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Two killed in accident

By DAVID MELSON
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An allegedly-drunken driver faces vehicular homicide charges after two people in his vehicle were killed in a crash Saturday afternoon west of Shelbyville.

Ezequiel Estrada, 42, of Shelbyville is also charged with vehicular assault, DUI and failure to yield right of way. He was being held without bond Monday at Bedford County Jail.

Two passengers in Estrada's Nissan Sentra, Martin Agueros Ortiz, 41, and Felipe De Jesus Hipolito, 55, both of Shelbyville, were killed, the Tennessee Highway Patrol said.

Estrada was eastbound on Warners Bridge Road and attempted to turn left onto Rabbit Branch Road in front of a westbound Dodge Dakota pickup driven by Ashton Koah, 18, of Shelbyville, according to the THP.

The impact ripped the passenger side off the Estrada vehicle. Ortiz and a surviving passenger, who was not named in the report, were ejected, the report said.

Koah's truck ran off the road and down an embankment, landing

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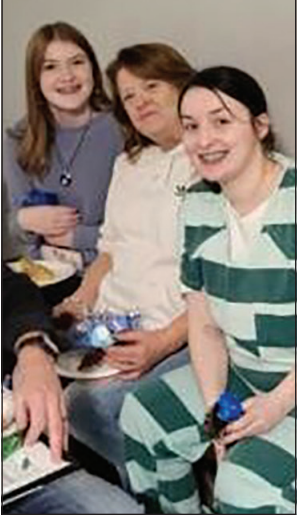
Rescue workers prepare to remove an injured victim from Ashton Koah's truck, which landed upside down in a creek off Warners Bridge Road after a crash Saturday afternoon. At left, the car driven by Ezequiel Estrada in which two passengers were killed.

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National Pen to cut 67 jobs

T-G STAFF REPORT

National Pen in Shelbyville is reducing its workforce and ceasing manufacturing operations and production beginning March 30 and lasting through May 31.

According to a Worker Adjustment and Retaining Notification letter that was sent to the County Mayor's office on Jan. 16, some portions of the facility will remain open. However, 67 employees will be terminated as a result. Many of those jobs include decorator and assembly operator.

National Pen has been in operation in Tennessee for over 50 years. The Shelbyville location experienced a restructuring in January 2020 that affected 59 jobs.

According to Kelly North with the Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership, National Pen has locations around the world including Ireland, Jamaica, and Mexico.

The WARN letter states, "No union represents the affected employees, and 'bumping rights'

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T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

National Pen, located at 342 Shelbyville Mills Road.



An architectural rendering of Cooper Steel Arena's facade after upgrades, by Mathias Collective.

Cooper Steel Arena: Improvements ahead

Local firm gives back to community

T-G STAFF REPORT

The Celebration made a big announcement Monday night: the well-known Calsonic Arena will soon be renamed the Cooper Steel Arena.

The arena was built in 1988 and has housed many equine and other community events since. In recent years, the venue has needed improvements that could help attract additional events to Shelbyville, impacting the Celebration as well as the local economy, according to Celebration CEO Warren Wells.

"Partnering with Cooper Steel is a dream come true for me," said Wells. "I can't think of a better company to have on our arena. They are a family business started right here in Shelbyville, and they are such amazing corporate citizens for

Bedford County. They give so much to the community with great paying jobs and do so much in the school system. I am excited about the future of The Celebration and for what this will mean for Shelbyville."

Inside and out

With Cooper Steel's investment in the project, a team of decision-makers from the Celebration and Cooper Steel will work together to make much needed improvements to the interior and exterior of the facility, including to the arena's sound system and Celebration RV grounds.

Cooper Steel CEO Gary Cooper added, "Family is everything to us at Cooper Steel. When we were approached with the idea

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DEATH NOTICES

Nancy Harber

January 19, 2023

Nancy Harber, 77, of Chapel Hill, died on Thursday evening, January 19, 2023 at her residence. She was a native of Bedford County and 1963 graduate of Community High School.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 22, at Lawrence Funeral Home in Chapel Hill with Rev. Tim Holton officiating. Interment followed in Swanson Cemetery in Chapel Hill.

OBITUARIES

Adam Leander Hunt

January 14, 2023

Adam Leander Hunt gained his wings at the age of 39 on Saturday, January 14, 2023, in the loving warm care of Alive Hospice Residence in Murfreesboro surrounded by family and friends. Adam resided in Shelbyville with his two best friends.

Adam Leander Hunt was born December 24, 1983, on his mother's birthday, in Killeen, Texas. His father was stationed at Fort Hood Army Base at the time.

The son of the late Stephen Delbert Hunt and late Janet Lee (Brown) Hunt, Adam died after a long 9-week stay at the hospital trying to recover from major surgery. Adam had the lifelong challenges of being nonverbal autistic (same as his older brother Kellen Stephen Hunt) and a most serious seizure disorder. Even with his life's challenges he enjoyed a lot of what life had to offer. He was raised in a loving home with extended family nearby. Adam was a very sweet loving and energetic person. He was very loved and known by the Shelbyville community. Adam loved his action figures and his dinosaurs. Adam enjoyed swinging at the park, watching Grey's Anatomy and listening to the rain. Adam was chosen to be God's lights on earth. He had care providers that looked to all his needs and showed him great consideration and love. He loved: eating his favorite meals, people watching and listen to music.

Adam had his ways of letting you know what he was thinking and how he was feeling. For the most part he was of a pleasant disposition and easy to love and be around. Adam is loved and missed by all who took the time to get to know him.

Adam is survived by his brother, Kellen Stephen Hunt of Antioch; on his mother's side, uncle Thomas E. Brown and aunt Letsie Brown of Shelbyville and her daughter, Wendy Tucker; on his father's side, his uncle Alma Groberg Hunt Sr of St. David, Arizona, who was Adam's conservator; Linda Bishop and Betty Allen of Moses Lake, Washington; Tom Hunt of Orem, Utah; Laura Deichman of Elk Ridge, Utah; Terry Hunt of Moses Lake; James Hunt of St. George, Utah; and numerous cousins.

Adam was preceded in death by his mother, Janet Lee Brown Hunt; his father, Stephen Delbert Hunt; maternal grandmother Bessie (Dye)Brown, grandfather Roy Brown Sr., uncles Roy Brown Jr., Ernest Lee Brown, and aunt Mary Brown, paternal grandmother, Velma Groberg Hunt; grandfather, David LeRoy Hunt; uncle Roy Hunt, aunts Martha Hunt Johnson, and Vicky Hunt McFarland.

A memorial service for Adam will be held at Doak-Howell Funeral Home at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 28. Family will be available starting at 9 a.m. to greet visitors. An interment of Adam's ashes will follow immediately after the memorial service at Crowell's Chapel Cemetery, 825 Halls Mill Rd.

Doak-Howell Funeral Home is serving the family. www.doakhowellfuneralhome.com

Robbie Jean Allen McGee Sims

January 20, 2023

Robbie Jean Allen McGee Sims, age 92, of Shelbyville, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 20, 2023, at Celebration Way Assisted Living in Shelbyville surrounded by her loving family.

She was born in Lynchburg on March 15, 1930, to the late Clarence and Edna Jean Allen. Before her retirement, she was employed at Jack Daniel's Distillery. She was a devoted member of the Fairlane Church of Christ. In addition to her parents, Robbie Jean was preceded in death by her husbands, Milton Moore McGee, and Roy F. Sims; son, Milton Moore McGee Jr; and all of her siblings.

Robbie Jean is survived by her loving daughter, Kathy McGee (Kevin) Hayes of Shelbyville; grandchildren, Mendy (Chuck) Williams, Hunter (Peyton) Hayes, and Matt (Shanda) Hayes; and great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Rylee, Meredith, Aniston, and Keaton.

Services were held Monday, January 23, at Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home in Lynchburg with Brother Jimmy Burton officiating. Interment will be at Lynchburg Cemetery.

Jennings-Moore-Cortner Funeral Home, 181 Majors Boulevard, Lynchburg, TN 37352, (931)-759-4552, www.jenningsmoorecortner.com



OBITUARIES

Janet Adeline Troyer

January 21, 2023

Janet Adeline Troyer, a long-time resident of Shelbyville, passed peacefully on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

She and her husband, Tom, raised three children and built a successful business (Interstate Battery for 44 years) while living on their beloved farm. A dedicated mother and wife, family was extremely important and Janet loved spending time with them. She also enjoyed her horses, donkeys and dogs and traveling with her husband. An accomplished artist, she showed her love of the outdoors and animals through her vibrant paintings.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, January 28, at Hillcrest Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday.

Janet is survived by her husband of 61 years, Thomas John Troyer; her children, Stacy Rene (Jay) Royalty of Collierville, Micah John (Dana) Troyer of Turner, Maine and Jason Thomas (Charity) Troyer of Shelbyville; her brother, Michael John Murphy of Johnson City; and her nine grandchildren, Trey Royalty, Katie Royalty, Zach Troyer, Tessa Troyer, Nick White, Lily Troyer, Harry Troyer, Abby Troyer and Samantha Troyer.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Bennett John Murphy and Amelia Yach Murphy, and a sister, Virginia McGill.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to New Destiny Dog Rescue, 202 East Highland Ave., Shelbyville, TN 37160.



Arena

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of improving this venue to attract more events for the families here, the answer was a resounding yes. We are incredibly proud to be part of this project and so excited to see what the future holds at Cooper Steel Arena."

Also new is the Celebration's investment of approximately \$350,000 - \$400,000 in new floor footing in the arenas that will be finished this week. The new footing will allow more equine events to be held at the Celebration.

With this new footing, several events will also be taking place in the upcoming months: The 33rd annual Lonestar Rodeo will be hosted on Feb. 3 and 4; the Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association will have two events this year; and the Racking Horse Celebration, which is moving from Alabama, will have spring and fall shows this year.

Increased activity

"Basically, from August through the end of October, we will have hundreds of people living on the property, hundreds of horses on the property non-

stop. It's really exciting," said Wells.

The first Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association that took place last September was the Celebration's largest event outside of the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

According to Wells, they completed a study with South Central Tennessee Development District which showed that just under \$50 million in revenue is added to the local economy every year because of the Celebration's events. The Celebration alone brings in some \$36 million to local restaurants, hotels, and stores.

Lastly, Mikey's Motors, a golf cart supplier and repair business, will be setting up a permanent location on The Celebration grounds. Mikey's Motors is not new to the Celebration. With 105 acres to cover, many people staying on the Celebration use Mikey's Motors golf carts to get around.

"Not only is he going to be there for my customers, but he is also going to be a five-day-a-week business. We like that because we feel like the Celebration has brought a business to Shelbyville," said Wells.

Jobs

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(that, the right to avoid termination by displacing another employee) do not exist for the affected employees."

Response plan

The Shelbyville-Bedford Partnership put out a "National Pen Job Loss Response Plan" for those affected by the job losses.

They will provide support to National Pen by compiling a list of local job openings that match National Pen job loss. Currently, there are over 500 job openings in Bedford County.

They also hope to coordinate with the American Job Center (AJC) Shelbyville to assist the deployment of a Rapid Response Team.

This "Rapid Response Team" will consist of state and local representatives

that can assist transitioning employees with: unemployment benefits, health insurance options, and state and federal assistance, and future employment.

The Partnership also hopes to coordinate with the American Job Center (AJC) in Lawrenceburg to provide two resume building workshops in February for transitioning employees. The AJC Lawrenceburg supplies a Mobile Coach equipped with computers, resources, and staff that can assist National Pen employees with resume building and job searches.

Additionally, the SBR plans to work with the South Central Tennessee Development District to schedule two American Job Center-supported onsite job fairs in March and May for transitioning employees.

They will also assist with recruiting local employers and supply connection to TN Reconnect for those who wish to "upskill."

Accident

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upside down in a creek and striking a concrete culvert with the passenger door. Emmalee Sudberry, 18, of Shelbyville, a passenger in Koah's truck, was injured,

according to the report.

"Three other juvenile passengers were injured" in the vehicles, the report said.

Bedford County's Technical Rescue Team was called to the scene, and members used ropes to remove one of the injured from Koah's truck.

COVID shots proposed

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. health officials want to make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the annual flu shot.

The Food and Drug Administration on Monday proposed a simplified approach for future vaccination efforts, allowing most adults and children to get a once-a-year shot to protect against the mutating virus.

This means Americans would no longer have to keep track of how many shots they've received or how many months it's been since their last booster.

The proposal comes as boosters have become a hard sell. While more than 80% of the U.S. population has had at least one vaccine dose, only 16% of those eligible have received the latest boosters authorized in

August.

The FDA will ask its panel of outside vaccine experts to weigh in at a meeting Thursday. The agency is expected to take their advice into consideration while deciding future vaccine requirements for vaccine makers.

In documents posted online, FDA scientists say many Americans now have "sufficient preexisting immunity" against the coronavirus because of vaccination, infection or a combination of the two. That baseline of protection should be enough to move to an annual booster against the latest strains in circulation and make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the yearly flu shot, according to the agency.

ROADSIDE DUMP



Someone chose to use the side of Fay Creek Road, just east of Shelbyville, as a tire dump, spoiling the scenery of an otherwise-unmarred area. Trash is also strewn in a wooded area across the road.

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Matthew R. Brock, D.O.

Preventing and screening for cervical cancer

By Matthew R. Brock, D.O.

Matthew Brock, DO, is a board-certified family medicine physician at Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care North in Shelbyville.

At the start of January, we often make our New Year's resolutions. We look for ways to improve our lives and accomplish goals. Physical and mental health are frequently the focus of these resolutions.

This year, I encourage you to ensure that you are up to date on your cancer screenings.

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month, designated by the U.S. Congress, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the World Health Organization. Every year in the U.S., 10,000-14,000 women are diagnosed with new cervical cancer and 3,000-5,000 women die from cervical cancer.

Thankfully, our efforts to prevent, screen for, and treat cervical cancer have our national averages outperforming global averages. Let's continue to build on these efforts by learning what we can individually do to prevent cervical cancer and when and how we screen for it.

You may be pleasantly surprised to learn that screening recommendations have changed in recent years.

Prevention

Prevention starts with protection against the main cause of cervical cancer: human papillomavirus (HPV). HPV is a virus and is the most common sexually transmitted infection. There are many types of HPV that can lead to different forms of disease, including cancer in men.

Protection and other barrier methods may reduce the risk of HPV infection; however, the best protection by far is vaccination. The HPV vaccine (Gardasil 9) protects against the types that most often lead to cervical and other cancers. It should be given before sexual activity begins and is approved for females and males from age 9 to 45.

The vaccine is safe, effective and well-studied. It is readily available at outpatient primary care clinics and pharmacies.

Screening

Pap smear/testing remains the backbone of screening, but HPV testing also plays a role. Greatly simplified, common practice in the U.S. for screening is:

Pap testing should begin at age 21. If it is normal, it should be repeated every 3 years.

At the age of 30, screening recommendations change, and there are some options. Most doctors recommend performing a pap test and HPV test together. If they are both normal, it should be repeated every five years.

Around the age of 65, and in discussion with your doctor, you may choose to stop screening if your recent results and history have indicated a low risk for the development of cancer.

If you have had a hysterectomy (with complete removal of the uterus and cervix) without identification of uterine or cervical cancer, you do not need to continue screening.

Treatment

If your screening test returns abnormal, your doctor will advise you about the next steps, depending on the exact result. This may include repeat testing in a year, more frequent screening over several years, or additional procedures. It is important that you follow up your initial screening results and form a plan with your doctor.

So, this January, make sure you are up to date with your cervical cancer screening. If you aren't sure of your status, call your primary care clinic and make an appointment to discuss it.

MORE 41A PROBLEMS



T-G Photo by David Melson

A Tennessee Department of Transportation work crew prepares to start filling in a sinkhole that began developing in the right westbound lane of Highway 41A just west of Rippy Ridge Road early Friday afternoon. The lane was closed for several hours, reopening shortly before 7 p.m. The area of 41A near Rippy Ridge Road and Shipman's Creek Road has been plagued with suddenly-developing dips and sinkholes for years after road work in the 1970s and again earlier this decade. The sinkhole was patched and lane reopened Friday night.



Submitted photo

Desjarlais rides a Walking Horse

Congressman Scott Desjarlais came to Shelbyville last week and visited Allan Callaway Stables on 41A. He also got to meet the back-to-back World Grand Champion Justified Honors and rode a Tennessee Walking Horse performance horse.

Desjarlais commented, "I always enjoy the chance to see firsthand

the great care owners take of their Tennessee Walking Horses. I am so appreciative of the folks at Callaway Stables for giving me the opportunity to ride one of their horses. This industry has a huge impact on our local and state economy and I'm glad to see the tradition carried on through multiple generations."

Celebration CEO Warren Wells

said the congressman is a "strong supporter" of The Celebration and the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. "He always prioritizes a visit with us when he is in town, and we are very grateful for his friendship. It was very exciting when he asked to ride a performance horse and jumped up there without hesitation," Wells said.

Deputy Director Open Position

The Shelbyville Housing Authority (SHA) is currently accepting resumes for a Deputy Director to serve as Financial Controller and Assistant to the Executive Director. Under the direction of the Executive Director, the Deputy Director will administer the financial and operational activities of the agency. Resumes should include a cover letter and references. No phone calls. Only qualified resumes will be considered. Send to:

Shelbyville Housing Authority
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The SHA is subject to Section 3 hiring requirements; is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and Drug-Free Workplace. The SHA abides by the requirements of 41 CFR 90-741.5(a), which prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals on the basis of disability or protected veteran status; and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act.

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Sincere thanks

The family wishes to thank the Shelbyville Fire Dept. and everyone involved especially the person or persons that called it in because if it wasn't for them the fire on Coble Circle could have been much worse.

Thankful for the city of Shelbyville and great neighbors!

Thank you and God Bless,
Wanda Williams and family.

Back up all computer files online

Dear Heloise: Regarding uploading pictures to your computer, I would also suggest making sure you have an online backup of all your computer files. A fire or a flood can destroy your computer and any backup devices kept in your home. And it could also destroy the original photos that are stored at home.



Hints from Heloise
Heloise

resealable food storage containers. -- Kenny A., Bozeman, Montana

K-CUP COFFEE MAKER AND IRON ADVICE

Dear Heloise: Here are a couple helpful tips for K-cup-style coffee makers as well as household irons. K-cup-style coffee makers work better if you use filtered water, for example, from your refrigerator's water dispenser. Household irons have less problems with internal buildup if you use distilled water and then empty the cooled iron once you are done with it.

I enjoy all the tips and ideas you print that make life easier and more interesting. -- Mary, Vancouver, Washington

UPDATING PAPERWORK

Dear Heloise: Every January, I go through important papers and records to see if they need updating. If something were to happen to me, is there someone with authorization to get medical, banking or insurance information? Would they know how to get my account numbers and passwords or which insurances to call? Does this person know which bills to pay and how to access my online banking? Do they have a key to the house? Do they know my burial wishes? Do they know where all of these papers are kept?

It just makes it easier for whoever has to handle affairs in case of an emergency. This is something everyone should do, even though it's time-consuming. -- P.H., via email

Send a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795001, San Antonio, TX 78279-5001, or you can fax it to 1-210-HELOISE or email it to Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column.

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Send Community Calendar items to tgnews@t-g.com, notify us on Facebook, call 931-684-1200 or stop by our office, 323 E. Depot St.

SATURDAY

Food boxes

Second Harvest Food Bank will distribute free food boxes Saturday, Jan. 28, from 9-11 a.m. at Bell Buckle United Methodist Church. Recipients should enter from Abernathy Street behind the church,

JAN. 31

Coaches vs. Cancer

A Coaches vs. Cancer chili supper will be held at Shelbyville Central High School from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31. Basketball games will follow at 6:30 p.m.

FEB. 7

SCHRA meetings

South Central Human Resource Agency's governing board will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the central office, 1437 Winchester Hwy. in Fayetteville. Subcommittees will meet at 10 a.m.

FEB. 16

Junior's House

Junior's House, a children's advocacy center providing free services to child abuse victims, will hold an open house at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, at

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

2023 January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Edgemont Baptist Church, 150 Fairfield Pike.

MARCH 7

Commodities

A commodity food distribution will be held Tuesday, March 7 from 9-11 a.m. at Bedford County Agriculture Center, 2119 Midland Road, by South Central Tennessee Human Resource Agency. Only Bedford County residents are eligible. Call 931-685-9962 for more information.

ONGOING

Healthier Me program

UT/TSU Extension is offering a yearlong online program that focuses on developing one healthy habit each month such as eat breakfast, sugar down, move more, etc. You will receive an emailed newsletter each month with a goal and tracking form. There will be drawings for prizes for completing

the challenge for the month and reporting as well as optional special activities like cooking classes and more. Go to <https://bedford.tennessee.edu> for more information and to register or call the Extension Office at 931-684-5971 for questions.

Meals on Wheels

Shelbyville Senior Citizens Center is in need of Meals on Wheels volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound of Shelbyville. For more information, call 684-0019 and ask for Amy Wilson.

Soup kitchen

Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen serves meals from 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 336 S. Cannon Blvd. (corner of South Cannon Boulevard and Pickle Street). Donations may be made to Shelbyville Community Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2259, Shelbyville, TN 37162, and are tax deductible under its 501c3 non-profit designation. Boxed non-perishables

are available. Takeouts are no longer distributed.

Head Start

Bedford County Head Start Centers are currently taking applications. For more information or to complete an application contact any Head Start Center. Phone numbers are: Wartrace 931-389-6406, Harris Head Start 931-773-0033, North Side Head Start Center 931-773-0141, and Bedford Early Head Start 931-685-0876. Head Start is a free child development program for children 6 weeks to 3 years and their families. Early Head Start enrolls pregnant women for monthly prenatal educational visits.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery meets each Monday at 6 p.m. at International House of Prayer, 865 Union St. Attendees do not have to be a church member. For more information call Doug, 931-703-3159.

New Year, new tech: Top 5 upgrades you need in 2023

(Statepoint)

2023 is off to a roaring start, and according to a recent YouGov poll, 37% of Americans have set a goal to accomplish this year. Whether you made a resolution or not this year, upgrading your tech can help you be more productive. Here are several ways to refresh and update the tech in your life this year.

1. **Reset Passwords:** With cyber fraud and security threats always present and ever changing, it's a good periodic practice to set new passwords on all your accounts. From social media accounts to bank accounts, make it a habit to reset your passwords every few months to prevent fraudulent activity.

2. **Upgrade Your Smartphone:** The average American is forecasted to keep their smartphone for more than two and a half years, according to Statista. However, more regular upgrades may benefit you. Upgrading your smartphone will allow you to utilize enhanced security features, better battery life, faster performance and the latest 5G network. And with T-Mobile, you can get the best of both worlds without breaking



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the bank: America's largest, fastest and most reliable 5G network, and the full potential of the latest Samsung Galaxy A14 5G smartphone. Samsung's most affordable device yet, it packs a punch with a 5000mAh battery, 15W fast charging, 13 megapixel front-facing camera and triple-lens rear camera. Check out an unboxing video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXx-S7xHo74! Also, for a limited time, new and existing T-Mobile customers can get the

Samsung Galaxy A14 5G for free with 24 monthly bill credits when adding a line on a qualifying plan in stores and online at www.t-mobile.com/cell-phones/brand/samsung.

3. **Purge and Delete:** If a new smartphone isn't in the budget quite yet, there are a few ways you can refresh your phone to give it new life and improve performance. First, remove all large files taking up space. Next, clear your storage and internet browser history to speed up your phone. Apps that track your activity tend to drain your battery life. Delete apps you haven't used in more than six months. If you're still at full storage, try uploading items to a cloud provider or your computer and reset your smartphone.

4. **Enhance Your Network Experience:** The network your phone uses may need a major upgrade, and now there's a way to test out another wireless provider's network before making the switch. T-Mobile's Network Pass allows you and your family to keep your current wireless pro-

vider, compatible phone and phone number and try out T-Mobile's network free for three months. You'll get access to T-Mobile's largest 5G network and the ability to compare your network performance to pick the best carrier for you. The best part, it all can be done online via an app, without having to go into a store.

5. **Revamp Your Workspace:** Whether your workspace is a traditional desk from home or the office, on your feet or in a vehicle, make sure you have all the necessary tools to help you work smarter, not harder this year. Upgrade your workspace setup to be more ergonomically friendly – making sure your head and neck are straight, you have a chair with lumbar support and your computer monitor is about an arm's length away. Invest in a Bluetooth headset and get your work apps connected to your smartphone so you can take calls and send important documents on the go.

Give your tech an upgrade and you'll see success throughout the year.

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AG NOTES

By JOHN TEAGUE
UT/TSU Extension

PRUNING

There will be a good pruning webinar featuring Dr. David Lockwood, our own fruit specialist and one of the very best. "Pruning & Preparing the Home Orchard" is the topic he'll address.

This is a Zoom webinar and the link to register is found at <https://tiny.utk.edu/agtalk> This will be a great opportunity to tune in at home. The session is at 6:00 p.m. on January 24.

There are three other sessions as well that will interest gardeners. On February 7 "Right Plant, Right Place" with Lucas Holman, UT Extension Director in Wilson County, will be presented.

The session on February 28 will feature "Landscape Design" with Drake and Taylor Reeder, Landscape Architects. And on March 21 you'll hear about "Raised Bed Gardening" with Dr. Natalie Bumgardner, UT Extension Specialist.

These sessions are free and all are at 6:00 p.m. Don't miss these chances to hear from the experts.

GRAZING

There will be a grazing conference on February

24 at 9 a.m. at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon and it looks to be a really good session. Sponsored by the Tennessee Forage and Grassland Council, there will be several topics that will be of interest to livestock growers.

While there is one session on cattle genetics related to forage systems, there are many topics that can apply to other species as well. Economics of forage production, establishment of a good stand, grazing management, forage research, what others are doing, extending grazing seasons, fencing options and program opportunities.

Go to utbeef.com to get the details and register.

BEEKEEPING

The Duck River Beekeepers Association will hold its annual Beekeeping School March 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th (Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri) at the Farm Bureau Building at 323 Bethany Lane, Shelbyville, TN 37160. Classes will start at 7:00 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. (finger foods will be served).

The school will cover all information needed to begin beekeeping. On the last night of school there

will be a drawing in which three beginner hive kits (without the bees) will be given away. You must attend all four nights and be a new beekeeper to qualify for the drawing.

Cost is \$30 per person. For further information call: Debra McKill 931-581-5415 (call or text) or email tnbeeassoc@gmail.com

FACEBOOK

When Facebook first came out I said I'd never "do" Facebook. I'm not very fond of social media for various reasons, too many for me to go into here. But also, remember to never say never! You never know when you have to take back something you said!

But there is one thing that we do on the office Facebook page and that is to announce programs and opportunities for our clientele.

If you "do" Facebook, look at our page. It has program announcements for homeowners, farmers, families, 4-H youth, individuals in need of specific training, etc. Look at it and see what's there.

Who knows, we may be having a program that you could benefit from!

ANTIBIOTICS

This year will see an end to being able to purchase some antibiotics over the counter without a veterinarian's prescription. The ones that will be subject to this change are those classes of medicines that are used in both animals and humans. This is coming about because concerns about resistance that can be developed due to overuse and loss of effectiveness. I can provide a list of these products upon request.

Without a doubt that have been cases of overuse by agriculture. But that have also been cases of medical doctors doing the same thing. It is unfortunate because these products have been highly effective in the fight against sickness of farm animals and humans as well, and now that may be compromised.

But there is a way to be able to continue to use the good medicines, although it may be less convenient. You must have a good relationship with a licensed and certified vet with a good working knowledge of you and your operation. They need to know you and what you do on the farm and be comfortable that you will



follow their directions on administering antibiotics in accordance with the label. After all, that is the law.

I would advise that if you don't have this relationship now, you start now to develop that for the future.

SPRING

Here (above photo) is a sign of hope, even in cold weather, that spring and rejuvenation is coming! This was the first one.

I can't wait.

Vaccine developed to protect honeybees

By JENNIE L. DURANT
University of California, Davis

Honeybees, which pollinate one-third of the crops Americans eat, face many threats, including infectious diseases. On Jan. 4, 2023, a Georgia biotechnology company called Dalan Animal Health announced that it had received a conditional license from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a vaccine designed to protect honeybees against American foulbrood, a highly destructive infection.

To receive a conditional license, which usually lasts for one year and is subject to further evaluation by the USDA, veterinary biological products must be shown to be pure, safe and reasonably likely to be effective. Dr. Jennie Durant, an agriculture researcher at the University of California, Davis, who specializes in honeybee health, explains why this vaccine is potentially an important step in ongoing efforts to protect pollinators.

1. What threat does this vaccine address? The new bee vaccine, Paenibacillus Larvae Bacterin, aims to protect honeybees from American foulbrood. This highly destructive bacterial disease gets its name from the foul scent honeybee larvae exude when infected.

An outbreak of American foulbrood is effectively a death sentence for a bee colony and can economically devastate a beekeeping operation. The spores from the bacteria, Paenibacillus larvae, are highly transmissible and can remain virulent for decades after infection.

Once an outbreak occurs,

beekeepers typically have to destroy any bee colonies that they know were infected to avoid spreading the disease. They also have to destroy the hive boxes the colonies were stored in and any equipment that may have touched infected colonies.

Beekeepers have used antibiotics preventively for decades to keep foulbrood in check and treat infected colonies. Often they mix the antibiotics with powdered sugar and sprinkle it inside the colony box. As often happens when antibiotics are overused, scientists and beekeepers are seeing antibiotic resistance and negative impacts on hive health, such as disruption of the helpful microbes that live in bees' guts.

In 2017, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration began requiring a veterinarian's prescription or feed directive to use antibiotics for foulbrood. While this regulatory change sought to address antibiotic resistance, it limited beekeepers' access to antibiotics and their ability to treat foulbrood preventively. The vaccine would ideally provide a more sustainable solution.

2. How effectively does the vaccine prevent infection? Studies are still analyzing its effectiveness. One published study demonstrated a 30% to 50% increase in resistance to American foulbrood in a vaccinated queen's offspring.

While this might seem low, it's important to put the results in context. Given how deadly and contagious American foulbrood is, researchers did not want to directly expose an outdoor

hive to foulbrood with an unproven vaccine. Instead, they conducted lab studies where they exposed test hives to around 1,000 times the number of American foulbrood spores a colony would typically be exposed to in the field. Dalan, the manufacturer, has field trials planned for 2023.

3. How do you vaccinate honeybees? It's not done with tiny needles - beekeepers mix the vaccine into bee food. This approach exposes queen bees to inactive Paenibacillus larvae bacteria, which helps larvae hatched in the hive to resist infection.

This is not a mRNA vaccine, like the Pfizer and Moderna COVID vaccines. It's a more traditional inactive vaccine like the one we use against polio. To understand how the vaccine works, it's helpful to know what queen bees eat: a protein-rich substance called "royal jelly" that is secreted from glands on the heads of young worker bees.

When queen bees are shipped to a beekeeper, they are typically placed in a small cage with 50 to 200 worker bees that have been fed something called queen candy. This substance is often made with powdered sugar and corn syrup and has the consistency of sugar cookie dough or modeling clay. Worker bees consume the candy, produce royal jelly and feed it to the queen.

The vaccine's delivery method uses this unique system. A beekeeper can mix the vaccine with the queen candy, which is then digested by worker bees. They produce royal jelly and feed it to the queen, who

digests it and then transfers the vaccine to her ovaries. Once she is transferred to the hive and begins laying eggs, the larvae that hatch from those eggs have a heightened immunity to American foulbrood.

4. Who will use the vaccine? According to representatives at Dalan, limited quantities of the vaccine should be available starting in spring 2023 to commercial beekeepers and bee producers, with the aim of supplying smaller-scale beekeepers and hobbyists in the future.

5. How long will a dose last? Dalan is still researching the specifics. Its current understanding is that it will last as long as the queen bee can lay eggs. If she dies, is killed or is replaced,

the beekeeper will have to purchase a new vaccinated queen.

6. Is this a big scientific advance? Yes - it is the first vaccine for any insect in the U.S. and could help pave the way for new vaccines to treat other issues that have plagued the beekeeping industry for decades. Honeybees face many urgent threats, including Varroa mites, climate change and poor nutrition, which makes this vaccine an exciting new development.

Dalan is also working on a vaccine to protect bees against European foulbrood. This disease is less fatal than American foulbrood, but is still highly infectious. Beekeepers have been able to treat it with antibiotics but, as with American foulbrood,

they are seeing signs of resistance.

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New USDA rule boosts "organic" food oversight, targets fraud

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Agriculture Department on Thursday issued new requirements for foods labeled organic, a move aimed at cracking down on fraud and boosting oversight.

The rule strengthens enforcement of the USDA's strict definitions of organic, which must rely on "natural substances and physical, mechanical or biologically based farming methods to the fullest extent possible."

The rule requires USDA's National Organic Program certification for all imported organic food, increases certifications of more businesses in the supply chain and boosts authority for inspections, record-keeping, traceability and fraud prevention practices.

The Organic Trade Association, which lobbied for rule, said it represents the biggest change to organic regulations since

the creation of the USDA organic food program.

OTA officials said in a statement the regulation "will do much to deter and detect organic fraud and protect organic integrity throughout the supply chain."

Sales of organic foods in the U.S. topped \$63 billion in 2021, according to OTA, with consumers willing to pay top dollar for products free of pesticides and other contaminants.



New housing development behind H.V. Griffin Park.

T-G Photo by Zoe Watkins

Tennessee home prices: 4th highest increase of any state

A new study has revealed the states where house prices rose the most over the past year.

The research by Santa Monica realtors analyzed data from Zillow for the past year, across all fifty states to determine which state had seen the biggest rise in housing prices.

“The housing market has indeed been turbulent over the past few years, with house prices being affected by inflation, the pandemic and many more factors,” said a spokesperson from Santa Monica realtors said.

“This study provides a fascinating insight into which parts of America have seen the highest increases as well as the lowest. It will be interesting to see if this ranking remains similar throughout this year or if they fluctuate.”

Tennessee and North Carolina rank fourth and fifth respectively. House prices in Tennessee have skyrocketed 16.3% over the past year, resulting in house prices currently sitting at an average of \$311,333.

North Carolina, which places fifth in the state

rankings, has had house prices increase 15.7% during 2022 which means the average house price in North Carolina is \$329,634.

The state with the third highest increase in property prices is Vermont. The average house price in Vermont is now \$386,285 after increasing 16.9% over the past twelve months.

South Carolina has seen the second biggest increase in house prices during 2022. The average house price in the state has risen by 19.2%, just slightly less than Florida’s increase. A

property in South Carolina currently has an average cost of \$300,667.

The data revealed that Florida had the biggest increase in house prices over the past year, rising 19.9%. The average house price for a home in Florida currently stands at \$404,939.

At the other end of the scale, the state that has seen the smallest increase in house prices is Idaho. There has been just a 1.3% increase in house prices in 2022 in Idaho. The average house price in the state is

currently \$459,947.

California has seen the second lowest increase in house prices out of all fifty states. The average house price in California is now \$760,644 after increasing 4.4% in the past twelve months.

The state with the third lowest increase in house prices is Oregon. The average house price in Oregon is \$510,401 after increasing 5.5% in 2022.

In Minnesota, there has been a 5.6% rise in house prices over the last year, just slightly more than Oregon,

making the state have the fourth smallest increase in house prices. House prices in Minnesota currently average at \$333,294.

Three states have had the fifth lowest increase in house prices, all with a 5.8% increase in house prices over the past year – New York, Nevada and Arizona. The average house price in New York is \$782,365 whilst in Arizona the average house price is \$419,675 and Nevada’s average house price is \$433,100.

TVA names panel to study blackouts

By JONATHAN MATTISE
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — The nation’s largest public utility has appointed an independent panel to look into power failures that spurred the decision to implement rolling blackouts during dangerously cold conditions late last year, the Tennessee Valley Authority announced Thursday.

The public utility said the panel will include American Public Power Association President Joy Ditto, former Republican U.S. Sen. Bob Corker from Tennessee and retired Electric Power Research Institute CEO Mike Howard.

“These leaders bring

tremendous experience and expertise not only in public power and energy systems, but also an understanding of the growing energy needs of the region,” Don Moul, TVA chief operating officer, said in a statement.

TVA has said it takes full responsibility for the Dec. 23 and 24 rolling blackouts and is undergoing an internal review of what happened.

TVA experienced its highest ever winter peak-power demand on Dec. 23.

The utility said a combination of high winds and freezing temperatures caused its coal-burning Cumberland Fossil Plant in Cumberland City

to go offline when critical instrumentation froze up. The Bull Run coal-burning plant in Clinton also went offline, TVA spokesman Scott Brooks said. The utility “had issues at some of our natural gas units” as well, Brooks said.

TVA said most of the local power companies it supplies were able to keep the rolling blackouts to “relatively short durations” for the people dependent on its electricity.

TVA told all 153 local power companies to reduce their load on the electric grid by 5% or 10%, depending on the timing and the day, Brooks said. It was up to local power companies to decide how to make the reductions, and

the rolling temporary power reductions were an option — not a requirement — for them, Brooks said.

The Nashville Electric Service, for example, said on Dec. 24 that customers should expect approximately 10-minute outages every 1.5 to 2 hours.

Brooks said TVA doesn’t have a way to track how many people lost their power due to rolling blackouts, or when. He said the local utilities that interrupted people’s power kept them to less than 30 minutes at a time “unless there were other issues on the local grid.”

TVA is also expected to factor in a review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, which are investigating how power systems across the country operated during the winter storm.

Additionally, TVA’s inspector general office said it is monitoring the utility’s investigation to help decide what kind of inspector general reviews will be appropriate.

The rolling blackouts are certain to come up during the TVA board meeting on Feb. 16 in Muscle Shoals, Alabama — the first with a new majority of members picked by President Joe Biden.

TVA provides power to 10 million people in parts of seven Southern states.

Mourners bid farewell to Lisa Marie Presley

By ADRIAN SAINZ
Associated Press

MEMPHIS — Lisa Marie Presley, a singer, songwriter and the daughter of Elvis Presley, was remembered during a funeral service Sunday as a loving mother and an “old soul” who endured tragedy but persevered as a dedicated protector of her father’s legacy as a rock ‘n’ roll pioneer and pop icon.

More than a thousand people gathered on the front lawn of Graceland on a gray, chilly Memphis morning to mourn the death and remember the life of Lisa Marie Presley, who died Jan. 12 after she was taken to a hospital in California.

Some mourners held flowers as they waited for the service to begin under the tall trees on the lawn of Graceland, the home in Memphis where Lisa Marie lived as a child with her father. The mansion, which Lisa Marie Presley owned, has been turned into a museum and tourist attraction that hundreds of thousands of fans visit each year to celebrate the life and music of Elvis, who died in 1977 at age 42.

The property in south Memphis was a place of sadness and somber memories on Sunday. The service began with the singing of “Amazing Grace” by Jason Clark & The Tennessee Mass Choir.

“We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the love, compassion and support you have shown our family during this difficult time,” said a message from the Presley family written on the program for the service. “We will always be grateful.”

Among those who spoke during the service were Lisa Marie’s mother, actress Priscilla Presley; Sarah Ferguson, the Duchess of York; Jerry Schilling, a close friend of Elvis; and former Memphis Mayor A C Wharton, who called Lisa Marie’s parents Memphis’ royal couple and a “conduit to the throne, the keeper of the flame.”

In a soft voice, Priscilla Presley read a poem from one of Lisa Marie’s three daughters, Harper Vivienne Ann Lockwood, entitled “The Old Soul,” in which she calls her mother “an icon, a role model, a superhero to many people all

over the world.”

“In 1968, she entered our world, born tired, fragile, yet strong. She was delicate, but was filled with life,” Priscilla Presley read. “She always knew she wouldn’t be here too long. Childhood passes by, with a glimpse of her green eye. She then grew a family of her own.”

After reading the poem, Priscilla Presley said: “Our heart is broken. Lisa, we all love you.” Music punctuated the service. Billy Corgan, lead singer of The Smashing Pumpkins, played acoustic guitar and sang “To Sheila;” Alanis Morissette sang “Rest;” Axl Rose, of Guns N’ Roses, played piano and sang “November Rain;” and The Blackwood Brothers Quartet performed two songs.

After the service, mourners walked through Graceland’s Meditation Garden, where she was laid to rest in an above-ground grave next to her son Benjamin Keough, who died in 2020, and alongside her grandparents and great-grandmother.

Weaths and bouquets of red,

white, yellow and pink flowers lined the walk up to the gravesite and the tomb itself. Fans, some teary-eyed, walked slowly by the tomb, pausing to pay their respects.

Jordan Clark, 25, traveled from Mobile, Alabama, to attend the service. She called the ceremony special and heartwarming. Clark said Lisa Marie “went through a lot” in her life and equated the service to the time when Elvis died, when “people came from all over.”

“She was born into the public, born into fame. That’s hard for some people,” Clark said. “She handled it like a champ. I think.”

Lisa Marie was 9 when her father died. She was staying at Graceland at the time and would recall him kissing her goodnight hours before he died. When she next saw him, the following day, he was lying face down in the bathroom.

After her father died, she became the sole heir of the Elvis Presley Trust, which — along with Elvis Presley Enterprises — managed Graceland and other

assets until she sold her majority interest in 2005. She retained ownership of the mansion itself, the 13 acres around it and items inside the home.

A representative from Elvis Presley Enterprises has told The Associated Press that the mansion is in a trust that will go to the benefit of her children. Along with Harper, she is survived by two other daughters — Riley Keough and Finley Aaron Love Lockwood.

Riley Keough, an actress, did not speak at the service. Her husband, Ben Smith-Petersen, read a statement in which she remembers Lisa Marie taking her for ice cream, bringing her tea sets from Cracker Barrel, and leaving notes in her lunchbox.

“Thank you for giving me strength, my heart, my empathy, my courage, my sense of humor, my manners, my temper, my wildness, my tenacity,” Riley Keough said in the statement. “I’m a product of your heart.”

Intruders smash pharmacy's window

By **DAVID MELSON**
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Two people quickly broke into, then left, McGee's Prescription Shop early Saturday, Shelbyville police said.

Nothing was found missing as of Monday except two pill bottles found on the ground outside the Union Street pharmacy, Detective Lt. Charles Merlo said.

An alarm alerted officers at 2:18 a.m. They arrived to find a shattered door and a large rock nearby.

Surveillance video showed two males, one white and one Black, throwing the rock and running to a location inside the store before exiting within two minutes. Both wore face coverings, police said.

Thefts

A utility trailer and a ladder were stolen late Tuesday night, Jan. 10, from Dynamic Pool Designs, Madison Street.

Security video shows a black Ford F150 pickup leaving with the trailer at approximately 11:35 p.m., police said.

A wallet was taken last week from a room at Best Western Celebration Inn, Madison Street.

Gun's journey

A gun reported stolen in Honolulu was pawned Friday at a Shelbyville pawn shop, police said.

The man who pawned the gun has not been charged. He told police the gun was "given to him as a

family inheritance."

Drug charges

Three suspects have been given citations for marijuana possession recently during Shelbyville Police Department traffic stops.

Jessica Velazquez was cited during a traffic stop by Officer Dylan Bliss for a vehicle light violation Saturday night on Woodbury Street. Bliss allegedly smelled marijuana, asked if she possessed any and was handed 7 grams from her clothing. She also allegedly had three marijuana pipes and a grinder, all containing residue, in the vehicle.

Velazquez was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving on a suspended license, and a child restraint violation.

Layla Marie Johnson was cited when Officer Tracy Teal stopped her for a vehicle light violation Friday night on Madison Street. Teal said he smelled marijuana and allegedly found a bag in her hoodie.

Dylan Pardon was cited after Officer Jeremiah Guinn allegedly found 2.3 grams of marijuana in his vehicle during a traffic stop Thursday on Deery Street. He was issued a criminal summons.

Jail intake

Joleen Anderson, 45, Cornersville; order of protection (warrant); released, \$5,000 bond

Rafael Avendano, 39, White Street; failure to appear (two counts), light law, no driver's license/

exhibited on demand; no bond

Myrick Egglester, 52 homeless; burglary, introducing contraband in penal institutions, possession of schedule 2 drug, public intoxication; \$13,000 bond

Joshua Dewayne Good, 41, Tullahoma; violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

Gerald Hanley, 33, Woodland Drive; violation of probation; \$1,500 bond

Chad Ian Hutchinson, 46, U.S. 231 North; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance, no bond

David Garcia Larreinaga, 23, Antioch; financial responsibility, light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance, no bond

Adolfo Pascual-Juan, 21, Minkslide Road; failure to appear; no bond

Perez Pedro Gomez, 34, King Arthur Court; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance, no bond

Judith Garcia Perez, 24, Trott Road; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance, no bond

Erica Lindsey Rangel, 31, Harrison; driving on a suspended license; released on recognizance, no bond

Giovanni Santiago Robles, 30, Shapard Street; bondsman surrender, possession of schedule 2 drug; \$63,500 bond

Lucus Tadeo, 25, Deery Street; driving on a suspended license, speeding; released on recognizance, no bond

Jason A. Thompson,

45, Three Forks Road, Wartrace; failure to appear; released on recognizance, no bond

The following did not have addresses listed on the Sheriff Office's report:

Samuel Acosta, 36, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license, running red light/stop sign; released, \$1,000 bond

Laura Lea Adkins, 49, Lewisburg; violation of order of protection; released on recognizance, no bond

Tyias Savyon Allison, 27, Shelbyville; domestic assault (simple), introducing contraband in penal institutions; released, \$7,500 bond

Cassidy Noel Barrett, 26, Shelbyville; criminal responsibility for conduct of another; \$15,000 bond

Giovanni Gomez Benicio, 21, Shelbyville; failure to appear; no bond

Talia Alona Biggers, 31, Shelbyville; light law, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released on recognizance, no bond

Dimitrios David-Deshaun Blevins, 30, Murfreesboro; aggravated assault; released, \$1,500 bond

Jason Thomas Causley, 37, Shelbyville; public intoxication; released, \$1,000 bond

Mary Beth Dennis, 35, Shelbyville; violation of probation; released on recognizance, no bond

Edgar Alvaro Domingo Cinto, 26, Shelbyville; domestic assault (simple); released, \$3,000 bond

Ezequiel Estrada, 42, Shelbyville; DUI, failure to yield right of way, vehicular

assault, vehicular homicide; no bond

Jason Scott Glines, 44, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license, possession of schedule 6 drug, violation of probation; \$7,000 bond

Taylor Nichelle Lankford, 28, Wartrace; violation of probation; released, \$1,500 bond

Christopher James Marhsall, 38, Shelbyville; violation of probation; no bond

Calvin Elliott Maxwell, 54, Shelbyville; disorderly conduct; \$1,500 bond

Nathan Todd Melton, 39, Mulberry; violation of parole; no bond

Jamie Elizabeth Merlo, 42, Shelbyville; capias, failure to appear; no bond

April Corin Nease, 31, Shelbyville; DUI, light law, open container law; \$4,500 bond

Jackson North, 24, Nashville; burglary (aggravated), theft of property; \$250,000 bond

Abel Olea Leon, 25, Shelbyville; financial responsibility, no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance, no bond

Jevon Louis Parman, 35, Shelbyville; criminal conspiracy, introducing contraband in penal institutions; \$30,000 bond

Fred William Penick II, 40, Old Hickory; harassment; released, \$1,000 bond

Sebastian Perez, 20, Cowan; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, traffic control device (stop sign); released, \$500 bond

Misty Dawn Powell, 43, Shelbyville; violation of probation; \$2,500 bond

Ricky William Rutledge, 38, Shelbyville; failure to appear; no bond

Robert Sales, 27, Shelbyville; public intoxication; released, \$1,000 bond

Jesus Mendez Sanchez, 22, Shelbyville; light law, driving on a suspended license; released, \$1,000 bond

Henry C. Schaefer, 64, Shelbyville; domestic assault (simple); released, \$2,500 bond

Miguel Martin Sebastian, 26, Shelbyville; failure to yield, no driver's license/exhibited on demand; released, \$2,000 bond

Joseph Daniel Sellars, 18, Lewisburg; contributing to a minor, DUI, evading arrest, open container law; reckless endangerment, reckless/careless driving, seatbelt law; released, \$10,000 bond

Brooklyn Nicole Shettters, 21, Shelbyville; no driver's license/exhibited on demand, speeding; released on recognizance, no bond

David Eugene Stacey Jr., 35, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, traffic control device (stop sign); released on recognizance, no bond

James Earl Walker, 42, Shelbyville; driving on a revoked license, violation of probation; released, \$3,500 bond

Hailey Whitehead, 33, Shelbyville; driving on a suspended license, financial responsibility, traffic control device (stop sign); released on recognizance, no bond

Authorities search for motive in California massacre

MONTEREY PARK, Calif. (AP) — Authorities searched for a motive for the gunman who killed 10 people at a Los Angeles-area ballroom dance club during Lunar New Year celebrations, slayings that sent a wave of fear through Asian American communities and cast a shadow over festivities nationwide.

The suspect, 72-year-old Huu Can Tran, was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday in the van that authorities say he used to flee after attempting to attack a second dance hall. The mayor of Monterey Park said Tran may have frequented the first dance hall that he targeted.

The massacre was the nation's fifth mass killing this month, and it struck one of California's largest celebrations of a holiday observed in many Asian cultures, dealing another blow to a community that has been the target of high-profile violence in recent years.

It was also the deadliest attack since May 24, when 21 people were killed in an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Law enforcement officials said the rampage could have been even deadlier. A man whose family runs the second dance hall confronted the assailant in the lobby and wrested the gun from him, The New York Times reported.

Authorities have shared little about Tran.

"We do understand that he may have had a history of visiting this dance hall and perhaps the motivation has to do with some personal relationships. But that's something that I think investigators are still uncovering and investigating," said Monterey Park Mayor Henry Lo. Public records show Tran once had addresses in the city and neighboring ones.

But the mayor and LA County Sheriff Robert Luna stressed that the motive

remained unclear for the attack, which also wounded 10 people. Speaking at a Sunday evening news conference, Luna said all of the people killed appeared to be over 50. No other suspects were at large, according to the sheriff.

The suspect was carrying what Luna described as a semi-automatic pistol with an extended magazine, and a second handgun was discovered in the van where Tran died.

Within three minutes of receiving the call, officers arrived at the Star Ballroom Dance Studio in Monterey Park, according to Monterey Park Police Chief Scott Wiese.

There, they found carnage inside and people trying to flee through all the doors.

"When they came into the parking lot, it was chaos," Wiese said.

About 20 minutes after the first attack, the gunman entered the Lai Lai

Ballroom in the nearby city of Alhambra.

Brandon Tsay was in the lobby at the time, and he told ABC's "Good Morning America" that he thought he was going to die.

"Something came over me. I realized I needed to get the weapon away from him, I needed to take this weapon, disarm him or else everybody would have died," Tsay said. "When I got the courage, I lunged at him with both my hands, grabbed the weapon and we had a struggle."

Once Tsay seized the gun, he pointed it at the man and shouted: "Get the hell out of here, I'll shoot, get away, go!"

The assailant paused, but then headed back to his van, and Tsay called the police, the gun still in his hand.

While Luna told reporters on Sunday that two people wrested the weapon away from the attacker, Tsay, who works a few days a week at the dance hall his

grandparents started, told The New York Times that he acted alone. Stills from security footage shown on "Good Morning America" showed only the two men struggling for the gun.

The suspect's white van was found in Torrance, another community home to many Asian Americans.

After surrounding the vehicle for hours, law enforcement officials swarmed and entered it. A person's body appeared to be slumped over the wheel and was later removed. Members of a SWAT team looked through the van's contents before walking away.

Congresswoman Judy Chu said she still has questions about the attack but hopes residents now feel safe.

"The community was in fear thinking that they should not go to any events because there was an active shooter," Chu said Sunday at a news conference.

"What was the motive for this shooter?" she said. "Did he have a mental illness? Was he a domestic violence abuser? How did he get these guns and was it through legal means or not?"

Monterey Park is a city of about 60,000 people on the eastern edge of Los Angeles and is composed mostly of Asian immigrants from China or first-generation Asian Americans. The shooting happened in the heart of its downtown where red lanterns decorated the streets for the Lunar New Year festivities. A police car was parked near a large banner that proclaimed "Happy Year of the Rabbit!"

The celebration in Monterey Park is one of California's largest. Two days of festivities, which have been attended by as many as 100,000 people in past years, were planned. But officials canceled Sunday's events following the shooting.

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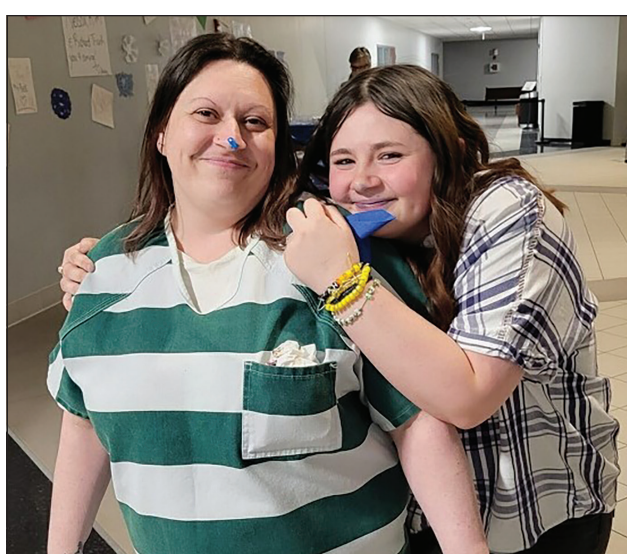
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Clanton swishes Champs' game-winner

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — Coming off a wire-to-wire finish earlier in the week, the Cascade Champions (17-4) found themselves in that same position on Friday night as they took down the Fayetteville City Tigers (7-6) in the final seconds for a 48-46 victory.

It all came down to the final minute of the game as the Tigers had possession with the game tied at 46 each.

The Tigers kept the ball outside the three-point line, attempting to run some time off the clock before they took the potential game-winning shot, but the Champions locked in defensively and Jackson Davis forced a five-second violation with 35 seconds remaining to give Cascade the ball.

Cascade head coach Chris Lawson called a timeout immediately after to draw up a play for potentially their final offensive possession of the game.

Coming out of the timeout, the Champions ran their normal offense until Lucas Clanton carved out some space in the paint for an entry pass.

He made his move and rose up for a jumper and the ball swished through the hoop for a 48-46 Champion lead with nine seconds left.

Fayetteville wasted no time, and got the ball in quickly to push it up the floor.

On the other end awaited Thomas Gentry who put his body on the line for a charge, and the Champions got the ball back on the baseline with 1.4 seconds remaining.

Lawson called one final timeout to get his team organized for the last plate of the game.

Saebyn Burris got the ball in and the time ran out



Lucas Clanton holds his followthrough as he watches the game-winning shot fall through the net. He finished with 14 points on the night.

T-G Photos by Will Carter

Dixon, Simmons go for 42 in Viqueens rout

T-G STAFF REPORT

COALMONT — After building just a four-point lead after the first quarter of play on Friday night at Grundy County (7-10, 0-2), the Community Viqueens (16-5) went on an absolute tear in the second and third quarters to put the game out of reach in a 65-35 blowout win against the Lady Yellow Jackets.

It was a bit of a slow start for the Viqueens on the offensive end of the court, but Zoey Dixon tallied seven first-quarter points to lead Community in the period.

Defensively, it was a lockdown effort throughout the game that kept Grundy County in check.

With the slim lead in hand, M.J. Simmons took control of the game in the second period and as part of a 27-point effort by the Purple and Gold, absolutely dominated in the paint. Simmons scored 14 of her game-high 22 points in the second quarter, and was an extremely efficient 4-of-5 from the free throw line.

Dixon also continued to pour on the offense in the second and added eight more to the cause.

By halftime, the Viqueens stretched their lead to 26 points—and things only continued to

spiral in Community's favor in the second half.

Dixon and Simmons led the charge in a 21-point third period, with Simmons adding eight more points.

The game slowed considerably from an offensive standpoint in the fourth quarter, as Community tacked on just eight more points, but still had the lead and game well in hand.

Simmons and Dixon combined for 42 points to lead the way.

Grundy County saw nine players pencil their name in the scoring column, but no Lady Yellow Jacket reached double figures against Community on Friday night.

The Viqueens will be back on the road on Tuesday night, traveling to Cannon County, before returning home on Friday to host county rival Cascade in a District 7-AA clash.

Community 11 27 21 6 — 65
Grundy Co. 7 5 13 10 — 35
Community: M.J. Simmons 22, Zoey Dixon 20, Addison Brothers 8, Izzy Martinez 3, Haley Mitchell 3, Jacy Collier 3, Anna Haskins 3, Haley Mitchell 2, Raegan Haley 2, Shelby Cawthon 2.
Grundy Co.: Wrylee McDaniel 7, Elyce Ryaner 6, Kathryn Lusk 5, Carlee Smartt 5, Glaidys McDaniel 4, Kayla Garza 4, Katt Davidson 2, Kasadee Crabtree.
3-Point Goals: Community (5): Dixon 2, Brothers 2, Haskins; Grundy Co. (3): Lusk, Smartt, K. McDaniel.
Halftime score: Community 38, Grundy Co. 12.

Lady Tigers control Lady Champs

By WILL CARTER
Sports Writer

BELL BUCKLE — The Cascade Lady Champions couldn't keep the Fayetteville City Lady Tigers out of the paint or off the free throw line on Friday night as the Lady Tigers knocked down 21 free throws in their 62-32 win over the Lady Champions.

The Lady Champions (1-16) couldn't find their rhythm offensively early on in the contest as only Sophie Ray and Kaydence Miller were able to notch first quarter points with a free throw and three-pointer respectively as the Lady Tigers (5-9) took a 12-4 lead after one quarter.

Trinity Dixon started out the game on fire for Fayetteville as she dropped seven first quarter points.

"Last time we played them, it was a running clock, so we're closing the gap defensively," Lady Champs head coach Janie Demonbreum said. "We're throwing different stuff at the girls each week with different types of defenses, and they're picking it up well. Now we have to close the gap offensively."

Cascade got things started in the second frame when Isabella Rhodes found some space in the paint for a layup just 20 seconds in, but Fayetteville took over from there going on a 12-1 run over the next five minutes.

Kaegan Young broke free for a layup at the two-



Laina Carter fires up and knocks down a three-pointer against the Lady Tigers. She finished with six points.

T-G Photo by Will Carter

minute mark to stop the run, and knocked down a three-pointer a minute later to total six points in the quarter.

At the half the Lady Tigers held a 29-15 lead.

It was all Fayetteville in the third quarter as they jumped out on a 5-0 run over the first two and a half minutes to extend their lead

to 19 before Sophie Ray hit a layup for Cascade to put a stop to it.

But they got hot again and went on an 8-0 run to push their lead to 25 which forced Demonbreum to use a timeout with three minutes and 13 seconds left in the quarter.

The Lady Champions gave up only four points

for the remainder of the frame, but could only muster two more of their own via another Ray layup.

"We just need to play more confidently. We come out a little tense at times at the start of the game," Demonbreum said. "In the first and third quarters, I

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as the Champions escaped with a narrow victory again.

“I felt like we had the best player on the floor in Lucas Clanton. In crunch time we want the ball in his hands, so he can take the last shot,” Lawson said.

“We ran our normal offense until the ball moved around to Lucas in the paint, and he did what he does. It was a little early in the clock so they got the ball back, but Thomas Gentry made a huge play on the other end by taking a charge with the game on the line.”

Cascade got off on the right foot against Fayetteville by taking a 15-10 lead after the opening quarter behind Gentry and Lucas Clanton’s 13 combined points, but it wasn’t an easy quarter to win.

The Tigers hit back-to-back three-pointers two minutes into the quarter to take a narrow lead and they held onto it for just under two minutes before Clanton tied it up at eight apiece with a three of his own.

Gentry knocked down two free throws a minute later for the Champions first lead of the game, and they carried it into the next frame.

It was a back-and-forth affair in the second up until the final minute before halftime.

Cascade started on a small run behind Isaac McElroy’s back-to-back baskets for five points to open the quarter, but Fayetteville followed it up with an 8-0 run of their own.

The Tigers finally tied the game back up at 22 each with 1:41 left in the half.

Less than a minute later, they took their first lead since early in the first quarter when Kentius Henderson knocked down a three-pointer.

They carried their 25-24 lead into the halftime break.



Jackson Davis strides to the basket for a layup early in the contest against the Tigers. He finished with 12 points.

After the half, Cascade’s offensive struggles continued as they couldn’t get much to go for only six points in the third quarter.

“I told the guys at halftime that the last four or five minutes of the second quarter we didn’t run our sets or play organized,” Lawson said. “We had a 10-point lead and that evaporated, so we went into halftime down. Coming out of the

half, we struggled again in the third quarter.”

The Tigers relied on Isaiah Thomison and Bryson Johnson in the frame as the two combined for all 10 of their points, and they extended their lead to 35-30 with one quarter to play.

Cascade battled back with everything they had in the final frame as all five starters contributed to their

18 point total to close out the game.

After six minutes passed in the quarter, the Champions tied the game back up when Gentry knocked down a three-pointer to make it 44-44.

Fayetteville took the lead once more before Davis knocked down two free throws to tie it at 46 apiece, and the five-second violation he forced came on

the following play.

“If you have some games that come down to one or two points in the end and you’re losing them, then you have work to do,” Lawson said. “Knock on wood, but with this experienced group we’ve been able to hit those shots when we need them this season.”

It’s a week of road trips for the Champions as they kick it off with a matchup against the Watertown

Purple Tigers on Tuesday night.

Tip-off is set to follow the girls’ game.

Cascade	15	9	6	18	—	48
Fayetteville	10	15	10	11	—	46
Cascade: Lucas Clanton 14, Jackson Davis 12, Thomas Gentry 8, Isaac McElroy 7, Jayden Gulick 3, Saebyn Burris 2, Sawyer Lovorn 2.						
Fayetteville: Isaiah Thomison 14, Camaurionn Taylor 11, Bryson Johnson 6, Aljarea Johnson 6, Lateral Brown 3, Kentius Henderson 3, Teondre Love 3.						
3-point Goals: Cascade (5): Clanton 3, Gentry 2, Gulick.; Fayetteville (6): Taylor 3, Brown, Thomison, Henderson, Love.						
Halftime Score: Fayetteville 25, Cascade 24.						

Flannagan’s heroics not enough for Vikes at Grundy County

T-G STAFF REPORT

COALMONT — A monster night by senior Jacob Flannagan wasn’t enough for Community in a 64-57 loss on Friday night at Grundy County.

Flannagan scored at will throughout the contest, totaling a game-high 27 points, but couldn’t get enough help from the supporting cast, as no other Viking reached double figures.

Community hung tough with Grundy County through the first quarter and trailed just 12-11 after

the first period, but the one-two punch of Sam and Alex Parsons spurred on a 23-point second period by the Yellow Jackets.

By halftime, Grundy County had stretched its lead to nine points.

A massive effort by Flannagan in the third quarter brought Community back well-within striking distance as the Viking senior tallied 12 points.

But Community just couldn’t get over the hump in the fourth quarter as Grundy County closed the

game on a 14-12 run and preserved the seven-point win.

The two Parsons combined for 41 points to lead Grundy County.

Community will be back on the road on Tuesday, traveling to Cannon County for a 7:30 p.m. tip-off.

Community	11	15	19	12	—	57
Grundy Co.	12	23	15	14	—	64
Community: Jacob Flannagan 27, Ramone Hernandez 9, Jason Cullen 7, Cole Crockett 4, Dallas Grooms 4, Landon Lovorn 3, Noah Watson 3.						
Grundy Co.: Alex Parsons 24, Sam Parsons 17, Jarod Huntley 9, Issac Campbell 7, Dylan Sanders 7.						
3-Point goals: Grundy Co. (9): A. Parsons 4, S. Parsons 3, Campbell, Sanders; Community (2): Lovorn, Hernandez.						
Halftime score: Grundy Co. 35, Community 26.						

Florida releases QB Rashada

By MARK LONG
AP Sports Writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Highly touted high school quarterback Jaden Rashada is moving on from Florida, a breakup that was weeks in the making and cost the Gators one of their most prized recruits.

Florida officially granted Rashada a release from his National Letter of Intent on Friday, three days after he requested to be let go.

Rashada’s decision came after the Gator Collective — an independent fundraising group that’s loosely tied to the university and pays student-athletes for use of their name, image and likeness — failed to honor a four-year deal worth more than \$13 million, according to a person familiar with the situation. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither side acknowledged the

split publicly.

The high-profile case will, at the very least, prompt changes at Florida. It also could lead to a lawsuit and potentially an NCAA investigation.

What happened?

Rashada switched his verbal commitment from Miami to Florida on Nov. 10. Rashada, his representatives and the Gator Collective had presumably agreed to terms on a lucrative NIL deal at the time of his flip.

One of Florida’s top boosters, millionaire businessman Hugh Hathcock, tweeted “Tomorrow will be a Great Day Gator Fans!!!” the night before Rashada’s announcement. The following day, less than five hours before Rashada publicly announced his flip, Hathcock tweeted “All Good!!! Just a little longer!!!”

The deal fell apart less

than a month later. The Athletic reported that Gator Collective CEO Eddie Rojas sent a termination letter to Rashada and his reps on Dec. 7. It’s unclear why the deal crumbled, but a source with knowledge of the negotiations told the AP that not all of the financial backers were aware that the signed deal had increased from roughly \$5 million over four years to more than \$13 million.

Rashada failed to enroll with other signees days after playing in a Jan. 3 all-star game in nearby Orlando. The 19-year-old eventually returned to the West Coast.

Who is Rashada?

Rashada is a five-star QB prospect from Pittsburg, California, who is ranked 29th overall by 247Sports in the 2023 recruiting class. His father, Harlen Rashada, played defensive back at Arizona State (1992-94).



T-G Photo by Will Carter

Kaegan Young sets up the offense for the Lady Champions. She had a team-high nine points on the night.

Lady Champs

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don’t think we took that many shots. We find a groove, but then we’ll lose it. That’s been the story of this season.”

In the final frame, the Lady Tigers continued to find creases in the defense and go to the free throw

line for nine of their 16 points in the quarter.

Despite the large deficit, the Lady Champions were able to find a slight groove on the offensive end as totaled 13 points to close out the game.

Laina Carter knocked two three-pointers for all six of her points in the final frame.

Cascade will open next week on the road Tuesday

night as they travel to Watertown to take on the Purple Tigers with tipoff set for 6 p.m.

Fayetteville	12	17	17	16	—	62
Cascade	4	11	4	13	—	32
Fayetteville: Trinity Dixon 12, Ely Bain 11, Autumn Nunemaker 10, Gracie Hoagland 8, Amirricle Clark 5, Te’Asia Ewing 5, Bella Martin 4, Kayden Parks 3, Lillie Smith 2.						
Cascade: Kaegan Young 9, Sophie Ray 7, Laina Carter 6, Suzanna Crews 3, Rhoyden Miller 3, Hailey Giel 2, Isabella Rhodes 2.						
3-point goals: Fayetteville (3): Dixon 2, Parks.; Cascade (5): Carter 2, Crews, Miller, Young.						
Halftime Score: Fayetteville 29, Cascade 15.						

Titans' 1st Black GM says he stands on 'shoulders of giants'

By TERESA M. WALKER
AP Pro Football Writer
NASHVILLE — Ran Carthon looked up, pausing before answering a question his aunt warned would come.

He is the first Black general manager in the history of the Tennessee Titans, a franchise founded in 1960 as the then-Houston Oilers in the original American Football League.

"I understand I'm standing on the shoulders of giants, and there have been plenty of men that have come before me that have laid this foundation that allowed me to be in this spot," Carthon said Friday at his introductory news conference.

Carthon, who turns 42 in February, has been too busy putting himself in this position and hadn't had time to contemplate the history of the moment. Not after a whirlwind week of interviews, a wild-card playoff victory with the San Francisco 49ers and accepting his new job.

Becoming an NFL GM had been Carthon's only goal after he went from undrafted rookie running back out of Florida to a brief playing career before front-office jobs in Atlanta and with the Rams and the 49ers.

"It's paramount in my mind to do the work and be successful to leave the door open for other Black men that are coming behind me because there are a lot of talented young Black

men who can do the job," Carthon said. "They just need the opportunity."

The Titans made Carthon the sixth person of color among the past eight GMs hired, and he now is the NFL's eighth Black general manager and ninth person of color overall.

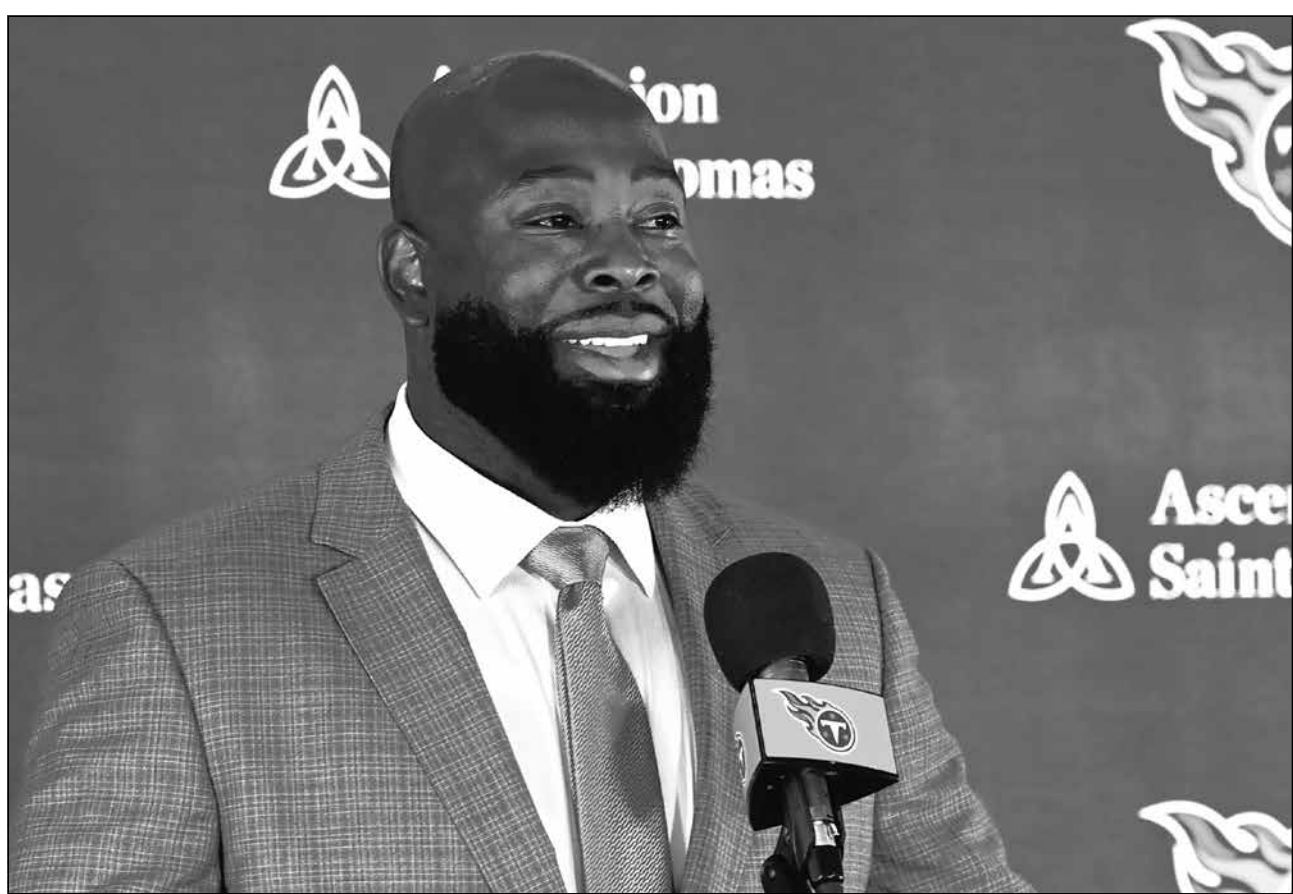
The NFL has held two accelerator programs since late May to promote more minority candidates for front-office jobs. Carthon said he met Titans controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk and Burke Nihill, the team's president and CEO, during the owners' winter meetings in December.

For Strunk, the hiring moved quickly starting Jan. 12. The Titans interviewed two internal candidates, and Arizona hired their director of player personnel, Monti Ossenfort, on Monday.

Carthon interviewed with the Titans on Jan. 13 in Nashville, flew back for the 49ers' wild-card win over Seattle, then returned to Nashville for a second interview Tuesday. He learned he was being offered the job while at the airport.

He replaces Jon Robinson, fired Dec. 6 in his seventh season in the midst of what wound up a seven-game skid as Tennessee finished 7-10. The Titans missed a third straight AFC South title with a loss in the regular season finale in Jacksonville.

Strunk said Carthon



Ran Carthon addressed the media as he is introduced as the Titans' new general manager.

AP Photo/Mark Zaleski

stood out as the clear choice with his background as a former player who grew up around the game. Carthon's father, Maurice, not only played in the NFL but also coached with seven different teams.

The Titans also liked Carthon's record of success evaluating talent as a pro scout for the Atlanta Falcons starting in 2008, as director of pro personnel for the Rams between 2012 and 2016 and his last six seasons with the 49ers, the last two as director of player personnel.

"We called as many potential references as we could find to learn more about Ran as a person, talent evaluator and leader," Strunk said. "Whether current and former colleagues, the scouting community, the former teammates, the feedback was unanimous. Ran is exceptional."

Carthon, who also interviewed last year for general manager jobs with Chicago and the New York Giants, said his vision for the franchise includes lifting trophies and holding parades in Nashville. Strunk said

she has those same high expectations despite how this last season ended.

"We have some big questions to answer offseason, but I'm excited for what the future brings," she said.

The Titans are projected to be \$23.3 million over the 2023 salary cap by Spotrac.com. Both quarterback Ryan Tannehill and two-time NFL rushing champ Derrick Henry, who finished second in the league in rushing in 2022, are going into the final seasons of their current contracts.

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defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons has made clear he wants an extension. The Titans also hold the No. 11 overall pick in the April draft.

Carthon and coach Mike Vrabel, 48-34 in his five seasons in Tennessee, both emphasized their plans to collaborate on roster building down to position coaches working with scouts to identify talent.

"We got a lot of work to do," Vrabel said. "We're excited to get to work on that."

Defense still wins in NFL playoffs

By ROB MAADDI
AP Pro Football Writer

Defense stills wins in the playoffs. The San Francisco 49ers and Cincinnati Bengals advanced to the conference championship games with excellent defensive performances on Sunday.

The Philadelphia Eagles also had a standout defensive effort Saturday night.

While high-flying offenses led by star quarterbacks get most of the attention, defense matters.

It was evident in the NFL divisional round this weekend.

Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo's aggressive unit forced two turnovers in the fourth quarter, helping Kansas City beat Jacksonville 27-20 in the first game.

"We focused throughout the week, especially on the week we had off, focused on maybe punching the ball a little bit more or hop on the ball or just catching the ones that they give us," Chiefs linebacker Nick Bolton said. "I dropped one early, but it's one of those things you kind of have to keep going on, and in playoffs, you understand that they count times two when you get them."

Jalen Hurts and the Eagles' offense were unstoppable, especially dominating the Giants on the ground with 268 yards rushing. But Philadelphia's defense, which was No. 2 in the league this season, was downright nasty in a 38-7 rout over New York.

Coming off an impressive 301-yard passing game in an upset over 13-win Minnesota, Daniel Jones had no chance against Haason Reddick and Philly's ferocious D.

Jones was sacked five times, threw a pick, completed just 55.6% of his passes and looked lost. The Eagles held the Giants to only 227 total yards.

"Jonathan Gannon puts these guys in great positions," Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said of his defensive coordinator. "Obviously, we have great players. ... But this guy is an unbelievable coordinator. ... He's going to be a head football coach in the National Football League because of what he does. This guy is a stud. He's a stud."

Cincinnati's defense had the most impressive all-around game of all, considering its opponent. The Bengals shut down Josh Allen and Buffalo's dynamic offense in a 27-10 win. The Bills were only 4 for 12 on third downs, went three-and-out three times and managed just a field goal in the second half.

Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo put the Bengals in position to constantly pressure Allen and knock him out of rhythm. Allen had only one turnover late in the game, but he misfired on some throws and didn't click with his receivers. Allen kept his head down and didn't look up when wide receiver Stefon Diggs approached him on the bench and yelled a few times in his direction midway through the fourth quarter.

"He wants the ball," Allen said of Diggs, who had just four receptions for 35 yards. "And whatever it was that we couldn't get him the ball tonight, we're going to have to learn from."

The Bengals will meet the Chiefs again in a rematch of last year's AFC championship game that was won by Cincinnati. Burrow is 3-0 against Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs.

Jones frustrated as Cowboys lose

By JOSH DUBOW
AP Pro Football Writer

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Two more interceptions from Dak Prescott. Another missed extra point by Brett Maher. Some bizarre play-calling at the end of the game.

It all added up to another playoff exit for the Dallas Cowboys and more questions about what needs to be done to get them over the hump.

Prescott had two turnovers and led only one touchdown drive and the Cowboys fell short of the NFC title game for the 12th straight postseason trip, losing 19-12 to the San Francisco 49ers in the divisional round on Sunday.

"I felt we were in a good situation to come in here and win this thing," owner Jerry Jones said. "Frankly, I wouldn't say surprised, I would say just real disappointed that we maybe couldn't make something happen."

A franchise that won three Super Bowl titles in a four-year span early in Jones' tenure is now known mostly for playoff flops.

And now there will be speculation about the job security of coach Mike McCarthy, who has won one playoff game in three seasons — last week over Tampa Bay.

Jones said the loss didn't change his opinion on McCarthy, but he was clearly frustrated by another early ending.

"This is very sickening," he said.

The Cowboys (13-6) haven't made it even as far as the conference championship game since winning the Super Bowl following the 1995 season, losing seven times in the divisional round and five times in the wild-card round. Only five other teams haven't



Dak Prescott walks off the field after a disappointing end to what was thought to be a promising season for the Dallas Cowboys.

AP Photo/Josie Lepore

gotten to a conference title game since then.

They had their chances to get that far Sunday thanks to a strong defensive performance but got knocked out by the rival 49ers for the second straight season.

"Just disappointment," Prescott said. "Defense gave us an opportunity to win this game. They played hard against a really, really good offense, a really good team. For us to only put up the points that we did, that's unacceptable. It starts with me. I've got to be better. There's no other way to sugarcoat it."

An early interception by Prescott set up a field goal by San Francisco.

The Cowboys then put together their only TD drive of the game with Prescott connecting with Dalton Schultz on a 4-yard score. But Maher had his extra-point attempt blocked

after missing a record four last week in a win at Tampa Bay.

Prescott then threw another interception — his 13th in the last nine games — to turn a potential scoring drive at the end of the half into a field goal that gave San Francisco a 9-6 lead at the break.

"I can't put the ball in jeopardy like that, whether they're tipped up in tight throws or whether I'm late on a stop route," Prescott said. "Just can't happen. The number that it's gotten to is ridiculous. I can promise that the number will never be this again. I can promise that."

The Cowboys then failed to capitalize on two big special teams plays, settling for field goals following a fumbled punt by Ray-Ray McCloud and a long kickoff return by KaVontae Turpin.

That left them in a des-

perate situation late when they took over at their own 18 with 2:59 remaining, trailing 19-12.

Prescott threw two straight incompletions and was sacked on third down. McCarthy opted to punt on fourth-and-10 with all three timeouts left.

The Cowboys got the ball back at their 6 with 45 seconds left but could only move the ball to the 24 before an odd final play that started with running back Ezekiel Elliott snapping the ball to Prescott and ended immediately before the planned laterals when Jimmie Ward tackled Turpin after a short pass.

A fitting end to another unfulfilling season.

"Factually, we've taken one step closer to our goal," McCarthy said. "That's what the comparable would be from last year to this year."

Braves' Grissom puts in extra work

By CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves' commitment to giving Vaughn Grissom a chance to win the starting job at shortstop can't be questioned.

First, the Braves, who must replace Dansby Swanson, scheduled Grissom for three offseason visits with third base coach Ron Washington for intense fielding drills, each lasting at least one week.

On Saturday, manager Brian Snitker said he hasn't even considered giving Grissom the chance to compete for playing time in left field this spring. Snitker and the Braves want Grissom to spend all his time at shortstop.

Then, Grissom was included with other prominent players made available to reporters at the Braves Fest for fans on Saturday. Projected starters at every position other than left field took turns in the media interview room. Grissom was the only shortstop on the list.

Grissom started 39 games at second base as the fill-in for the injured Ozzie Albies and only one game at shortstop last season. At 6-foot-3 and 210 pounds, Grissom has a big build for a shortstop, and some doubt his defense will be strong enough to hold the job.

Washington, the 70-year-old former Texas Rangers manager respected for his defensive drills, has assured the Braves that he'll have Grissom ready by the start of the season.

"That's probably one of the most valuable pieces I have in my life right now, being able to bounce stuff off him," Grissom said of Washington.

Washington volunteered for the offseason work with Grissom.

"He was like, 'Let me have that kid for three dif-



AP Photo/Matt Stocum

Vaughn Grissom has put in the extra work at shortstop during the MLB's offseason.

ferent times," Snitker said. "It was great Vaughn took the time out of his winter and went down there and saw the value in it. It will be good. He's definitely going to have a leg up getting to spring training and having all of that."

Grissom pounced on the opportunity.

"I was stoked," he said. "I loved it. I couldn't wait to go for my first time already."

Washington and Grissom already have held two weeklong training sessions in New Orleans. One more week of drills is planned before Braves pitchers and catchers report

for spring training in North Port, Florida, on Feb. 13, followed by position players three days later.

The 22-year-old Grissom will compete with Orlando Arcia to replace Swanson, who signed a \$177 million, seven-year deal with the Chicago Cubs. Like first baseman Freddie Freeman, who signed with the Dodgers as a free agent before the 2022 season, Swanson was a respected team leader, and his departure leaves a void.

There will be a spotlight on either Grissom or Arcia. "We're going to be fine," Snitker said. "We'll

use the sum of our parts to make it happen."

Snitker left open the possibility that Grissom and Arcia could share the job.

"I think that's two really good options we could probably team up and not abuse either one of those guys and have a really good product," Snitker said.

The five-time defending NL East champion Braves acquired catcher Sean Murphy from Oakland to share time with Travid d'Arnaud and have a long list of possible starters in left field, including Eddie Rosario, Marcell Ozuna and newly sign Kevin

Pillar.

Other positions look set entering spring training.

Grissom said he's ignoring speculation that positive reviews from Washington make him the favorite to win the starting job.

"It's reassuring in a sense," Grissom said. "It's cool, but baseball is a crazy sport. It's very humbling. I know you have to keep your head down and grind. ... To me, in my mind the job is not mine. I still have to earn it. I try not to listen to that stuff at all."

Grissom hit .271 with eight homers and 32 RBIs in 251 at-bats last season,

exhausting his rookie status.

Notes

RHP Mike Soroka, attempting a comeback from his second torn right Achilles tendon, said he expects to have no restrictions at the start of spring training. He'll compete for the No. 5 spot in the rotation. ... OF Ronald Acuña Jr., who played through knee soreness last season following surgery in 2021, said through a translator: "I think I'm back to feeling normal and healthy, feeling 100%. I definitely don't want to play DH anymore."

Harbaugh refuses to agree on NCAA charge

By LARRY LAGE
AP Sports Writer

Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh told NCAA investigators in multiple meetings this week that he will not agree to an unethical conduct charge, according to a person familiar with the situation.

The person spoke to The Associated Press on Thursday night on condition of anonymity because details of the investigation have not been shared pub-

licly.

Michigan announced two weeks ago that it received a notice of allegations from the NCAA that the governing body is looking into potential rules infractions within the football program.

The investigation involves impermissible texts and calls — including some by Harbaugh — to high school prospects during part of a pandemic-related dead period for con-

tact with potential recruits. The NCAA also is looking at whether a member of Michigan's off-field football staff violated rules by doing on-the-field coaching during practice.

Harbaugh is accused of not being forthcoming about the potential violations, and the NCAA considers that unethical conduct and a Level I infraction. A text message was sent to Harbaugh on Thursday night, seeking

comment.

While the football program is dealing with an NCAA investigation, co-offensive coordinator Matt Weiss is on leave amid an investigation by university police into a report of computer access crimes over a three-day span last month at the team's training facility.

Weiss is accused of accessing email accounts at the school without proper authorization, according

to another person familiar with the situation. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the police investigation is ongoing.

Weiss said in a statement to ESPN that he is fully cooperating with investigators and looks forward to the matter being resolved. Weiss has not responded to messages from The Associated Press.

The Wolverines seemed to kick off their

week with good news on Monday when University of Michigan President Santa Ono shared on social media that Harbaugh told him he was staying at the school, ending another round of speculation that he would go back to coaching in the NFL.

Since then, Weiss was placed on leave and reports detailing Harbaugh's stance during the NCAA inquiry have emerged.

Depleted Bills deliver a playoff dud in loss to Bengals

By JOHN WAWROW
AP Sports Writer

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Adversity finally caught up to the Buffalo Bills, who were left depleted and defeated while closing an emotionally draining season two wins short of their Super Bowl aspirations.

Unable to draw on the motivational inspiration of injured teammate Von Miller displaying the Super Bowl trophy he won last year in the locker room this week or injured safety Damar Hamlin's surprise appearance at the stadium Sunday, the Bills delivered a dud in a 27-10 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals in a divisional playoff game.

"Keep their head up," coach Sean McDermott said he told his players afterward. "Even though this hurts, I'm proud of them in the way that they

handled themselves with class this year in the ups and downs and the adversity they faced.

"They'll take that with them, but for right now, this stings. I wish it were a different result."

The Bills were flat from the beginning, seemingly spent from a two-month stretch in which they watched in stunned horror as Hamlin went into cardiac arrest and had to be resuscitated on the field in Cincinnati on Jan. 2, had their schedule disrupted by two winter storms, and showed signs of fatigue in a sloppy 34-31 playoff-opening win over Miami last week.

The Josh Allen-led offense opened with two three-and-out possessions, in which it gained a combined 11 yards.

And Buffalo's bend-but-

don't-break defense fully unraveled while allowing Joe Burrow to complete his first nine attempts for 105 yards and two touchdowns as the Bengals built a 14-0 lead with 3:47 left in the opening quarter.

It was a hole too big to climb out of for a hobbled defense.

Miller has been sidelined with a knee injury since November. And Buffalo has spent much of this season playing with a patchwork secondary missing starting safety Micah Hyde (herniated disk) and Hamlin, his backup. Jordan Poyer, another starter, was playing through an assortment of injuries.

"Regardless of the struggles or not, we wanted to see this through the end," left tackle Dion Dawkins said. "It definitely stings a little bit more knowing that

this particular group went through so much and this chapter is closed."

The Bills, whose three previous losses this season were decided by a combined 8 points, had an eight-game winning streak snapped. They also dropped to 13-2 when hosting an NFL playoff game.

Despite matching a single-season record with 13 wins, the Bills' playoff run ended in the divisional round for a second straight year. Last year, the team was left frustrated following a 42-36 overtime loss to Kansas City in which Buffalo blew a three-point lead in the final 13 seconds of regulation.

Against Cincinnati, the Bills were unable to muster much of a response.

They had a season-low 10 points and allowed the Bengals to rack up 30 first

downs — the most since allowing 30 to the Chiefs in the playoffs last year.

Receiver Stefon Diggs let his emotions get the best of him when he was spotted leaving the Bills' locker room with much of his gear still on shortly after the game ended. He needed to be coaxed back by a teammate, and was present

for McDermott's postgame speech, which is all that mattered to the coach.

"He's a competitive guy. What makes him good is what you saw," McDermott said. "It hurts. I wouldn't want a guy that doesn't hurt."

"We put it all on the line out there and tonight it wasn't good enough."

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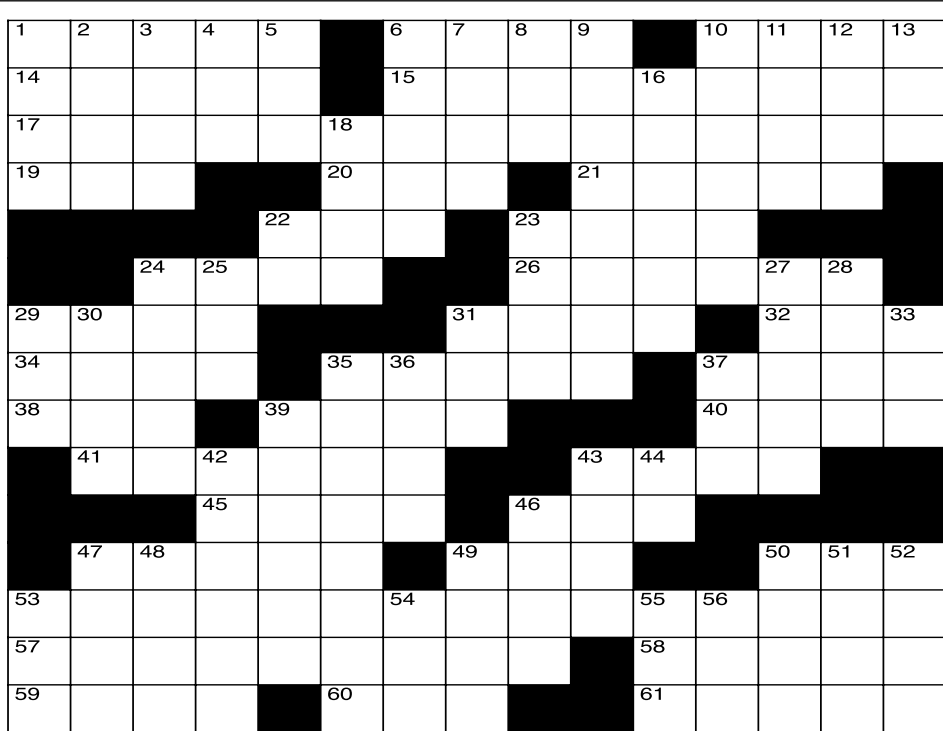
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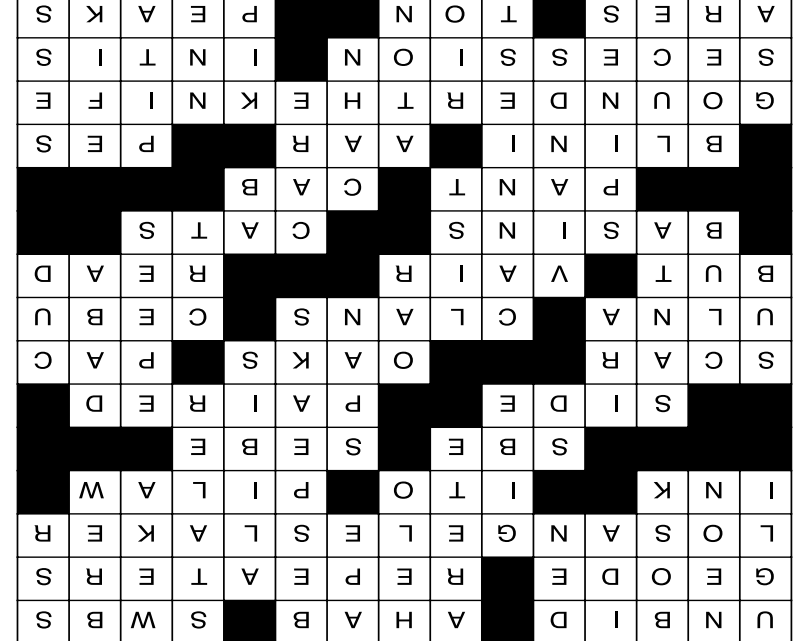
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Not invited
- 6. Whale ship captain
- 10. One point south of southwest
- 14. Small cavity in a rock
- 15. Recidivists
- 17. City of Angels hoopster
- 19. A way to mark with one's signature
- 20. OJ trial judge
- 21. Rice cooked in broth
- 22. One point east of due south
- 23. One point east of southeast
- 24. Complements an entree
- 26. Grouped by twos
- 29. Disfigure
- 31. Woods
- 32. Political action committee
- 34. Longer of 2 bones in the forearm
- 35. Kin groups
- 37. Philippine Island
- 38. Contrary to
- 39. Bluish-gray fur
- 40. Comprehend the written word
- 41. Natural depressions
- 43. Felines
- 45. Breathe noisily
- 46. Tax
- 47. Pancake made from buckwheat flour
- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Foot (Latin)
- 53. Have surgery
- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Monetary units of Peru
- 59. Greek war god
- 60. 2,000 lbs.

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Green and yellow citrus fruit
- 2. A bright color
- 3. Thicket
- 4. Journalist Tarbell
- 5. A place to work or relax
- 6. Sharp mountain ridge
- 7. Helicopter
- 8. Mimic
- 9. Suggests
- 10. More musty
- 11. Large, flightless rail
- 12. Make beer
- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic
- 16. People who account for you
- 18. Taunt
- 22. South Dakota
- 23. Cover the entirety of
- 24. Kids' favorite visitor
- 25. A way to save for retirement
- 27. Fencing swords
- 28. C. China mountain range
- 29. Type of sandwich
- 30. Team
- 31. Paddle
- 33. Partly digested food
- 35. Most cagey
- 36. Shoppers make one
- 37. Cathode-ray tube
- 39. Food supplies
- 42. Backbones
- 43. Concern
- 44. Blood group
- 46. Broadway songwriter Sammy
- 47. Dutch colonist
- 48. Full-grown pike fish
- 49. Deity of a monotheistic cult
- 50. Type of bread
- 51. S. Nigerian people
- 52. Scottish tax
- 53. Young women's association
- 54. Brazilian city
- 55. Hide of a young animal
- 56. Midway between north and northeast

PUZZLE SOLUTION



ASTROGRAPH

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20
Aries, make a concerted effort to focus your attention on something that interests you. This may require that you find something new to stoke your passion.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21
It's a week for love and you have all of the resources available to take advantage and explore your feelings, Taurus. Work things out in your head before taking action.

GEMINI - May 22/June 21
Gemini, currently you are playing a much smaller role at work than you would like. It is not that you aren't capable, but it's a matter of paying your dues before taking the next step.

CANCER - June 22/July 22
Cancer, don't box yourself in with a strict to-do list and schedule. You need a little more wiggle room to explore your creativity and what makes you happy.

LEO - July 23/Aug 23
Your open and outgoing nature may lead many people to think they know all about you, Leo. Instead, you can be quite a mysterious person. Show others only what you want.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22
Believing someone is flawless can set you up for disappointment when you realize no one can live up to that standard, Virgo. Be realistic when assessing partners or other people.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23
Being available to other people is admirable, Libra. Make sure this is not at the expense of your own well-being. You may need to dial back and prioritize your own needs.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22
Living in your comfort zone may lead to missed opportunities, Scorpio. You may need to let your risk-taking side show this week. Enjoy the ride.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21
You might start to notice you are losing some traction in your love life, Sagittarius. Figure out a way to talk and spend more time together in the days ahead.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20
You may believe you can think your way out of a situation this week, Capricorn.

But sometimes logic just doesn't cut it. You may have to use your heart to get to the root.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18
Take a second look at your talents and your abilities, Aquarius. You may have been selling yourself short for some time. But you can accomplish anything with some effort.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20
Don't make assumptions about how others see you, Pisces. You have a lot to offer. It's time to recognize all your strengths.

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JANUARY 22
Steve Perry, Singer (74)
JANUARY 23
Mariska Hargitay, Actress (59)
JANUARY 24
Matthew Lillard, Actor (53)
JANUARY 25
Alicia Keys, Singer (42)
JANUARY 26
José Mourinho, Coach (60)
JANUARY 27
Frank Miller, Author (66)
JANUARY 28
Tom Hopper, Actor (38)

TUESDAY EVENING

JANUARY 24, 2023

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JANUARY 25, 2023

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JANUARY 29, 2023

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JANUARY 30, 2023

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TUESDAY EVENING

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Date: 1/6/2023
Toni McFarland Raby & Nashika Trice, Co-Executors
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Megan K. Trott, Attorney
(January 17 & 24, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Nelly C Barnes
Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on January 4 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Nelly C Barnes who died 12/8/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (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 the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 1/4/2023
Allison B. Abbot, Executrix
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
Joe M. Lambert Jr., Attorney
(January 17 & 24, 2023)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Estate of Thomas Wendell Ingram

Deceased
Notice is hereby given that on January 5 of 2023, Letters of Administration in respect of the estate of Thomas Wendell Ingram who died 12/2/2022 were issued to the undersigned by the Bedford County Chancery Court of Bedford County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, having claims, matured or unmatured, against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named Court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claims will be forever barred: (1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (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 date that is four (4) months from the date of the 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 the first publication (or posting) as described in (1)(A); or (2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.
Date: 1/5/2023
Thomas Wendell Ingram Jr., Administrator
Curt M. Cobb, Clerk & Master
William D. Cartwright, Attorney
(January 17 & 24, 2023)

All that certain parcel/unit of Land in Seventh (7th) Civil District, Bedford County, State of TN, as more fully described in Book 201, Page 866, ID# 100D-D-60.00, being known and designated as Lot No. 60, Section II, Southside Estates, recorded on 11/10/1987. Filed in Plat Cabinet "A", Envelope 231, Register's Office of Bedford County, Tennessee.
Being the same fee simple property conveyed by Warranty Deed from Roger Dale Cooper and Glenda W. Cooper, husband and wife, to Sylvester R. Pryor and Carolyn M. Pryor, husband and wife, dated 03/11/1994, recorded on 03/14/1994 in Book 201, Page 866 in Bedford County Records, State of TN. Property address: 304 Tyne Road, Shelbyville, TN 37160
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Edward D. Russell, Substitute Trustee
The SR Law Group
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(615) 559-3190
erussell@thesrlawgroup.com
(Jan. 24 & 31, Feb. 7, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Shelbyville is accepting applications for Part-Time Firefighters for the Shelbyville Fire Department. The firefighter must perform general firefighting work in combating and extinguishing fires when called upon by the Shelbyville Fire Department.
Minimum age to apply is 18 years old. Must possess, and maintain, a valid Tennessee driver's license.
This is a part-time position with an hourly rate of \$12.00.
Applications and a copy of job description may be picked up at City Hall during normal business hours or download from the City website: www.shelbyvilletn.org. In addition, please include work record and training class certifications. Applications must be returned to City Hall Administration Office, 201 N. Spring Street or emailed to stacey.claxton@shelbyvilletn.org and will be

Public Notice

The Shelbyville City Council will meet for a Special Called Workshop on Friday, January 27, 2023, at 12:00 PM at the Shelbyville Police Department Courtroom, 109 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville, TN.
The following matters will be up for consideration at this meeting: Special Called Workshop: January 27, 2023
Time: 12:00 PM
Place: Shelbyville Police Department Courtroom, 109 Lane Parkway, Shelbyville, TN
I.Call to Order
II.Discussion on TIF (Tax Increment Financing)
III.Announcements
IV.Adjourn
Mayor Randy Carroll (Jan. 24, 2023)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Bedford County Audit Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 31 at 12:00 p.m. in the Duck River Room on the 1st Floor of the Historic Courthouse located at 1 Public Square, Shelbyville TN. (Jan. 24, 2023)

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Swift firing of police is rare, but could become more common

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
Associated Press

BOSTON — The speed with which five Memphis police officers were fired following the traffic stop of a man who later died in a hospital is unusual but could become more common, according to those studying police and criminal justice issues.

The five Memphis Police Department officers were fired Friday, less than two weeks after the Jan. 7 arrest of Tyre Nichols, 29. Officials said the five were dismissed for excessive use of force, failure to intervene and failure to render aid.

It's rare for a police department to act so quickly, said David Thomas, a professor of forensic studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. Investigations can sometimes go on for up to a year, he said.

"It never happens this quickly," Thomas said.

All five officers -- Tadarrius Bean, Demetrius Haley, Emmitt Martin III, Desmond Mills, Jr. and Justin Smith -- are Black, as was Nichols. The decision to fire the officers followed a probe by the Memphis Police Department. Nichols died three days after the traffic stop.

The U.S. Justice Department has opened a civil rights investigation. The Tennessee Bureau of Investigation also is looking into the force used in the arrest.

One recent turning point has been the advent of police body cameras, which can be quickly reviewed, along with cellphone video taken by passersby, said Thomas, who served 20 years as a police officer in Michigan and Florida.

"In the old days, you'd have the officer's word. If the victim was still alive, you'd have their testimony. If someone had died, you'd have the medical examiner's report. All of that would play a role," he said. "With body cameras, the evidence is right there."

Nichols was arrested after officers stopped him for reckless driving, police said. There was a confrontation when officers approached Nichols, and he ran before he was confronted again and arrested, authorities said. He complained of shortness of breath and was hospitalized.

Relatives have accused police of beating Nichols and causing him to have a heart attack. Authorities said Nichols experienced a medical emergency. Relatives have pushed for the release of police body camera footage and called for officers to be charged.

Body cameras can only tell a full story if they are on and working throughout an entire incident, Thomas said. Some officers may forget to turn them on. Others may deliberately turn them off.

"Law enforcement can no longer act with impunity," he said. "Absolutely, officers will be let go more quickly."

Typically before a firing, officials will determine if an officer has violated a department's general orders, which set out the procedures and regulations officers are meant to follow, said Patrick Oliver, director of the criminal justice program at Cedarville University in Ohio.

"The seriousness of the job action is based on the severity of the violation," said Oliver, who spent 28 years in law enforcement, 16 of them as a police chief, including as chief of the Cleveland Police Department.

Firing an officer is the most severe job action, Oliver said, suggesting that department officials feel confident they can support the decision.

"There is far more scrutiny of police today," he said. "When I was in policing there was less of a likelihood that something a police officer was doing would be caught on video."

Oliver added that many times videos will confirm police acted properly. "I would say that's the majority of times," he said.

While unusual, it's not unheard of for a city to fire an officer before criminal charges are filed, but that's not necessarily the end of the story, said Stephen Rushin, a Loyola University Chicago law school professor who has studied police contracts.

Cities often give officers the ability to appeal disciplinary action, including termination of their employment, Rushin said.

"In many agencies, the initial decision to fire an officer begins a lengthy appellate process that can take months to complete," he said. "At the end of this process, it is not uncommon for an officer to be rehired on appeal."



Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee, right, is sworn in by Tennessee Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Page.

AP Photo by John Amis

Governor sworn in for 2nd term

By **KIMBERLEE KRUESI**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE — Tennessee Gov. Bill Lee kicked off his second term on Saturday, promising to focus over the next four years on improving aging transportation systems, advocating for better conservation efforts and protecting the state's most vulnerable children.

Lee, a Republican, took the oath of office in front of the Tennessee Capitol on a bright sunny day — marking a stark difference to the governor's first inauguration when harsh weather forced the historically held outdoor ceremony into a smaller inside venue.

Lee pointed to his push to revamp the state's complicated education funding system as top accomplishments of his first term, as well as his administration's work with Ford Motor Co. to build an electric vehicle and battery plant near Memphis.

Yet Lee acknowledged that his first term involved deep challenges ranging from overseeing the COVID-19 pandemic, multiple fatal tornadoes, catastrophic flooding, wildfires and the 2020 Christmas morning bombing in downtown Nashville. Lee's wife,

Maria, has also been diagnosed with cancer and is receiving treatments for lymphoma.

"While Maria and I are in a time of struggle, we know that we are not alone in these hardships," Lee said.

The 63-year-old governor stressed his commitment to civility and dismissed critics of his administration "who thrive on toxic incivility and divisiveness." It's been a theme throughout that Lee has repeated ever since he launched his political career in 2017 with his first run for governor.

"We can disagree and stand firm for our beliefs and our principles, but we should never forget the dignity of the other human being," Lee said. "We should never believe differences are a platform for demonization, or that one man has any greater value than another."

With his eye on his next term, Lee once again touted his sweeping transportation proposal, which will need legislative approval in the coming weeks. He then pushed for the need to "enhance efforts to conserve our natural resources and preserve the environment." The governor did not, however, expand on what environmental conservation

actions he would pursue.

Lee also touched on the state's troubled Department of Children's Services, where a recent audit found that the agency has failed to properly protect kids placed in state custody.

"We need to protect children in our custody and in our state with a better foster care and adoption process," Lee said. "We need to do these things and many more, but we can never abandon the standard of fiscal responsibility that makes our success possible."

Sen. London Lamar, a Democrat from Memphis, encouraged Lee to help working and middle class families during his second term and put aside "ideological agendas."

"We hope Gov. Lee's second term is defined by expanding access to affordable health care, housing and child care; strengthening our public schools, our democracy and state services; and a rejection of the extreme partisanship and division that marked his first term," said the chair of the Senate Democratic Caucus.

A businessman and farmer, Lee handily won reelection last fall in a state that has not seen a Democrat in the top statewide office in more than a decade. His

win came after he was the first incumbent governor in about three decades to have no primary opponent. He avoided an intraparty challenge in August in part by leading on legislation on some of the most fiery socially conservative topics, including the right to carry handguns in public without a permit and a strict abortion ban, both of which he signed into law.

To date, Lee has never vetoed a bill sent to his desk from the Republican-dominated Legislature, but he has occasionally let some become law without signing them to signal his unease.

His office does exercise another powerful tool given to governors: executive privilege to keep government records private. Lee once promised to overhaul Tennessee's public records and open meeting laws, but no action has been taken to date.

"You and I, and this state, have been entrusted with treasures, not meant to be buried but to be spent on helping our fellow man," Lee said. "We should recognize our treasures, celebrate our accomplishments, and be challenged by what lies ahead."

Lawmakers seek to bar insurrectionists from holding office

By **MAYSOON KHAN**
Associated Press/Report for America

ALBANY, N.Y. — Democratic lawmakers in a handful of states are trying to send a message two years after the violent attack on the U.S. Capitol: Those who engage in an attempted overthrow of the government shouldn't be allowed to run it.

New York, Connecticut and Virginia are among states where proposed legislation would prohibit anyone convicted of participating in an insurrection from holding public office or a position of public trust, such as becoming a police officer.

While the bills vary in scope, their aim is similar. "If you've tried to take down our government through violent means, in no way should you be part of it," New York state Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal said.

He is sponsoring a bill that would bar people convicted of engaging in an insurrection or rebellion against the United States from holding civil office, meaning they would not be able to serve as a judge or member of the Legislature. Hoylman-Sigal said he introduced the bill this year because he saw more people who were involved in the riot in Washington on Jan. 6, 2021, running for

office last year.

He described the assault on the Capitol as "a real attack on the foundations of our free and fair democracy and the values which enable that to persist."

A Virginia lawmaker introduced a bill this month, on the second anniversary of the Capitol riot, that would prohibit anyone convicted of a felony related to an attempted insurrection or riot from serving in positions of public trust — including those involving policymaking, law enforcement, safety, education or health.

A Connecticut bill would prohibit people convicted of sedition, rebellion, insurrection or a felony related to one of those acts from running for or holding public office. Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff, who introduced the measure, told The Associated Press that he wants the legislation eventually to bar them from holding state or municipal jobs.

The legislation in the states comes after the House Jan. 6 committee's final report, which found Donald Trump criminally engaged in a conspiracy to overturn the lawful results of the 2020 presidential election he lost and failed to take action to stop his supporters from attacking the Capitol.

The committee's recently concluded work may have provided another springboard for lawmakers to act and propose ways to hold people accountable, said Victoria Bassetti, a senior policy adviser at States United Democracy Center, a nonpartisan organization that advocates for fair elections.

Some Republicans say the legislation is unnecessary.

In New York, Republican Assemblyman Will Barclay, the minority leader, called the bill there a "political statement," saying it is "more political than it is a concern about public policy."

He said existing rules already apply to people in certain positions who are convicted of crimes and that those laws "should be sufficient."

The legislation is another example of how the Capitol riot has become a political Rorschach test in the country.

Many Republicans refuse to see the attempt to violently halt the presidential certification — which was based on lies that 2020 election was stolen — as an insurrection, while a strong majority of the party continues to believe that President Joe Biden was not legitimately elected. Even students are being

taught different versions of the attack, depending on whether they live in more conservative or liberal parts of the nation.

The opposing realities came into sharp focus this month in Pennsylvania during a fraught exchange between two lawmakers.

In a committee hearing, Republican state Sen. Cris Dush slammed his gavel as he ruled Democratic state Sen. Amanda Cappelletti out of order after she described the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6 as "the site of an insurrection."

"Insurrection, nobody has been charged with that," Dush said. "There's not been a single charge against any of those people as insurrectionists. In this committee, we are not using that term."

Nearly 1,000 people have been charged in the Capitol riot with federal crimes, with about half of them pleading guilty to riot-related charges and more than three dozen convicted at trial. The charges range from misdemeanors for those accused of entering the Capitol illegally but not participating in violence to felony seditious conspiracy for far-right extremist group members accused of plotting to stop the transfer of presidential power.

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