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Cordova tops Curry in double overtime in tourney

Cordova's Japeth Howell (4) is defended by Curry's Brayden Newton (14) during their game in the Walker County Tournament at Oakman High School Friday night. Howell had 12 points in the Blue Devils' 48-43 double overtime victory. For more on Friday night's games, see B1 of today's Eagle.

WALKER COUNTY SCHOOLS

COVID positive rate high in county schools



State at 46.3% positive for covid; county at 44.8% / A7

By **NICOLE SMITH**
Daily Mountain Eagle

More than 300 people in the Walker County school system were positive for COVID-19

from Jan. 11-18.

Approximately 235 students and 73 staff members reported positive for COVID-19, while at least 1,504 students and 76 staff members were quarantined, according to statistics provided by the Walker County Board of Education.

This latest reporting marks the highest number of COVID-positive cases in the school system since the pandemic began in 2020. Jasper City Schools also documented the highest positive case count

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Photo Special to the Eagle

Walker County officials accept a \$260,000 Community Development Block Grant for access for the disabled at the Walker County Courthouse at Thursday's ceremony at the old Alabama State Capitol. From left are Walker County Commission Chairman Steve Miller, Gov. Kay Ivey, District 3 Commission Jim Borden, Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs Director Kenneth Boswell, and state Rep. Tim Wadsworth, R-Arley.

County awarded \$260K for courthouse access for disabled

By **ED HOWELL**
Daily Mountain Eagle

Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed, R-Jasper and other state officials on Thursday announced that Gov. Kay Ivey awarded \$1.06 million in money for three Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) in Senate District 5-including \$260,000 for disability access at the Walker County Courthouse.

That grant was awarded to

the Walker County Commission. Another for \$500,000 went for water, sewer and street work in Jasper. Another was for \$300,000 that Parrish Mayor Bubba Cagle announced on Facebook Sunday night, for road work in that city.

Ceremonial checks were presented to officials from communities getting the grants at an event at the old Alabama State Capitol Thursday.

According to releases that

day, the CDBG program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) administers the program for the State of Alabama. Joining the governor for a grant awards ceremony Thursday afternoon were ADECA Director Kenneth Boswell joined Ivey on Thursday for

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DORA CITY COUNCIL

Grants OK'd for storm shelter, walking track lights

By **ED HOWELL**
Daily Mountain Eagle

DORA — The Dora City Council on Jan. 13 heard that grants have been approved for a new storm shelter and lighting for the walking track by the city park.

Mayor Randy Stephens said that city had obtained a \$50,000 grant from the Walker Area Regional Foundation for the storm shelter project, and is working with Walker County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator Regina Myers for an additional \$50,000 grant which has been temporarily approved. The city is waiting for final approval after the city sent in additional information.

Stephens also told the

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Reed, Smith, Aderholt, Adair close to avoiding opposition in '22

By **ED HOWELL**
Daily Mountain Eagle

Qualifying for the May 24 party primaries is now going into the last week, with Sen. Greg Reed, Walker County Sheriff Nick Smith, U.S. Rep. Robert Aderholt and Walker County District Attorney Bill Adair close to winning another term without opposition, save for write-in votes or independent bids in November.

As of Thursday night, no one had even qualified for two seats up for contest on the Walker County Board of Education and for Walker County corner.

Qualifying for both Republicans and Democrats on the local level ends on Friday, Jan. 28, at 4 p.m., while it will end on the state and federal level at 5 p.m.

The run-off for the primary would be June 21 and the General Election is Nov. 8.

Walker County Republican Chairwoman Linda Ensor said Friday that due to the spread of COVID-19, Republican candidates wanting to qualify for office from this point on through the end of qualifying will have to make an appointment with Ensor. Anyone wanting



Rep. Robert Aderholt

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Jasper, Winston County areas will receive ATRIP-II road grants

Special to the Eagle

MONTGOMERY — Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Transportation on Wednesday announced that more than \$40 million in state transportation funding is being awarded to cities and counties for various road and bridge projects, including one for Jasper and two projects in Winston County.

The awards were announced on the website of the Governor's Office, with a list of the projects.

The nearly \$2.2 million project involves access management improvements on U.S. Highway 78 at the intersection of Jones Dairy Road, including turn lanes. A local match of \$309,308 will be made. The ATRIP-

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Only days left to turn in ballots for Readers' Choice awards

From staff reports

Just a few days are left for Daily Mountain Eagle readers to turn in votes for their favorites in the annual Readers' Choice Awards balloting, with Tuesday being the last day that ballots will be published and Friday the last day to turn them in.

The Readers' Choice Awards balloting, which is one of the most popular and successful features

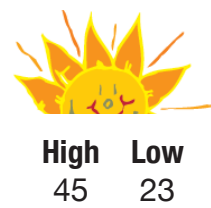
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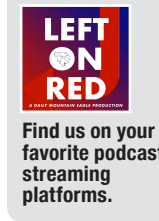
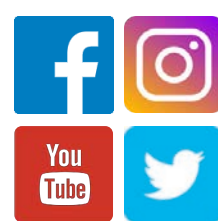
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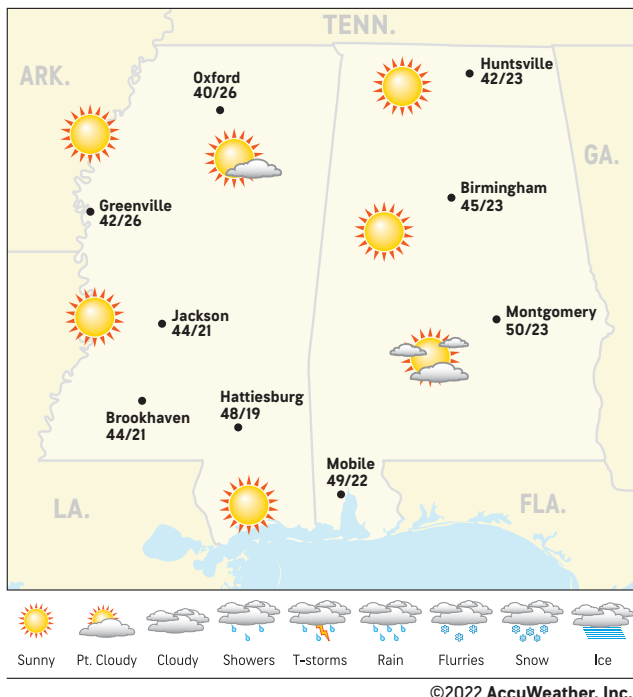
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Today's weather 

Forecast for Saturday, January 22, 2022



Rare blast of snow, ice takes aim at Southeast U.S. coast

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — Salt spreader trucks crisscrossed coastal roads as courthouses and schools closed Friday to prepare for a snow and ice storm expected to snarl parts of the Carolinas and Virginia unaccustomed to winter precipitation.

Authorities along the North and South Carolina coast warned that ice accumulation could cause major power outages, while areas northeast of there stretching into Virginia could see several inches of snow. School districts in the pathway canceled class or went to remote learning, while several large coastal military bases told nonessential personnel not to report to work. Fifty-seven courthouses from central North Carolina to the coast closed or altered operations due to the forecast.

Transportation officials in the southeast corner of Virginia said Friday morning that crews had been working overnight to treat the roads, but warned people to stay off of them.

“Road temps are below freezing on all roads in the area, which means high potential for slick spots, black ice and slushy conditions. Stay home where it’s safe and warm, unless travel is unavoidable,” the Virginia Department of Transportation’s Hampton Roads District said in a tweet.

In the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, area, a fire chief warned that even walking out the front door could be treacherous.

“One of our biggest concerns are slips, trips and falls. We’re not used to the ice around here as much. Be very careful just stepping out of your own home,” Horry County Fire Chief Joey Tanner said.

Near Raleigh, an ambulance transporting a patient slid off an icy road early Friday, injuring two workers aboard, according to the state Highway Patrol. The patient died after the crash, but the cause of death hasn’t been confirmed. The governor’s office said numerous crashes were reported Friday morning after the storm’s first wave, and a wave of heavier snow and ice was expected later in the day.

Forecasters predict four to six inches (10 to 15 centimeters) of snow in the northeastern corner of North Carolina and Virginia’s Hampton Roads region, which includes Norfolk and Virginia Beach.

Chris Stokes, 41, a construction worker who lives in Norfolk, stocked up at a Harris Teeter grocery store Friday morning, rounding out his provisions with bottled water, eggs, chicken, wine and other items.

“I already had a couple of things, but now they’re making it seem like it’s gonna be a lot worse,” Stokes said.

School was canceled for his kids. His construction jobs were on hold. Stokes’ plan was to put some chicken in the slow cooker and assemble some toys that his kids got for Christmas.

“I bought some salt, so I’ll sprinkle that outside the walkway and just kind of brace for it,” Stokes said.

“Luckily, I got a 4-wheel drive (pickup truck),” he added. “So, if anything happens I’m not stuck for real. I can probably make it to where I need to go. But I’m sure nothing will be open.”

In North Carolina, the heaviest amounts of ice will likely develop near New Bern, where two U.S. highways cross, said Ryan Ellis of the National Weather Service office in Newport/Morehead City.

“We could see up to a half an inch of ice there, and with that amount you’re really starting to get into concerns about power outages,” Ellis said.

Obituaries

Sylvia M. Baker

July 2, 1927-January 19, 2022

Sylvia M. Baker, 94, of Jasper, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at her daughters residence.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, January 22, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Walker Memory Gardens. Toby Grimmett will officiate.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Sarah Catherine Walker Murphy

Sarah Catherine Walker Murphy was born June 13, 1919, in Hempstead, New York, and died at her home in Jasper on January 19, 2022.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dr. Leroy McCarlis Walker and Rebecca Frances Woodfin Walker (Teepsie); her husband, Sam Ross Murphy; and grandson, Lawson Woodfin Murphy Jr.

She married Sam on April 5, 1941, and they had three children, Catherine Wood Murphy Payne (Louis), Sam Walker (Jane), and Lawson Woodfin (Linda). Her grandchildren knew her as “Kaki” and are Mary Wood Payne Beasley (David), Catherine Thomason Payne Haynes (Bruce), Marion Walker Payne (Denise), Elizabeth Woodfin Murphy Collins (Christopher), Sam Aycock Murphy, Mary Elizabeth Murphy Loomis (Brandon), and John Hinton Murphy (Abby). Great grandchildren include Mary Hunter Beasley Tomlinson (Tommy), Sarah Catherine Beasley, David Muldrow Beasley, Jr (Hannah), Samuel Ross Beasley, Walker Thomason Haynes, Lawson Edgerton Haynes, Caroline Woodfin Haynes, Mary Frances Beaman Collins, Kathleen Woodfin Collins, Sarah Helen Loomis, Elizabeth Parten Loomis, Anne Claire Loomis, Virginia Grace Loomis, Lawson Woodfin Murphy, III, and Margaret Louise Murphy. Great-great grandchildren are Rowan Beckwith Beasley and Lewis Carter Tomlinson.

Sarah Catherine was a lifelong active member of First Christian Church. She graduated from Walker County High School and then attended Christian College in Columbia, Missouri and the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Sarah Catherine was an advocate for young people in the community of Jasper and dedicated much of her time to the Murphy Shelter. She enjoyed time with friends, especially at Smith Lake. She was happiest spending time with her family.

Kaki had many wonderful caregivers through the years, and we are forever grateful for each of them, Irene Brown, JoAnn Chatman, Cynthia Cherry, Cynthia Mitchell, Thelma Parker, Cathy Simon, Tammy Spears, Shontia Spears, and Lisa Thomas.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to First Christian Church, the Walker Area Community Foundation, the Walker College Foundation, or to the charity of your choice.

The service will be at Oak Hill Cemetery Monday, January 24, 2022, at 11 a.m., with Kilgore-Green Funeral Home directing. Pallbearers will be Christopher Collins, Bruce Haynes, Brandon Loomis, John Murphy, Sam Aycock Murphy and Walker Payne.

Kilgore-Green Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-9503

Doyle Edward Sutherland

Doyle Edward Sutherland, 81, of Double Springs, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Lake-land Community Hospital in Haleyville.

Nichols Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Nichols Funeral Home, Double Springs; 205-486-2204

Doris Burns

Doris Burns, 93, passed away Friday, January 21, 2022 at UAB Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Sharon Boshell

Sharon Boshell, 60, of Jasper, passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Cordova Health and Rehab.

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Evelyn Jane Durham Calvert

July 10, 1944-January 18, 2022

Evelyn Jane Durham Calvert, 77, of Jasper, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at her residence.

The family will receive friends Sunday, January 23, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Collins-Burke Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Collins-Burke Chapel. Burial will be at Curry Cemetery. Josh Mayes will officiate.

Mrs. Calvert was preceded in death by her father, mother and three brothers.

She is survived by her husband, M. Ray Calvert; daughter, Kimberly Pearson; sons, Perry Calvert and Donnell Calvert; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571



David Hilton Smith

David Hilton Smith, 68, of Tuscaloosa, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022, at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa.

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Ricky Light

Ricky Light, 57, passed away Thursday, January 20, 2022, at UAB Hospital.

Arrangements will be announced later by Collins-Burke Funeral Home.

Collins-Burke Funeral Home, Jasper; 205-384-5571

Joe Lee Blackwell

Joe Lee Blackwell was born December 25, 1952, and went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 21, 2022, at the age of 69.

He was preceded in death by his father, Asa J. Blackwell; and mother, Lois B. Blackwell.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Annette Pate Blackwell of Dora; daughter, Larissa B. Blackwell of Sumiton; son, Brandon J. Blackwell (Tracy) of Empire; granddaughter, Cadence Blackwell of Empire; sister, Wanda Blackwell Pate; and brother, James Blackwell.

Visitation will be held Monday, January 24, 2022, at Bell Funeral Home Sumiton Chapel from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. Graveside service will be held at Bryan Cemetery at noon.

Bell Funeral Home, Sumiton; 205-648-6611

Mary Beth Meggs

Mary Beth Meggs, 59, of Carbon Hill, passed away at her home Thursday, January 20, 2022.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother, a truly kind and caring person who quickly became a friend to everyone she met. She taught Sunday school for many years, and loved the Lord. She had a passion and a talent for sewing, and loved to sew as often as she got the chance. Mary Beth will be missed by all who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Theo and Lou Neil Darty; and brother-in-law, Phil Gross.

She is survived by her loving husband of 36 years, Walter Randall Meggs; sons, Benjamin Meggs and Joseph Meggs; stepson, Reginald Meggs (Stephanie); step-grandsons, Wesley and Tanner; sisters, Deborah Gross and Faye Kirkland (Jack); brothers, Curtis Darty (Shirley) and Gary Darty (Linda); friends, Deborah Lewis, Louise Williams, Pat Hinds, Betty Atkins, Jo Ann Kirkpatrick, Jo Ruggles, and Vickie Borden; and a host of other family and friends.

A memorial service will be held in the Bob Wilson Memorial Chapel, at Wilson Funeral Home in Carbon Hill, for all who would like to attend. Services will be held Tuesday, January 25, 2022, at 1 p.m.

Wilson Brothers Funeral Home & On-Site Crematory, LLC; 205-924-4147

Commission OK’s bid for Curry shelter

By ED HOWELL
Daily Mountain Eagle

The Walker County Commission voted Tuesday to award a bid for the long-awaited Curry storm shelter-although the commissioner who helped to push for the shelter was at home nursing COVID-19.

District 1 Commissioner Keith Davis, who is also running for the District 13 state House seat, texted Tuesday morning he and the rest of his family had tested positive for the coronavirus and would not make it to the commission meeting.

“It’s been like a bad flu. But we are feeling better,” he said.

Davis and District 4 Commissioner Steven Aderholt were both absent Tuesday, although County Attorney Richard Fikes said the commission had a quorum with three commissioners.

When the shelter came up for discussion, Chairman Steve Miller said, “Let me say right here we are sorry Mr. Davis is not here. We know he is totally involved in this.

He appreciates everything going on with this storm shelter.”

County Engineer Mike Short said Davis was present during an earlier bid opening for the project.

Of the two bids submitted, the commission approved the low bid of \$88,745 from Aqua Marine Enterprises of Hartselle, who bid a structure from the Safe-T-Shelter brand.

Short noted in discussion from District 3 Commissioner Jim Borden about maintenance for current shelters that the county has been a pass-through agency for shelters managing the process for setting them up initially.

“Once the county constructs these, they are given to the organization which has requested it. They are not our property,” Short said. “It is up to the organization for maintenance. Without maintenance, these things can get to looking not so good.”

Miller said, “I’m very grateful this passed.” Later, during the commission discussion time, he

said. “We look forward to that moving forward as quickly as possible. This is something great for that community. I know Mr. Davis will be really proud of that and we’re glad the commission was able to move that on in his absence today.”

Last July, the commission gave approval to use up to \$150,000 in funding obtained by Senate Pro Tem Greg Reed, R-Jasper, to use for a new storm shelter in Curry.

The commission opted to do that as land had become available next to the Curry Fire Station, by way of a donation from a citizen, Davis said at the time.

Davis said last July he and Aderholt met with Kenneth Boswell, the director of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA), and with the head of the state Emergency Management Agency.

A call was then placed to Reed, to find money for a shelter in Curry as well as a smaller shelter in Sipseyp “that we will address at a different date.”

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Booster shots needed against omicron, CDC studies show

NEW YORK (AP) — Three studies released Friday offered more evidence that COVID-19 vaccines are standing up to the omicron variant, at least among people who received booster shots.

They are the first large U.S. studies to look at vaccine protection against omicron, health officials said.

The papers echo previous research — including studies in Germany, South Africa and the U.K. — indicating available vaccines are less effective against omicron than earlier versions of the coronavirus, but also that booster doses rev up virus-fighting antibodies to increase the chance of avoiding symptomatic infection.

The first study looked at hospitalizations and emergency room and urgent care center visits in 10 states, from August

to this month.

It found vaccine effectiveness was best after three doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines in preventing COVID-19-associated emergency department and urgent care visits. Protection dropped from 94% during the delta wave to 82% during the omicron wave. Protection from just two doses was lower, especially if six months had passed since the second dose.

Officials have stressed the goal of preventing not just infection but severe disease. On that count, some good news: A third dose was at least 90% effective at preventing hospitalizations for COVID-19, both during the delta and omicron periods, the study also found.

The second study focused on COVID-19 case and death rates in 25 states from the beginning

of April through Christmas. People who were boosted had the highest protection against coronavirus infection, both during the time delta was dominant and also when omicron was taking over.

Those two articles were published online by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Journal of the American Medical Association published the third study, also led by CDC researchers. It looked at people who tested positive for COVID-19 from Dec. 10 to Jan. 1 at more than 4,600 testing sites across the U.S.

Three shots of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines were about 67% effective against omicron-related symptomatic disease compared with unvaccinated people. Two doses, however, offered no significant protection against omicron when measured



AP Photo/Nam Y. Huh, File

A dose of a Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is prepared at Lurie Children's hospital, Nov. 5, 2021, in Chicago. Three new U.S. studies offer more evidence that the COVID-19 vaccines are standing up to the omicron variant, at least among people who have received booster shots. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the studies Friday

several months after completion of the original series, the researchers found.

"It really shows the importance of getting a booster dose," said the CDC's Emma Accorsi, one of the study's authors. Americans should get

boosters if at least five months have passed since they completed their Pfizer or Moderna series, but millions who are eligible have not gotten them.

"If you are eligible for a booster and you haven't gotten it, you are not up to date and you need to

get your booster," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said during a White House briefing Friday.

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Omicron surge undermining care for other health problems

By **BEN FINLEY** and **KATE BRUMBACK**
Associated Press

Roger Strukhoff was being treated for intestinal bleeding at a hospital outside Chicago this month when he suffered a mild heart attack.

Normally, the 67-year-old would have been sent to the intensive care unit. But Strukhoff said it was overrun with COVID-19 patients, and the staff instead had to wheel a heart monitor into his room and quickly administer nitroglycerin and morphine.

"A doctor I know pretty well said, 'Roger, we're going to have to improvise right here,'" said Strukhoff, who lives in DeKalb, Illinois.

The omicron surge this winter has not only swamped U.S. hos-

pitals with record numbers of patients with COVID-19, it has also caused frightening moments and major headaches for people trying to get treatment for other ailments.

Less-urgent procedures have been put on hold around the country, such as cochlear implant surgeries and steroid injections for rheumatoid arthritis. And people with all sorts of medical complaints have had to wait in emergency rooms for hours longer than usual.

Mat Gleason said he wheeled his 92-year-old father, Eugene Gleason, into a Los Angeles-area emergency room last week for a transfusion to treat a blood disorder. It should have taken about seven to 10 hours, Gleason said, but his dad was there for 48 hours.

He said his father called him after 10 hours, asking for a blanket.

"He told me later, 'I just assumed they forgot about me,'" said Gleason, 57, who works as an art critic. "And yet he wasn't the only person in that room. There were dozens of people" But Gleason added: "I'm not begrudging the hospital at all. They did a great job."

An average of almost 144,000 people were in the hospital in the U.S. with COVID-19 as of Tuesday, the highest level on record, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Hospitals in a few states such as New York and Connecticut that experienced early omicron surges are starting to see an easing of the patient load, but many other places are overwhelmed.

Hospitals say the COVID-19 patients aren't as sick as those during the last surge.

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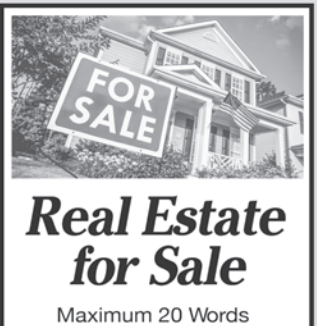
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payment plus fees is paid in full. Payment must be made by money order or cashiers check: Unit #209 Brandy Richardson, \$210 *January 22, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

The Jasper Civil Service Board will give a written exam for the position of Firefighter on May 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Jasper Police Department. Please visit our website www.jaspercity.com for details on applying. *January 11, 22, February 1, 19, March 12, 22, 2022

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

STATE OF Alabama COUNTY OF WALKER Default having been made of the terms of the loan documents secured by that certain mortgage executed by Terry Elaine Webb and Claburn Jack Webb, Wife & Husband, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp. its successors and assigns dated August 29, 2017; said mortgage being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. Said Mortgage was last sold, assigned and transferred to PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION by assignment recorded in Deed Book 2664, Page 676 in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Walker County, Alabama. The undersigned, PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the main entrance of the Court House in Walker County, Alabama during the legal hours of sale (between 11am and 4pm), on the 9th day of February, 2022 the following property, situated in Walker County, Alabama, to-wit:

Said property is commonly known as 1256 Evans Road, Jasper, AL 35501. Should a conflict arise between the property address and the legal description the legal description will control. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, but not yet due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, all outstanding liens for public utilities which constitute liens upon the property, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, easements, rights-of-way, zoning ordinances, restrictions, special assessments, covenants, the statutory right of redemption pursuant to Alabama law, and any matters of record including, but not limited to, those superior to said Mortgage first set out above. Said property will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The successful bidder must present certified funds in the amount of the winning bid at the time and place of sale. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process.

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An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Mortgage. PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION as holder of said mortgage McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Two North Twentieth 220th Street North Suite 1000 Birmingham, AL 35203 (800) 275-7171 FT21@mccalla.com File No. 21-02400AL www.foreclosurehotline.net *January 8, 15, 22, 2022

NOTICE OF PENDING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF ISSUANCE OF AN ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA
Notice is hereby given that **SALI 2 LLC DBA RJs**, located at 1206 HWY 69 S, Jasper, Alabama, has made application to the City of Jasper to approve the issuance of a Retail Beer License and a Retail Wine License, for off premise consumption by the Alabama Alcohol Beverage Control Board, and that the 1st day of February, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. has been set for the hearing thereof, together with the results of the investigation and the recommendation on said application, at the Jasper City Council meeting. At said time and place all persons residing, having business or owning real property within one thousand (1,000) feet of the proposed establishment, measured front door to front door of said location, or in the case of an unimproved lot from the center of the front footage thereof to the front door of the proposed establishment for which a license is sought, shall have the opportunity of being heard in opposition to or in favor of the application.

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since the beginning of the pandemic last week.
The following is a school-by-school breakdown of COVID-positive/quarantine statistics for students: Bankhead, 27 positive and 51 quarantined; Carbon Hill Jr. High, 14 positive and 103 quarantined; Carbon Hill High, 18 positive and 80 quarantined; Cordova Elementary, 13 positive (quarantines not available); Cordova High, 26 positive and 29 quarantined; Curry Elementary, 17 positive and 205 quarantined; Curry Middle, five positive and 98 quarantined; Curry High, five positive and 134 quarantined; Dora High, 15 positive and 65 quarantined; Lupton Jr. High, 10 positive and 108 quarantined; Oakman Middle, 18 positive and 229 quarantined; Oakman High, 15 positive and 45 quarantined; Parrish Middle, 10 positive and 37

quarantined; Sumiton Elementary, 10 positive and 80 quarantined; Sumiton Middle, 18 positive and 144 quarantined; Valley Jr. High, 14 positive and 92 quarantined; Walker County Center of Technology, zero positive and two quarantined; and the 180 program, zero positive and two quarantined.
Staff COVID-19 statistics for the school system include one staff member at Bankhead testing positive and one in quarantine; six positive at Carbon Hill Jr. High and two in quarantine; one positive at Carbon Hill High and two in quarantine; three positive at Cordova Elementary and 14 in quarantine; two positive at Cordova High and one in quarantine; five positive at Curry Elementary and six in quarantine; zero positive at Curry Middle and two in quarantine; six positive at Curry High and

one in quarantine; three positive at Dora High and one in quarantine; five positive at Lupton Jr. High and 14 in quarantine; 10 positive at Oakman Middle and 15 in quarantine; two positive at Oakman High and three in quarantine; four positive at Parrish Middle and two in quarantine; eight positive at Sumiton Elementary and three in quarantine; four positive at Sumiton Middle and five in quarantine; nine positive at Valley Jr. High and two in quarantine; zero positive at the Walker County Center of Technology and one in quarantine; one positive at the 180 program and one in quarantine; and three positive at the central office and zero in quarantine.
Some schools were remote over the past two weeks due to a high number of COVID-19 cases and/or teacher shortages.

Dora

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council a grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, which is to help with lighting the city's Horse Creek Trail, has been approved. He said an Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs grant to fund a new pumping station has also been approved.
In other action, the council:



Mayor Randy Stephens

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Our View

Courthouse accessibility grant greatly needed

Security and accessibility have been much talked about issues at the Walker County Courthouse in recent years. On Thursday, Sen. President Pro Tem Greg Reed, R-Jasper announced the county will receive \$260,000 for disability access at the courthouse.

The funding is much needed. Walker County Commission Chairman Steve Miller said Friday that the grant will cover several actions, "all basically looking at increasing the accessibility of the courthouse."

The front doors are not compliant with the Americans With Accessibility Act because of the width of the single door openings. A new entranceway will have to be installed with new doors. The two side doors on Third Avenue and Second Avenue will be locked and only used for emergencies, using new emergency release doors to be installed there.

There will possibly be an upgrade to the cart in the elevator, which could involve a new design for controls, depending on what officials discover and with the amount of money available, he said. The size would stay the same, although the look could change. He didn't know if the speed of the elevator would also change. Only the elevator in the main courthouse would be involved with the change.

An upgrade to the restrooms in the basement is also on the wish list to aid with accessibility. They are currently not as easily accessible to the disabled community.

It is not certain if the grant will cover all those items, but the Walker County Commission should be commended for its work in applying for grant funding to move projects like this forward. Grants are out there. It just takes local officials searching and applying for them.

The county should also be commended for addressing courthouse accessibility. Everyone in our county should be able to do government business with as little hassle as possibly.

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Letters which do not include a name and phone number will not be published.

Letters should be typed and be limited to 300 words or less.

The Eagle reserves the right to edit all letters but will make every effort to ensure such editing does not alter the content or meaning of the letter.

No letters containing profanity or accusations against an individual or business will be published.

When several letters about the same subject are received, the Eagle reserves the right to publish representative letters, but not necessarily all letters.

Letters which are obviously orchestrated by a group or individual will not be published.

Letters from individuals or organizations thanking businesses or other individuals for their support of projects or other activities must run as pages of thanks in the classified section or general pages of the newspaper.

MLK's dream still alive through us

As someone who wasn't born until 1978, I missed the civil rights era by quite a few years.

Despite that fact, I've always been interested in the time period. I am pretty sure if I had been around in those days, my passion for social justice would have found me right in the middle of the marches, protests and rallies. I firmly believe that all men/women are created equal, and I believe we all should have the same civil rights, no matter our race, religion or sexual orientation.

Since I was a youngster, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. has always been a figure in history that piqued my interest. His message of unity and love through nonviolence is something that I've always believed in. He was a man of principles and he never compromised those principles. There are few people who leave a major impact on our world with their lives, and I believe King was definitely one of those people. With that said, King was not perfect, but he is someone who should be celebrated for the work he did to help further the cause of bringing equal rights to all people.

I love to hear King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Every time I hear

it, the hairs on my arms stand up. The speech always moves me, and I feel King's words should be moving for all people. I believe some words are inspired, and King's words on that day, in front of 200,000 people, were sent from above.

"Letter from a Birmingham Jail" is an essay written by King while he was confined in a Birmingham jail, serving a sentence for participating in civil rights demonstrations. The Birmingham letter helped to bring about the March on Washington. The letter is a compelling defense of nonviolent demonstration and a rallying cry for an end to social discrimination that is just as powerful today as it was more than 20 years ago.

"Let us all hope that the dark clouds of racial prejudice will soon pass away and the deep fog of misunderstanding will be lifted from our fear-drenched communities, and in some not too distant tomorrow the radiant stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all their scintillating beauty," King wrote in the letter.

Due to COVID-19, the Jasper MLK march and program had to be cancelled for the second straight year. It is an event that I look forward to each year. I hope it can return in 2022.

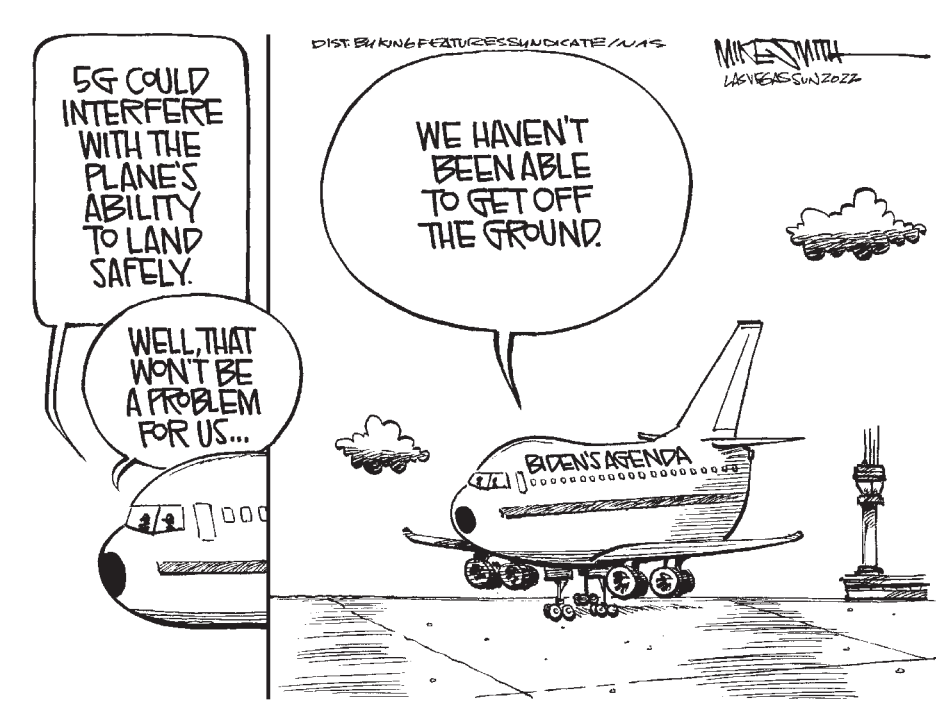
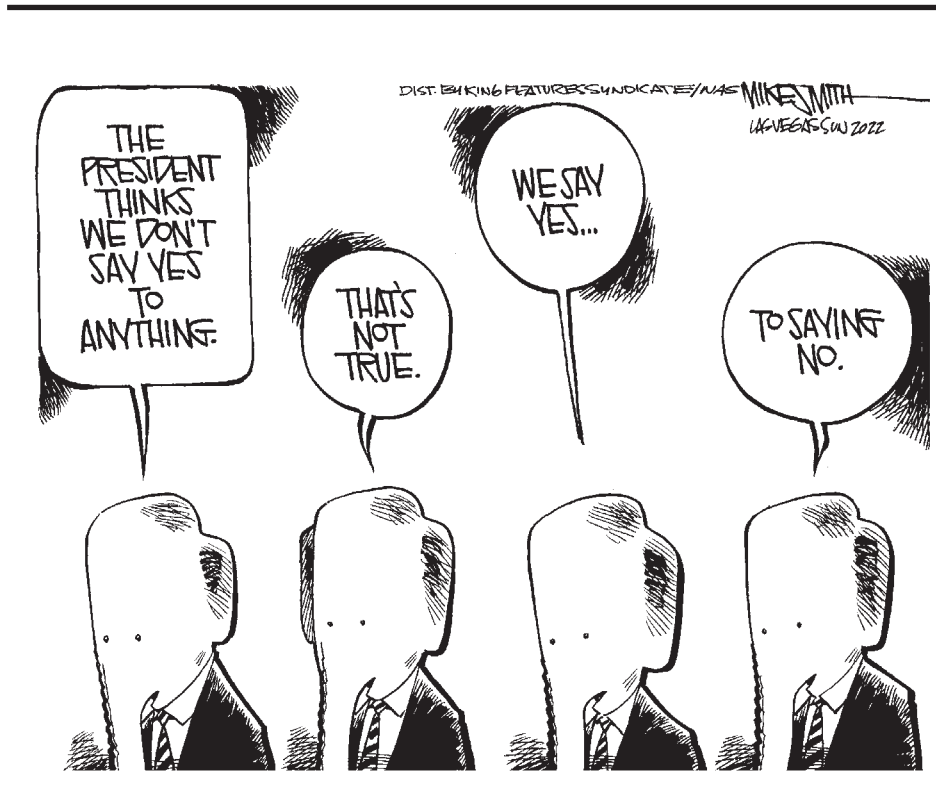
I am not naive enough to think that we have completely realized King's dream. Racism is still out

there. There are white people who hate black people. There are black people who hate white people. Some people just hate people in general. Hate, in any form or for any reason is wrong, and it is evil. As long as there are people filled with hate, there will be racism. Over the years, racism has suffered many defeats, and the ranks of racists are dwindling, but that is only because people of different color have taken the time to reach across those lines, get to know each other and love each other. Fighting hate with hate only breeds more hate. The only way to defeat racism is with love.

King loved the people who persecuted him, and he responded in scriptural ways. When struck by an enemy, King didn't strike back. His response to hate was also far from passive. When struck on one cheek, King would turn and show his enemy the other cheek — and I think he would have been praying for them as he did it.

As I said before, King's dream hasn't been fully realized yet, but many things he dreamed of have been. We should celebrate those accomplishments together. We should all continue to work together to make our city, county, state, nation and world a better place — a place filled with love and not hate.

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Today In History

Today is Saturday, Jan. 22, the 22nd day of 2022. There are 343 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, declared a nationwide constitutional right to abortion.

On this date:

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time in Princeton, New Jersey.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1947, America's first commercially licensed television station west of the Mississippi, KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, made its official debut.

In 1995, Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy died at the Kennedy compound at Hyannis Port, Massachusetts, at age 104.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber responsible for three deaths and 29 injuries in return for a sentence of life in prison without parole.

In 2006, Kobe Bryant scored 81 points, the second-highest in NBA history, in the Los Angeles Lakers' 122-104 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

In 2008, actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in a New York City apartment.

In 2009, President Barack Obama signed an executive order to close the Guantanamo Bay prison camp within a year. (The facility remained in operation as lawmakers blocked efforts to transfer terror suspects to the United States; President Donald Trump later issued an order to keep the jail open and allow the Pentagon to bring new prisoners there.)

State at 46.3% positive for covid; county at 44.8%

By ED HOWELL
Daily Mountain Eagle

Alabama's seven-day rate of positive testing for COVID-19 is now considered one of the highest in the nation, according to media reports, standing at 46.3 percent on Friday-and with Walker County standing at 44.8 percent positive that day.

Walker County has had 15,206 cases since the pandemic began, with 2,231 cases occurring in January. Only 7,153 cases were reported in the county in all of 2021. A total of 392 people have died in the county from COVID-19, although no deaths have been recorded for 2022.

Statewide, 1,120,881 COVID-19 cases have been seen in the state since the pandemic began, with 200,672 seen in January-amazing considering 387,442 were seen in all of 2020 and 532,767 were recorded in all of 2021. The state has had 16,824 deaths in the pandemic, including 161 in January.

All counties in the state Friday were at the highest rate of community transmission for the virus.

The positive rate for Walker County and the state has mostly been going up for weeks, except for one brief period. On Dec. 21, the county had a 7.9 percent positivity rate over seven days. The state was at 8.4 percent. The rate statewide was 22.1 percent over seven days, while the positivity rate in the county was 11.1 percent-enough to put the county at a high level for the positivity rate.

The Jan. 7 county rate of 34.4 percent declined to 32.7 percent by Jan. 10, and the state rate of 43.6 percent on Jan. 7 declined to 41.1 percent on Jan. 10. However, on Jan. 19 the seven-day positive rate for Walker County was up to 43 percent, while statewide it was 44.4 percent.

Grants From A1

II grant award will be \$1,880,304.

In addition, Winston County will see a resurfacing of U.S. Highway 278 (State Road 74) from State Road 13 to State Road 5. This will include plans to increase vertical clearance on Westbound lanes. The \$2 million grant will be matched with \$207,360 in local funds.

State Rep. Tim Wadsworth said on Facebook, "For numerous years, mobile homes and tractor trailers of a certain height that would travel west from Addison to Double Springs to Natural Bridge have been required to turn left by Highway 5 before the railroad trestle at Natural Bridge, then had to turn right to travel to Highway 13, and then had to travel back to Highway 278 because the railroad trestle was too low. Attempts in the past years had been made to raise the trestle or lower the road, which had no success."

He said the grant would lower Highway 278 "so that tractor trailers and mobile homes can travel straight, without having to detour off of Hwy 278. ... Now, tractor trailers and mobile homes will be allowed to continue to travel west and east without having to detour off the road."

Wadsworth also noted a \$1 million Double Springs project with no local match, where Double Springs will add a left turn lane and extend a right turn lane on State Road 33 at the intersection of County Road 24, as well as add an acceleration lane on County Road 24."

The funding is made available through the Alabama Transportation Rehabilitation and Improvement Program-II (ATRIP-II), a program created by the Rebuild Alabama Act. The Rebuild Alabama Act requires ATRIP-II to be an annual program setting aside a minimum of \$30 million off the top of ALDOT's share of new gas tax revenue for projects of local interest on the state highway system.

"While our work is far from over, we have made significant progress in improving our roads and bridges thanks to Rebuild Alabama. During my state of the state address, I shared that on top of local improvements, the state has administered projects in almost all 67 counties, and I am thrilled to be announcing additional awards today," Ivey said in a release. "I look forward to continue putting every single penny of these funds to good use for the people of Alabama."

There were 32 projects selected for funding for a total of \$40.31 million in state transportation funding. Of those awarded projects, 17 were from cities and counties putting forward \$11.89 million in local funds. Under the ATRIP-II program, there is no requirement that local governments put up matching funds to be eligible.

The state has now awarded more than \$100 million in state transportation funds under ATRIP-II since the program's creation in 2019.

In a release coming from the office of Senate President Pro Tem Greg Reed, R-Jasper, Wadsworth said, "

"This is great news for the people of Walker & Winston Counties," said Rep. Tim Wadsworth (R-Arley). "Having safe, reliable roads and bridges helps families live their daily lives across our area, and it also helps businesses and farmers thrive. I will continue to support commonsense legislation that benefits the residents of House District 14."

"I am excited to see three important road projects across Senate District 5 benefit from the latest round of ATRIP-II funds," said Reed. "Having quality infrastructure is important for growing good-paying jobs for the hardworking families of our district, and I will continue to seek responsible ways to strengthen our communities. Thank you to Governor Kay Ivey, ALDOT, Representative Tim Wadsworth, and the local partners who made these projects possible. I look forward to many more projects across our district being funded through Rebuild Alabama in the months and years to come."

The projects were selected by the ATRIP-II Committee created by the Rebuild Alabama Act. It is anticipated that a number of projects will be under contract during the 2022 fiscal year, however all projects are required to move forward within two years of the awarding of funds.

For more information about the ATRIP-II Program, visit <https://www.dot.state.al.us/programs/ATRIP-II.html>.

Election

to qualify or get more information may call Ensor at 205-221-2026.

Currently, in the Walker County area, it would appear the more active races in the area would be for the Alabama House of Representative races in Districts 13 and 14, and for Walker County superintendent of education.

Democrats, while now having three candidates for governor, have failed to contest many other state constitutional offices and local offices, ensuring Republicans uncontested in the party primaries are likely to win outright in November.

Among those on the state level coming close to having no opposition are Attorney General Steve Marshall, Alabama Supreme Court Justice Kelli Wise, Treasurer Young Boozer, Commissioner of Agriculture and



Industries Rick Pate, and Public Service Commissioner Chip Beeker.

The following is the most current available list of people qualified to be on the ballot in Walker County:

- Republicans
- U.S. Senate: Katie Britt, Mo Brooks, Karla M. Dupriest, and Mike Durant.
- U.S. House of Representatives, District 4: Robert Aderholt (I).
- Governor: Lew Burdette, Stacy Lee George, Kay Ivey (I), Dean Odle and Dave Thomas.
- Lt. Governor: Will

Courthouse

the ceremony, as well as local government officials from across the state who gathered to receive their grant checks.

Ivey awarded \$18.2 million to provide improvements in more than 50 Alabama towns, cities and counties.

"Community Development Block Grants are a means in which local governments can address some of their more pressing needs," Ivey said. "I am pleased to award these grants, and I commend those local officials who recognized those needs and took the time and effort to seek an answer through this grant program."

"ADECA is pleased to join with Gov. Ivey in this grant program that annually helps Alabama towns, cities and counties obtain financial assistance for projects that benefit their communities," Boswell said. "We look forward to seeing the positive impacts that these projects have on the quality of life for residents of these communities."

All projects must meet one of the three national objectives: Benefit at least 51 percent low- and moderate-income persons; help in the prevention or clearance of slum and blight; and meet an urgent need.

"My gratitude goes out to Governor Ivey and ADECA for selecting three projects in Senate District 5 for these needed funds," Reed said in a statement. "The local officials and partners spearheading these projects should be commended for their diligence

Ballots

that the Daily Mountain Eagle features throughout the year, started on Thursday, Jan. 6. The deadline for ballots to be turned in is 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, at the Daily Mountain Eagle's Jasper office.

A representative of the paper will be on hand to accept last-minute ballots, as the office will be opened an extra hour to receive the ballots. The DME office normally closes now at 4 p.m.

Each year, readers vote for various businesses and institutions to determine the best in their field for Walker County. The winners have also had bragging rights in advertising over the next year, and in some cases many years.

It also is the first major event this year that kicks off the Daily Mountain Eagle's year-long celebration of its 150th anniversary.

This year, ballots with nearly 130 write-in contests is being inserted every Tuesday and Thursday in the Daily Mountain Eagle print edition from Jan. 6 through Jan. 25, with the deadline to turn in the ballots on Friday, Jan. 28 at 5 p.m. The winners will be published in a special section on Feb. 24, with that section also featured on our website, MountainEagle.com, throughout the year.

"We appreciate the participation

Ainsworth (I) and Patrick Bishop Sr.

- Attorney General: Steve Marshall (I).
- Alabama Supreme Court, Place 5: Greg Cook and Debra Jones.
- Alabama Supreme Court, Place 6: Kelli Wise (I).
- Secretary of State: Wes Allen and Ed Packard.
- Treasurer: Young Boozer (I).
- Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries: Rick Pate (I).
- Auditor: Stan Cooke, Rusty Glover and Andrew Sorrell.
- Public Service Commission, Place 1: John Hammock and Jeremy H. Oden (I).
- Public Service Commission, Place 2: Chip Beeker (I).
- District Attorney, Circuit 14: Bill Adair (I).
- Alabama Senate, Dis-

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trict 5: Greg J. Reed (I).

- Alabama House of Representatives, District 13: Greg Barnes, Keith Davis, Charlie Waits and Matt Woods.
- Alabama House of Representatives, District 14: Cory Franks, Tom Fredericks and Timothy (Tim) Wadsworth (I).
- Walker County Sheriff: Nick Smith (I).
- Walker County Superintendent of Education: Dennis Willingham (I).
- Walker County Board of Education, District 2: None.
- Walker County Board of Education, District 4: None.
- Walker County Coroner: None.
- Democrats
- Governor: Yolanda Rochelle Flowers, Patricia Salter Jamieson and Chad "Chig" Martin.
- All other races: None.

From A1

upgrade the cart in the elevator," which could involve a new design for controls, depending on what officials discover and with the amount of money available, he said. The size would stay the same, although the look could change. He didn't know if the speed of the elevator would also change.

Only the elevator in the main courthouse would be involved with the change.

"And then we would upgrade the bathroom facilities in the basement. I don't know that they are not accessible today, but we are going to be certain they are absolutely accessible. That may mean reducing the number of people who can get in, because you know with partitions and all sorts of things like that, there is room taken up with all that."

Miller said, "This has been a wish and a hope for the county here to upgrade, and we are doing everything we can. Certainly, we are very appreciative of the Governor's Office and Mr. Boswell's office. We have to apply for these, and you have to meet certain criteria. We honestly appreciate being able to receive these funds. This will, as the governor said yesterday, help communities, and it is going to help our community here, so we are appreciative of that."

Officials don't know if the funds obtained will cover all the costs. In a nod to the recent inflation surge, Short noted prices could have gone up since the grant was applied for.

Short said construction on the project might extend over into 2023, although the county will be "well underway having things on the ground and beginning the process this calendar year."

Miller noted an architect has already been obtained and has made plans and budget numbers for the grant application.

"So those plans are already in place. It is just that once we get the criteria from Mr. Boswell's office, then we will begin to understand exactly the next step. There are going to be steps to take care of the paperwork, then the bid process and those things we'll have to do," Miller said.

Miller, who is a roofing contractor, said he feels the speed of completion of the project will depend on the availability of products needed-a problem being seen throughout the nation in the wake of the pandemic.

He also noted in speaking with other grant recipient communities at Thursday's ceremony, he learned some of the projects they were doing. Miller noted other grant writers there talked to the local officials about upcoming availabilities that he said county officials would investigate if they would applicable to Walker County.

"We are certainly going to continue to go after any and all grants that are available. That doesn't mean we will get them, but it does mean we are going to actively pursue any and all for the county that will fit our needs," he said.

From A1

Those who complete at least 50 percent of the ballot will have a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card.

Entries will require the voter to submit their name, address, phone, and e-mail address if they have one. They can be mailed or delivered to the Daily Mountain Eagle, 1301 East Viking Dr., Jasper, AL 35501.

Only one entry per adult or two entries per household will be considered. Violation of this rule will result in a forfeiture of vote.

Businesses and individual nominated must serve the Walker County area. Individuals must fill out their own ballot.

Pre-filled ballots from businesses will be forfeited. If businesses would like to hand out ballots at their location, please do not fill out any portion of the ballot beforehand with the exception of your own business name. Voters should fill out their own ballots. Failure to comply to this rule will result in the ballot forfeiture.

Anyone with questions about the contest may call or leave a message with Publisher James Phillips (Ext. 237) or Executive Advertising Director Jake Aaron (Ext. 236) at (205) 221-2840.

They may also be reached at james.phillips@mountaineagle.com or jake.aaron@mountaineagle.com.

Democrats eye new strategy after failure of voting bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats were picking up the pieces Thursday following the collapse of their top-priority voting rights legislation, with some shifting their focus to a narrower bipartisan effort to repair laws Donald Trump exploited in his bid to overturn the 2020 election.

Though their bid to dramatically rewrite U.S. election law failed during a high-stakes Senate floor showdown late Wednesday, Democrats insisted their brinkmanship has made the new effort possible, forcing Republicans to relent, even if just a little, and engage in bipartisan negotiations.

The nascent push is focused on the Electoral Count Act, an 1887 law that created the convoluted process for the certification of presidential election results by Congress. For more than 100 years, vulnerabilities in the law were an afterthought, until Trump's unrelenting, false claims that voter fraud cost him the 2020 election culminated in a mob of his supporters storming the Capitol.

An overhaul of the Gilded Age statute could be Democrats' best chance to address what they call an existential threat to American democracy from Trump's "big lie" about a stolen election. But with serious talks only beginning in the Senate and dwindling time before this year's midterm elections, reaching consensus could prove difficult.

"We know history is on the side of voting rights, and we know that forcing leaders to take stands



AP Photo/Amanda Andrade-Rhoades

From left, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., and Sen. Cory Booker, D-N.J., attend a press conference regarding the Democratic party's shift to focus on voting rights at the Capitol in Washington Tuesday.

will ultimately move the ball forward," Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said Thursday.

Just weeks ago, many Democrats were adamant that updating the Electoral Count Act was no substitute for their voting legislation. Updating the 1887 law, they pointed out, would do nothing to counter the Trump-inspired push in 19 states to make it more difficult to vote.

They still hold that position, but after the defeat of their marquee elections bill, they are running out of options. Meanwhile, Trump loyalists are girding for the next election, working to install sympathetic leaders in local election posts and, in some cases, backing political candidates who participated in the riot at the U.S. Capitol.

Biden conceded this week that updating the electoral bill may be Dem-

ocrats' best opportunity to pass voting legislation through a 50-50 Senate, where much of his agenda has stalled.

"I predict to you they'll get something done," Biden told reporters Wednesday.

Any legislation would have to balance Democrats' desire to halt what they view as a GOP plan to make it more difficult for Black Americans and other minorities to vote with Republican's entrenched opposition to increased federal oversight of local elections.

"What other things could be put in there?" said South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn, the No. 3 House Democrat and a senior member of the Congressional Black Caucus. "I want to deal with more than just counting the votes for the president. I want to be sure that we count the votes for everybody else. So voter

nullification like they're doing in Georgia, I think it can be addressed."

Republicans involved in the effort to update the Electoral Count Act acknowledge that the bill would need a wider focus.

Sen. Susan Collins of Maine is holding bipartisan talks with Republican Sens. Roger Wicker of Mississippi, Thom Tillis of North Carolina and Mitt Romney of Utah, as well as Democratic Sens. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona.

"It's such a needed thing," said Manchin, who added that the narrower scope was "the first place" Democrats "should have started."

Manchin and Sinema effectively tanked Democrats' marquee bill Wednesday, joining Republicans in voting against a rule change that would have allowed the party's voting legislation to pass with a simple majority.

Collins has proposed new protections for poll and elections workers, some of whom received chilling threats to their safety after the 2020 election. She has also called for more funding for local elections. Manchin wants harsh criminal penalties for those convicted of intimidating or threatening poll and election workers.

"It's a heavy lift, but if we continue to get people to talk there's a path," said Tillis, who said tensions over the Democrats' failed voting bill will need to cool before coalition building can seriously begin.

U.S., Russia to try more diplomacy amid tensions over Ukraine

GENEVA (AP) — Top U.S. and Russian diplomats agreed Friday to keep talking in the standoff over Ukraine, even though their meeting produced no movement in the crisis that has seen Moscow mass tens of thousands of troops at the border and the West ramp up supplies of weapons to Kyiv.

With fears of an invasion of Ukraine running high and seemingly intractable demands, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov met for about 90 minutes in Geneva at what the American said was a "critical moment."

Expectations were low going in, and there was no breakthrough.

Blinken told Lavrov the U.S. would give Russia written responses to Moscow's proposals next week and suggested the two would likely meet again shortly after that — offering some hope that any invasion would be delayed for at least a few more days.

Blinken said the U.S. and its allies remain resolute in rejecting Russia's most important demands, which were reiterated Friday.

Moscow wants NATO to promise that Ukraine will never be added as a member, that no alliance weapons will be deployed near Russian borders, and that it pull back its forces from Central and Eastern Europe.

Despite that, there was no indication the U.S. responses would be any different from the flat-out rejections already expressed by Washington and its allies, clouding future diplomatic efforts.

"We didn't expect any major breakthroughs to happen today, but I believe we are now on a clearer path to understanding each other's positions," Blinken said after the meeting.

Blinken said he also wanted to use the opportunity to share directly with Lavrov some "concrete ideas to address some of the concerns that you have raised, as well as the deep concerns that many of us have about Russia's actions."

Blinken said Lavrov repeated Russia's insistence that it has no plans to invade Ukraine, but the U.S. and its allies were not convinced.

"We're looking at what is visible to all, and it is deeds and actions and not words that make all the difference," he said, adding that Russia should remove its troops from the Ukrainian border if it wanted to prove its point.

Lavrov, meanwhile, called the talks "constructive and useful" but declined to characterize the U.S. pledge.

"I can't say whether we are on the right track or not," he told reporters. "We will understand that when we receive the U.S. written response to all of our proposals."

Blinken suggested there was no leeway on Russia's demands, saying firmly: "There is no trade space there: None."

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Sports

WALKER COUNTY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Defending champs advance

Cordova boys edge Curry in double OT; Dora girls move on

By JOHNATHAN BENTLEY
Eagle Sports Editor

OAKMAN — Miguel Lopez buried a tie-breaking 3-pointer in double overtime to lead Cordova to a 48-43 victory over Curry in Friday night's Walker County Tournament semifinal at Oakman High School.



Curry forced overtime twice and grabbed the lead for the first time in the game in the second extra period before Lopez went to work. He put back his own miss to tie the game at 41-41 and connected on a 3-pointer on the Blue Devils' next possession for a 44-41 lead.

Curry got back within a point before missed opportunities and four straight Japeth Howell free throws finally put the Yellow Jackets away.

Curry led for a total of 1:31 in the game after a Jacob Bentley basket to open the second overtime.

Cordova goes after its second straight Walker County championship against fifth-seeded Oakman at 3 p.m. in Saturday's title game.

Against Curry, Cordova controlled most of the first four quarters. Lopez connected on a 3-pointer in the final seconds of the first quarter to give the Blue Devils a 12-7 lead going into the second quarter. Cordova pushed the lead to 10 points at 21-11 following a Jalen Armistad 3-pointer. Cordova led 21-15 at the half.

Curry cut the gap to six points at 27-21 after the third quarter and finally drew even with Curry at 30-30 following a Ryan George layup with 17 seconds left. In the first overtime, Cordova took a 3-point lead, but Curry's Jase Calloway converted a 3-point play with 10.9 seconds remaining to force the second overtime.

For Cordova (9-14), Cody Headrick and Howell each had 12 points while Lopez added 11.

Bentley led Curry (10-13) with 12 points, Calloway put in 10 and George had eight.

Varsity Girls

Dora 61, Cordova 48

Dora's combination of Bella Reese and Lyria Meadows

Walker County Tournament

At Oakman High School

Saturday's Schedule Championships

JV Boys

- (2) Cordova vs.
- (4) Oakman, noon

Varsity Girls

- (2) Dora vs.
- (4) Carbon Hill, 1:30 p.m.

Varsity Boys

- (3) Cordova vs.
- (5) Oakman, 3 p.m.

proved too much for Cordova as the Bulldogs advanced to Saturday's championship game with a 61-48 win over Cordova on Friday night.

Reese had 19 points while Meadows added 17.

Dora (14-7) will face Carbon Hill (10-14) at 1:30 p.m. in today's championship game.

Dora got 3-pointers from Iyunnie Rogers, Rukia Chapel and seven points from Meadows in the opening quarter as the team built a 20-12 lead.

Cordova rallied in the second quarter, cutting the lead to a single point twice. Dora got a 3-pointer from Meadows and a basket from Reese to push the lead back to seven points, 34-27, at the half.

Shelby Black connected on back-to-back 3-pointers for Cordova in the third quarter, cutting the Dora lead to 36-33, but the Bulldogs took over from there, closing the quarter with 9-3 run to take a 45-36 lead into the final quarter. Rukia Chapel closed out the quarter with a 3-point play.

Dora led by as many as 14 in the fourth quarter after a Meadows basket made the score 52-38.

Ja'kiyah Womack finished with eight points for Dora.

For Cordova (10-11), Lilly Werling and Black had 12 points and Nicole Mendoza added nine.

JV Boys

Cordova 53, C. Hill 39

Cordova advanced to Saturday's final with a 53-39 victory over the Bulldogs.

The Blue Devils led 23-18 at the half. For Cordova, Ethan Lane had 18 points and Kaden Williams added 16.



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Above, Cordova's Japeth Howell (4) drives to the goal in front of Curry's Jacob Bentley during their Walker County Tournament game at Oakman High School on Friday. Cordova won 48-43 in double overtime. Left, Cordova's Lilly Werling (35) is defended by Ja'kiyah Womack during Friday's girls game.

Memorable trip to Indy despite Alabama loss

On the night of January 10th, in Indianapolis, Georgia beat Alabama to win their first national championship in 41 years. I was there in Lucas Oil Stadium that night, and I'd like to share my experience, insight, and opinion on that game with you.

Zak McCullar



Zak's Take

First of all, it was cold. I mean, really cold. It was about 10 degrees outside of the stadium, and the wind-chill was below zero. Fortunately, the game was indoors, so we were only in the cold for about an hour-and-a-half waiting for a ride (which is a whole other story). If you think about it, it

doesn't make sense to have the game up north when both teams are from the south. The reason was that the game site was set years in advance (November 10th, 2017, to be exact). Think Indianapolis is a long way off? Next year it's in Los Angeles.

Secondly, I enjoyed my trip to Indy, no doubt. I loved every minute of it. But it would have been much nicer if Alabama could have pulled out a victory. The absolute worst part of the whole ordeal was the Georgia fans. No offense to the Georgia fans reading this because I have plenty of friends who are Georgia fans who were very nice about the whole thing, but 99 percent of all the Georgia fans I saw at the game were obnoxious, boorish, and intoxicated. If you remember, back in the early stages

See INDY, B3

Auburn faces Kentucky in key SEC showdown

By The Associated Press

No. 2 Auburn will try to keep its nine-game home win streak alive when the Tigers face No. 12 Kentucky. The Tigers have gone 9-0 in home games. Auburn averages 11.1 turnovers per game and is 12-1 when it turns the ball over less than its opponents.

The Wildcats are 5-1 in conference matchups. Kentucky is the SEC leader with 38.6 rebounds per game led by Oscar Tshiebewe averaging 14.8.

The matchup Saturday is the first meeting of the season for the two teams in conference play.

MATCHUP: Kentucky Wildcats (15-3, 5-1 SEC) at Auburn Tigers (17-1, 6-0 SEC)
Auburn, Alabama; Saturday, noon, CST

TOP PERFORMERS: Jabari Smith is shooting 45.9% and averaging 15.8 points for the Tigers.



Auburn's Walker Kessler

See SHOWDOWN, B2

SPORTS DIGEST

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

LSU adds 8 football transfers, including 2 Arkansas starters

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — New LSU coach Brian Kelly has completed the addition of eight transfer players to the Tigers' 2022 roster including defensive backs Greg Brooks and Joe Foucha, who both started at Arkansas.

The transfers also include two starters from Louisiana-Lafayette's Sun Belt Conference championship team: defensive back Mekhi Garner and receiver Kyren Lacy.

Tre'mond Shorts, a four-year starter at East Tennessee State and an FCS All-American, joins LSU's offensive line as a graduate transfer.

Former Virginia linebacker West Weeks, Notre Dame punter Jay Bramblett and East Carolina long snapper Slade Roy round out the recently completed additions from the transfer portal.

Cal coach Justin Wilcox signs extension through 2027

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — California football coach Justin Wilcox has signed an extension through the 2027 season.

Wilcox was rewarded with the extension Thursday after leading the Golden Bears to two bowls in five seasons as coach. The contract also increases the salary pool for assistant coaches.

Wilcox has a 26-28 record and led the Bears to back-to-back winning seasons and bowl games in 2018 and 2019 for the first time in a decade. Cal went 5-7 this season but beat rivals Stanford and Southern California down the stretch.

The Bear have won two of the last three Big Games against Stanford after losing the previous nine matchups.

BASEBALL

MLB's snail-paced lockout talks to resume with union offer

NEW YORK (AP) — Locked out baseball players plan to make a counteroffer to management on Monday, 11 days after clubs gave the union a proposal when the snail-paced negotiations resumed following a 42-day break.

The players' association asked Major League Baseball on Thursday to schedule the negotiating session, which is to take place in-person.

There is dwindling time to reach an agreement in time for spring training to start as scheduled on Feb. 16.

The scheduled March 31 opening day is also increasingly threatened, given the need for players to report, go through COVID-19 protocols and have at least three weeks of workouts that include a minimal number of exhibition games. Players don't receive paychecks until the regular season, and owners get only a small percentage of their revenue during the offseason.

Rays say split-season plan with Montreal rejected by MLB

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays' proposed plan to split the season between Florida and Montreal has been rejected by Major League Baseball.

Rays principal owner Stuart Sternberg announced the news on Thursday.

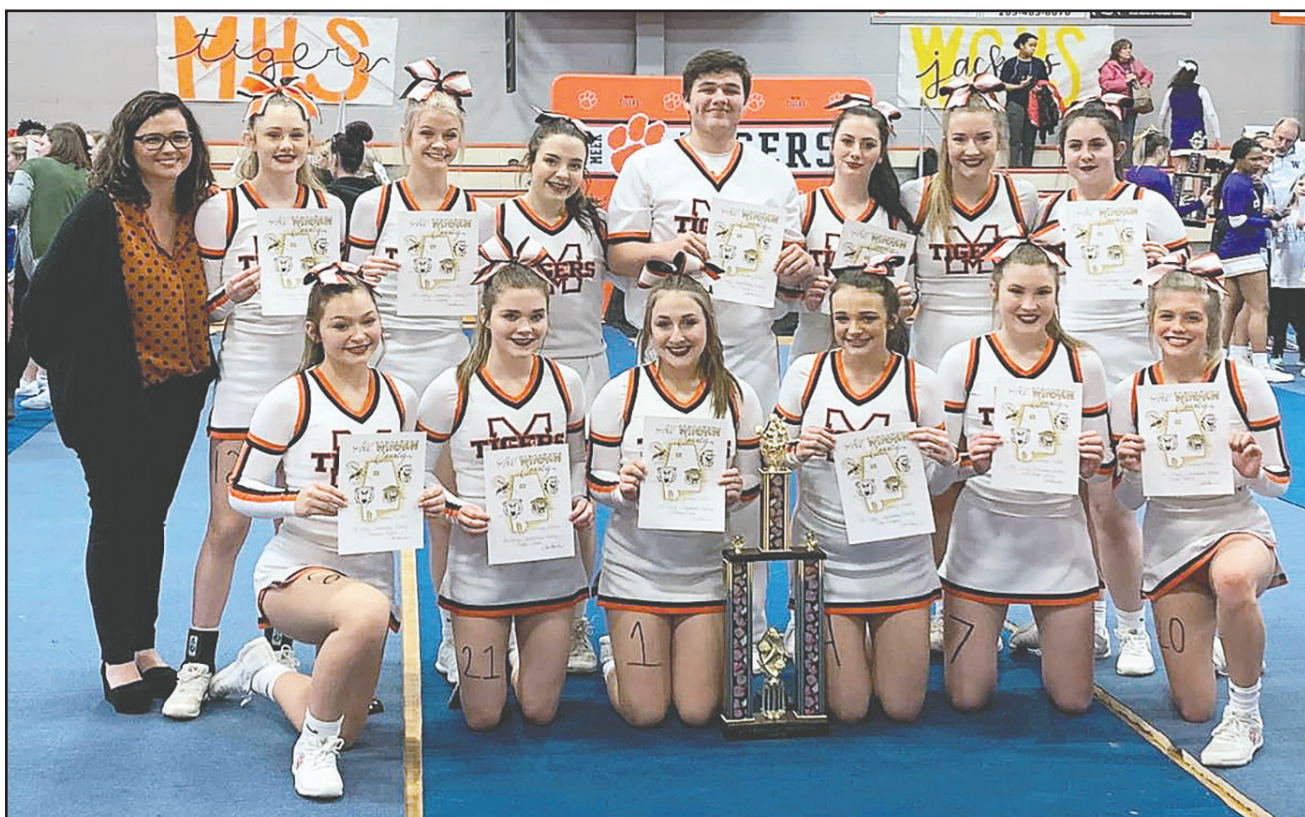
"Today's news is flat-out deflating," Sternberg said.

The idea of playing in both the Tampa Bay area and Montreal has been discussed over the past several years after attempts to build a new full-time ballpark locally failed.

Montreal had a big league team from 1969, when the expansion Expos began play, through 2004.

The Expos moved to Washington and became the Nationals for the 2005 season.

MEEK VARSITY CHEERLEADERS WIN COUNTY TITLE



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The Meek High School varsity cheerleaders won the Winston County Championship earlier this month at Meek High School. Members of the team are, front row, from left, Makenzie Phillips, Kayla Clark, Christina Tyree, Macee Rogers, Anna Grace Cochran and Raylee Smith, back row, Kristen McCay, Mckinli Sandlin, Belle Cleghorn, Sierra Hamby, Evan Hutchins, Avery Archer, Kaylee Elliott and Jacie O'Quinn.

Red Sox slugger Ortiz on track for baseball hall of fame election

By JIMMY GOLEN
AP Sports Writer

BOSTON — Boston's Big Papi appears headed to the Baseball Hall of Fame -- no last-minute walk-off needed.

The Red Sox slugger looks to be on track for induction in Cooperstown this summer, riding the strength of his on- and off-field achievements to overcome stigmas that have stalled or derailed the candidacies of some of his predecessors.

Namely, Ortiz appears to have bucked anti-designated hitter sentiment that has been blunted by the inductions of Frank Thomas, Edgar Martinez and Harold Baines. And Ortiz's lone reported positive for performance-enhancing drugs — on an expected anonymous 2003 survey test lacking the usual due process — seems to be hurting him less than the more substantial evidence against candidates like Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens and Alex Rodriguez.

Through Friday, Ortiz had been named on 84% of the ballots revealed at the bbhotracker.com website maintained by former Oakland Athletics fan Ryan Thibodaux and his number-crunching minions. A candidate needs 75% for



David Ortiz

induction; totals traditionally go down when the final numbers are released.

Clemens and Bonds, all-time greats whose accomplishments are tainted by steroid use, were barely above the threshold in their 10th and final appearance on the baseball writers' ballot.

The Hall will announce the results of the BBWAA vote on Tuesday, and anyone elected to the

Class of 2022 will join Gil Hodges, Jim Kaat, Minnie Miñoso, Tony Oliva, Bud Fowler and Buck O'Neil, who were elected by the Hall's era committees.

A 10-time All-Star, Ortiz batted .286 with 541 homers and 1,768 RBIs in a career that started with the Twins before they released him to avoid a big payday in arbitration. After arriving in Boston, he finished in the top five of the AL MVP balloting for each the next five seasons; he came in sixth in his final year, 2016, when he batted .315 with 38 homers and 127 RBIs for what may be the best walk-off season in baseball history.

But Ortiz's case is also buttressed by his contributions in big moments, with 23 game-winning hits in his career — three of them during the 2004 postseason, when he helped Boston end its 86-year World Series drought.

He led the team to two more titles after that, including 2013, when he helped his "expletive city" heal after the Boston Marathon bombing and then batted .688 against the Cardinals to win the World Series MVP.

But his outsized personality may also be helping voters to overlook factors that have scuttled others' Hall of Fame candidacies.

Showdown — From B1

Wendell Green Jr. is averaging 10.3 points over the last 10 games for Auburn. Tshiebwe is averaging 16.1 points, 14.8 rebounds and 1.5 steals for the Wildcats.

LAST 10 GAMES: Tigers: 10-0, averaging 79.4 points, 34.0 rebounds, 15.5 assists, 9.5 steals and 9.0 blocks per game while shooting 46.5% from the field.

Wildcats: 8-2, averaging 83.1 points, 36.3 rebounds, 17.2 assists, 7.1 steals and 4.0 blocks per game while shooting 51.0% from the field. Their opponents have averaged 64.4 points.

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NFL PLAYOFFS

Henry's back! Titans activate their top back

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans will have Derrick Henry on the field for their AFC divisional game with Cincinnati after moving the NFL's 2019 and 2020 rushing leader from injured reserve to the active roster.



Derrick Henry

The Titans (12-5) made the roster move Friday after watching Henry practice since Jan. 5.

Henry, 28, broke his right foot Oct. 31 and had the break repaired with a steel plate

Nov. 2. Henry was the NFL's rushing leader when placed on injured reserve. Despite missing the final nine games, Henry finished as the league's ninth-leading rusher with 937 yards.

Signs that Henry would play became clear Wednesday when he talked with media for the first time since breaking his foot, and said he felt ready.

He was voted the 2020 AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year after running for 2,027 yards, the fifth-highest total in NFL history.

Coach Mike Vrabel said Thursday that Henry had been progressing well after they increased his workload through the week. That included putting pads on Tuesday to give Henry a chance to thud into and run through defenders.

Indy

From B1

of the fourth quarter, Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett IV was hit and threw the ball, which bounced and was picked up by an Alabama player. It was originally ruled an incomplete pass.

After review, however, it was called a fumble. At that moment, Georgia fans began throwing whatever they could get ahold of at the policemen in the end zone.

Also, when they returned the interception for a touchdown late in the fourth quarter to clinch the game, they, once again, starting throwing things, not on the field (thankfully), but in the air, hitting the poor fans below. You can rest assured I will never root for Georgia again. Now don't get me wrong, Bulldog fans have every right to celebrate a title every 40 years or so, but they were worse during the game than afterwards.

Finally, my thoughts on the game itself. I think Georgia was just the better team than Alabama this season and definitely healthier. Alabama was without some offensive linemen, wide receivers Jameson Williams and

John Metchie III, running backs Jase McClellan and Roydell Williams, and cornerback Josh Jobe. Georgia was close to full health. I'm not making excuses, though, like I said, Georgia was the better team.

Looking ahead to next year, Georgia's upcoming schedule is quite similar to the one they just played. A top team week one (Oregon, who will be coached by former Georgia defensive coordinator Dan Lanning), followed by an easy schedule until the SEC Championship Game. For Alabama, they should beat everyone on their schedule, but road trips to Texas, LSU, and Arkansas could be possible stumbling blocks.

That was my experience and thoughts on the 8th annual College Football Playoff National Championship Game. Another long offseason has begun but that just means another countdown begins with it. There are "only" 217 days until the next season begins.

Zak McCullar, 13, is a sports contributor for the Eagle. He can be reached at sports@mountaineagle.com.

For the Record

NFL Playoffs

By The Associated Press
All Times EST
Wild-card Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 15

Las Vegas at Cincinnati, 4:30 p.m. (NBC)
New England at Buffalo, 8:15 p.m. (CBS)

Sunday, Jan. 16
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 1:00 p.m. (FOX)
San Francisco at Dallas, 4:30 p.m. (CBS)

Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m. (NBC)

Monday, Jan. 17
Arizona at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 22 and Sunday Jan. 23

NFC lowest remaining seed at Green Bay, TBD
AFC lowest remaining seed at Tennessee, TBD
TBD vs. TBD
TBD vs. TBD

Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 30
AFC

lowest remaining seed at highest remaining seed, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)

NFC
lowest remaining seed at highest remaining seed, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Super Bowl
Sunday, Feb. 13
At Inglewood, Calif.

conference championship winners, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

Sports on TV

The Associated Press
(All times Central)

Saturday, January 22
COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)
11 a.m.

Syracuse at Duke, ESPN
West Virginia at Texas Tech, ESPN2

Villanova at Georgetown, FOX
Seton Hall at St. John's, FS1

11:30 a.m.
George Washington at Rhode Island, USA

Noon
Kentucky at Auburn, CBS
Vanderbilt at Florida, SECN

12:30 p.m.
Army at Navy, CBSSN

1 p.m.
Florida St. at Miami, ESPN
Oklahoma St. at Texas, ESPN2

Tulane at UCF, ESPNU
Colorado St. at Air Force, FS1

1:30 p.m.
St. Joseph's at VCU, USA

2:30 p.m.
Missouri St. at Loyola of Chicago, CBSSN
Georgia at South Carolina, SECN

3 p.m.
Notre Dame at Louisville, ESPN

TCU at Iowa St., ESPN2
Mississippi at Mississippi St., ESPNU

Virginia at NC State, ACCN

3:30 p.m.
Penn St. at Iowa, BTN
Richmond at La Salle, USA

4:30 p.m.
DePaul at Creighton, CBSSN

5 p.m.
LSU at Tennessee, ESPN
East Carolina at Houston, ESPN2

Missouri at Alabama, SECN
Drake at N. Iowa, ESPNU
Pittsburgh at Clemson, ACCN

6:30 p.m.
New Mexico at Wyoming,

7 p.m.
North Carolina at Wake Forest, ACCN

7:30 p.m.
Texas A&M at Arkansas, SECN

10 p.m.
Arizona St. at Stanford, FS1

NFL FOOTBALL

3:30 p.m.
AFC Divisional Playoff: Cincinnati at Tennessee, CBS

7 p.m.
NFC Divisional Playoff: San Francisco at Green Bay, FOX

Sunday, January 23

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

11 a.m.
Butler at Providence, FS1

1 p.m.
Xavier at Marquette, FS1

2 p.m.
Memphis at Tulsa, ESPN

2:30 p.m.
Michigan at Indiana, CBS

9 p.m.
Washington at Oregon, FS1

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (WOMEN'S)

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Mississippi at Kentucky,

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Curry's Ryan George (33) shoots over Cordova's Jalen Armistad (1) during their game on Friday night. Cordova advanced to the championship game with a 48-43 double overtime win.



Daily Mountain Eagle - Ron Harris

Left, Dora's Lyria Meadows (12) shoots a jumper against Cordova Friday. Right, Cordova's Nicole Mendoza, left, battles Dora's Rukia Chapel for a rebound. Dora won 60-48.

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Nest boxes will attract beautiful bluebirds

I remember 1977 very well even though I was only nine years old. If for no other reason, I remember it because it was the year that Elvis died and I never thought music was quite the same after that. I mean was there ever a more cool song for a 9 year old farm kid than "Hound Dog"?

Danny CAIN



Field & Farm

It was also for Christmas that year that I received my very first 410 model shotgun. I felt very much like the kid in the movie Christmas Story who got a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas...only I didn't "shoot my eye out" like the young man in the movie.

Like most inexperienced young "hunters", I considered virtually anything that moved as a potential target for my trusted new 410. That included, unfortunately, a bluebird that was attracted to one of the boxes that my mother had placed in our garden.

It was at that time that I got my first lesson in how beneficial bluebirds are in that they eat many harmful garden insects and how enjoyable that they are to watch. Ever since then I have had a tremendous fondness for bluebirds and have put up many bluebird boxes, I guess to partly atone for my sins from way back in my childhood.

I have always been appreciative to my mother for giving me my first lessons not only in bluebird biology and ethical hunting but a lot of other

lessons as well.

The early American settlers called them "blue robins" because of their rust-colored chest and blue back and tail. Today, we simply call them bluebirds. They are among the most popular of all the backyard wildlife species that we commonly see in and around Walker County.

Watching bluebirds brings many homeowners hours of enjoyment. Even though bluebirds and I got off to a rough start all those years ago, they are now without a doubt one of my very favorite wildlife species. They are easily attracted to backyards, gardens, and surrounding open areas when nesting boxes are correctly installed.

Bluebirds, like robins, prefer open areas such as roadsides, cutover woodlands, old orchards, parks, gardens, and of course backyards. They seek hollow or cavity trees in which to build nests, but in absence of hollow trees a bluebird box will work just fine! Normally bluebirds produce two to three broods per year in Alabama. The female typically begins the first nesting during February or early March. She will lay one light-blue egg per day for four or five days and incubate them for approximately twelve days. The young bluebirds will then remain in the nest for about two weeks.

It is the male who feeds the young birds and teaches them how to find food for themselves after they leave the nest. While this training is going on, the female will "remodel" the old nest or else build a new one for a second brood of chicks. In the yard and garden, bluebirds consume insects,

worms, and caterpillars as well as fruit and berries found near their nesting site.

During the past several decades, bluebird numbers have declined quite steadily due mainly to severe winter weather, changing agricultural practices, insecticide uses that reduced their food source, and exotic species that compete for nesting habitat.

Their population has once again started to increase mostly due to backyard wildlife enthusiasts who provide them with man-made wooden nest boxes. These boxes take little time to build, install, and maintain.

When adequate numbers of boxes are placed properly around your home grounds, the bluebird population can increase quite rapidly. When constructing nesting boxes use one inch pine, cedar, cypress,

or even exterior plywood. You can paint pine or plywood boxes on the outside without harming the bluebirds, just make sure you use a light color such as gray, white, or tan to prevent the box from overheating if the boxes are placed in a sunny area. Use darker colors such as brown or green if the box is mounted in a very shady location. Do not use treated wood for your box, and do not provide a perch on the front since this will only attract other bird species to your bluebird box. Make sure you drill drainage holes in the bottom of the box.

Try mounting your nest boxes in fence posts, tree trunks, or metal fence posts. I personally like smooth metal posts because many predators such as house cats, raccoons, and snakes have trouble climbing them. You can also place a

cone shaped or flat metal flange just below the box on wooden posts to reduce predator problems. If predation does occur and eggs or young are destroyed, the parents will probably re-nest in another box nearby.

Place boxes up at the end of February or early March in areas around open fields, pastures, golf courses, cemeteries, gardens, or school yards. They should be placed four to six feet above the ground and from fifty to one hundred yards apart if possible. You should also face your boxes south or southeast if possible. It is also helpful to locate your boxes close to trees, shrubs, utility wires, or fences that the bluebirds can use perches to find insects. If your boxes are located too close to the woods or brush piles, other species such as chickadees, titmice, nuthatches, and wrens will use your

bluebird boxes. I even saw a few cases where flying squirrels invaded the boxes.

During the summer when the young birds leave the nest, you can clean out the old nest material so re-nesting can occur. After the last brood leaves late in the summer, leave nesting material in the box over the winter. This old material will provide better insulation for birds taking refuge in the boxes on cold winter nights. In early February of the following year, clean and repair the boxes for a new nesting season.

Finally, do as I did and learn from my mistake. Take the opportunity to teach your kids, grandkids, and others about bluebirds so that we can enjoy them for many generations to come.

Danny Cain is the Walker County Extension Coordinator.

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In new kids' book, Sotomayor asks: Whom have you helped today?

WASHINGTON (AP) — "Whom have I helped today?" That's the question Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor tells kids she asks herself every night before she goes to sleep.

Her new children's book, "Just Help! How to Build a Better World," challenges kids to ask how they will help, too. The book comes out Tuesday and is Sotomayor's third book for young readers.

In the book, children help in a variety of ways: sending care packages to American soldiers overseas, recycling plastic bags, cleaning up a park, donating toys to a children's hospital and encouraging others to vote.

"I want kids to do this intentionally, to think that this is a requirement of living almost, that trying to figure out how they will make a better world should be a part of the charge of their living," said Sotomayor, 67, in a telephone interview ahead of the book's publication.

Sotomayor said she wants kids not only to help family and friends but also to "think about how to help neighbors and how to help our community, and that it takes active thought and active action to change the world."

The story starts with Sotomayor as a child being asked by her mother how she will help that day and follows her and other kids as they find ways to assist. Sotomayor tells readers that she remembers throughout her childhood seeing her mother helping others, both as a nurse and in the community where she lived in the Bronx.

Sotomayor's mom, Celina Baez Sotomayor, died last year and is the inspiration for Sotomayor's next book, tentatively titled "Just Shine," she said. The book will talk about how her mother "let others shine," Sotomayor said. "That's how she approached the world."

Sotomayor said losing her mother has been "a difficult blow," but "being able to speak about how she inspired my life of service" seemed to be "a wonderful way to pay her tribute." There's a subtle tribute in her new book, too. An older man named John who encourages kids to vote is her nod to the late John Lewis, whom Sotomayor said she "greatly admired."

Sotomayor's other books include "Turning Pages: My Life Story" and "Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You," about children with challenges including autism, dyslexia and Down syndrome. All the books by the court's first Latina justice have also been published in Spanish.

Sotomayor's last book, "Just Ask," grew out of her experience living with diabetes, which she was diagnosed with as a child. It's a topic that's newly relevant for many young people. A recent Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report found that children who had COVID-19 were more than twice as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes as those who had not had the virus.

Sotomayor says her message to newly diagnosed children is that the experience of having a chronic disease can make them stronger.



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The name game

I did a double take the other day when I looked at some paperwork I had just been handed. Since I

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Out of the Blue

married Zac, I've encountered Cohron spelled and pronounced a lot of ways — Cohorn, Cohran, Cochran, Corchran.

Cohean was a new one, though.

I didn't even bother to correct it. Over the years, I've stopped caring how far afield people get with the last name and as long as my check clears I imagine this fellow won't care how it's really spelled either.

For people who want to know how to pronounce it, I pass along a memory device that Zac once told me — "It's moron with a C."

Some people get a big kick out of that, but they usually don't forget it.

After how to pronounce it, the next question I get asked is "Is that (insert nationality, usually German)?"

Again, I have developed a stock answer — "I don't know. I just married into it."

I did a quick Google search the other day and learned that it's a variant of a Scottish surname.

Today the world's most famous Cohrons own a manufactured homes business in Indiana. Probably they are not that famous, but they are the first listing you'll find if you Google the name.

I also found a bridge construction company in Iowa called A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. The company has been around since 1928 but today not a single Cohron is listed on the management team.

When Zac and I were picking out names for our son, we tried to keep in mind that the kid was never going to encounter an adult who knew how to pronounce his last name.

See COHRON, B7

Less stuff, less stress

Local professional organizer helps families declutter

By **JENNIFER COHRON**
Daily Mountain Eagle

A Jasper woman is helping families de-stress by decluttering with her new business, House Order Organizing.

Sheri Newman launched a second career as a professional organizer in October 2020, several months after retiring from a nearly 30-year career as a medical assistant.

Before making it official, Newman helped friends and family stage and organize their homes. She gained additional staging experience after she started flipping houses in 2010.

The youngest of six siblings, Newman started taking control of her space at an early age.

Her perfectly organized closet and dresser stood in contrast to other parts of her childhood home. Her parents, who had a Depression-era mindset, had a hard time getting rid of things, which resulted in a lot of clutter.

"I think that's why I am the way I am. I don't like a lot of things on surfaces. I want it to be pretty and functional, but I don't like lots of stuff everywhere," Newman said.

When meeting with a new client, Newman goes over not only how long a particular project may take and how much it will cost but also why he or she wants to organize a space.

For some, it's cleaning out a guest room so the grandkids can spend the night. For others, it's getting the kitchen table cleared off for family meals and game nights.

Sometimes, clients will admit that living in clutter is causing them stress, which has been scientifically proven.

A recent online article from Taste of Home cited a 2011 study that found the brain has a difficult time focusing when multiple physical stimuli (aka clutter) are present.

"Seeing clutter around you can be draining. Every unfiled piece of paper and item of clothing on the floor is a tiny taskmaster reminding you of everything you still need to accomplish. Taking time to clean and organize your space can give you some much-needed mental peace," the article stated.

In her role, Newman helps people take control of their belongings rather than being controlled by them.

Consultations can take place either in-person or virtually and can focus on a single space or the whole home.



Special to the Eagle

Sheri Newman, owner of House Order Organizing, moved to Jasper from Mt. Olive with her husband in 2018. She started her own business as a professional organizer in October 2020.



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Day Three of Sheri Newman's online declutter challenge was dedicated to PJ's. Newman recommended keeping between five to seven pieces.

Newman is careful to respect her clients' feelings and recognizes that her work space is their home.

"I want them to see that I'm not there to throw anything away. They can make those decisions. I show them how. Just having someone there to motivate you and keep you on task is so helpful with a lot of people. They feel so overwhelmed that they can't make those decisions. It moves things along faster to have someone there who isn't attached to those items," Newman said.

Newman offered the following tips for starting to declutter.

- Don't look at the whole house. It will overwhelm you. Start small, in one area that you can easily tackle in 10-30 minutes. Don't over think it and don't start with anything sentimental.

- Remember it's about progress, not perfection. Your house is not going to look like a magazine cover. You live there, so it should look lived in. You should enjoy your home and your family, which means it's going to get messy sometimes.

- Put things where you use them and find a solution to contain in that spot. For example, a mail inbox where you know you'll be looking at mail. Or hooks at entry where you can hang backpacks, coats and purses.

- If it takes less than a minute to put it away, do it right then. Don't just put it down anywhere. That's how you end up with stuff all over your house. Everything needs a home. If you doesn't have one, it needs to find one or needs to go.

- Think about how you want your home to feel. Do you want to feel heavy, overwhelmed, stressed, embarrassed or do you want to feel light, relaxed, calm and proud? Control your stuff, don't let your stuff control you. It's life changing.

Earlier this month, Newman

See ORGANIZER, B7

Best used-by dates

Dear Heloise: For all groceries that I store in my kitchen cupboards or refrigerator, I check the expiration date and write it on the item with a black permanent marker. That way, when I take an item out to use, I don't have to look for the small printed date.

Heloise



Hints from Heloise

I also use a dry erase marker to mark the containers of leftovers that I put in my refrigerator. That way, I know how long it's been in there and whether it's still good.

Mary in Vermont

Dear Heloise: I was hospitalized twice last year and received several beautiful bouquets in vases. As I was putting the vases away, I realized that I had two boxes of vases from other bouquets. So I called my local florist and asked if they could use them.

They were delighted, as they have difficulty getting vases delivered with the pandemic and supply shortage.

The florist picked them up and even offered a discount on my next purchase!

G.B. in Texas

Dear Heloise: We all know that litter along the highways is a real eyesore. Here is my solution to help prevent litter.

In your vehicle, open the glove box, take a plastic grocery bag and hang one of the handles over the left corner of the glove box and close the glove box—an instant litter bag!

When it's full, remove and toss it in your home trash container and replace with a new bag. Help keep our highways clean.

Dick B.,
Taylorsville, N.C.

Dick, while traveling,
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Louie Anderson, comic, Emmy winner for 'Baskets,' dies at 68

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Louie Anderson, whose four-decade career as a comedian and actor included his unlikely, Emmy-winning performance as mom to twin adult sons in the TV series "Baskets," died Friday. He was 68.

Anderson died at a hospital in Las Vegas of complications from cancer, said Glenn Schwartz, his longtime publicist. Anderson had a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Schwartz said previously.

"'Baskets' was such a phenomenal 'second act' for Louie Anderson. I wish he'd gotten a third," Michael McKean said on Twitter. George Wallace wrote: "You'll be missed, Louie. What an awesome friend. One in a million." Gilbert Gottfried posted a photo of himself, Anderson and Bob Saget, who died Jan. 9, with the caption: "Both good friends that will be missed."

The portly, round-faced Anderson used his girth

and a checkered childhood in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as fodder for his early stand-up routines.

In a 1987 interview with The Associated Press, Anderson compared himself to another comedian who mined his childhood for comedy.

"Bill Cosby and I had similar goals," Anderson told AP. "I wanted parents to be able to bring their children and children to be able to bring their parents to my concerts. I feel a family that can laugh about family problems is better off."

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Oganizer From B6

started a 21-day declutter challenge on her Facebook page.

Each post focuses on common problem areas such as cabinets full of coffee mugs, pajama drawers and backpacks, wallets and purses.

Though letting go can often be difficult, it also helps families get a fresh start.

"I say this all the time — less to manage. You are taking up precious space in all those things you have to manage every day. We all have enough busyness in our lives without having to have all this extra stuff that we don't use to manage," Newman said.

House Order Organizing is on Facebook and Instagram and online at www.houseorder.net.

Newman can also be reached by email at sheri@houseorder.net or at 205-265-2901 or 205-908-9743.

Cohron From B6

Out of compassion, we tried to give him an easy first name, but I ended up botching that too.

We were throwing out names for boys one day before we knew if we were having a boy or a girl. Zac, who loves "Tombstone," suggested Wyatt.

For a middle name, I had always liked Hudson, which a coach and his wife were considering naming their first son when I was in high school.

Wyatt Hudson. And so it was settled — until it wasn't.

The name Noah had also been in the running early on, and at the last minute in a fit of Christmas sentimentality and pregnancy hormones, I caved and reverted to it.

Wyatt Noah didn't have the right ring to it, so he became Noah Wyatt with me insisting all the while that he would be called Wyatt.

Long story short, he was known as Wyatt for the first five years of his life and all of his friends and teachers have called him Noah since he started to kindergarten.

He doesn't seem to care one way or another. Some people call him one; some

people call him the other. He accepts it as the way of things.

We still call him Wyatt because that's his name as far as I am concerned. I never should have saddled the kid with a first name that I didn't intend to use. It was my first big parental fail.

Of course, this has caused confusion when we're around his friends, his teachers or their parents. I've gotten a lot of looks from people who really want to ask why I don't seem to know my own child's name.

This confusion about names now even extends to our pets.

In October, Zac brought home a puppy that was abandoned in the parking lot of his work. He named it Frodo because apparently he always looks to movies when picking out names.

Once we determined that Frodo was going to stay, Zac took him to the vet. When Zac handed me his papers later, I noticed that they had put his name in the computer as Froto.

I sighed and thought, "Welcome to the family, pup."

Jennifer Cohron is the Daily Mountain Eagle's features editor.

Heloise From B6

this is a good idea to help keep highways free of litter.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: Credit cards have text message alerts for purchases made on your card. Please sign up for this service to stop fraud immediately, instead of checking your statements monthly.

Mike Morrow, via email

with interest, the solution for putting grease in the garbage. I have a better solution. I cut the tops off of milk cartons or other plastic containers and put all wet garbage in it, then sit it in the garbage bag to go out. This includes coffee grounds, etc. This also cuts down on the amount of garbage. A fervent reader.

Edna Howel, Prattville, Alabama

using vinegar after painting, use 1 tablespoon of pure vanilla in the paint.

It will not change the color. I've tried all types of paint and vinegar, but only vanilla works to get rid of the smell for me. Hope this helps others.

Adele Robichaux, Marrero, Louisiana

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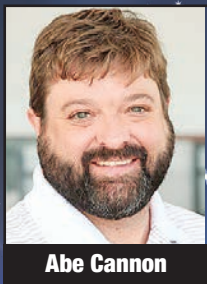
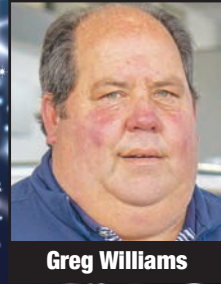
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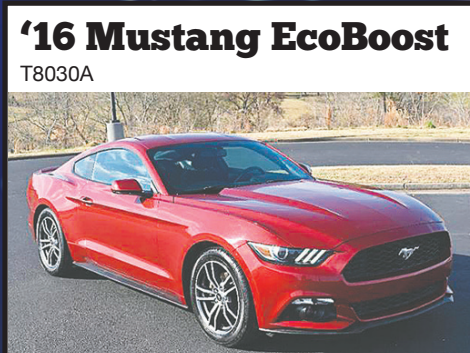
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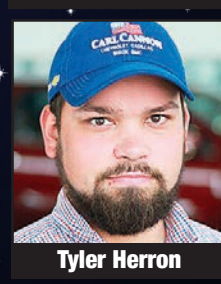
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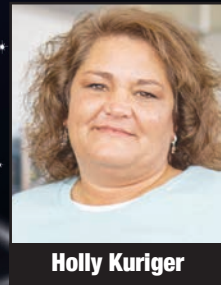
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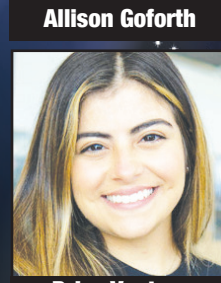
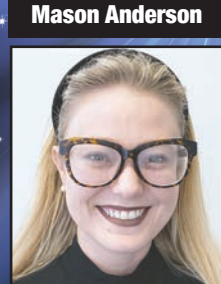
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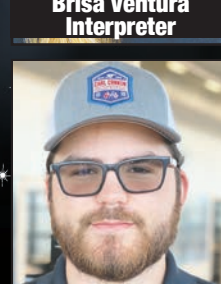
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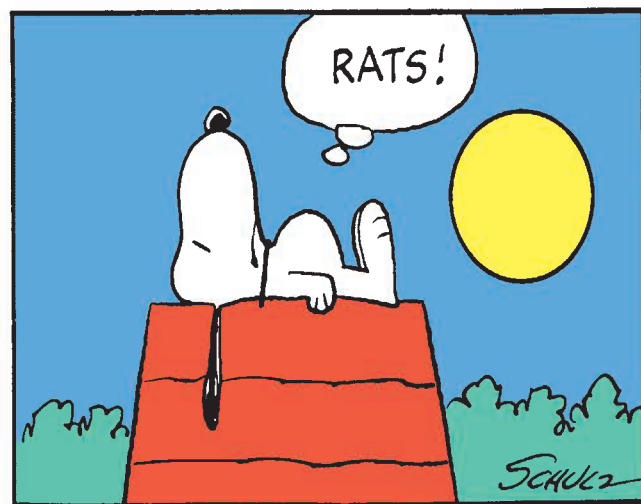
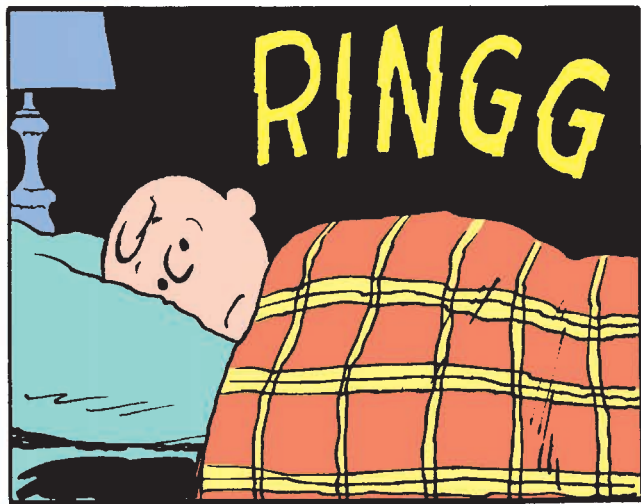


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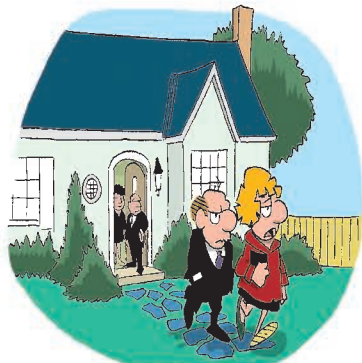
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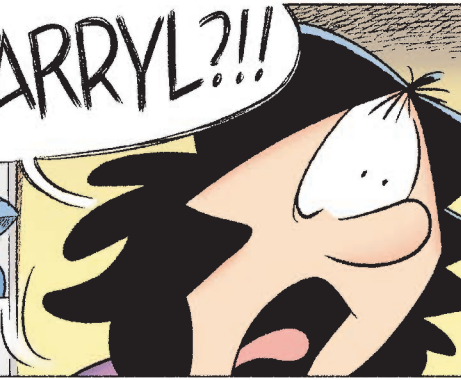
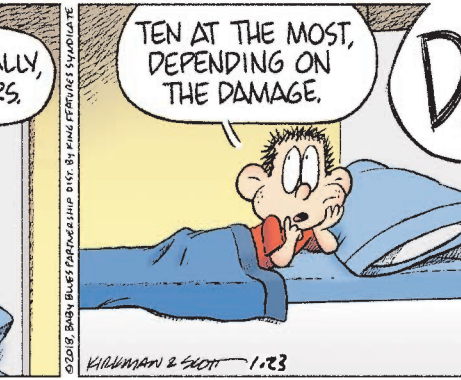
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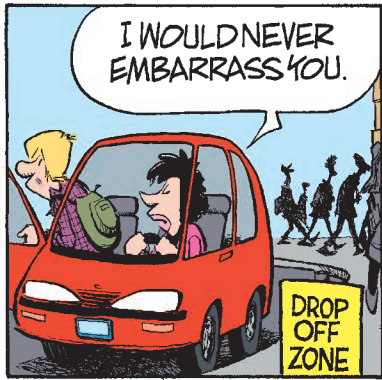
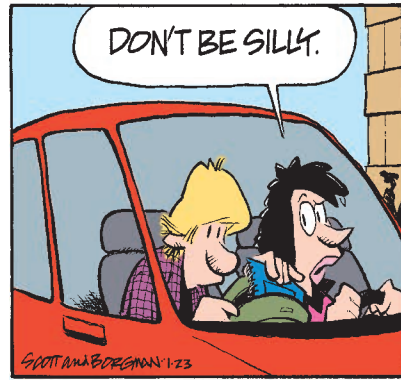
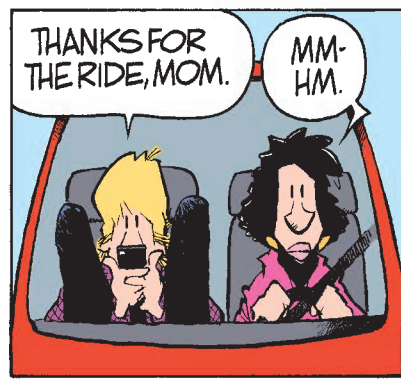
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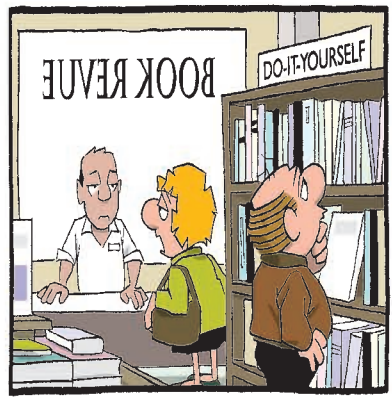
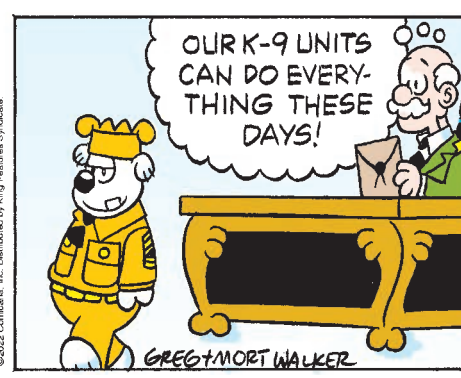
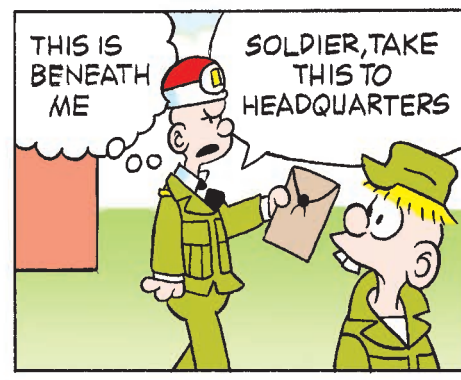
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"IS DUMMIES AS LOW AS YOU GO?"



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GREG/MORT WALKER

Man's history of sexual abuse hidden for years

DEAR ABBY: During my teenage years, I was repeatedly raped by my brother. The emotional and physical damage has left my life broken. He is now in a long-term relationship. Should I tell his girlfriend about the abuse? When I confronted him about it years ago, he denied it. If you were his girlfriend, wouldn't YOU want to know?



Dear Abby
By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR HOLDING: Yes, I would want to know. I'll bet your parents would have also wanted to know. As would your teachers or school counselors, so your brother could have been reported as a sexual predator and stopped. By all means tell the girlfriend, particularly if she has a daughter.

P.S. Because what your brother did has left lasting scars, please seek counseling with a licensed therapist with expertise in treating victims of sexual abuse. Contact RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network) for more guidance. You will find it on the internet at rainn.org.

DEAR ABBY: I have just been diagnosed with cancer. I doubt that I will live another 10 years. My wife is arguing with me because I want to draw down my 401(k) over the next 10 years so I can enjoy the savings I have accrued during my long career. We are talking about a LOT of money, Abby -- expensive cars, expensive second homes, extravagant vacations. How can I convince her that I deserve this after having worked for 40 years, and that we should enjoy these savings for the period of time left for me on Earth?

-- WANTS TO ENJOY LIFE NOW

DEAR WANTS: I'm sure your diagnosis has been frightening for both you and your wife. She may be worried that if you plow through all the money, there will be nothing left for her after you are gone. Although you are dubious about it, there is also the possibility that you may live 10 more years and beyond. That's why this is an important subject you and your wife should discuss with a financial adviser.

DEAR ABBY: I work in an office where people occasionally bring in treats to share with co-workers. Usually, we place the goodies in a common area and let others know there's food available and they're welcome to it. The problem I'm having is that one particular co-worker brings in treats and shares them only with her favorite office buddies. She's not discreet about it either. She struts around the office and makes a big scene delivering her home-made treats to her friends, right in front of the people she has chosen not to include. Should she be confronted and told she's being rude and inconsiderate, or should her behavior just be ignored?

-- MISSING OUT

DEAR MISSING OUT: What your co-worker is doing is rude. This is a lesson in politeness and consideration for others that children in grammar school usually learn. (Perhaps she was playing hooky that day.) That said, if there's no rule in your office against it, I do not advise confronting her. Turnabout is fair play, and perhaps you should discuss a "delicious" solution with the rest of the unfavored few.

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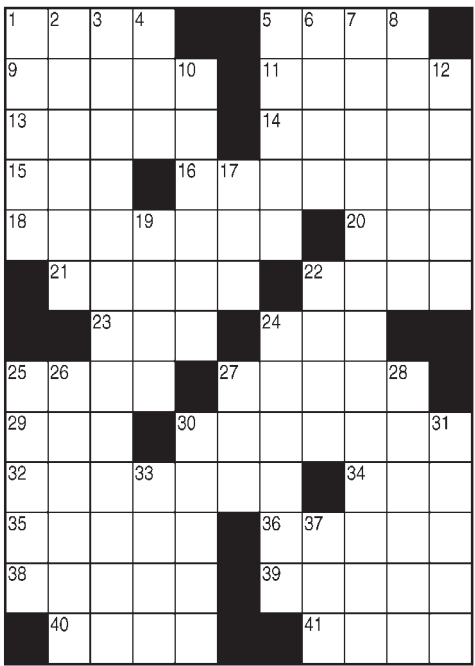
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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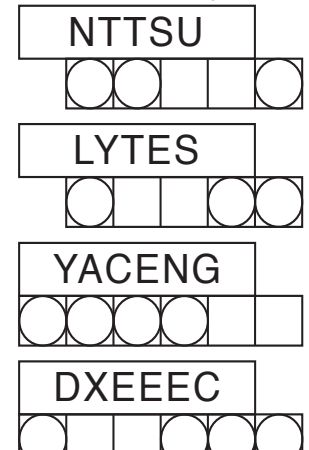


Yesterday's answer



JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answers tomorrow
Yesterday's Jumbles: MOMMY JOIST OBJECT SUBDUE
Answer: The planes were chatting near the gates. The nonsensical one was a — MUMBO JUMBO JET

HOROSCOPES

By Eugenia Last

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Booboo Stewart, 28; Ashton Eaton, 34; Emma Bunton, 46; Geena Davis, 66.

Happy Birthday: Stick to your plans, regardless of what others do or say this year. Trust and believe in yourself and your ability to reach your goals using practicality, innovation and dedication.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Make someone happy, and you'll reap the rewards that come with doing something that makes a difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A change will be uplifting. Socialize or do something that will make you feel good about the way you look.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Use the experience and skills you have to your advantage. You can turn the tables on a situation that is unfair or causing you grief if you remain calm and use your intelligence to sway others to share your concerns and solutions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for opportunities, and you won't be disappointed. Make upgrades at home that encourage you to spend more time there and less wandering about spending money you shouldn't.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Concentrate on stability, maintenance and responsibility.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Focus on personal

gain, growth and overall happiness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Tidy up, move things around and make your space functional.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Rethink your home/work strategy, and you'll come up with a stylish way to balance your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Personal information you discover will change the way you feel. Avoid letting emotions turn into anger when new possibilities can lead to a brighter future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Evaluate your financial position and how you can use your assets effectively. Investing in your well-being will bring you peace of mind.

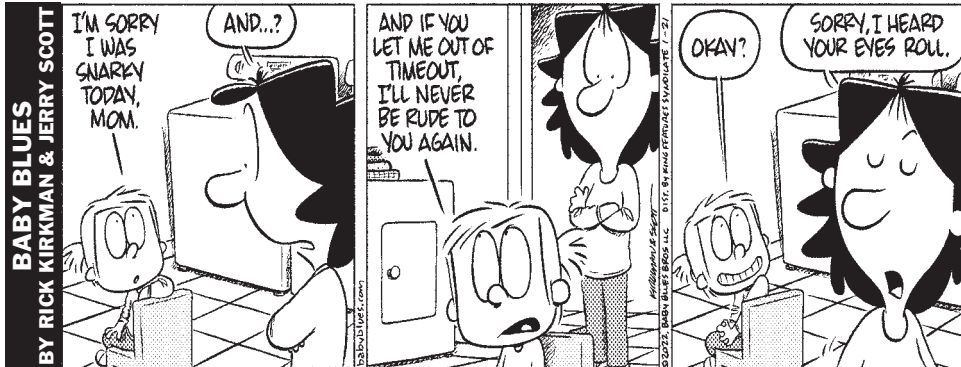
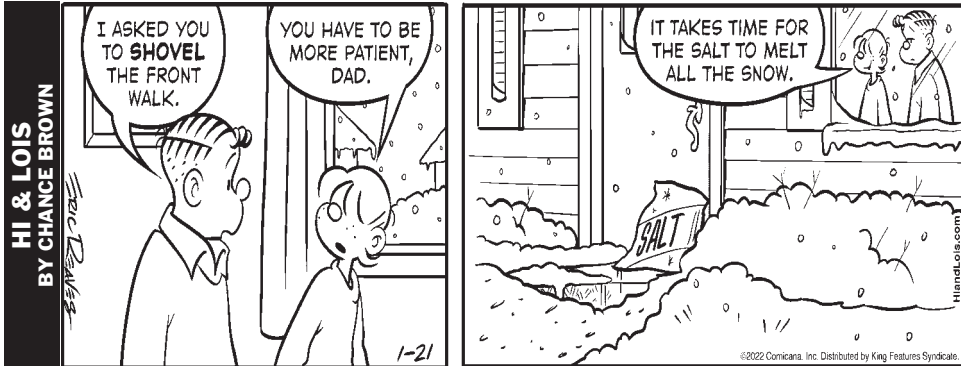
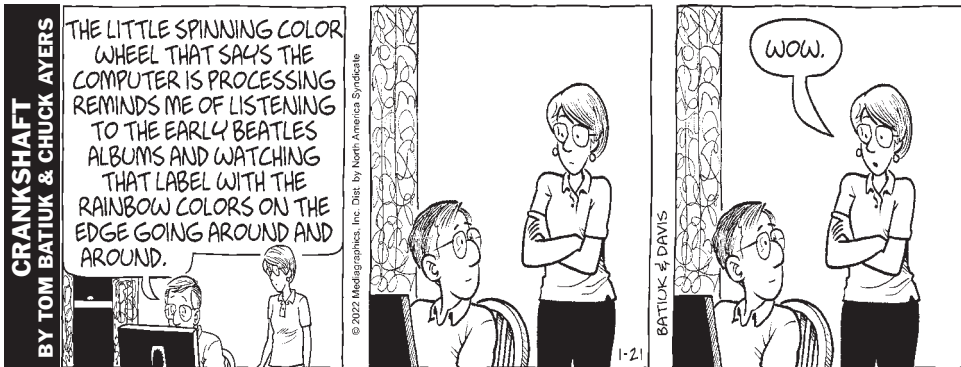
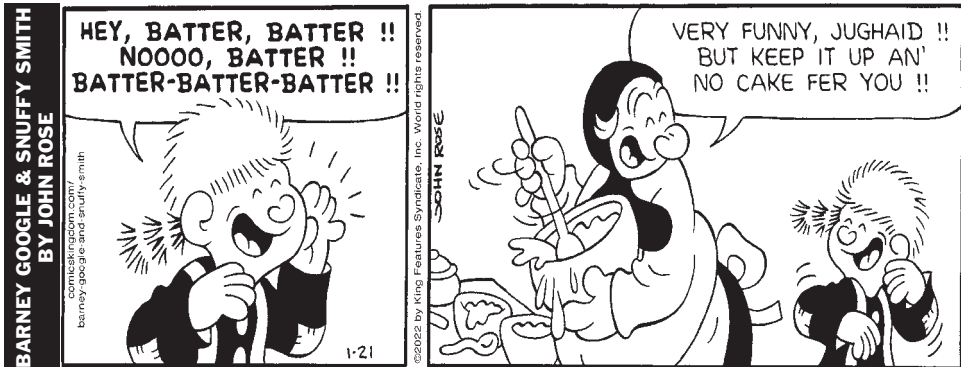
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Uncertainty will set in if you expect too much from others. Set goals and pace yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use your imagination, and you will find a way to solve any problem that arises. Understanding, compassion and affection will draw interesting individuals to your side. Strive for personal gain, romance and harmony; good things will transpire.

Birthdays: You are steadfast, loyal and articulate. You are trendy and social.

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FRIDAY COMICS



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

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

1-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU GIVE TO A THIEF, HE CANNOT STEAL FROM YOU, AND HE IS THEN NO LONGER A THIEF. — WILLIAM SAROYAN

Boyfriend's 'chatty' habit makes girlfriend jealous

DEAR ABBY: I've been going out with this guy for a couple of months. The problem is, he has to ALWAYS talk to every woman he sees -- from a two-second conversation to a several-minute conversation. He doesn't even know 99% of them. When we go to a store, I feel like I'm invisible. He'll walk away from me and start talking to women. I don't trust him completely because sometimes he flirts or says something that could be taken in a sexual way, and I worry that one of these women could take it like he's interested in her. I don't want to break up with him. I love him. But I feel I have reason to be jealous. I wish I was the only girl for him. Please give me advice.



Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

-- NOT NUMBER ONE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR NOT NUMBER ONE: If you have discussed this with him and it persists, listen to your intuition. If he loved you, he would not be chatting up other women. If a man makes you feel like you are not No. 1, get rid of him before he destroys your self-esteem.

DEAR ABBY: We have a neighbor who likes to go out with us to the casinos, restaurants and various other places. This is doing her a favor, but she never contributes toward the transportation. When we go out with other couples, we alternate driving or help to pay for fuel. All we get from her is, "Thank you. Let me know when you're going next time." I know she reads your column. I hope she reads this and realizes this sounds like her and takes the hint. What do you think is the best way to handle this situation?

-- ALWAYS THE TAX I

DEAR ALWAYS: Your friend may be an avid "Dear Abby" reader, but what if -- heaven forbid -- she misses the column today and doesn't see your letter? The "best" way to handle this would be for you to take the bull by the horns and address the problem directly with her.

DEAR ABBY: My 4-year-old grandson, "Johnny," is obsessed with all things military. Everything he picks up is a pretend gun, sword or blaster. I know we played cowboys and Indians as kids, pointing sticks or our hands and shouting "Pow! You're dead!" and none of us turned into shooters. But today's climate is more violent. Johnny has already gotten into trouble at preschool for pointing and making shooting noises. Is there anything we can do to discourage this behavior? Does he need professional help?

-- UNCLEAR IN CA

DEAR UNCLEAR: Because Johnny has gotten into trouble for pretending to play with guns, his parents should explain to him why it is not OK to do that at school. Unless there is something going on with your grandson that you omitted from your letter, he should not need professional intervention for acting like a normal boy.

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CLASSIFIEDS GET RESULTS

CROSSWORD

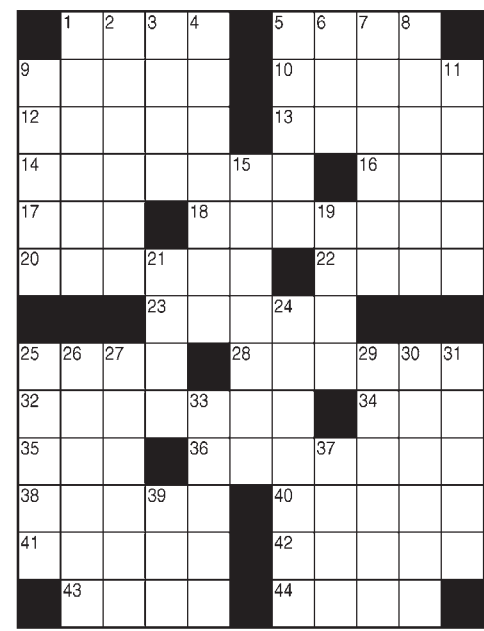
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 40 Not out
 - 1 Church event
 - 5 Eccentric fellow
 - 9 Wash against
 - 10 Entices
 - 12 Make amends
 - 13 Site of action
 - 14 Denver team
 - 16 Like some Pride Parade participants
 - 17 Before, to bards
 - 18 Detroit team
 - 20 Intensify
 - 22 Aware of
 - 23 Camera creator
 - 25 NBA players
 - 28 Relaxed
 - 32 Toronto team
 - 34 Power, in old Rome
 - 35 Poem of praise
 - 36 Boston team
 - 38 Singer

- DOWN**
- 1 Full grown
 - 2 Orbital
 - 3 Joined the choir
 - 4 Soaked in hot water
 - 5 Elegance
 - 6 Possessive word
 - 7 Trail Blazers' state
 - 8 Lease signer
 - 9 Like Olympic pools
 - 11 Authority
 - 15 Old dishes
 - 19 Muscle quality
 - 21 Nuisance
 - 24 "I should be going"
 - 25 Eggs on center
 - 26 Hams' needs
 - 27 "Let me in!"
 - 29 Take wing
 - 30 Nauseate
 - 31 Road curves
 - 33 Earthy color
 - 37 Lacking depth
 - 39 Simile

Yesterday's answer

- VETS** AVOID ENDO STIGMAS SNEER TE D RAHS ORE ACHTUNG CHOIR HELEN REDS
- REFS** ALICE CORAL OPENERS IC I KNEE MIT MOCHA BARKERS HEP ALONE NOLAN WEST



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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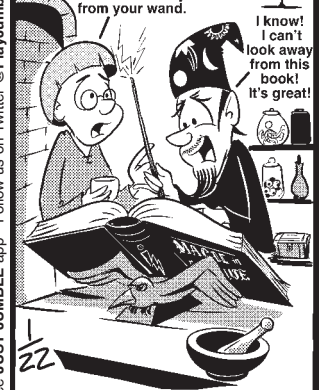
NLADB

NCAGEL

SIALHV

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: STUNT STYLE AGENCY EXCEED Answer: Some members of the U.S. House of Representatives ate lunch at the -- "DELEGATE-TESSER"

Answers Monday

A XYDLBAA XR is LONGFELLOW

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

CRYPTOQUOTE

L Q G C N V K D W M G K U C Q G C H N U H Q K V H Q Z H D K T C X , K A V K M M , S B Q X C G K U C H Q H D Q G C S B V J L T L B N Y C L Y V C .

— X K V Q X G H Q E K D

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: KINDLY WORDS DO NOT ENTER SO DEEPLY INTO MEN AS A REPUTATION FOR KINDNESS. — MENCIVS

HOROSCOPES

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Beverley Mitchell, 41; Balthazar Getty, 47; Guy Fieri, 54; Diane Lane, 57.

Happy Birthday: Share your differences openly instead of letting things fester. Taking a stance and being upfront and honest will help you decide what's best for you. Change doesn't always solve problems, but compromise and understanding can help you carve a path to a better future.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Team up with people on the same page as you. Don't risk setbacks by sharing with the opposition or trying to convince someone stubborn or unresponsive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take control and make necessary changes. You don't need backup or an entourage.

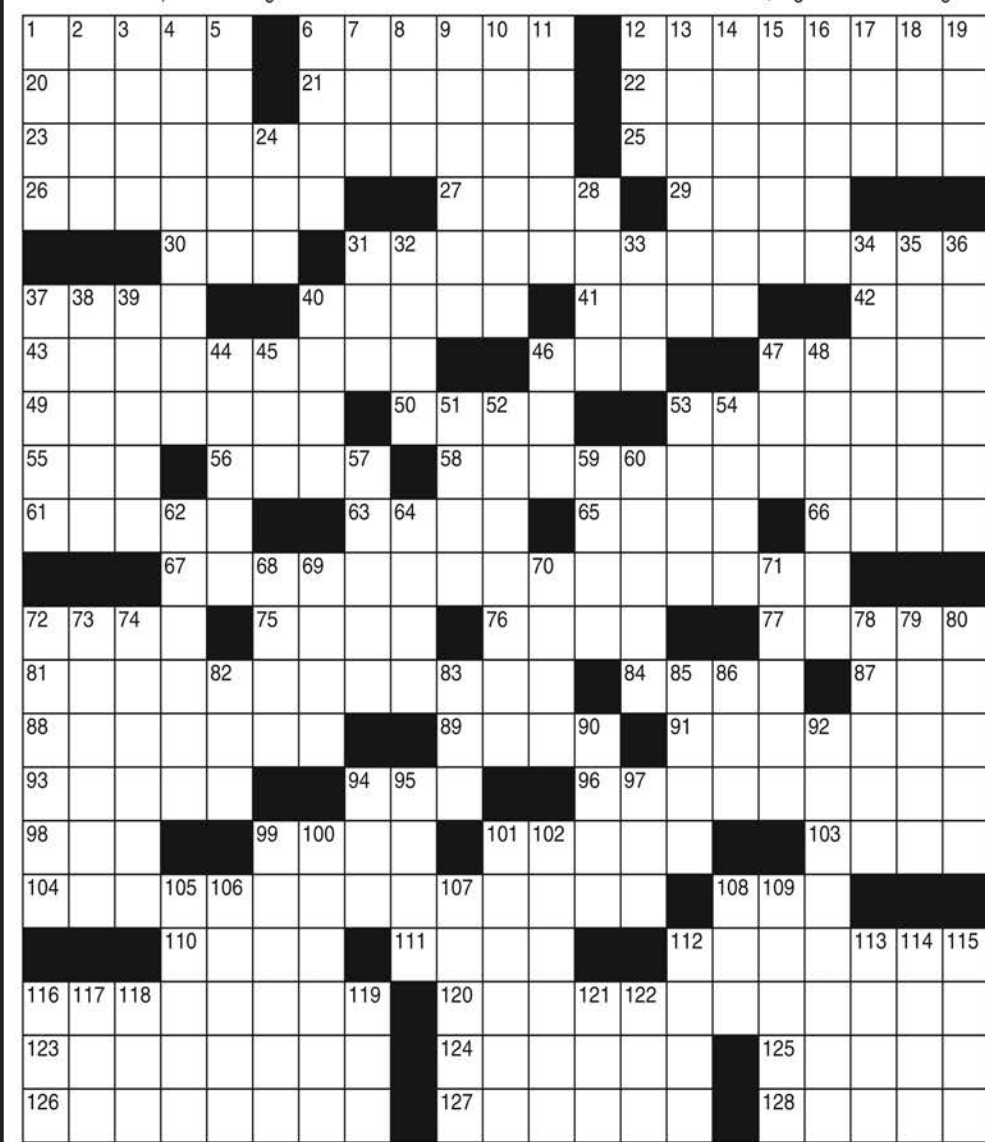
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't put your trust in others. Take care of personal matters

FOR RELEASE SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

- ACROSS**
- 1 Picked instrument
 - 6 Type of small grocery store
 - 12 Blobby light source
 - 20 Viva voce
 - 21 Spoil, as "my parade"
 - 22 Roast joke
 - 23 Like baggy clothes
 - 25 Winter wreath ornament
 - 26 Gave away temporarily
 - 27 Money, informally
 - 29 Jagger of the Stones
 - 30 "Raggedy" doll
 - 31 Monty Python tune about a logger
 - 37 Addams who created Morticia
 - 40 Quick attack
 - 41 Cover girl
 - 42 "— gratia" ("by the grace of God")
 - 43 Dwell in the company of
 - 46 Outer: Prefix
 - 47 "— the Night" (2007 Joaquin Phoenix film)
 - 49 Had to admit a goof-up
 - 50 "Behold!" to Caesar
 - 53 Totally bummed out
 - 55 Stuff in a sty
 - 56 Avian hooters
 - 58 Texas banner
 - 61 Big twitch
 - 63 Safari sight
 - 65 Envoy's asset
 - 66 "There — comparison"
 - 67 Chinese black tea with a smoky flavor
 - 72 Anita of jazz
 - 75 Env. notice
 - 76 Estrada of TV
 - 77 Ones staring
 - 81 Best Actress winner for "The Farmer's Daughter"
 - 84 Grammy winner
 - 87 "And how!"
 - 88 German city on the Elbe
 - 89 With 115-Down, "Piece of cake!"
 - 91 Web page
 - 93 Slacks
 - 94 Extra charge
 - 96 Pea-souper in England
 - 98 Anticavity gp.
 - 99 Supreme Norse god
 - 101 "I love you," to Luisa
 - 103 Jane in an 1847 novel
 - 104 Go bankrupt, say
 - 108 Del.-to-Vt. direction
 - 110 Bakery treats
 - 111 Snootiness
 - 112 Noisy tigers
 - 116 Cite famous people as friends
 - 120 Method for calculating a quotient ... or what occurs eight times in this puzzle?
 - 123 Accepted, as conditions
 - 124 Made flush
 - 125 Maggot, e.g.
 - 126 Sailor's dining place
 - 127 Shows as an "encore"
 - 128 Clifflike
 - 6 Liverpool or Leeds native
 - 7 Horse bit
 - 8 Morse bit
 - 9 Conundrum
 - 10 Of yore
 - 11 Trig measure
 - 12 Slice (off)
 - 13 Zoo attraction
 - 14 Gondola city
 - 15 Smart — (cocky sort)
 - 16 Guitar riffs
 - 17 Year, in Brazil
 - 18 Roughly half of all adults
 - 19 Beginning to mature?
 - 24 Amusement
 - 28 Frightful dino
 - 31 Chilling Chaney
 - 32 Strong desire
 - 33 "Selena" actress, to her fans
 - 34 Nonalcoholic beer brand
 - 35 Georgia city near Atlanta
 - 36 Ornamental street tree
 - 37 Bivalve mollusks
 - 38 Ask for moola
 - 39 Brand of skin care and cosmetics
 - 40 Turkey, e.g.
 - 44 Pleasant odor
 - 45 Do some yard maintenance
 - 46 Poe's twilight
 - 47 Major battle
 - 48 Crude model of a despised person
 - 51 Choke up
 - 52 Give the OK
 - 53 Strong desire
 - 54 Big mil. alliance
 - 57 Dull, dark bluish-gray
 - 59 Decorative sewing case
 - 60 Burlap bags
 - 62 Most cunning terms
 - 64 — uncertain
 - 70 Agcys., e.g.
 - 71 "Nifty!"
 - 72 Chum from way back
 - 73 El — (treasure city)
 - 74 Vying venues
 - 78 Uplift
 - 79 Whirlybird blade
 - 80 Drawn-out battle
 - 82 Six-pt. scores
 - 83 Driver's 180
 - 85 Year, to Caesar
 - 86 Garnet, e.g.
 - 90 Ladd of "Shane"
 - 92 Shows lip-curling contempt
 - 94 Holiday tree
 - 95 "Orinoco Flow" vocalist
 - 97 Texter's "I'm shocked!"
 - 99 Carry to excess
 - 100 Spanish explorer
 - 101 Grew vigorously, old-style
 - 102 Former Disney exec
 - 105 Sword types
 - 106 Duck type
 - 107 Mosaic maker
 - 108 Autumn mo. file them
 - 109 Manicurists
 - 112 Divests (of) Ireland, in Ireland
 - 114 Be a drifter
 - 115 See 89-Across
 - 116 "Rambo" setting, briefly
 - 117 Era or eon
 - 118 "— Doubtfire" dog, for short
 - 121 Safari sight
 - 122 Safari sight

LOVE OF SOLVING



#2,074 Average time of solution: 67 minutes

CRYPTOQUIP

O Z K N X B P T Y O U P N Q J F M Y W S Q O Z T T N S N Y W D J M F O J Z M C G Z Q T C Q B D N W X D F H D J F O U Y W J G N K Y M N : " J G N K F X X B H M Z P N D D Z M . "

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals C

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Saturday By Eugenia Last

Nov. 21: Connect with people who inspire you and bring out the positive aspects of your personality.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get the facts before you start a conversation. Relax; take time to settle down.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): The past offers valuable information that can guide you forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Recognize what you can achieve, then get moving. Refuse to let emotional differences you have with someone stand in your way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Control your emotions, and avoid getting into a spat with someone who can influence your future.

Birthday Baby: You are precise, strong-willed and intuitive. You are helpful and original. Visit EugeniaLast.com, or join Eugenia on Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn.

Answer to January 23, 2022 Cryptoquip: COMEDY FLICK FEATURING A COLLEGE INSTRUCTOR WHO ALWAYS ENDS UP STUCK IN THE MIRE: "THE MUDDY PROFESSOR."

Answer to Sunday Crossword Puzzle No. 2,074 published today.

TAKE IT FROM THE TINKERSONS

BY BILL BETTNY

LET'S GO SHOVEL THE SNOW.

WHY CAN'T WE GET A SNOW-BLOWER?

COME ON. IT'S GREAT EXERCISE.

ALTHOUGH A SNOWBLOWER WOULD BE NICE.

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Marvin

BY TOM ARMSTRONG

IT'S GREAT EXPERIENCING OUR FIRST WINTER!

The Family Circus

BY BILL KEANE

MOMMY AND DADDY ARE HOME.

DID YOU ALL BEHAVE YOURSELVES FOR GRANDMA?

YES, MOMMY!

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I GOT YOU GUYS LAST YEAR

CURTIS

BY RAY BILLINGSLEY

DAD, I'M GROWING HAIR IN THE STRANGEST PLACE

DIANE! BARRY, COME HELP MAMA IN THE KITCHEN !!

CURTIS, YOU'RE ELEVEN AND YOU'RE GOING TO EXPERIENCE CHANGES IN YOUR BODY AND-

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...THIS IS YOUR SECOND WINTER!

I'M GROWING HAIR IN MY NOSTRILS

LOOK DEEP IN THERE! SEE 'EM? LOOK DEEP... DEEPER! SEE 'EM? LEMME GET CLOSER!

EW, CURTIS, STOP THAT, EW EW !!

I THOUGHTCHA SAID TO COME TO YOU IF I EVER HAD CONCERNS

WE SPENT LAST WINTER IN YOUR TOY BOX

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

TABLETS

ARE YOU STILL SUFFERING FROM SUPPLY CHAIN ISSUES, TOO? -PETER

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"MAGELLAN" HERE COULDN'T NAVIGATE OUR WAY OUT

Dennis the Menace Door Prize

Isn't that sweet?

Isn't that sweet?

THE WAY HE OPENED THE DOOR FOR HER!

WHAT'S SO SWEET ABOUT THAT?

THE LAST TIME MR. WILSON OPENED A CAR DOOR FOR ME...

... HE WAS DRIVING A '57 CHEVY.

I'M FROM THE SOUTH POLE! MY INSTINCTS ARE TO HEAD DOWN!

BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUFFY

BY JOHN ROSE

OL' SNUFFY HERE IS PROBL'Y TH' BEST HUNTER IN ALL OF HOOTIN' HOLLER !!

WELL, 'CEPT FER JOB HUNTING' !!

HELP WANTED HIRIN' BONUS!

HELP WANTED WE PAY BIG BUCKS!

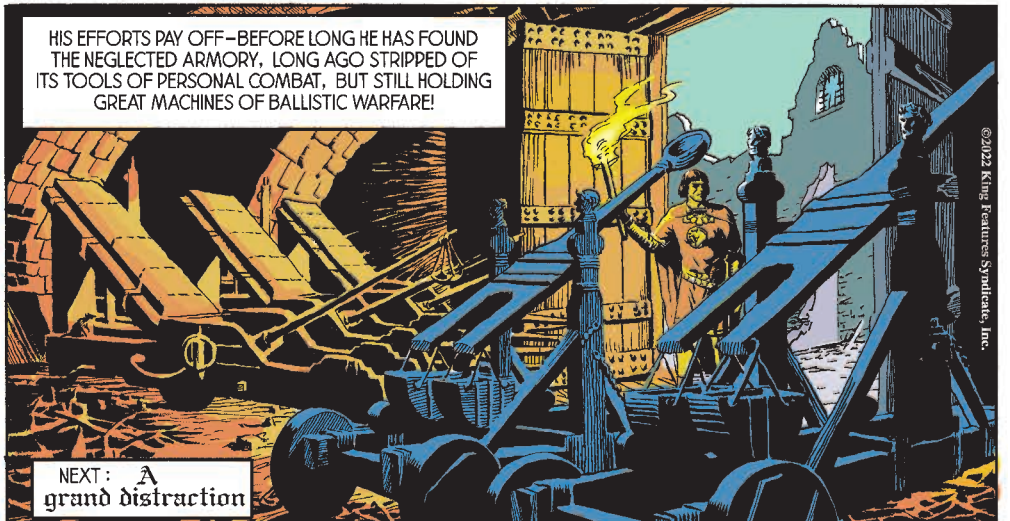
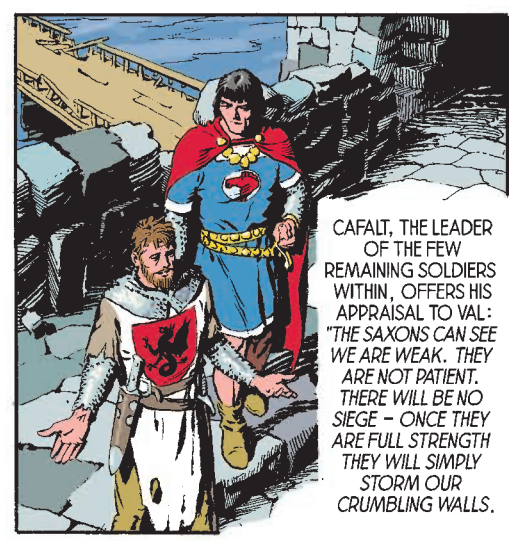
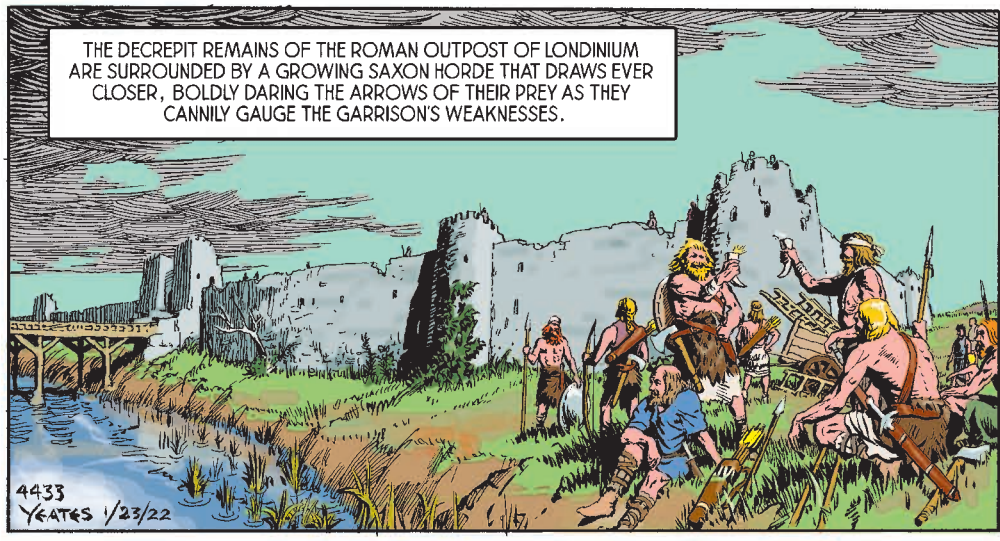
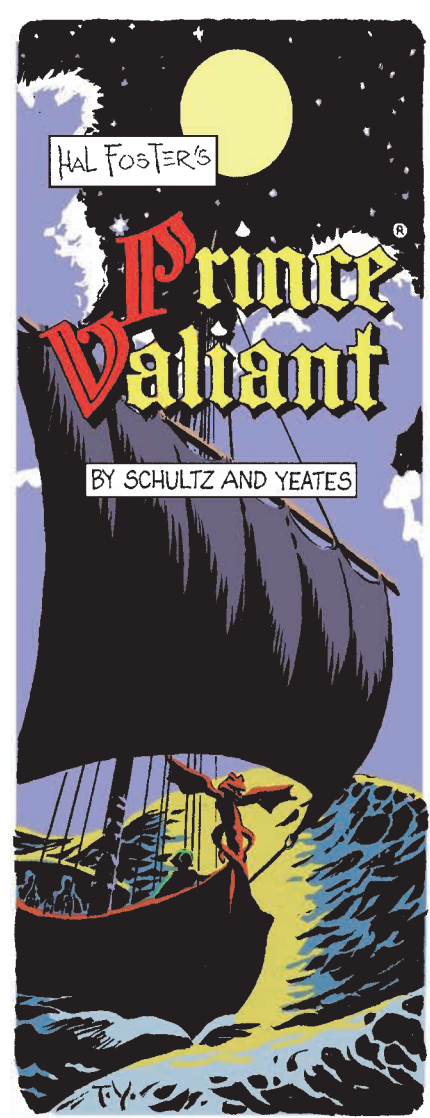
BOY, LUKEY, SOME'A THESE JOB INCENTIVES ARE GITTIN' PURTY HARD TO RESIST !!

I'LL SAY !!

GOOD THING WE GOT SUCH IRON WILLS !!

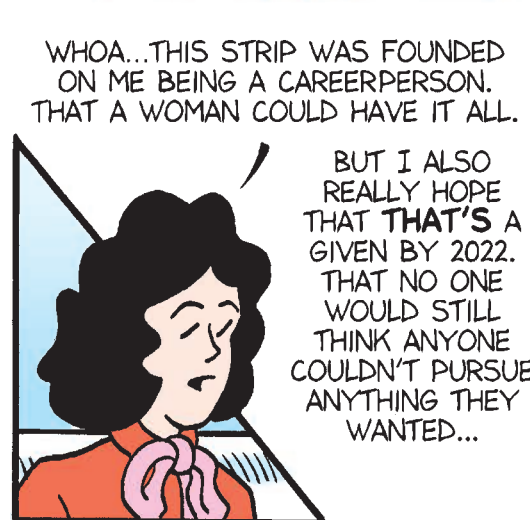
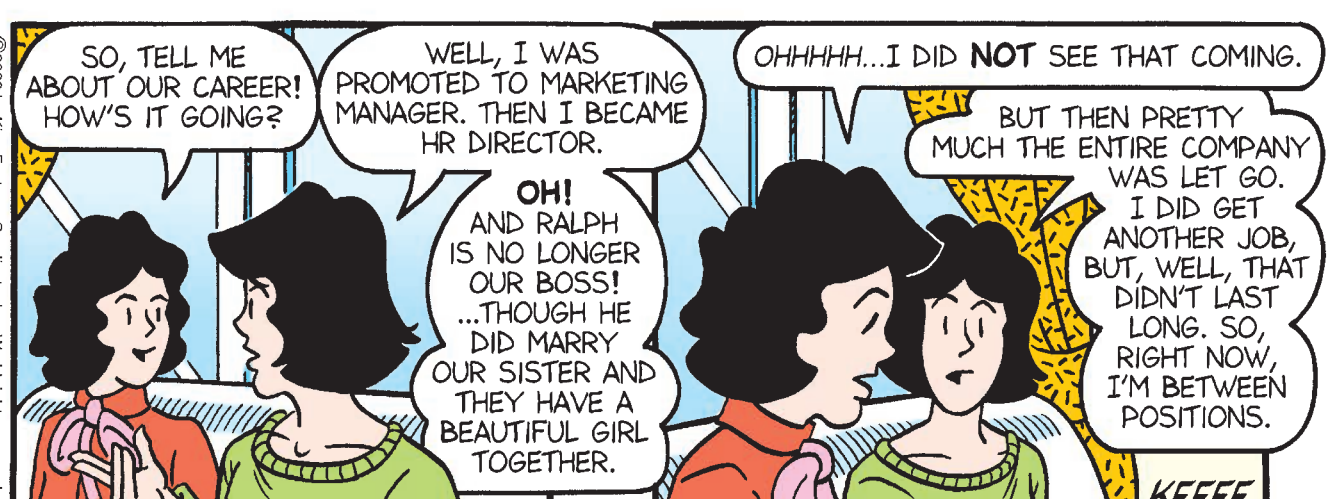
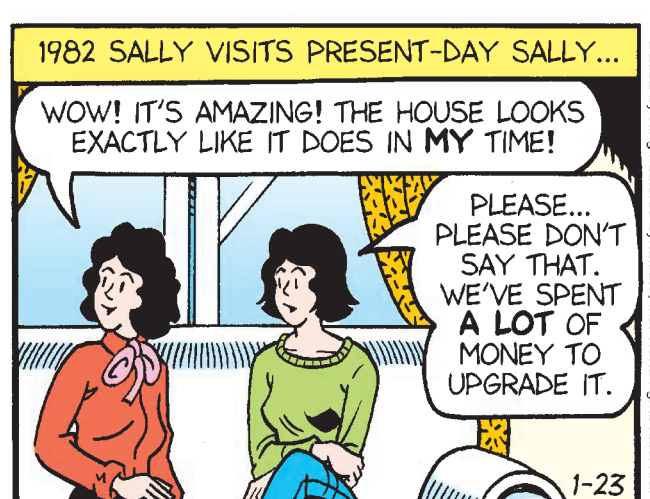
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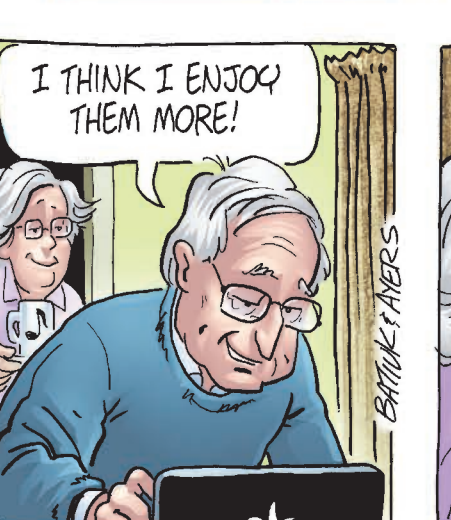
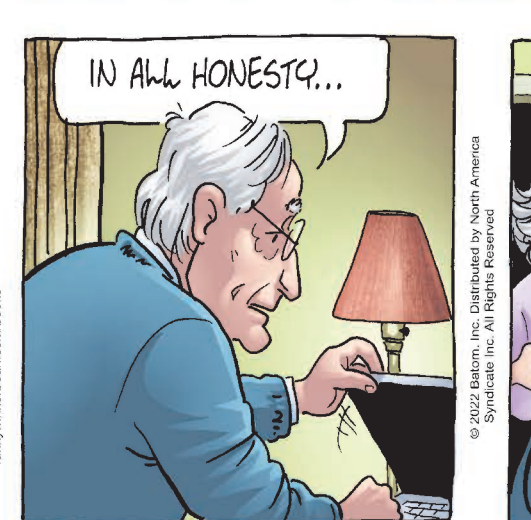
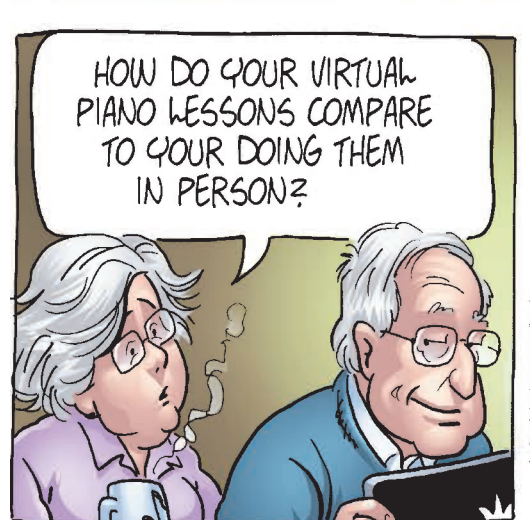
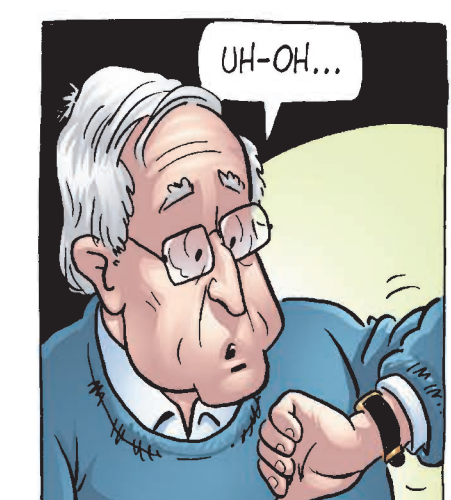
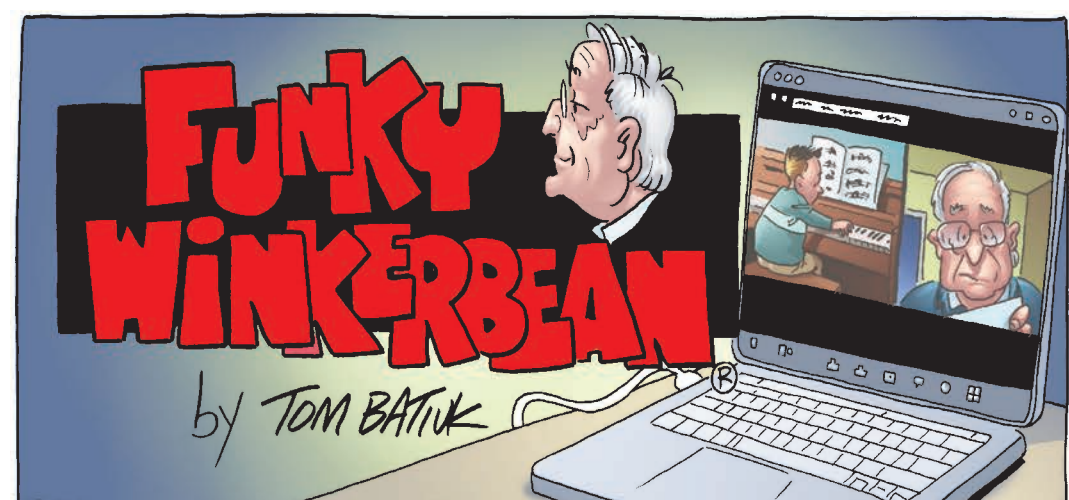
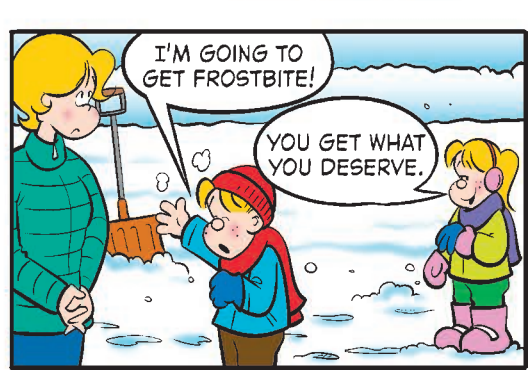
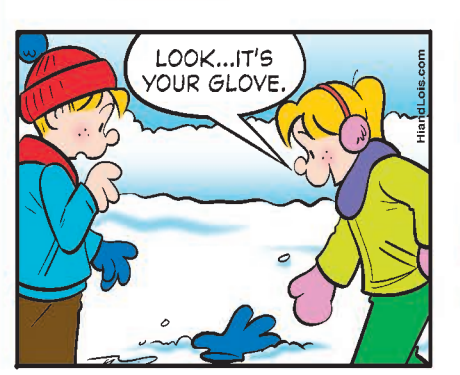
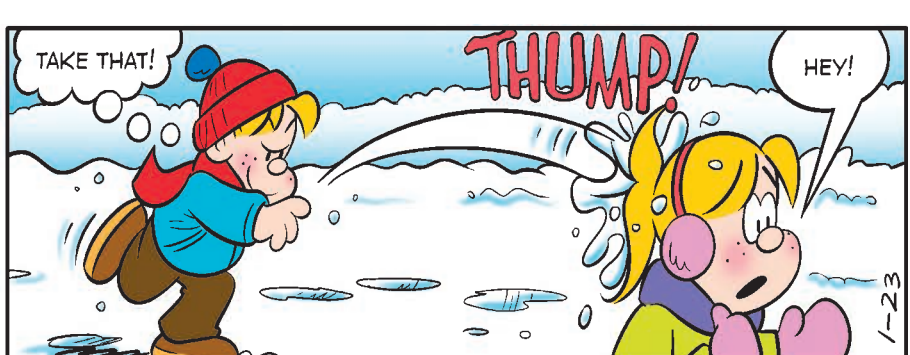


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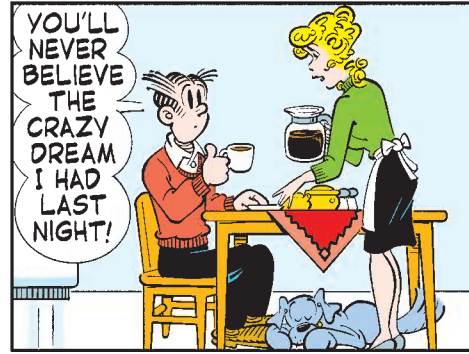
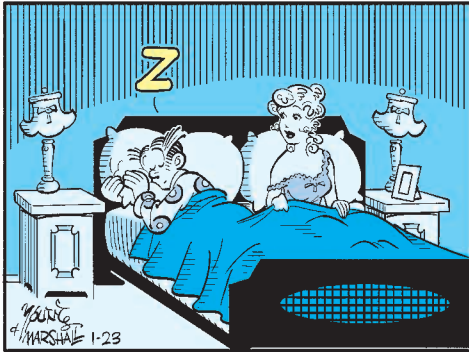
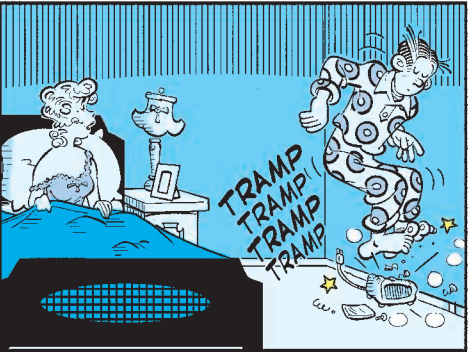
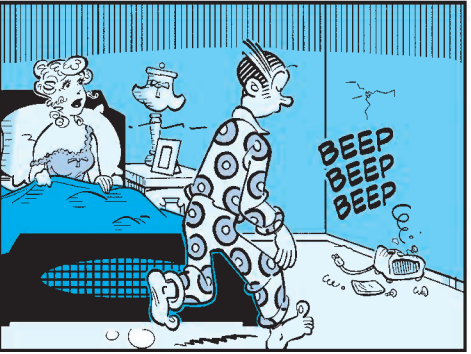
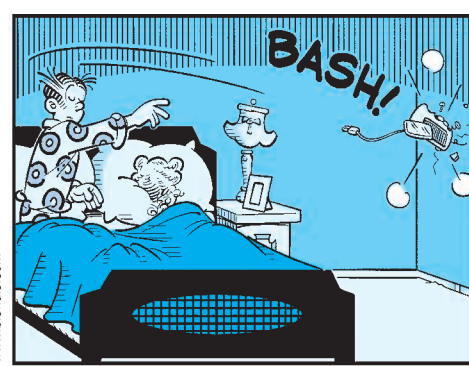
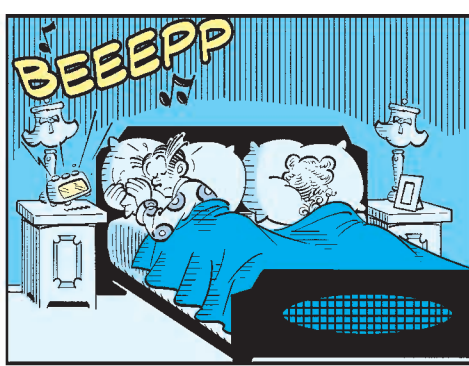
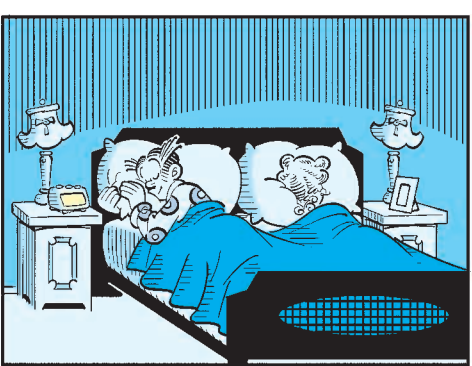
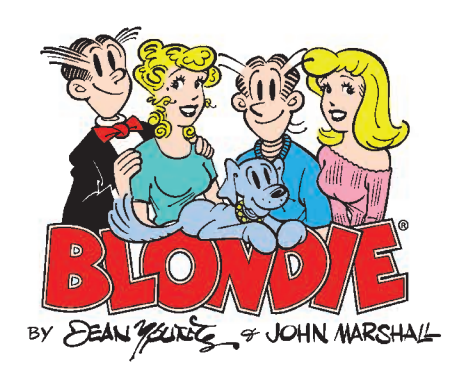


Hi and Lois by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

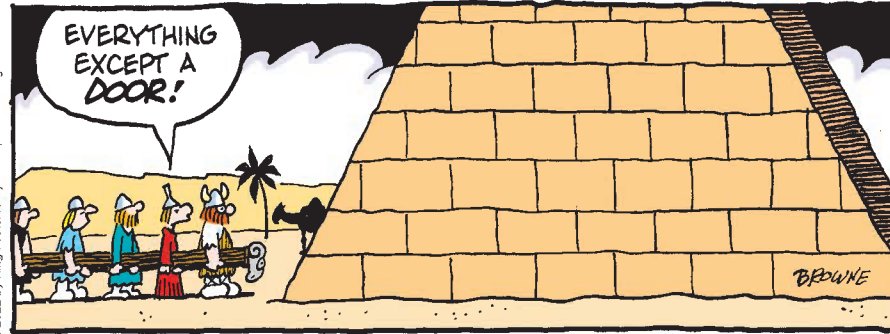
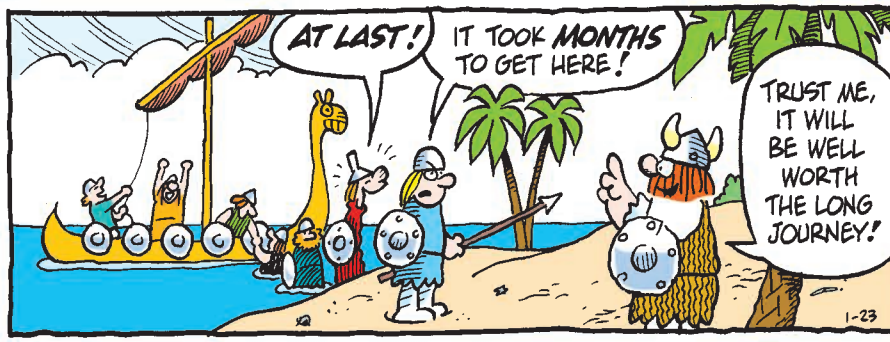


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6-FOX	7	6	6	WBRC News	Minute	Divorce	TMZ Live (N)	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	The Four FOX6	News	News	News	Inside	J. Millionaire	Kat	Pivoting	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	(-35) TMZ	black-ish	black-ish			
10-PBS	10	10	10	Sesame Donkey	Tiger	Go Luna	Nature Wild	Almas	Xavier	Odd	Arthur	Molly	Ready	PBS NewsHour (N)	Old	House	Sanditon-Mast	Sanditon-Mast	Sanditon-Mast	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Signal	Journal	World	House		
13-NBC	5	13	13	Tamron Hall (N)	Days of our Lives	Ellen DeGeneres	Nature Wild	Almas	Xavier	Odd	Arthur	Molly	Ready	PBS NewsHour (N)	Old	House	Sanditon-Mast	Sanditon-Mast	Sanditon-Mast	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Signal	Journal	World	House			
21-CW	21	21	21	Court	Court	Jerry Springer	Jerry	Jerry	Jerry	Hot	Hot	You Bet	You Bet	Big Bang	Big Bang	Walker (N)	Legacies	National	National	National	National	National	National	National	Andy G.	Andy G.	Broke	Sheldon		
42-CBS	8	42	42	CBS42	Bold	The Talk (N)	Let's Make a Deal	Jeopardy	Jeopardy	CBS42 News at 4pm	CBS42	CBS	CBS42	ET	Sheldon	United-AI	B Posi	B Posi	Bull "Snatchback"	CBS42	Late Show-Colbert	CBS42	Late Show-Colbert	CBS42	Late Show-Colbert	Corden				
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58-ABC	67			GMA3: What	General Hospital (N)	Wendy Williams	FamFeud	FamFeud	ABC	ABC 33/4	News	ABC	News	Wheel	Shark Tank (N)	(01) 20/20 (N)								News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline				
68-MNT	68	68	68	Mauri	The Real (N)	The People's Court	Judge Mathis (N)	Mauri		25 Words	25 Words	FamFeud	FamFeud	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Dateline	Chicago P.D.	Last Man	Last Man	News	Simpsons	
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AMC	54	254	130	(10:30) *** "Apollo 13"	*** "Enemy of the State" (1998, Suspense)	Will Smith	*** "Gran Torino" (2008)	Clint Eastwood	*** "Midway" (2019)	War Ed Skrein, Patrick Wilson	*** "Men in Black" (1997, Action)																			
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DSC	43	278	182	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo	Airplane Repo
DSNY	50	290	172	Big City	Ghost	Amphibia	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Jessie	Jessie	Holly H.	Holly H.	Big City	Big City	Jessie	Jessie	Big City	Big City	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug		
ESPN	26	206	140	SportsCenter (N)	This Just In (N)	NBA Today (N)	NFL Live (N)	Around	Pardon	SportsCenter	NBA	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball
FOOD	46	231	110	Worst Cooks in America	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play	Beat Play
FREE	35	311	180	(11:00) *** "Grown Ups"	*** "Little" (2019) Regina Hall, Premiere																									
FX	25	248	136	*** "Black and Blue" (2019) Naomie Harris	*** "Skyscraper" (2018, Action)	*** "Thor: The Dark World" (2013)	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	*** "Venom" (2018) Tom Hardy	
GOLF	310	218	401	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf	LPGA Golf
HBO	500	501	300	The Gilded Age	(12:55) *** "Next" (2007)	(35) *** "The 15:17 to Paris"	Gemstones	(4:50) *** "The Wolverine" (2013)	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria	Euphoria		
HGTV	47	229	112	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip
HIST	40	269	120	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People	Swamp People
MAX	515	515	310	"The Legend of Hercules" (N)	(42) *** "Dracula Untold" (N)	(15) *** "Robin Hood" (2018)	(14) *** "Disturbia" (2007)	*** "Saturday Night Fever" (1977)	*** "Staying Alive" (1983)	(38) *** "Rocky Balboa"																				
NICK	51	299	170	PAW	PAW	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge	Sponge
PARMT	60	241	168	Bar Rescue	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
SCI	125	284	193	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of	Mysteries of
SHOW	400	545	318	(1:15) *** "Scary Movie" (N)	(45) *** "Scary Movie 2" (N)	(15) *** "Scary Movie 3" (N)	(45) "The Dry" (2020) Eric Bana	(45) *** "Gladiator" (2000) Russell Crowe	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions	Billions		
TBS	22	247	139	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
TCM	861	256	132	"Men of Chance"	"Wild Boy-Road"	(15) *** "Men of the North"	*** "Boys' Night Out" (1962)	*** "G-Men" (1935)	*** "A Place in the Sun" (1951)	(15) *** "Double Indemnity" (1944)	"Phenix City"																			
TNT	23	245	138	Supernatural	Supernatural	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones	Bones			
TOON	52	296	176	Craig	Craig	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball	Gumball
TRAV	45	277	196	Osbourne- Bel.	Osbourne- Bel.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.	Paranormal Ca.
TVL	53	304	106	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke	Gunsmoke
USA	24	242	105	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU
WGN-A	3	307	239	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods	Blue Bloods

FRIDAY EVENING				MOVIES		SPORTS		CJ=Charter Jasper DTV=DirectV DSH=Dish Net														KIDS		NEWS		JANUARY 28, 2022			
	CJ	DTV	DSH	12:00	12:30	1:00	1:30	2:00	2:30	3:00	3:30	4:00	4:30	5:00	5:30	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30		
6-FOX	7	6	6	WBRC News	Minute	Divorce	TMZ Live (N)	Jdg Judy	Jdg Judy	The Four FOX6	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News	News		
10-PBS	10	10	10	Sesame Donkey	Tiger	Go Luna	Nature Wild	Almas	Xavier	Odd	Arthur	Molly	Ready	PBS NewsHour (N)	Wash	Capitol Journal	Muhammad Ali	Boxer	Cassius Clay										
13-NBC	5	13	13	Tamron Hall (N)	Days of our Lives	Ellen DeGeneres	Nature Wild	Almas	Xavier	Odd	Arthur	Molly	Ready	PBS NewsHour (N)	Wash	Capitol Journal	Muhammad Ali	Boxer	Cassius Clay										
21-CW	21	21	21	Court	Court	Jerry Springer	Jerry	Jerry	Jerry	Hot	Hot	You Bet	You Bet	Big Bang	Big Bang	Penn & Teller	Nancy Drew	National	National	National	National	National	National	National	Andy G.	Andy G.	Broke	Sheldon	
42-CBS	8	42	42	CBS42	Bold	The Talk (N)	Let's Make a Deal	Jeopardy	Jeopardy	PGA Tour Golf	Farmers Insurance Open, Third Round	NBA	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball	NBA Basketball		
44-ION	44			Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0	Hawaii Five-0			
58-ABC	67			GMA3: What	General Hospital (N)	Wendy Williams	FamFeud	FamFeud	ABC	ABC 33/4	News	ABC	News	Wheel	Shark Tank (N)	(01) 20													



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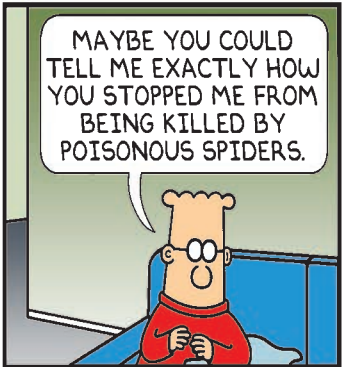
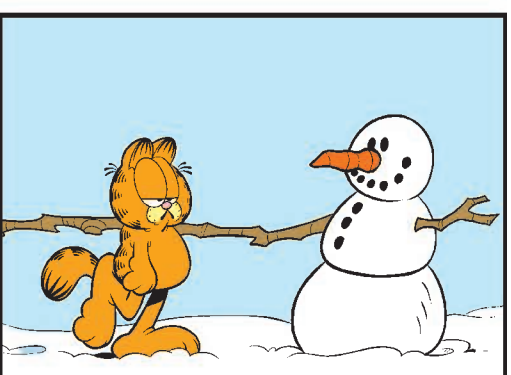
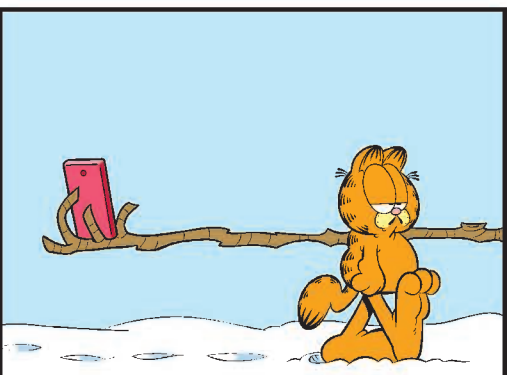
True or False
1) Dogs have more taste buds than cats.
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3) Dogs are strictly carnivores. Cats can be vegetarians.

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