Private probation firms cash in on monitoring offenders

Local investigators, a few judges, question practice of ‘profit for probation’

BY ISABELLE ALTMAN

The man, who spoke for this article as part of a Christian community and he is in my faithfulness to God, that it meant I could not accept the part of me that was experiencing non-heteronormative thoughts and feelings,” he told The Dispatch.

Now he attends an area United Methodist Church where he wor- shovel for more than seven years and knows plenty of Christians who support gay marriage and ordaining openly LGBTQ ministers. “It’s made him realize these issues need to be addressed ‘at a larger level,’” he said. That’s why he has mixed feelings about the potential schism in the United Methodist Church, which is publicly grappling with LGBTQ issues. Most recently, a group of 46 bishops and advocacy group leaders proposed a plan to split the denomination between those who oppose the church’s 1972 statement “homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching” and those with the more "traditional" approach.

“I always ask them,” Cooke said, adding he reminds them, “‘we rely on companies to ensure of- fenders follow judges’ mandates. However, not everyone in the justice system agrees with this approach. Steve Garfield writes the system unfairly targets “those on fixed incomes who can least afford additional expenses” and sentences them to “what amounts to financial incarceration.”

See PROBATION A4
Ask Rufus

A New City Hall and Fire Station

Last week Carol Heflin took her fourth grade class from Elementary School on a walking tour of downtown Columbus to discover the history that had been found in the buildings there. They had some questions about the city’s history and the old bell that is displayed in front of the building.

The story of the present city hall dates back to some significant changes occurring in Columbus during 1901. By the beginning of 1902, the discussions in Columbus over the need for a new city hall changed from “do we build it?!” to “where?”. There were other infrastructural needs in the city, and the discussion with fostered on the priority to be given in the city for the creation of a free home mail delivery, the Post Office Department required Columbus to construct another post office to handle sidewalks and street lights. By 1902 those two projects were already underway.

In 1902, the city council’s discussion centered on building not only a new city office, fire department and a school for black children, but a new building was needed for major improvements to the city’s news system. It was decided to issue bonds in the amount of $25,000 for fire protection. The city hall was built at a cost of $3,185. It was constructed entirely of stone and the second of brick.

Architect R.H. Hunt of Columbus was selected to design the new city hall and first week of January 1903, and the city hall on July 28. R.H. Hunt’s 1902 proposal for Columbus’ new city hall and free station was completed on May 1, 1903, and the city hall on July 28.

The July 28, 1903 Columbus Commercial announced the new city hall had been completed with attractive flowerpots on each of the main entrances. However, city hall offices had not moved in, as their furniture had not arrived. Other occupants of the building of the new city hall was the city’s alarm bell. However, that bell is now as a residential building and was completed on May 1, 1903, about three months before city hall. There was a tower on it with the alarm (fire) bell was mounted. The bell in front of city hall was the city’s alarm bell. However, that bell is dated 1907 indicating it was a new one replacing the old bell in use when the building was completed.

The bell was in 1902, an alarm bell which was not announced sounding there was a fire in the city. When a fire was a fire, the bell was rang wildly to sound the alarm. It was its ringing before telling the number representing the city’s fire in the city. When the fire was extinguished and danger past the bell.

Columbus’ city hall is also the story of major changes taking place in the town. The window into our history that can be opened by a four-grade field trip is unexpected.

I was helped with this column by Carolyn Kace, Gary Lancaster and research done by the late Rufus Ward.

Mark in honor of civil rights activist Annie Lou Hamer

The ANONATED PRESS

INDIANOLA — A historical marker in Mississippi will commemorate the life and civil rights activism of Annie Lou Hamer.

Research for the project was led by a Mississippi State University student and history professor who led a group of students on a trip to the Greenwood Community.

C. Sade Turnquest is an associate professor of history, and 17-year-old Native American student, Dylorsa Dykas took her public history course during the fall semester. They recently received approval from the Board of Supervisors to erect a marker in front of the county courthouse.

Students in Turnquest’s course are assigned a historical topic, and Dykas was Flomaton. He said he wrote three drafts of the historical marker’s narrative before pitching the idea to the supervisors. He said other students helped him edit his writing and prepare the presentation.

Hamer was born in Montgomery County, Mississippi, to sharecroppers on Oct. 6, 1917. Hamer was the first African American woman to hold office in the Mississippi legislature. She was elected to the House of Representatives in 1945 and served two terms, representing Mississippi’s 24th district.

In 1964, Hamer co-founded the agricultural cooperative known as the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. She was a leader in the Civil Rights Movement and worked to register black voters in Mississippi.

Hamer was also known for her role in the Civil Rights Movement, particularly during the Freedom Summer of 1964. She worked with other activists to register black voters in Mississippi and was involved in various lawsuits and court cases to challenge segregation and discrimination.

Hamer died on Nov. 20, 2003, but her legacy continues to inspire people around the world. Her life and activism are commemorated through various monuments and memorials, including the one that will be erected in Indianola.

A ceremony to unveil the marker will take place on Saturday, June 12, at 10 a.m. at the courthouse.

In other news, the city of Indianola is also planning to unveil a new marker commemorating the life of civil rights activist Fannie Lou Hamer on the same day.

The marker will be located near the site where Hamer was born and will feature her life story and accomplishments.

The Indianola City Council recently approved the construction of the new marker, and a fundraiser has been established to raise the necessary funds.

The event will include a reading of Hamer’s famous speech, “We Are Not Afraid,” which was delivered at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Hamer’s legacy continues to inspire people around the world, and her contributions to the civil rights movement will never be forgotten.

The new marker will serve as a reminder of the sacrifices made by Hamer and other civil rights activists in the fight for equality and justice.

The dedication of the markers will begin a new chapter in Indianola’s history, and the city is excited to celebrate the lives of two of its most important residents.

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We invite you to join us in celebrating the lives of Fannie Lou Hamer and Annie Lou Hamer and the sacrifices made by these two remarkable women.

In tribute to these two brave women, the city of Indianola dedicates these markers to their memory.
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According to CPD, Columbus police have been made at this point in the investigation. 

Sharon Brown, a longtime Mississippi hu...
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and more energy-efficient LED within the city with brighter over 4,000 existing streetlights to develop a plan to replace Columbus Light and Water (CLW) Brighter white, state-of-the-art Columbus starting this week.

This city-wide upgrade will accomplish several important goals for residents of Columbus. First, incandescent bulbs will be replaced with LED lights, which will support safety and security by improving visibility at night. Project CENTRAL will save the city over the 44,000 over the next 20 years versus the current outlay.

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Trump says oust Trump or he’ll betray again; ‘He is who he is’ before rendering a final verdict. ‘Let America have a trial,’ Rep. Adam Schiff, the lead Democratic impeachment manager, said Friday. ‘Mr. Trump is a traitor.’

Schiff delivered Democrats’ final arguments in the Senate trial after three days of methods that accused power to employ political pressures for political riled; then, abstracted Congress to investigation into the matter. The president’s lawyers get first chance to defend him Saturday, and are expected to argue he acted with good intentions.

The opening arguments appear to be more than a good idea by Republicans to stay in line with evidence. Republicans’ support for Trump or at least enough centrists to call for new witnesses. The majority leader of Senate Majority National security adviser John Bolton.

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**Methodist Church**

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Changes to UMC discipline can only be approved by the General Conference, which Brumfield noted as the overarching UM body. However, the board of appeals for the church eventually determined that the 2017–2020 General Conference was invalid because it was not properly quorated. The next General Conference will be held May 2022.

Brumfield noted that the final decision leaves us with courts—letting courts, effectively. The church cannot reach an agreement that as Christians, we should accept, ordain and support. A separation might be the best means of protecting LGBTQ Christians if the church cannot reach an agreement.

Judge Brian Kelley de-
voted much of his talk on the matter of the satellites of the service works for pro-

External discrimination

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and about the way that God can call us to higher purposes. We think if we did divide our organization, we would raise our witness to the larger public.

Other Methodist leaders present at the American-com-

munities, but those who have to pay a fine up front will likely have to get in touch with him. 'I don't like the fact people are profiting from public safety. ... The laws are

watered down if we don't say anything,' he said. 'You have to make it clear that you will not allow people to...'

The language in the court order

judges of the church. The language

say for certain,'' Brumfield said.

Whatever decisions are made have to be made according to the conscience of the indi-

vidual. If the conscience of the individual follows the gospel, then whatever those decisions are they are between them and God.'

I've never been part of a church that doesn't want (LGBTQ people) roles in the church. The language says, 'practicing or marrying someone of the same sex.' We are aware there are people who have kept it to themselves, but there are people who want to open it, and I think people are less comfortable with those who are having problems.'

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Brumfield said while "I'm not

... it is a fiscal separation, the

General Conference will

So, we're here this morning, and we're

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But, Brannett believes this split is about the universal culture—more than just LGBTQ

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"We're not set up to keep people safe. They're not set out for anybody to profit from."

"I don't know how..."

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Pentagon: 34 troops suffered injuries in Iran strike

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon disclosed on Friday that 34 U.S. service members suffered traumatic brain injuries in Iran’s missile strike this week on an U.S. air base in Iraq, and although half have returned to work, the casualty total belies President Donald Trump’s initial claim that no American service members were harmed. He later characterized the injuries as “not very serious.”

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Trump at his political rally on Friday called for Kelly to be fired after she asked him about the more memorable in- comparable instances. Trump mocked a foreign correspondent who has repeatedly defended the media’s role during Trump’s presidency. Pompeo responded testily when Kelly asked him about Ukraine and speculated in The Washington Times earlier this month about the Ukrainian president’s personal knowledge of the lead of Trump, who he described as “fake news” and ridiculed what he calls “fake news.”

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AP: Feds plan to move Epstein warden to prison job

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**Sports**

**PREP BASKETBALL**

**Columbus earns home sweep of Grenada**

BY THIO OROSO

After the Columbus High School boys and girls varsity basketball teams swept Grenada on Jan. 17, Columbus coach Phillip Morris lamented an imbalanced scoring effort from the Falcons. Key contributors for Columbus went scoreless or were held to just a few points on the evening.

"The guys that we've used to scoring, that's what we've relied on," Morris said after the defeat. "They don't have to go to a 20-point game or anything like that, but they've gotta step up.

Critical to the Falcons' success Friday was their stellar passing. Columbus limited Grenada to just 23 total shots and found open shooters outside or hit a basket on rebounds.

"We have a tendency of not taking just a simple cut and then getting sandbagged on it, or taking a pass and not doing something," Morris said. "We've been working a lot on our spacing and our hard, crisp passes and doing drills."

The Falcons went from 32-20 lead with two fouls, but with three fouls you can't do it. It was a big factor."

Columbus received far more contributions from its role players on Friday than it had against the Trojans, when junior Blake Barnett was held to carry the load with 13 points. Barnett will still see the Falcons with 13 at Friday against the Charleston. Sophomore Deon Holland and junior Eric Caldwell each contributed 11 points, senior Gabe Williams had 11, sophomore Wheat Young had eight.

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"We came out and their defense was incredible," Howland said. "They didn't let us work the ball in to our vantage.

"Corey has a really good scoring training," LemISIS said. "If he figures it out, he's a first-team type of guy."

Despite all of that, MSU (12-7) still remained a staple in 2020, Lester and home.

"We're going to go back to work," MSU athletic director John Cohen said. "There's work to be done."

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Pro Bowl packed with pending free agents like Brees, Henry

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BY BEN PORTNOY

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Harden, who went 1 for 17 from the field and 0 for 6 from 3-point range, ended up with 10 points and 12 assists.

Kevin Porter Jr. and Torance Watson scored 19 points each for the Wolverines, who have lost four of five — with all four losses coming in the second half after allowing 38-6 runs.

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Baker hit a 3-pointer with 1.2 seconds left and Sunny Garg hit the free throw that followed in overtime.

Dillon Brooks scored 22 of his 27 points in the second half, scoring 13 in a row on one stretch.

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Trailblazing 49ers assistant has roots in Chiefs' kingdom

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HESSTON, Kan. — The old co-op station, the pumps long removed, sits near a farm lane in the middle of nowhere, a forest of satellite dishes in the background.

Around the corner is an old Texas café, the signs for Wheaton’s Grocery — a dairy bar — still there. An old barn remains that from the once-busy Chinese Medicine Center, a project that moved eastward to the main highways, and now the cities of Salina and Wichita.

Some 25 miles north of Hesston, population of about 3,700 in south-central Kansas, is a town of about 11,500 people that was named after the neighbor boys that played with Ben and Carl Torgerson. Everybody knew everybody, always wore San Francisco 49ers hats, was always proud to communicate that to everyone.

“Ben’s dad was always so proud of him,” says his twin sister, Liz. “He was always looking at him. He was always so proud to be able to watch that.”

A few miles north of the town of Kansas City — surrounded by Chiefs logos and memorabilia — is a home and garage where Floyd was born.

His rapid rise in the catchout coaching profession didn’t surprise those who knew his growing up.

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Opportunity for decision and change.

The Associated Press

State and local governors are bracing for the legal fight against Purdue Pharma over its contribution to the nation’s addiction crisis.

THE DISPATCH

On Friday, the federal judge overseeing the bankruptcy case of Purdue Pharma set a June 30 deadline to file what are called “obituaries” with basic information, and other details families may wish to include, are available for the Monday through Friday; no later than 4 p.m. Saturday for the Sunday edition; no later than 7:30 a.m. for the Monday edition.

An older version of this listing was published electronically Monday through Friday, with finalization by 3 p.m. for inclusion in the print edition. On Saturday, and on Friday by 3 p.m. for the Sunday edition. For more information, call 662-328-2471.

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Carrie Hawkins

Carrie Hawkins was born Jan. 21, 1927, in Columbus, Miss., the daughter of Merrill Hawkins and Carrie Lee Hawkins. She was formerly of Tuscumbia, Alabama.

She was a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the University of New York. She had a career in science and was formerly a member of the National Academy of Sciences.

Memorial Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at First United Methodist Church.


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NFL’s Saints fight to shield emails in Catholic abuse crisis

City files: Team executives aid Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans in its ‘pattern and practice of concealing its crimes’

BY JIM MUSTIAN

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Local bladesmith takes forge skills from the back porch to national TV

By Jan Swoope
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Anticipation ran high at the Cargile house in Lowndes County the night of Jan. 15. Friends and family gathered around the television — Mitch Cargile was about to make his screen debut. Cargile, 38, was one of four bladesmiths competing in that evening’s episode of “Forged in Fire.” The History channel series, produced by Outpost Entertainment, weekly features four contenders in a three-round elimination to forge bladed weapons. Only two smiths survive to the final challenge — to make a classic and historically significant weapon, be it a famous sword, mighty shield or forceful battle axe from a time long past. The winner takes home $10,000.

Cargile — husband, dad of four and Columbus Air Force Base telecommunication technician — has been a fan of the show that premiered in 2015 ever since he got hooked on the power of heat, hammer and anvil a few years ago.

“It’s the only show I’ll let my kids stay up to watch,” he said with a chuckle.

That Wednesday’s program was the culmination of an adventure that began this past June, when Cargile’s brother-in-law alerted him that “Forged in Fire” was taking applications, and sent along a link.

By mid-July, Cargile had made the cut. In August, he flew northward, to the television set he’d seen so often as a viewer.

He recalled the official walk-through where the show is filmed near Stamford, Connecticut.

“It was pretty surreal,” he said. “I was actually more nervous during the meet-and-greet, meeting the judges, going through the forge, getting the safety talk than during filming.”

Six months later, the watch party at Cargile’s home waited eagerly to see how it all ends.

“It was a very exciting time,” said Lori Cargile, Mitch’s wife. “We invited our church family and friends, who didn’t know the results of the show because there was very little he could share, even with us,” she added, referring to the show’s confidentiality requirements.

The first round of competition saw the four smiths given surprise metals and a time limit to design and forge signature blades. Even after a harrowing weld fail with two ball bearings and just 48 minutes left on the clock, Cargile rallied, using his final ball bearing to make a knife that met requirements. And then there were three contenders, tasked with casting bronze guards in the second challenge. Each adrenaline-fueled round is strictly timed.

“The first two rounds were filmed on the show’s set, with its range of metalworking equipment. Cargile and Ramm returned to home turf to craft their versions of Charlemagne’s sword. They were given a specified number of hours over four days to work on it, and a two-person production crew from the show to time-keep, film and document the process.”

See Cargile, 5C
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Deadline to register is Feb. 10


Dear Abby

ABBY: My husband and I are both self-employed and moved to a small town after we were both diagnosed with cancer. We both have two grown grandchildren. We married when our parents told us that and other city. I see self-sufficiency in the way my two kids travel and interact with things that are so far from home — maybe have a friend that's not in the neighboring area that my kids go to every weekend and — I think — includes us as well because she's probably a bigger family. She's told me not to think of this as the way things should be.

When I ask him why he hates me, he

Horoscopes

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Make sure you have a plan B. The circumstances around your health may be complicated, but you can expect a strong return on your health troubles if you choose the right path and are responsible with your health. You may have some increased stress levels, so try to keep things as relaxed as possible.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed these days, but you have the opportunity to take control of the situation. You are capable of handling difficult situations, and you will be able to take charge and make the necessary changes to improve your life.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will be feeling a bit emotionally drained, but you will be able to make progress in your personal relationships. You may find it helpful to focus on your needs and make sure you take care of yourself.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be feeling a bit overwhelmed these days, but you have the opportunity to take control of the situation. You are capable of handling difficult situations, and you will be able to take charge and make the necessary changes to improve your life.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will be feeling a bit emotionally drained, but you will be able to make progress in your personal relationships. You may find it helpful to focus on your needs and make sure you take care of yourself.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will be feeling a bit emotionally drained, but you will be able to make progress in your personal relationships. You may find it helpful to focus on your needs and make sure you take care of yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be feeling a bit emotionally drained, but you will be able to make progress in your personal relationships. You may find it helpful to focus on your needs and make sure you take care of yourself.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be feeling a bit emotionally drained, but you will be able to make progress in your personal relationships. You may find it helpful to focus on your needs and make sure you take care of yourself.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jean ship, and your investment in this thinking is spot on.

The DispaTch

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).
As executive director of the radio department, Story said that he takes the flu seriously and wants to “get it under control.”

Story explained that the flu season is typically from October to April, with the peak of flu activity usually occurring in January or February. He emphasized the importance of getting the flu shot to protect others and to reduce the burden on the healthcare system.

Story also highlighted the importance of taking preventive measures such as practicing good hygiene, staying home when sick, and avoiding close contact with others.

To promote these messages, Story advised that media can play a crucial role in increasing awareness and encouraging people to take action. He noted that storytelling and sharing personal experiences can be powerful tools in motivating people to get vaccinated and practice good hygiene.

Story also emphasized the role of the media in providing accurate and timely information, challenging misconceptions, and encouraging people to make informed decisions about their health.

In conclusion, Story stressed the importance of collaboration between healthcare professionals, public health authorities, and media outlets to combat the flu and protect public health. He encouraged everyone to take personal responsibility for their health and to contribute to a healthier community.
Exposed roots? Celebrate them!

Exposing exposed roots in your garden can be a challenge, but it can also be an opportunity for creative landscaping. Exposed roots are the roots of trees, shrubs, and other plants that are not covered by soil. They can be found in gardens, parks, and other outdoor areas. Exposed roots can be both beautiful and practical. They can add a natural, organic touch to your garden, and they can also be used for practical purposes, such as creating a natural boundary or providing a habitat for wildlife. Exposed roots can also be used for creative landscaping, such as creating a natural garden path or a natural stone wall.

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Supporters were at The W's Pohl Gymnasium Thursday to watch the Owls' men's basketball team in action. Deanna Robinson/Dispatch Staff

Jared Williams, Courntey Moore

Tyla Rash, Kaytrin Benson, Cambria Luckett, Jasmine Spires, Meredith Woolbright, Jessie/Kei Jordan, Lacey Lucas, Diamond Winners

Zaria Murphy, Cambria Key

Laurensia Smith, Aleeya Jamison

Kyle Witt, Hannah Ellis, Robert York, Shea Flanagan, Riley Fitzpatrick, Marion Boyd

Jared Williams, Jaylen Lamor, Jaylen Williams, Brandon Horton, Troy Lomas

Daysha Humphrey, Angela Renick, Carmen Hairston, Serra Cheatham

Grace Teel, Naterra Marsh

Tamisia Drake, A.J. Smith, Darrian Cobb

Tiffani Anderson, Taylor Rogers, Krislan Johnson

Volunteers in Starkville served at nonprofits and on community projects Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. These photos are from the Boys & Girls Club. Austin Frayer/Special to The Dispatch
MEETING

Amended and Approved

To the Keeper of the Records of Lowndes County, Mississippi:

We, the undersigned, being authorized by resolution of the Lowndes County Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify that the meeting held on the 17th day of December, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the 1st-class meeting room of the Lowndes County Administration Building, in Renova, Mississippi, for the purpose of official business, was properly noticed, and that there was a quorum present at the time the meeting was called to order.

We further certify that the proceedings at the meeting were duly recorded and that the resolutions, minutes, and other documents of the meeting are true and correct.

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Five Questions:
1. Caroline Kenney-
   She was the inspiration for the 1969 hit.
2. David Fincher-
   The six-minute scene was written by Aaron Sorkin.
3. Adidas
4. Blue
5. Virgin Islands
SUNDAY COMICS

BLONDIE

BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

WHAT’S WRONG, DEAR?

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?

THE LOCKHORNS

BY BERNY BEEST AND JOHN ROEVER

ON SECOND THOUGHT: WE DON’T WANT A HAND-OF-CALL.

“THOSE GUY’S NOT FEELING WELL.”

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HANK!”

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BY CHARLES SCHULZ

HERE WE GO!

SNOOPY HAS LOST HER RETAINER!

BABY BLUES

BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT

NEW YEAR, NEW RULE. NO MORE EATING IN YOUR ROOM!

ZITS

BY JERRY SCOTT AND JIM BORGMAN

LATER, EVERYBODY.

STOP!

SCHLORP!

SCHLORP!

SLUUK!

GULP!

SCHLORP!

SCHLORP!

LOVING THE NEW SYSTEM, SWEETIE.

COOL! I HAVE TIME FOR ANOTHER BOWL!