli Ogle 17, Jack Massey 6, Jackson Mullins 4, Kyle Kelley 4, Reese Smith 4, Maddox Franklin 3, Logan Carter 2, Carson Thompson 2, Hayden Swinford 2.  
 3-point goals: Cascade (8): Gentry 3, Clanton 2, Gulick 2, Davis, Lincoln (4): Ogle 2, Franklin, Massey.  
 Halftime score: Cascade 42, Lincoln 19.

# Simmons drops 42 in Viqueen win

By RICKEY CLARDY  
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — M.J. Simmons dominated the scoring with 42 points as the Community Viqueens rebounded from a slow start to defeat the Franklin Road Christian Minutemen 75-47 in a basketball contest Thursday night.

Simmons scored her points in 26 minutes of action as the Viqueens took control late in the second quarter and won for the fifth game in a row.

Despite eight points from Simmons in the opening quarter, the Minutemen stayed close with Community (7-3) from the outset as the Viqueens took a 16-12 lead to the second quarter.

The Minutemen had no answer for Simmons in the quarter as the senior netted 17 points.

But FRC used an 18-point quarter of its own to take a 24-23 advantage before a shot by Simmons gave the Viqueens the lead for good at 25-24 with 2:54 remaining.

The Viqueens ended the quarter with 22 points and edged out to a 38-30 halftime lead.

"We did not come out and set the tone like we have the last few games," Coach Cody Pierce of the Viqueens said. "It took us awhile to get going."

"It was a disappointing first half but we bounced back in the second half and played like we have been," Pierce added.

The Community defense rose to the forefront in the third quarter as the Viqueens extended their lead.

Simmons scored 10 points in the quarter before picking up her fourth foul



M.J. Simmons is fouled while going up for a shot. Simmons scored 42 points in the Community win.

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and coming out of the game with 1:45 left as the Minutemen could only muster five points.

The Viqueens took a 55-35 lead to the final quarter.

Simmons scored seven points and Haley Mitchell added six in the quarter as Community took a 70-40 lead with 4:40 remaining before the Viqueen reserves

took over midway through the quarter as the game ended with a running clock.

Mitchell added three treys and nine points for the Viqueens.

Kayte Madison Bjornstad led the Minutemen with 19 points.

The Viqueens were 15-of-18 at the free throw line

while FRC was 10-of-19.

The inside scoring of Simmons and the Viqueens put the Community offense in another gear.

"Especially when you're playing badly, it's going to happen from time to time, but throwing the ball inside takes care of a lot of things that are going wrong,"

Pierce said.

FRC 12 18 5 12 — 47  
 Community 16 22 17 20 — 75  
 FRC: Kayte Madison Bjornstad 19, Presley Applegate 10, Allie Lowhorn 6, Bryleigh Dempsey 4, Gracie Tidwell 2, Karis Moore 4, Anora Golden 2, Melena Wood, Eilee English, Daisy Damerville.  
 Community: M. J. Simmons 42, Haley Mitchell 9, Zoey Dixon 6, Addison Brothers 6, Shelby Cawthon 2, Anna Haskins 5, Stevie Dickenson 3, Kathryn Sego 2, Jayla Mangrum, Jacey Collier, Raegan Haley, Izzy Martinez, Annie Prince.  
 3-Point goals: FRC (1): Applegate; Community (6): Mitchell 3, Brothers 2, Dickenson.  
 Halftime score: Community 38, FRC 30.

# Titans

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long, uncomfortable plane ride back to Nashville with a swollen ankle and thinning chances for a favorable playoff position — or even a postseason berth at all.

Jacksonville is now just one game behind the AFC South-leading Titans (7-7), whose four-game skid is their longest since 2015.

"No question, this is not where any of us want to be," Tannehill said. "Obviously didn't see it playing out this way, but it's where we're at, so we have to just keep pushing, charging forward and come ready to play next week."

Tannehill acknowledged no concern that he won't be ready to play when the Titans host Houston on Christmas Eve, but it's clear that very few Tennessee players are fully healthy. The Titans already were missing seven presumptive defensive starters and a handful of key offensive players before they went to SoFi and incurred roughly seven additional injuries. Coach Mike Vrabel provided no postgame updates.

Tannehill spent a long time in the blue tent after his grotesque ankle roll, peeking out through the mesh vents to watch his teammates. When he got on a cart for the long ride to the medical evaluation area, even Tannehill thought his day might be over.

"It wasn't a good feeling initially," Tannehill said. "(But) that crazy, intense pain calmed down after a little bit of time. Came in, regrouped a little bit and was going to go test it on the sideline, see where I was at. I was able to move a little bit. Felt like I could go in and be effective and move enough to protect myself and do my job."

Tannehill passed for 165 yards and led two scoring drives, never complaining about the three fourth-quarter sacks given up by his two tackles. In the final minute, he took another hard hit when Derrick Henry and tight end Kevin Rader roughly shoved him into the end zone.

# Vikings can't overcome Minutemen's size

By RICKEY CLARDY  
 Sports Writer

UNIONVILLE — The Community Vikings ran into a juggernaut Thursday night as the height and reach of the Franklin Road Christian Minutemen were too much for the Vikings to handle as the Minutemen finished with a 74-44 win.

Community started well as the Vikings used two teams of five interchangeably throughout the game.

With seniors Cole Crockett and Jacob Flannagan each scoring four points, the Vikings led briefly and trailed 16-13 with 2:51 left in the first quarter before the Minutemen got hot.

Using a decided height advantage, FRC scored the next 10 points and finished the quarter with a 26-15 lead.

The Minutemen used two runs of 8-0 in the second quarter as the Vikings did not have an answer for the explosive FRC offense.

The Minutemen took a 48-25 lead into the intermission.

A 16-0 run by the Minutemen in the third quarter helped extend the FRC lead to 68-34 after three quarters.

The Vikings narrowed the Minutemen winning margin by outscoring FRC 10-6 in the fourth quarter.

Parker Applegate led the Minutemen with 26 points.

Corey Paterick was the leading scorer for the Vikings with eight points.



Corey Paterick (12) drills a trey for the Vikings in the opening quarter. Paterick led Community with eight points.

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Community: Corey Paterick 8, Jacob Flannagan 7, Cole Crockett 6, Dallas Grooms 4, Emery Smith 1, Jason Cullum 6, Landon Lovorn 4, Landon Berman 4, Austin Stickler 4, Ramon Hernandez, Noah Watson, Moe Berman, Jason Williams.  
 3-Point goals: FRC (7): Bjornstad 3,

Parker Applegate 2, T. Walker, B. Walker; Community (3): Paterick 2, Cullum.  
 Halftime score: FRC 48, Community 25.

# Simmons hits 35 for Viqueens

T-G STAFF REPORT

KINGSTON SPRINGS — A night after she dropped 42 points on FRC, Community's M.J. Simmons logged another stellar night to lead the Viqueens to another win.

On Friday night, she went for a game-high 35 points and the Viqueens made short work of Harpeth in a 55-35 win.

The name of the game was feeding the ball to Simmons and attack the paint.

Simmons spent the bulk of the night at the free throw line, where she alone cashed in on 13-of-18 attempts.

In the first quarter, Community went on a 16-0 tear to open the game, but saw Harpeth claw its way back into the game with a 13-7 run in the second frame, cutting the Purple and Gold lead to 10 points at the half.

Another lop-sided quarter fell Community's way with a 13-4 run in the third quarter.

Harpeth did get loose for 18 points in the fourth, only falling behind Community by a single point in the quarter.

Simmons was the only player to reach double figures for either team.

Senior Haley Mitchell chipped in eight points as well.

The Viqueens get a bit of a break before facing East Hickman in the Tullahoma Classic on Thursday afternoon.

Community 16 7 13 19 — 55  
 Harpeth 0 13 4 18 — 35  
 Community: M.J. Simmons 35, Haley Mitchell 8, Zoey Dixon 5, Jayla Mangrum 3, Anna Haskins 3, Stevie Dickenson.  
 Harpeth: Mattie Johnson 7, Brookelyn Mangrum 7, Jamelyn Kelley 6, Alley Thurman 5, Ava Cathey 4, Chloe Grantham 4, Maddie Holley 2.  
 3-Point goals: Harpeth (3): Thurman, Johnson, Mangrum; Community (1): Haskins.  
 Halftime score: Community 23, Harpeth 13.

# First half woes costly for Lady Champs

By **WILL CARTER**  
Sports Writer

**BELL BUCKLE** — The Cascade Lady Champions (1-9) struggled to produce much offensively in the first half against a Lincoln County Lady Falcons (10-1) team that was firing on all cylinders, and the halftime deficit proved to be too much as the Lady Champions were defeated 55-29.

“We knew coming in that Lincoln County was going to be a tough team. They are very quick and skilled,” Lady Champions head coach Janie Demonbreum said.

“We started out flat and didn’t have enough energy and that hurt us.”

Lincoln County jumped out to a double-digit lead early in the first quarter by going on an 11-0 run after Kaegan Young knocked down a free throw for Cascade inside the first minute.

Young later put two more free throws in the net for the Lady Champions only points in the quarter.

She led the Lady Champions with 11 on the night.

The Lady Falcons continued to play an uptempo pace of play throughout the second

quarter which caused problems for the Lady Champions on both ends of the floor, and led to a 41-9 advantage at the break.

Six of their seven three-pointers came in the first half.

Cascade’s first made field goal of the game came at the three minute and 50 second mark of the second quarter when Sophie Ray scored from inside the paint.

Ray added two free throws later in the frame and combined with Young as the only scorers in the first half for the Lady Champions.

After Demonbreum urged her squad to play with more energy and purpose with the ball in the second half, the Lady Champions were able to move the ball on the offensive end and put points on the board.

“In the first half, we were just standing and not attacking like we should have been,” Demobreum said.

“I told them at halftime that if they weren’t going to dribble with a purpose, then I was going to take their dribble away. We started working it inside better in the second half, and Suzanna Crews was able to work down low.”

Crews worked in the paint and drew fouls throughout the second half which led to six points on nine shots at the free throw line.

Kaydence Miller knocked down a pair of three-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Lady Champions to 14 point total to close out the game.

With over a week off before playing in the Riverdale Christmas Classic, Demonbreum and the Lady Champions are going to focus on their chemistry on and off the court.

“This break is massively important for us,” Demonbreum said. “Our spirits are down a little bit right now, so this gives us the chance to go back to the drawing board and focus more on our fundamentals.”

“It’s also time for us to be together as a team in ways we can’t when school is in session. We’re going to have some team bonding and come together ready for the second half of the season.”

The Riverdale Christmas Classic will take place December 27-29 at Riverdale High School.

Game times are to be announced at a later date.



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**Freshman Kaegan Young drives to the basket before being fouled and getting to the free throw line.**

Lincoln Co. 19 22 8 5 — 55  
Cascade 3 6 6 14 — 29  
Cascade: Kaegan Young 11, Suzanna Crews 6, Kaydence Miller 6, Sophie Ray 4, Annabelle Calvert 2.

Lincoln Co.: Anna Kate Cooper 10, Molly Brown 8, Alyssa Petty 8, Abby Bryan 7, Grasen Tipps 6, Gracey Flynn 4, Rilee Smith 4, Reagan Bragg 3, Mattie Graham 3, Brynna Stubblefield 2.

3-point goals: Cascade (2): Miller 2; Lincoln Co.: (7): Bragg, Brown, Bryan, Cooper, Flynn, Graham, Petty.  
Halftime score: Lincoln Co. 41, Cascade 9.

# Vikings make history, win 1st ever home match

By **RICKEY CLARDY**  
Sports Writer

**UNIONVILLE** — In just their second season of high school competition, the Community Vikings made history by hosting the Cornersville Bulldogs in their first ever home wrestling match Friday night.

After the dust had settled, the teams finished in a 36-36 tie, necessitating a tiebreaker criteria to determine the winner of the match.

The tiebreaker wasn’t broken until the sixth criteria, which went in favor of the Vikings, giving Community a 37-36 match victory.

The Vikings were winners in six matches.

Gavin Garcia pinned his opponent in the 160 weight class while James Bowling won on a pin in the 182 class.

Blaine Bowling, Alex Stanley, Devlin Hodges, and Jackson Harris all were winners via forfeits.

Coach Luke Bowling of the Vikings discussed the tiebreaker criteria.

“You just go down the criteria, and we actually got all the way to ‘F’, which comes down to forfeits, to let you know how far we had to go,” Bowling said.

“Basically we won because we filled more weight classes than they filled, and we took one less forfeit than they did,” Bowling added.

Excitement filled the air as the Vikings wrestled in their home gymnasium.

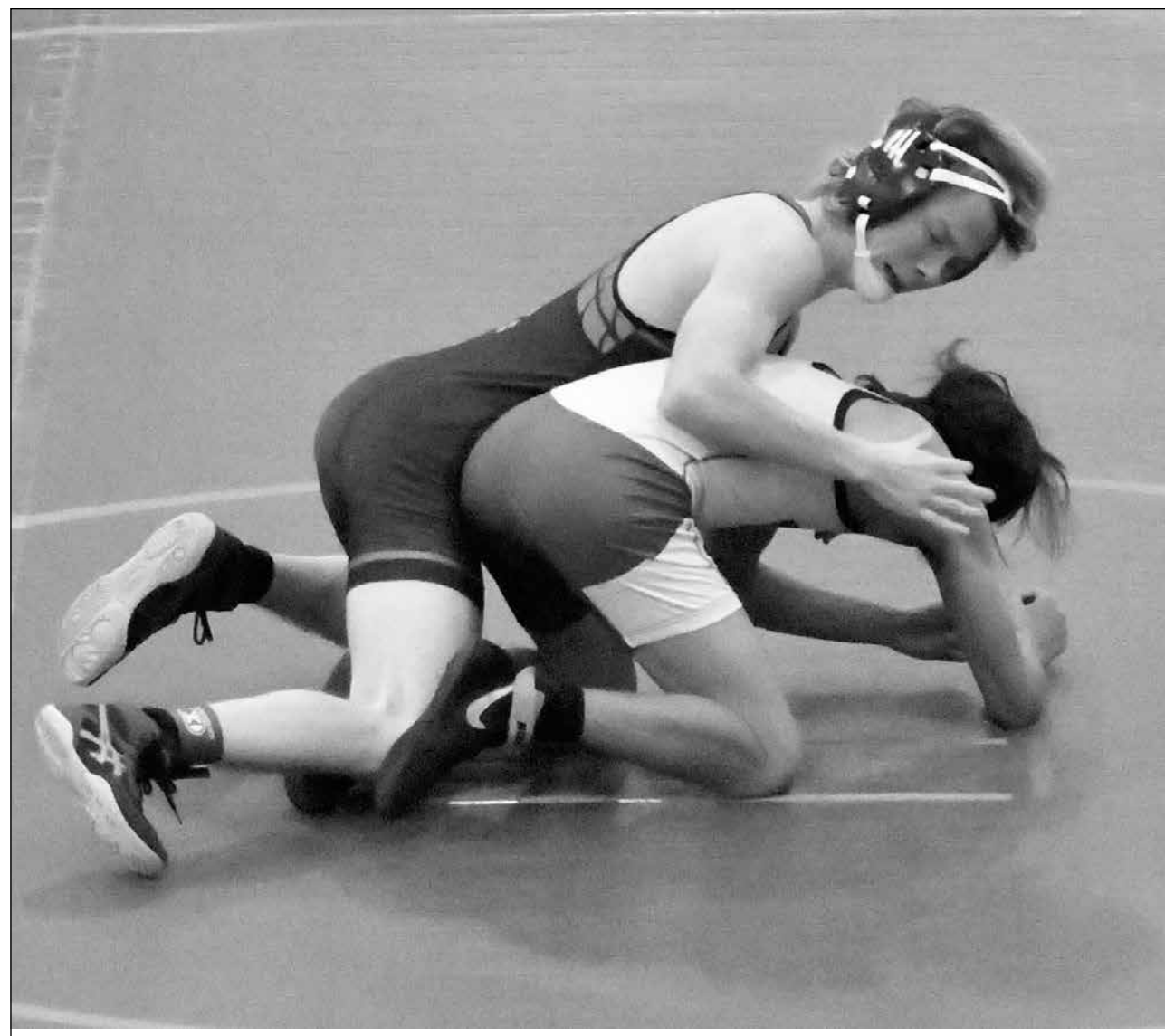
“It was exciting. A lot of nerves for everybody,” Bowling said. “We’re glad to get to wrestle at home.”

The Vikings have more wrestlers on their team this year which paid dividends in the Community win and tiebreaker.

“The fact that we had more guys than we had last year is not only the reason why we were in the match and tied, it’s the reason why we won the match,” Bowling said.

The match win was the third for the Vikings this season.

The Vikings were back on the mat in a tri-match Monday at Spring Hill against Franklin County and Spring Hill.



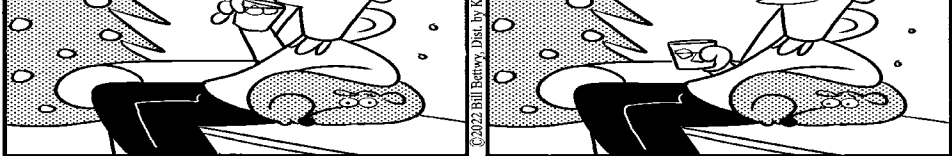
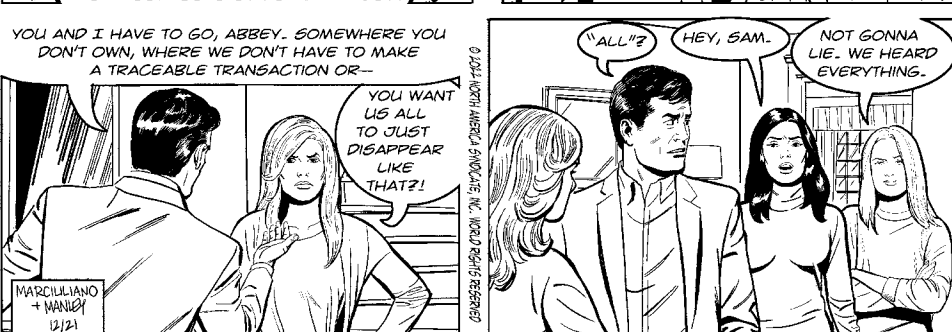
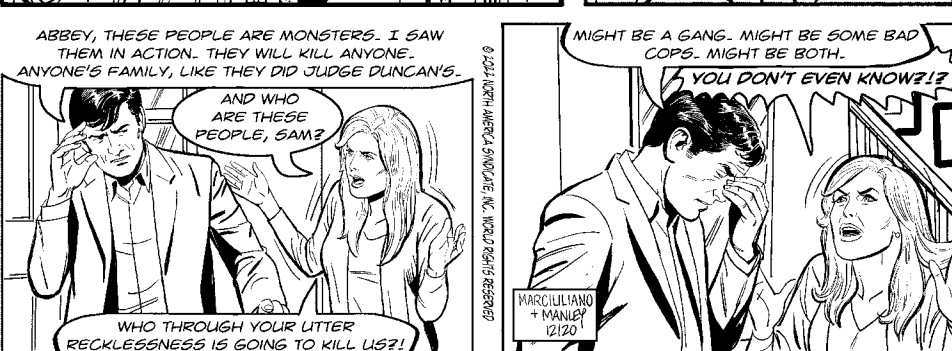
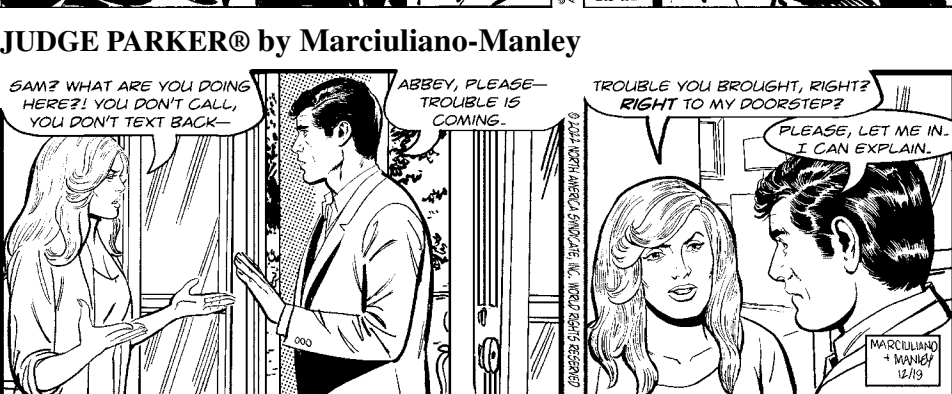
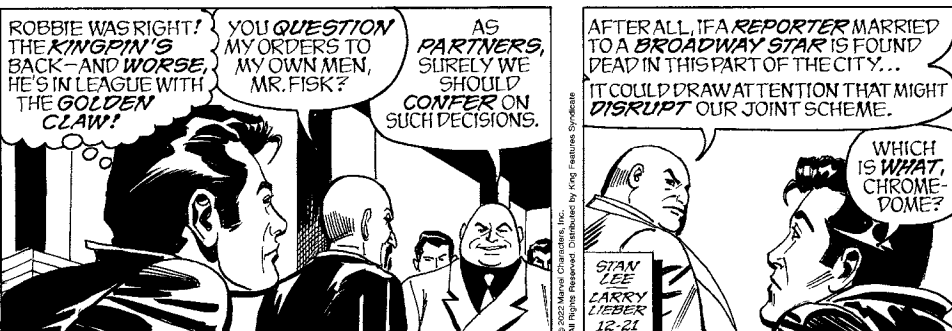
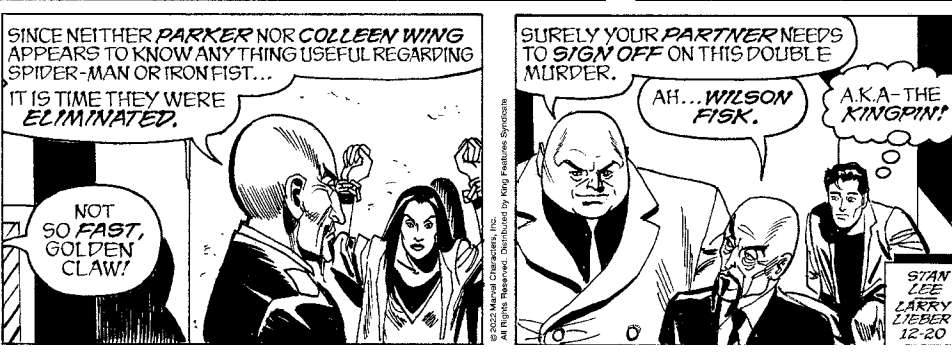
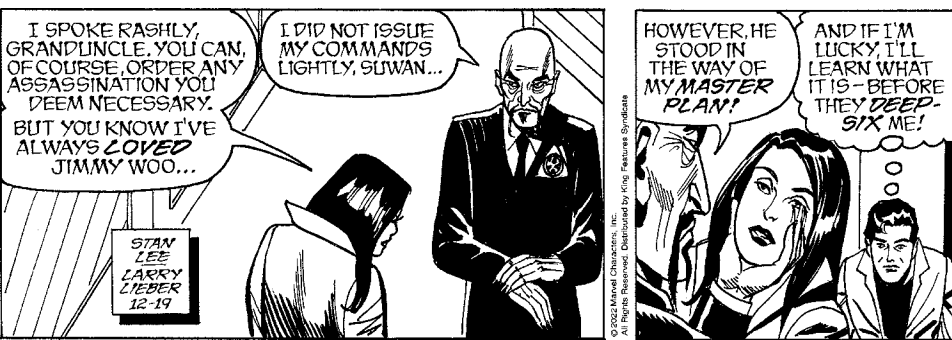
**ABOVE: Devlin Hodges of the Vikings gains the upper hand during a match against Cornersville.**

**LEFT: James Bowling of the Vikings wins on a pin in the 182 weight class.**

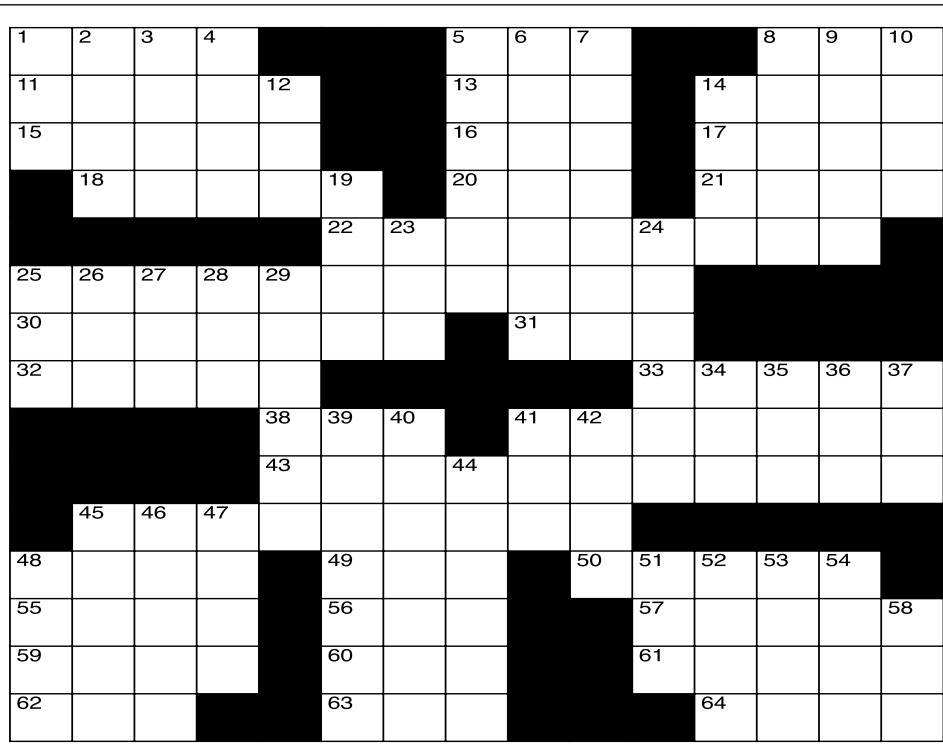
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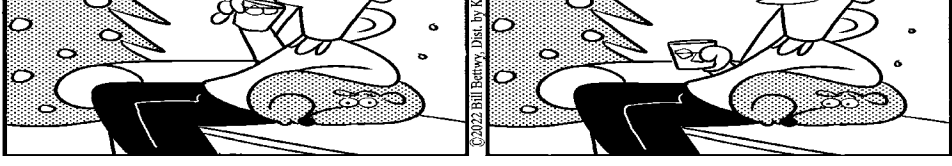
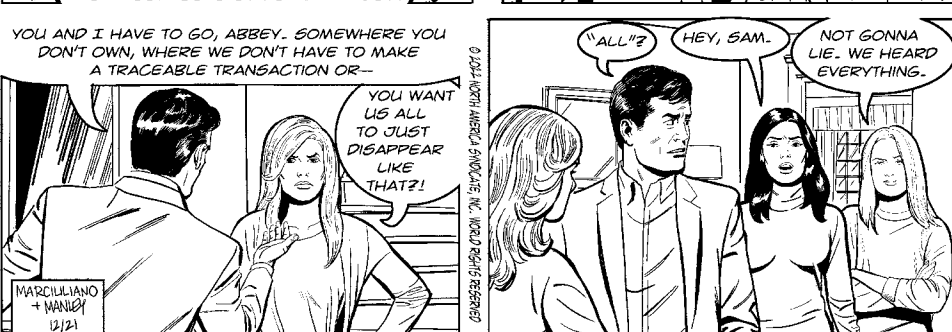
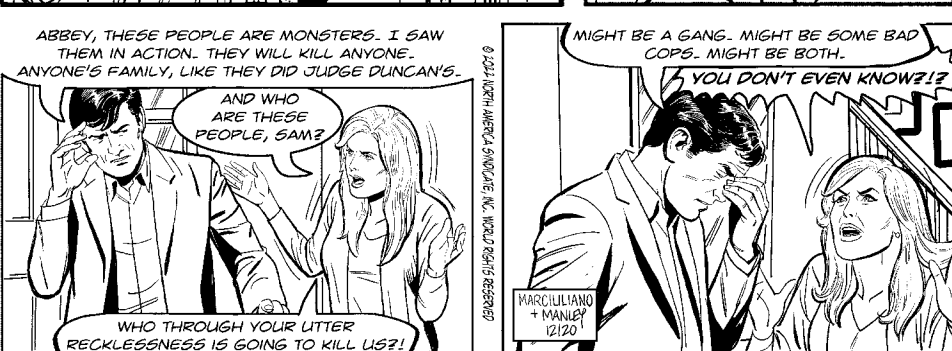
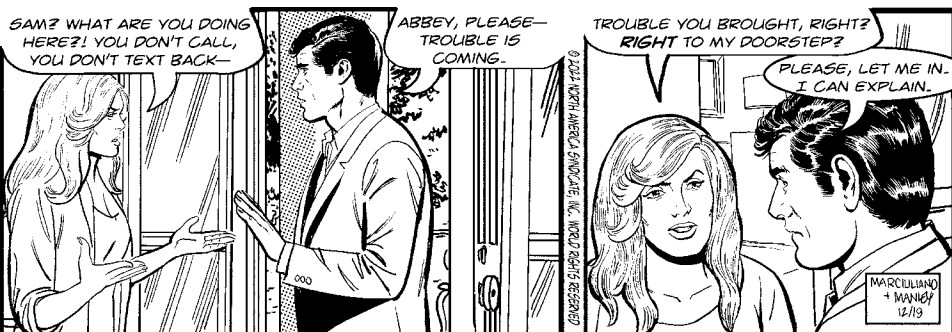
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- 1. A people of Eastern Afghanistan
5. Supervises interstate commerce
8. Touch lightly
11. Relating to bees
13. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
14. Mosuo culture religion
15. Italian village
16. Stiff bristle
17. Wealthy enclave in Rio
18. Cause to lose courage
20. Examines animals
21. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
22. Gets rid of
25. Having easily perceived thoughts
30. Removed surgically
31. Principle underlying the universe
32. Popular airline
33. Antelopes
38. Peacock network
41. Utter repeatedly
43. One from the Golden State
45. Photographers
48. Father
49. Popular BBQ dish
50. Cavalry sword
55. Ancient Greek sophist
56. Atomic mass unit
57. Afflicted in mind or body
59. Indian mythological figure
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Jewish spiritual leader
62. Brew
63. Doctor of Education
64. Impudence

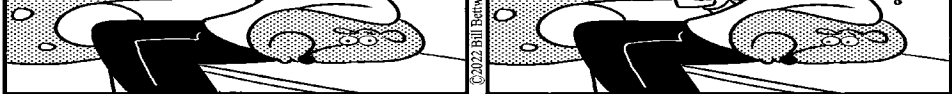
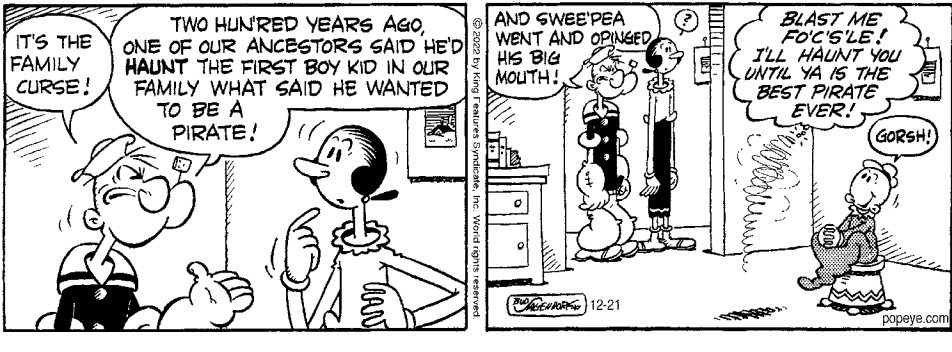
CLUES DOWN

- 1. State attorneys
2. Imitated
3. Latvian capital
4. Irish goddess
5. Taste
6. Dried
7. Spanish saloon
8. Mother of Perseus
9. Evergreen coniferous trees
10. Refuse to comply
12. Negative
14. Hyphen
19. A way to record
23. Not good
24. One who tends the furnace
25. Small amount
26. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
27. The whole quantity
28. \_\_ King Cole, musician
29. One's opinion
34. Holds ashes
35. Stablecoin cryptocurrency
36. Side-blotched lizards genus
37. Legislator (abbr.)
39. Concentrated bombardment
40. Took for oneself
41. Nigerian City
42. Thousands of pounds
44. Inspired
45. Secret clique
46. Expression
47. Dough made from corn flour
48. Comedian Carvey
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. Resistance fighters
58. Criticize

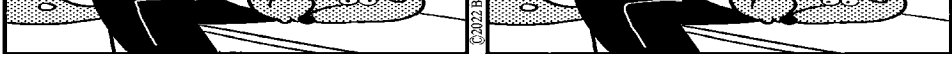
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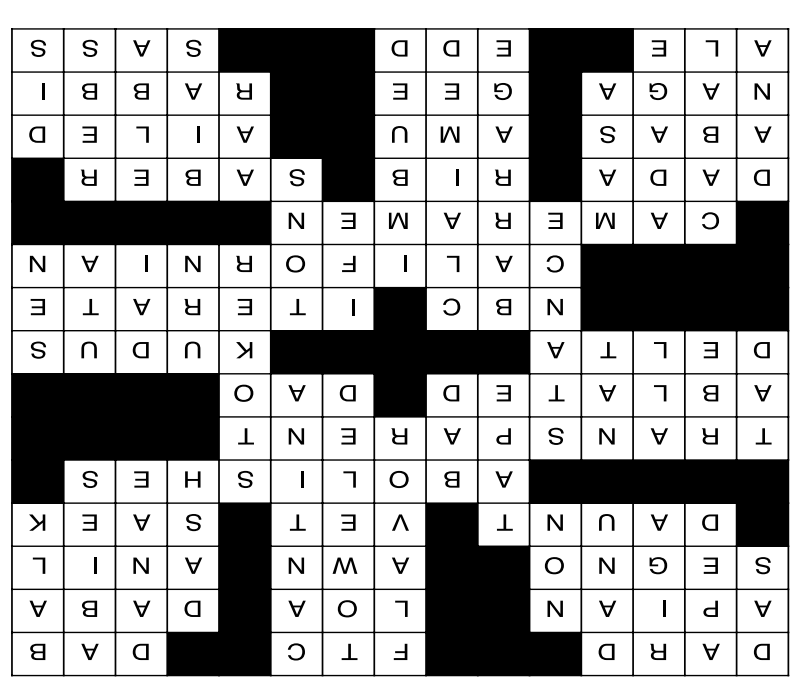
POPEYE® by Bud Sagendorf



THATABABY® by Paul Trap



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ASTROGRAPH

- ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20: Don't fret, Aries. No news is good news...
VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22: Take a few days to sit back and rest and recharge.
TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21: If you are thinking about changing careers...
GEMINI - May 22/June 21: Consider all sides of a situation before you offer your opinion.
CANCER - Jun 22/July 22: When someone turns to you for help...
LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23: You've bitten off quite a lot lately, Leo.
LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23: You've been placed in a new role...
SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22: Scorpio, you might want to take it easy...
SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21: Sagittarius, your to-do list might be growing longer...
CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20: Success is within reach, Capricorn.

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 20, 2022

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

WEDNESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 21, 2022

Table of TV programming for Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

THURSDAY EVENING DECEMBER 22, 2022

Table of TV programming for Thursday, December 22, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

FRIDAY EVENING DECEMBER 23, 2022

Table of TV programming for Friday, December 23, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

SATURDAY EVENING DECEMBER 24, 2022

Table of TV programming for Saturday, December 24, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

SUNDAY EVENING DECEMBER 25, 2022

Table of TV programming for Sunday, December 25, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

MONDAY EVENING DECEMBER 26, 2022

Table of TV programming for Monday, December 26, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).

TUESDAY EVENING DECEMBER 27, 2022

Table of TV programming for Tuesday, December 27, 2022. Columns include time slots (7:00-11:30) and channels (ABC, CBS, NBC, FOX, A&E, AMC, ANIMAL, BET, BRAVO, CARTOON, CMT, CNN, COMEDY, DISCOVERY, DISNEY, ESPN, ESPN2, FOOD, FREEFORM, FX, HGTV, HISTORY, LIFETIME, MTV, NEWSNAT, NICK, PARMY, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TRAVEL, TV LAND, USA, VH1, HBO, MAX, SHOW).



