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AP PHOTO
Krystina Cassidy, left, and Dianna Simpson attempt to contact their husbands who are stationed inside Fort Hood.

Deadly shooting at Fort Hood

WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — A gunman opened fire Wednesday at Fort Hood in an attack that left four dead, including the shooter, law enforcement officials said.

One of the officials, citing official internal U.S. Justice Department

updates, said 14 others were hurt. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release information by name.

A U.S. law enforcement official said reports circulating within the Justice Department indicate the shooter died of what appears to be a self-inflicted wound. The official spoke on the condition

of anonymity because the investigation is still ongoing.

The Texas Army base was the scene of a mass shooting in 2009. Thirteen people were killed and more than 30 wounded in what was the deadliest attack on a domestic military installation in history.

The Army said on its official **SEE SHOOTING | A2**

Supreme Court opens door to big donors

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AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruling Wednesday erasing a long-standing limit on campaign donations will allow a small number of very wealthy donors to give even more than is currently the case, according to students of the complex campaign finance system, and could strengthen the establishment in both parties.

While Republicans cheered the ruling on philosophical grounds and Democrats criticized it, there was a general agreement that the decision itself was unlikely to benefit one party over another.

"This is not a decision that advantages one party over the other. It advantages wealthy people over everybody else," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

On a 5-4 ruling, the court struck down a limitation on the amount any donor may give to candidates, committees and political action committees combined.

Only 646 out of millions of donors in the election cycle of 2011-

2012 gave the now-defunct legal maximum, according to the Center for Responsive Politics. For the current election cycle, the limit is \$123,200, broken down as \$48,600 to all candidates combined and \$74,600 to all party committees and political action committees in total.

The ruling will "mean there will be much greater emphasis by the campaigns and the parties on those donors with the biggest checkbooks who can make those very large contributions," said Bob Bierack, who works for the CRP and is a 30-year veteran of the Federal Election Commission.

"Whether that's good or bad depends on your perspective on how this whole system should work, but it absolutely means that the small number of people who can give at those levels" will be asked to give more, he added.

The ruling leaves unchanged a parallel system in which individuals donate unlimited amounts, sometimes undisclosed, to certain outside groups.

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The Leesburg High School Band practices at the school on Wednesday. A Florida Department of Education study found that 12th grade students enrolled in four or more fine arts classes scored higher on standardized tests than other students.

Music programs help students achieve — but can school district afford them?



A student takes notes on sheet music as guest conductor Joe Kreines, a member of the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, leads a band practice at Leesburg High School.

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Understanding math concepts is easier for eighth-grade student Julia Sills to grasp since she began playing flute in the Eustis Middle Thundering Jazz Ensemble at Eustis Middle School three years ago.

"Music is very mathematical," she said.

Gerry Ricke, Sills' band teacher said, "We

are crossing all curriculums when teaching music."

"Music is math because we have division, addition of beats," he said. "You are looking at a graph, and teaching science and sound waves."

Music teachers and educators in the Lake County School District agree there is a positive correlation between music and students

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CLERMONT

Ex-prison guard wins right to use 'stand your ground' defense



HEILMAN

Staff Report

An appeals court has ruled a former Lake Correctional Institution officer can use Florida's controversial Stand

Your Ground law to argue he is immune from criminal charges stemming from the beating of an inmate at the Clermont-area prison.

Brad Heilman, of

Summerfield, was fired and later charged with aggravated battery after an altercation in August 2011 with inmate Duane Royster, who Heilman left with multiple facial

fractures. Walter Forgie, a prosecutor with the Lake County State Attorney's Office, previously called Heilman's use of force "inappropriate."

The Stand Your

Ground law says people can use deadly force and not retreat if they think it will prevent great bodily harm or death. A

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SHOOTING

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Twitter feed that the post was still on lockdown. Injured people were being treated at the post's Carl R. Darnall Medical Center and other local hospitals.

Outside the base, some relatives of soldiers waited for news about their loved ones.

Tayra DeHart, 33, said she had last heard from her husband, a soldier at the post, that he was safe, but that was hours earlier.

"The last two hours have been the most nerve-racking I've ever felt. I know God is here protecting me and all the sol-

diers, but I have my phone in my hand just hoping it will ring and it will be my husband," DeHart said.

Brooke Conover, whose husband was on base at the time of the shooting, said she found out about it while checking Facebook. She said she called her husband, Staff Sgt. Sean Conover, immediately to make sure he was OK, but he couldn't even tell her exactly what was going on, only that the base was locked down.

"I'm still hearing conflicting stories about what happened and where the shooting was exactly," Conover said, explaining that she still doesn't know how close

the incident was to her husband.

"I just want him to come home," said Conover, who moved to Fort Hood with her husband and three daughters two years ago.

In Chicago, President Barack Obama vowed that investigators will get to the bottom of the shooting, seeking to reassure the nation whose sense of security once again has been shaken by mass violence.

In a hastily arranged statement, Obama said he and his team were following the situation closely but that details about what happened at the sprawling Army post

were still fluid. He said the shooting brought back painful memories of the 2009 attack.

Obama reflected on the sacrifices that troops stationed at Fort Hood have made — including during multiple tours to Iraq and Afghanistan.

"They serve with valor, they serve with distinction and when they're at their home base, they need to feel safe," Obama said. "We don't yet know what happened tonight, but obviously that sense of safety has been broken once again."

The president spoke without notes or prepared remarks.



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Guest conductor Joe Kreines, a member of the Florida Bandmasters Association Hall of Fame, leads a band practice at Leesburg High School.

MUSIC

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scoring higher on the FCATs.

But, with the school district one of the worst funded in the state, there is concern about saving arts programs from the budget ax, with one teacher stating choral programs are being eliminated at numerous schools and music positions are not being protected. There is also concern from one school board member that the increase in standardized testing would affect arts programs.

Chris Patton, district spokesman, said every middle and high school has a band program. But, he also confirmed there are some schools that do not have choral programs.

The decision to offer music programs is a school-based one, officials confirmed.

Gabriel Fielder, band director at Leesburg High School, said there have been cuts to the programs over the years, but not at Leesburg High, where he stated the music curriculum is supported.

"Many of the band directors at the middle school level, they are doubling up on choir, teaching physical education and social studies courses just to keep their jobs," he said. "I know of many choral programs being eliminated at many of the middle schools. Music positions are not protected."

Patton said those incidents of teachers doubling up on courses occurs occasionally.

Tod Howard, school board member, said if a large group of students are required to take a reading remedial program course, for example, it could displace an arts program teacher.

"The principal has to make some really tough decisions," he said. "It is unfortunate budgets are as tight as they are. Lake County is one of the worst funded counties in the nation."

Fielder said he has seen over the last 12 years how music has changed students' lives with numerous former students excelling in careers or pursuing a career in music.

"The disciplines in the band, time management, personal responsibility and teamwork really prepare these kids for leadership positions," he said. "When you engage in the study of music and performance of music, it is the only discipline that activates both hemispheres of the brain."

Bill Miller, principal at Leesburg High School, agreed, stat-

ing the more students involved in band and chorus, the higher the achievement data at the school.

"The demands of the music program enhance other content areas," he said.

Fielder said it is not his goal to put out a bunch of music majors, but to use music to help students grow as human beings.

Ricke added: "Music makes students better human beings altogether."

Howard said music programs need to remain a vital part of Lake County schools.

"Because of the new Common Core standards and upcoming tests, and all the pressures from the academic side, it is going to take time away from the performing arts," he said. "Music is a fantastic educational tool. We need to make sure we keep the performing arts in Lake County schools."

Ricke, who teaches approximately 175 students, said he monitors his students' success and noted that many of them are scoring 5 and 6's on the reading portion of FCATs, with six being the highest score on the FCATs.

"In my opinion, they are pretty much the most successful kids in the school as far as academics," he said.

Ricke cited one former student who received a scholarship to a prestigious music school.

"If we increase the arts in all of our schools, standardized testing scores would go up," he said.

Indeed, a Florida Department of Education study of 197,932 students found "regardless of socioeconomic status or race, analysis indicated that students enrolled in four or more fine arts courses scored higher on standardized testing than those not taking arts-related courses."

Beth Cummings, president of the Florida Music Educators Association, said music helps students to think creatively and develop critical thinking skills.

While students are now only required to have one credited course in the fine arts, there is a Florida House of Representatives bill, which, if passed, would give better oversight to require the commissioner of education to prepare annual reporting relating to students access to and participation in fine arts courses.

Fielder said one of the most rewarding aspects of teaching music is helping improving a students' self-esteem through the art form.

"You give them an opportunity to succeed at something," he said. "They recognize they are important. It can have life-altering results."

COURT

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Biersack said the same small group of 646 donors gave a total of about \$93.4 million in the last campaign. Their largesse will still be avidly sought, as Republican presidential hopefuls recently demonstrated by travelling to Las Vegas to meet with casino magnate and conservative donor Sheldon Adelson.

In the realm of limited donations, Cleta Mitchell, an election lawyer for Republicans, said the court's ruling means that various party committees and candidates no longer will have to vie for money from the same contributors. The law permits a donor to contribute \$5,200 for the primary and general election combined to any candidate, and if they did so, could donate only to nine office-seekers before reaching the \$48,600 limit to all federal office-seekers.

Similarly, while Republicans and Democrats in Washington each maintain a national party committee, a Senate campaign committee and a House campaign committee, a donor could give the maximum allowable amount to only two of the three without violating the overall limitation the court discarded.

Now, Mitchell said, "the donors get to choose obviously, but the committees don't have to feel like they're pinching another party's donors."

In all, she described the ruling as "a positive for the parties."

Fred Malek, a veteran Republican fundraiser, said the ruling seems most likely to help individual candidates "and will tend to widen the number of well-financed and competitive races."

The court's ruling also means that donors will be able to give \$10,000 a year to as many state party committees as they want, so-called joint committees, in which a lawmaker can now solicit funds simultaneously for their own campaign, their own political action committee, their party and for an unlimited number of other candidates without donors exceeding the old limits.

APPEAL

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circuit judge ruled Heilman could not use the law as a defense, but a three-judge panel of the 5th District Court of Appeals ruled he could.

While another court has already ruled police cannot invoke the statute because a provision in the law applies to them, the 5th District Court of Appeals ruled this is not the case for correctional officers. And unlike another law that allows prison guards to use force in certain situations, the Stand Your Ground law allows for a criminal case to get dismissed prior to trial. It also offers civil immunity.

"Heilman is entitled to assert the defense pro-

vided..." the court ruling states, returning "this case for further proceedings consistent with this opinion."

The ruling — written by appeals-court Judge Thomas Sawaya and joined by judges William Palmer and Wendy Berger — could be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court. If not, Heilman will get an evidentiary hearing he initially requested to argue he cannot be charged, court documents show.

Handcuffed and shackled, Royster was being transferred from one part of the Clermont prison to another when the altercation took place, the Daily Commercial previously reported. The inmate had to be hospitalized because of his injuries.

Florida Department of

Corrections records say Royster is 5 feet, 9 inches tall and weighed 122 pounds at the time of the incident, while jail records at the time of his arrest listed Heilman at 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weighing 300 pounds. Despite his diminutive size, prison records also said Royster was serving a five-year sentence out of Brevard County for resisting an officer with violence. He served an earlier one-year prison term for aggravated assault.

Royster was transferred to Columbia Correctional Institution in Lake City after the beating incident and was released in September 2012, according to the DOC.

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Area Briefs

LEESBURG

Man accused of attacking, robbing acquaintance

A homeless man has been accused of slashing another man and clubbing him with a metal pipe in an attempt to steal the victim's bicycle and money.

Joshua Stuart Belyea, 38, was arrested Monday on armed robbery and aggravated battery charges and remained in the Lake County Jail Wednesday on no bond.

According to a report from the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the 62-year-old victim said he was in area of Northern Avenue and Bell Road in Leesburg on Sunday between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. He was with a man known to him as Josh, who stays at a nearby homeless camp at County Road 473 and Northern Avenue.

The victim said the suspect demanded his bike and when he refused, Belyea pulled out a knife. When the victim put up his hands to defend himself, he was slashed. The man said Belyea pulled out a metal pipe and struck him in the head, leaving more lacerations on his forehead.

The victim said he was able to get away on his bike but not before Belyea took \$5 from his wallet.

Deputies eventually found Belyea in the homeless camp and the suspect told them that he, the victim and others had been drinking that evening and he denied the charges.

Deputies said they also discovered a knife and metal pipe in Belyea's tent and the victim was able to identify the suspect in a photo lineup.

GROVELAND

Man charged with molesting small child

A 20-year-old Groveland man was arrested Tuesday for allegedly having sex with a child under 12.

Gerardo Moreno-Moreno remained in the Lake County jail Wednesday in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

According to an arrest affidavit, the incident occurred on a couch and came to the attention of the girlfriend of the victim's father after she heard the girl say "stop touching me there."

The victim's father told detectives Moreno admitted to the allegations when confronted. The victim's mother told detectives she once also found the child in the suspect's room with her pants down.

According to the affidavit, Moreno told detectives he inadvertently touched the child when reaching for his cell phone, which she was holding.

TAVARES

Free aquatic plants offered to the public

The Lake County Adopt-a-Lake Program, in conjunction with the Lake County Water Authority, is giving away free aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Hickory Point Recreational Park, 27341 State Road 19, in Tavares.

Available plants included at the event are, canna, lizards tail, bull-rush, pickerel weed, soft rush, arrowhead and iris. Residents will be allowed up to five plants each, while supplies last.

For information, call 352-253-1659.

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TAVARES

Death penalty sought in 'Jane Doe' case

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Sumter County prosecutors announced Wednesday they will seek the death penalty in the "Jane Doe" murder case of a Tavares man who is accused of shooting to death a 57-year-old friend and leaving her body in a wooded area last year as

part of a scheme to cash her pension checks.

No trial date has been set for the capital murder case of Ralph Harold Penrod, 63, who made a pre-trial hearing appearance Wednesday in the Sumter County courthouse for the killing of



PENROD

Mary Jane Weaver. Assistant State Attorney Pete Magrino said the "facts and circumstances of the murder, coupled with the suspect's (criminal) record" led him to seek the death penalty, if Penrod is convicted.

Penrod's record includes

a rape conviction, Magrino added.

Sumter County Sheriff's officials and family members said Weaver and Penrod had known each other since high school. They moved in together in Kentucky as "platonic friends" sometime after Weaver's husband died. Last year,

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CINDY DIAN / SPECIAL TO THE DAILY COMMERCIAL

Connor, Logan and Nate Harper show off the chickens they have been raising for the Lake County Rabbit and Poultry Show on Wednesday.

EUSTIS

Fair animal events teach kids responsibility

CINDY DIAN
Special to The Commercial

Future Farmers of America and 4H club members from all over the county showed up at the Lake County Fair on Wednesday for its Rabbit and Poultry Show.

This youth-only show allows kids ages 5-18 the opportunity to showcase their animals and compete for prizes.

"They get to come and show what projects they have chosen, and (with) a record book of how they have taken care of their animal," Rabbit and Poultry Superintendent Annette Codding said.

Each child learns from their local club the skills needed to raise an animal.

"This is my second year showing rabbits," Eustis sophomore Kelly Purdham said. "It's a lot of fun and has taught me so much about responsibility."

Similarly, Eustis junior Tyler Rice is applying what he has

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LAKE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

TODAY

5 p.m. — Gates open
6 p.m. — Beef breeding show
7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Lee Ann Noel Band

FRIDAY

9-11 a.m. — Goat check-in
Goat Skill-a-Thon
5 p.m. — Gates open
7 p.m. — Goat show and awards
7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Judy Family Band

SATURDAY

8 a.m. to noon — Steer check-in
1 p.m. — Gates open
2:30 p.m. — Poultry show
5 p.m. — Rabbit show
6:30 p.m. — Talent show auditions

SUNDAY

1 p.m. — Gates open
Steer Skill-a-Thon
2 to 3:15 p.m. — Pageant registration
3:30 p.m. — Miss Lake County Fair Royalty Pageant
4 p.m. — Steer manageability parade

MONDAY

9 a.m. — Steer manageability second chance
5 p.m. — Gates open

7 p.m. — Steer show
7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Rainer Berry

TUESDAY

5 p.m. — Gates open
4:30-10 p.m. — Youth plant show project check-in
5:30 p.m. — Steer awards
6:30 p.m. — Poultry layer pen sale
7 p.m. — Steer sale

7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Aaron Taylor

WEDNESDAY

5 p.m. — Gates open
6 p.m. — 4H Share Your Talent show, community stage

APRIL 10

8 a.m. to noon — Swine check-in
Swine Skill-a-Thon
5 p.m. — Gates open
7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Neon Truckers

APRIL 11

5 p.m. — Gates open
7 p.m. — Swine show
7:30, 9:30 p.m. — Neon Truckers

APRIL 12

1 p.m. — Gates open
6 p.m. — Youth plant sale
6:30 p.m. — Swine awards
7 p.m. — Swine sale
7:30 p.m. — Talent show finals
10 to 11 p.m. — Rabbit, poultry check-out

CLERMONT

Pair plead guilty to tax fraud

Staff Report

A Clermont couple has pleaded guilty to tax fraud for trying to conceal income from the Internal Revenue Service because of child support action, authorities said.

Scarlet and Steven M. Veres III, who used to run a Coral Springs-based company called Superior Contracting Inc., each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. They face up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000, the United States Attorney's Office for the South-

ern District of Florida stated in a press release.

In 2005, Superior Contracting Inc. received millions of dollars from contracts to repair hurricane damaged condominiums in St. Lucie County, the release from U.S. Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer and Acting IRS Agent in Charge Jose A. Gonzalez stated. Steven was a contractor and Scarlett was in charge of the company's books.

In 2007, Steven petitioned for a downward modification of his child support to a former spouse he divorced in 2003, two years before

he married Scarlet, Ferrer stated earlier. In support of that action, Steven reportedly provided copies of his delinquent personal and corporation income tax returns, which were subsequently filed with the IRS.

"In order to conceal their diversion of corporate funds, the defendants falsified the profit and loss statement of Superior Contracting Inc. by characterizing personal expenses, including the purchase of property in Parkland, the construction

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The fee cuts will take effect Sept. 1, two months into the state's new fiscal year.

The bill signing was surrounded by the politics of an election year.

Some Democratic House members, who supported the bill, noted they were not invited to attend the signing ceremony in the Cabinet meeting room. The Florida Democratic Party called the event "shameless grandstanding" by Scott.

The Republican-dominated Legislature approved the fee increases in 2009 as the state grappled with a budget shortfall that stemmed from the economic recession.

Other increases in 2009 included a hike in

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TRIAL

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the couple was in the middle of moving to Tavares — where Penrod has family members — when Weaver went missing.

Officials believe Penrod had just gotten off the interstate in Wildwood when he decided to leave her body in a wooded area behind Wendy's on State Road 44. That's where a man looking for his lost wallet discovered the body on April 22 of last year.

The body, which was estimated to be in the wooded area for three weeks, was so decomposed, it took a professor of anthropology from the University of South Florida to put together a composite sketch from the remains in an effort to help identify the victim. Detectives called the victim "Jane Doe" because they only had a tattoo of "Jane" on her left shoulder to go on. The sketch of "Jane Doe" came into the hands of Kentucky State Police. Officials there noticed the sketch resembled Weaver — and officials eventually linked the murder to Penrod.

Sheriff's officials said they believe Penrod killed Weaver over her dead husband's pension checks that she was receiving, and Penrod continued to receive, until his arrest in January.

He remains in the Sumter County jail on no bond.

LEESBURG

Venetian Gardens clean-up planned

Staff Report

The city of Leesburg and the Lake County Water Authority are teaming up to provide a way to help clean up litter at Venetian Gardens as part of the annual Love Our Lakes program.

Volunteers are invited to bring a canoe or kayak to the event from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday, April 17. Watercraft also can be reserved through the Water Authority, according to a press release from Robert Sargent, city spokesman.

Teams will paddle along the northwest shore of Lake Harris to collect litter and discarded items floating around the 64-acre Venetian Gardens waterfront

park. Collection supplies will be provided.

Participants will receive refreshments and T-shirts.

Volunteers will meet at the Leesburg Community Building parking lot on Dozier Circle. For directions and to reserve a spot, contact the Water Authority at 352-343-3777, extension 0. Reservations must be made by April 11.

Venetian Gardens — originally created in the 1930s — is at 201 E. Dixie Ave. The historic park features canals surrounding six islands, Pat Thomas Stadium, the Leesburg Community Center, the Leesburg Boating Club, Venetian Cove Marina and Ski Beach.

FAIR

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learned in his three years of raising rabbits to other life situations.

"In general, it teaches you not to procrastinate in any situation," he said. "You have to put everything you have into everything you do."

Fair superintendent and 4H leader Debbie Hayes ap-

preciates what shows like these do for Lake County youth.

"It teaches them leadership and life skills that they would not normally learn if they weren't a part of our club," she said.

For some, raising and showing animals is a family event. Harper family brothers Connor, 10, Logan, 8 and Nate, 6, of Fruitland Park have been raising poultry for as long as they can remember.

"I've been raising

all different kinds of chickens my whole life," Connor said.

"We are homeschooled so we get to compete through our 4H Club, Southern Traditions. I like to win awards and test my knowledge with showmanship."

His two younger brothers also compete with him in the poultry division.

The fair continues through April 12 at the fairgrounds at the intersection of County Roads 44 and 452.

LEGISLATION

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late-payment fees on driver's license renewals, from \$1 to \$15. Also, the cost of an original driver's license went from \$27 to \$48, first-time registrations of cars went from \$100 to \$225, and cigarette taxes were increased by \$1 a pack.

Asked why only one of the 2009 increases was targeted for repeal, Scott responded that "there was a lot of opportunities, this was the most important one this year."

In other legislative action:

WEATHERFORD SPEAKS OUT ON PENSION DISCUSSIONS: House Speaker Will Weatherford, R-Wesley Chapel, said Wednesday that discussions about the future of the pension plan for public employees have begun to focus on a Senate bill that likely would have passed the upper chamber last year. That measure would fall far short of Weatherford's goal of closing the traditional, "defined benefit" pension plan to most new workers, a non-starter for a bloc of

moderate Republicans who sunk a similar idea in 2013. "I believe we can get a pension bill done this year that could save tens of billions of dollars for Floridians," Weatherford told reporters Wednesday. The speaker, who refused to pass the Senate bill last year, admitted on Wednesday that he was scaling back his goals because of political reality, but said the changes would still save taxpayers.

CONSERVATIVE GROUP SEEKS TO DEFEND MARRIAGE LAW: A group that led efforts to pass a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage in Florida is seeking to intervene in two federal lawsuits that contend the rights of same-sex couples are being violated. Florida Family Action Inc. filed motions Wednesday seeking to help defend the same-sex marriage ban. Federal lawsuits were filed Feb. 28 and March 12 in Tallahassee arguing, at least in part, that Florida is violating the

rights of same-sex couples married legally in other states or Canada. The lawsuits point to same-sex couples being treated differently from heterosexual couples on issues such as state retirement benefits and inheritance rights when a spouse dies without a will.

STATE WANTS FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM EXTENDED: The state Agency for Health Care Administration this week asked the federal government to approve a three-year extension of a program that provides family planning services to low- and moderate-income women. The program operates under what is known as a Medicaid waiver, which is scheduled to expire Dec. 31. The program provides services such as physical exams, pregnancy tests and birth-control supplies. It is open to women who have incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level and who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

IN MEMORY

OBITUARIES

Ella Mae Harris

Funeral Services for Ella Mae Harris, age 72, of Mount Dora, FL, who passed away on Friday March 28, 2014, will be held Saturday April 5, 2014, 11:00 A.M. at Greater Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church, 6009 Terrell Road Tangerine, FL. Reverend G. Christopher Clark, Pastor. Interment will follow in the Tangerine-Zellwood Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday April 4, 2014 from 6-8 P.M. at the Church. Ella was a retired Secretary for the Lake County Public School System. She is survived by her husband: Jack S. Harris, Sr.; children: Glenda Harris, Jack Harris, Jr. (Angela), and Sheri Rocker (Albert), a host of grandchildren, family members and sorrowing friends. Marvin C. Zanders Funeral Home, Inc. 232 W. Michael Gladden Blvd. Apopka, Florida. (407) 886-3388 www.zandersfuneralhome.com.



HARRIS

Ollie Marshall 65, passed away April 27 2014. She leaves to cherish her memory, children: Fatima Brown, Wynn Patterson, Gwen Taylor, Alonzo Monroe, Benny Marshall (deceased), Eric and Edward Marshall, Richard Taylor Jr. (deceased). 13 Grandchildren, 5 Great Grandchild. Siblings Betty Williams, Patricia Wright (deceased) Vanessa Duncan, Clementine Oliver, Andre, Joseph, Calvin, and Maxine Monroe. A host of other family and friends. Services will be held Saturday April 5 at 1100 am at Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Eustis FL. Wake: Friday 6-8 pm. Mt Zion Primitive Baptist church. Elder Jerold Blue Pastor. Services entrusted to Snow's Funeral Ministry "Providing a memory that will never fade"

Ollie Marshall

Jack Stevens O'Dell, 88, of Wildwood passed away Tuesday, April 1, 2014. Mr. O'Dell was born in Oxford on September 21, 1925 to Will Milton and Margaret (Stevens) O'Dell. He has lived here his entire life other than when he served in the U.S. Army during WWII with the Medic Corp. He was a cattleman and belonged to the Florida Cattleman's Association, the American Legion and the Gator Boosters. He attended the First Baptist Church of Oxford and enjoyed watching over his cows, bird hunting, going to Gator games, be-

Jack Stevens O'Dell

ing with his family and swapping stories over coffee at Hardees. Survivors include his son, Jody of Lady Lake; 4 nephews and 3 nieces, Jimmy O'Dell of Gainesville, Stephen O'Dell of Wildwood, Glenna Taylor of Pensacola, Tasha Buford of Tallahassee, Pam McCutcheon of Athens, GA, Craig O'Dell of Beverly Hills and Milton O'Dell of Marianna; 8 great nieces, 5 great nephews, 5 great-great nieces and 2 great-great nephews. Jack was preceded in death by his wife, Martha in 1988. Visitation for Jack will be 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Friday, April 4, 2014 in the Banks/Page-Theus Chapel. Funeral services will be held 11:00am, Saturday, April 5, 2014 in the Oxford Assembly of God Church with interment following in Pine Level Cemetery. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

Charlotte Baker Sabatino
Mrs. Charlotte Baker Sabatino, age 82 of Fairfax, VA passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, March 27, 2014 surrounded by her adoring family. Charlotte is survived by her devoted husband of 46 years, James A. Sabatino, Sr. seven loving children, Sharon Sabatino Noah, James Anthony Sabatino, Jr., Michael Wilds, Michael Sabatino, Larry Baker Wilds (Robin), Bruce Wilds (Vicky), and Anne Marie Elliot (James); fifteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Two sisters, Carolyn Moore and June Beaumont (Pensrose), and one brother, Carleton Baker (Dorothy Mae) of Wildwood, FL; and 21 nieces and nephews. Friends may call Friday, April 4, 2014 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Everly Funeral Home, 10565 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Funeral Services will be held Saturday, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Fairfax Presbyterian Church, 10723 Main Street, Fairfax, VA 22030. Interment will follow in the Fairfax City Cemetery. If desired, Memorial donations in Charlotte's name may be made to the Historic Baker House Project. Donations will support restoration of the home and may be made by going to www.bakerhouseproject.com. Please visit Everly Funeral Homes obituaries online at www.everlyfuneralhomefairfax.com to sign the online register book and leave a condolence.

Charlotte Baker Sabatino

Donald Edward Raber
Donald Edward Raber, 93, of Leesburg, died Monday, March 31, 2014. Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Leesburg.

Donald Edward Raber

DEATH NOTICES

Donald Edward Raber

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Green light? Another poll shows Drug War policies rejected

KRISTEN WYATT
Associated Press

DENVER — Three-fourths of Americans say it's inevitable that marijuana will be legal for recreational use across the nation, whether they support such policies or not, according to a public opinion poll released Wednesday that highlights shifting in attitudes following an era of drug war and "tough on crime" legislation.

The Pew Research Center survey also shows increased support for ending mandatory minimum prison sentences for non-violent drug offenders and doing away altogether with jail time for small amounts of marijuana.

The opinions come as public debate on these topics has led lawmakers around the nation to consider policy changes.

Since California became the first state to legalize medical marijuana in 1996, at least 19 others, and the District of Columbia, have followed suit, including two that have approved recreational use. More than a dozen state legislatures considered legalization measures this year.

Meanwhile, critics and political leaders, both liberal and conservative, have clamored for an end to harsh drug sentences, saying mandatory minimums have contributed to prison overcrowding, civil rights violations and strained budgets. U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder has been pushing Congress to overhaul drug sentencing policies.

The telephone survey found that 75 percent of respondents — including majorities of both supporters and opponents of legal marijuana — think that the sale and use of pot eventually will be legal nationwide.

It was the first time that question had been asked, but it reflects a



A worker processes marijuana in the trimming room at the Medicine Man dispensary and grow operation in northeast Denver.

gradual trend of acceptance.

The survey indicates that four years ago, 52 percent of respondents said they thought the use of marijuana should not be legal, while 41 percent said it should. The new poll shows a reversal with 54 percent in favor of legalization and 42 percent opposed. It marked a turning point in a gap that has been shrinking fairly steadily since 1969, the earliest data available, when 84 percent said pot should be illegal, and only 12 percent thought otherwise.

"Pot just doesn't seem as bad," said Gregory Carlson, a 52-year-old landscaper from Denver who did not participate in the Pew survey.

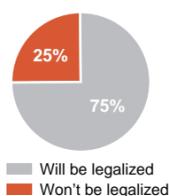
"You don't see anything about someone smoking a joint and then driving the wrong way into a school bus," Carlson said. With a chuckle, he added Wednesday, "They just drive slower."

The survey also highlighted a dramatic shift in attitudes on drug conviction penalties.

The survey was about evenly divided in 2001 on whether it was good or bad for states to move

Legalizing pot

A Pew Research Center survey finds that 75 percent of respondents think that the sale of and use marijuana will eventually be legal across the nation, whether they like it or not:



*The poll of 1,821 adults was conducted Feb. 14-23 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.6 percentage points.

SOURCE: Pew Research Center AP

away from mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenders. Today, poll respondents favored moving away from such policies by a nearly 2-to-1 margin, or 63 percent to 32 percent.

Respondents said by margin greater than 3-to-1 that people who use small amounts of pot shouldn't go to jail.

"Even people who don't favor the legalization of marijuana think the possession of small amounts shouldn't result in jail time," said Carroll Doherty, Pew's Director of Political Research.

The nation thought differently a genera-

tion ago.

Congress passed the Anti-Drug Abuse Act to set mandatory minimum sentences for federal drug crimes that could end up in life sentences for repeat offenders.

Years later, many states reported prisons bursting at the seams, prompting public officials started abandoning "lock 'em up" drug policies in the 1990s. The trend has since accelerated.

Last month, Holder testified in support of proposed sentence reductions in an effort to reserve the "the harshest penalties for the most serious drug offenders."

Such plans, including one drafted by Kentucky Republican Sen. Rand Paul, that would give judges wider discretion in sentencing have picked up support from both Republicans and Democrats.

The poll suggested that despite shifting attitudes on legalization, the public remains concerned about drug abuse, with 32 percent of those surveyed calling it a crisis and 55 percent of respondents viewing it as a serious problem.

Panel Oks bill to allow guns in Florida schools

KAREEM COPELAND
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — The debate whether safety is worth the risk of having more guns on school campuses took center stage in a Florida House committee, which approved a bill Wednesday that would allow trained officials to carry weapons in schools.

This issue has been argued nationwide since school shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut, Virginia Tech University, Columbine High School in Colorado and others. One side believes armed officials are better equipped to handle an emergency situation. The other argues that more guns in schools only increase the odds of something happening.

The bill approved 8-4 by House Justice Appropriations committee is sponsored by Greg Steube, a Republican from Sarasota. It gives schools the option to appoint former or current law enforcement officers and former or current military officers with state-legislated training to carry firearms on campus.

They would be required to go through 40 hours of school-safety training and eight hours of active-shooter training each year. They also would need four hours of firearm qualification annually.

They'd be required to have a carry-and-conceal permit. Local school boards or prin-

cipals would make the appointments. Next up for the House bill is the Judiciary Committee.

Steube argued that school-shooting incidents such as Sandy Hook take place in a matter of minutes that is less than many average police response times. A trained, armed official on the property could save lives before police arrive.

"I think the schools themselves would appreciate knowing that somebody highly trained was there," Rep. Charles Van Zant, R-Palatka, said, "so that some idiot that brought a gun to school with the intention of killing people could be stopped at a far sooner place than calling law enforcement, which might take a good long time to get there."

Representatives for the Florida School Board Association and Parent Teacher Association opposed the bill. The PTA would rather have further investment in school resource officers and intervention programs.

"FSBA believes that only highly trained professional law enforcement officers can be entrusted with weaponry on our school grounds," said school board representative Ruth Melton.

Some opponents preferred preventative measures instead of allowing more firearms. There was also concern with having volunteers in these positions regardless of their training.

FRAUD FROM PAGE A3

of their personal residence on the Parkland property, the purchase of a residence in Osceola County, and a \$550,000 personal real estate investment as business expenses," the press release stated. "The defendants further falsified the profit and loss statement by claiming that a \$400,000 personal real estate investment was a repayment of a fictitious loan previously made to Superior Construction Inc."

It was reported earlier the couple claimed to have an "adjusted gross income of a negative amount, yet the defendants had expenditures for real property, personal home construction and improvements, vehicles, investments, and jewelry in that same year totaling at least \$1.5 million."

Both defendants initially were charged with conspiracy to defraud the IRS and with willfully filing false tax returns. Steven also was charged with aiding and assisting in the preparation

of a false tax return.

Pursuant to their plea agreements, the defendants agreed to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$600,000.

According to state incorporation records, Steven is listed as registered agent and president of Superior Contracting Inc., 2630 Shady

Oak Place in Groveland. Although there are no property records in his name, Scarlet is listed as the owner of a vacant lot valued at \$32,470 at that address, according to the Lake County Property Appraiser's Office.

She also is listed as the owner of a four-bedroom, three-bathroom

house with a swimming pool at 2706 Valiant Drive in Clermont. State incorporation records list Scarlet as president of Inspiring U Inc. and Veres & Associates at the Valiant Drive address, which is a house and lot valued at \$218,910 by the Property Appraiser's Office.

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Imprisoned spy may be key for Kerry on peace talks

JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In an improbable twist, the fate of an imprisoned American who spied for Israel could now play a big role in rescuing Middle East peace negotiations after a dramatic Palestinian rebuff to Secretary of State John Kerry.

With Kerry's efforts in tatters, a three-way deal that includes the United States releasing Jonathan Pollard could provide incentives for Israel and the Palestinians to break the deadlock and extend the talks.

But critics say the sudden focus on Pollard has turned attention away from the real issues that need to be addressed to end decades of conflict. And it may have raised the Palestinians' asking price: They realize that with Israel so eager to free Pollard, they may be able to hold out for broader Israeli concessions.

Palestinian officials, for instance, say they have discussed the possi-

bility of seeking the release of the top Palestinian prisoner held by Israel, Marwan Barghouti, as part of any arrangement involving Pollard. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose internal deliberations, said they have to date been hesitant to raise the issue in connection with Pollard for fear of being seen as meddling in internal American affairs.

Negotiations on a peace deal hit a major snag late Tuesday when Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas abruptly renewed a campaign for recognition of the "state of Palestine" in international bodies.

Abbas had promised to suspend the campaign when peace talks resumed in July but angrily reversed course after Israel failed to carry out a promised prisoner release. The move forced Kerry to cancel a planned trip back to the region and threatened to derail the talks completely.



CRISTIAN VIVERO / AP

Fishing boats washed ashore by a small tsunami, sit in Caleta Riquelme, next to the port, in the northern town of Iquique, Chile,

Chile's M8.2 quake causes little damage, death

LUIS ANDRES HENAO
and LUIS HIDALGO
Associated Press

IQUIQUE, Chile — Hard-won expertise and a big dose of luck helped Chile escape its latest magnitude-8.2 earthquake with surprisingly little damage and death.

The country that suffers some of the world's most powerful quakes has strict building codes, mandatory evacuations and emergency preparedness that sets a global example. But Chileans weren't satisfied Wednesday, finding much room for improvement. And experts warn that a "seismic gap" has left northern Chile overdue for a far bigger quake.

Authorities on Wednesday discovered just six reported deaths from the previous night's quake. It's possible that other people were killed in older structures made of adobe in remote communities that weren't immediately accessible, but it's still a very low toll for such a powerful shift in the undersea fault that runs along the length of South America's Pacific coast.

"How much is it luck? How much is it science? How much is it preparedness? It is a combination of all of the above. I think what we just saw here is pure luck. Mostly, it is luck that the tsunami was not bigger and that it hit a fairly isolated area of Chile," said

Costas Synolakis, an engineer who directs the Tsunami Research Center at the University of Southern California.

Chile is one of the world's most seismic countries and is particularly prone to tsunamis, because of the way the Nazca tectonic plate plunges beneath the South American plate, pushing the towering Andes cordillera ever higher.

About 2,500 homes were damaged in Alto Hospicio, a poor neighborhood in the hills above Iquique, a city of nearly 200,000 people whose coastal residents joined a mandatory evacuation ahead of a tsunami that rose to only 8 feet. Iquique's fishermen poked through the aftermath: sunken and damaged boats that could cost millions of dollars to repair and replace.

Still, as President Michelle Bachelet deployed hundreds of anti-riot police and soldiers to prevent looting and round up escaped prisoners, it was clear that the loss of life and property could have been much worse.

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Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev attends a wreath laying ceremony as Russian Marines with Russian national and Russian Navy flags march in front of him in Sevastopol, Crimea.

18 countries ratify UN Arms Trade Treaty

EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Eighteen countries, including five of the world's leading arms exporters, ratified a landmark treaty regulating the multibillion-dollar global arms trade on Wednesday, giving a significant boost to the campaign for the treaty's entry into force.

The ambassadors of the 18 countries handed over the documents at a U.N. ceremony on the first anniversary of the General Assembly's adoption of the Arms Trade Treaty, which is aimed at stemming the global illegal weapons trade, estimated at between \$60 billion and \$85 billion. The new ratifications bring the total number to 31, more than half of the 50 needed for the pact to enter into force.

Five of the world's top 10 arms exporters — Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain — turned in their ratification documents at the ceremony. Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Malta, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia were the others.

U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson urged all 193 U.N. member states to sign and ratify it without delay.

"Every day, we witness the human cost of the irresponsible transfer of weapons," Eliasson said. "Civilians are still being killed, maimed, or driven from their homelands because weapons and ammunition remain in the hands of warlords, terrorists, human rights abusers and organized criminal gangs."

The 17 European Union members who ratified the treaty on Wednesday issued a joint statement said that by regulating the international arms trade "nations demonstrate their common responsibility to save lives, reduce human suffering and make the world a safer place for all."

They pledged to "spare no efforts

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to achieve the treaty's early entry into force and to campaign for universal adherence.

To date, 118 countries have signed the treaty including the United States, but ratification by the U.S. Senate will be difficult because a two-thirds majority is required and there is strong opposition from the powerful National Rifle Association.

The treaty will require countries that ratify it to establish national regulations to control the transfer of conventional arms and components and to regulate arms brokers, but it will not control the domestic use of weapons in any country.

It will prohibit the transfer of conventional weapons if they violate arms embargoes or if they promote acts of genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes, and if they could be used in attacks on civilians or civilian buildings such as schools and hospitals.

Anna Macdonald, co-chair of the Control Arms Coalition, which includes hundreds of non-governmental organizations in over 100 countries that promoted the Arms Trade Treaty, said the most powerful argument for its speedy entry into force is "the call of the millions who have suffered from armed violence around the world."

Nowhere is an effective treaty more desperately needed than in the Syrian conflict, which has been fueled by transfers of arms and ammunition from outside parties, she said at the ratification ceremony.

She also cautioned that ratifying the treaty will not be enough because the key is to end "business as usual."

Yanukovich admits mistakes on Crimea

CARO KRIEL
and VLADIMIR ISACHENKO
Associated Press



YANUKOVYCH

ROSTOV-ON-DON, Russia — Defensive and at times tearful, Ukraine's ousted president conceded Wednesday that he made a mistake when he invited Russian troops into Crimea and vowed to try to negotiate with Vladimir Putin to get the coveted Black Sea peninsula back.

"Crimea is a tragedy, a major tragedy," Viktor Yanukovich told The Associated Press in his first interview since fleeing to Russia in February, following monthslong protests focused on corruption and his decision to seek closer ties to Russia instead of the European Union.

Putin said last month that Yanukovich had asked Russia to send its troops to Crimea to protect its people — a request seen as treason by many Ukrainians. Russian troops quickly overran Crimea, which has an ethnic Russian majority, taking over government and military facilities on the pretext of protecting Russians.

Asked about the move, Yanukovich said he made a mistake.

"I was wrong," he told the AP and Russia's state NTV television, speaking in Russian. "I acted on my emotions."

Still, Yanukovich insisted that Russia's takeover of Crimea wouldn't have happened if he had stayed in power. He also denied responsibility for the sniper deaths of about 80 protesters in Kiev in February, for which he has been charged by Ukraine's interim government.

As the world has watched the tumultuous events in Ukraine,

the 63-year-old Yanukovich has rarely been seen, even as he has insisted he is still the country's true leader. While Putin has been openly dismissive of Yanukovich, the Russian president has also described him as the legitimate leader and his ouster as illegal.

Yanukovich said he has spoken with Putin only twice by phone and once in person since he arrived in Russia, describing their talks as "difficult." He said he hopes to have more meetings with the Russian leader to negotiate Crimea's return to Ukraine.

"We must search for ways ... so that Crimea may have the maximum degree of independence possible ... but be part of Ukraine," he said.

Russia annexed Crimea last month following a hastily called referendum held two weeks after Russian troops took control of the region. Ukraine and the West have rejected the vote and the annexation as illegal.

Yanukovich's comments on the Black Sea peninsula appeared to represent an attempt to shore up at least some support in his homeland, where even his backers have deserted him.

While there is no expectation that Russia will roll back its annexation, Yanukovich's statements could widen Putin's options in talks on settling the Ukrainian crisis by creating an impression that Moscow could be open for discussions on Crimea's status in the future.

Echoing the Kremlin's

position, Yanukovich said the Crimean referendum, in which residents overwhelmingly voted to join Russia, was a response to threats posed by radical nationalists in Ukraine.

However, he did not answer several questions about whether he would support a move by Russia, which has deployed tens of thousands of troops near the Ukrainian border, to move into other areas of the country on the pretext of protecting ethnic Russians.

Yanukovich echoed the key Kremlin demand for settling the Ukrainian crisis, pushing for a referendum that could turn Ukraine into a loosely knit federation. He said such a vote should be followed by constitutional reform, and only after that should Ukraine have a national election.

The interim government in Kiev has scheduled a presidential election for May 25.

Yanukovich has now lost the Ukrainian presidency twice in the past decade. In 2004, his presidential win was thrown out after the Orange Revolution protests caused the fraudulent election to be annulled.

Born in the Donetsk coal-mining region of eastern Ukraine, Yanukovich worked at a metal plant before becoming an industrial manager and rising through the ranks to become a local governor and then prime minister, the country's second-most powerful job at the time. His critics note his criminal record for assault and robbery during his youth and say he lacks a proper education to qualify for running the country.

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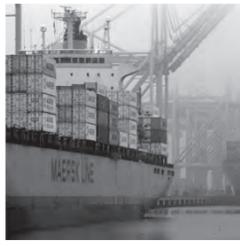
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Trade gap watch

The Commerce Department reports its latest figures on the nation's trade deficit today.

Economists predict the U.S. trade gap essentially held steady in February after increasing 0.3 percent to \$39.1 billion in January. That increase came about as increased imports of oil and other goods offset a solid gain in exports. A higher trade gap acts as a drag on economic growth.



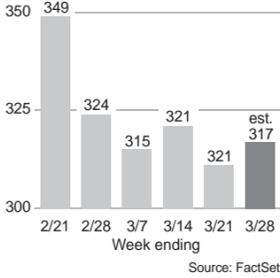
Job market bellwether

Applications for unemployment benefits have been declining in recent weeks.

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits sank two weeks ago to the lowest level since late November, a hopeful sign that hiring could pick up. The Labor Department reports today its figures for the number of unemployment benefits claims made last week. Economists predict jobless claims increased from a week earlier.

Initial unemployment claims

seasonally adjusted, in thousands



Back in the black?

Wall Street expects that Micron Technology reversed a prior-year loss in its fiscal second quarter.

The chipmaker, due to report financial results today, has enjoyed strong revenue gains since acquiring semiconductor maker Elpida Memory last summer. In the quarter ended Nov. 28, Micron's revenue jumped more than twofold to \$4.04 billion, largely due to the acquisition. Did the strength carry over to the latest quarter?



Stocks Recap

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New Lows	1

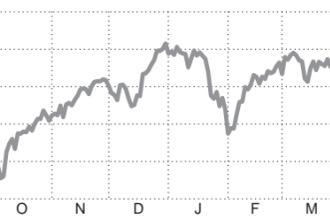
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Close: 1,890.90
Change: 5.38 (0.3%)



Dow Jones industrials

Close: 16,573.00
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HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	
DOW	16588.19	16506.60	16573.00	+40.39	+0.24%	-0.02%
DOW Trans.	7714.77	7643.50	7695.51	+50.40	+0.66%	+3.99%
DOW Util.	529.58	525.75	527.80	-1.11	-0.21%	+7.59%
NYSE Comp.	10626.90	10572.42	10616.87	+32.56	+0.31%	+2.08%
NASDAQ	4266.09	4258.86	4276.46	+8.42	+0.20%	+2.39%
S&P 500	1893.17	1883.79	1890.90	+5.38	+0.29%	+2.30%
S&P 400	1395.66	1389.44	1394.66	+4.06	+0.29%	+3.88%
Wilshire 5000	20242.36	20159.30	20222.37	+52.13	+0.26%	+2.62%
Russell 2000	1192.91	1187.52	1192.81	+4.11	+0.35%	+2.51%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	31.74	31.00	35.37	+28	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	+0.6	-0.9	11	1.84
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	77.98	129.99	126.86	-39	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+14.6	+54.8	23	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	63.43	94.35	90.40	-54	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.4	+36.9	19	1.04f
AutoNation Inc	AN	40.30	54.80	54.90	+21	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	+10.5	+25.9	18	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	27.76	35.13	31.15	+10	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.8	-1.2	21	0.40
CocaCola Co	KO	36.83	43.43	38.33	-08	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-7.2	-2.2	20	1.22f
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	38.75	55.28	50.90	+97	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	-2.0	+22.6	20	0.90f
Darden Rest	DRCA	44.78	55.25	52.09	+61	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-4.2	+5.4	21	2.20
Disney	DIS	56.15	83.65	81.67	+10	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.9	+45.4	22	0.86f
Gen Electric	GE	21.11	28.09	26.04	+17	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	+7.1	+15.6	19	0.88
General Mills	GIS	46.18	53.07	51.62	-16	-0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.4	+9.4	19	1.64f
Harris Corp	HRS	41.08	75.33	74.87	+105	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	+7.2	+63.9	20	1.68f
Home Depot	HD	69.51	83.20	79.95	+57	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	-2.9	+16.3	21	1.88f
IBM	IBM	172.19	214.89	193.55	-95	-0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.2	-6.6	13	3.80
Lowes Cos	LOW	37.09	52.08	49.52	+09	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.1	+33.6	23	0.72
NY Times	NYT	8.71	17.37	17.00	-26	-1.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	+7.1	+82.7	43	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	74.78	96.13	94.04	-82	-0.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.8	+25.9	22	2.90f
PepsiCo	PEP	77.01	87.06	82.73	-15	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	-0.3	+7.6	19	2.27
Suntrust Bks	STI	26.97	41.26	40.38	+11	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	▲	+9.7	+43.8	15	0.80f
TECO Energy	TE	16.12	19.22	17.06	+02	+0.1	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.0	+0.8	18	0.88
WalMart Strs	WMT	71.51	81.37	77.18	+41	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	-1.9	+4.3	16	1.92f
Xerox Corp	XRX	8.11	12.65	11.50	+06	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	▲	-5.5	+35.8	12	0.25f

New York Stock Exchange

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ABB Ltd	78e	26.08	+01	BlackRock	7.72f	318.55	+1.66	ForestOil	1.91	-0.03		Polish	1.40	34.91	-41
ACE Ltd	2.26e	98.82	-26	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Fortress	3.21	7.71	+17	PstIDB	25.74	-06	
ADT Corp	30	31.98	-92	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	FBMSec	48f	42.48	-05	PS Agr	25.74	-06	
AES Corp	20	14.25	-06	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Francos	80f	46.70	+13	PSBNet	16.72	+02	
AFLAC	1.48	63.46	+14	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	FrankRes	48	55.00	+58	Schlbrng	1.60f	97.69	-27
AGCO	44	56.26	+50	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	FMC	1.25a	33.32	-40	SchwUSG	80e	45.20	+13
AGL Steel	1.96f	48.83	+06	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	FreeScale	...	42.92	-25	SchWCap	53e	39.12	+14
AK Steel	...	7.28	-08	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Frontline	...	10.70	...	SchwM	70e	31.74	+04
AOL	...	44.02	-27	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Fusion-io	...	10.70	...	SchwP	24	27.90	+45
A10 Nwks n	...	14.70	-52	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	GNC	64f	46.26	+58	SchwS	31e	31.74	+04
Air Opteron	...	3.63	+01	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Garisa SA	0.7e	3.37	+20	SchwT	70e	51.74	+04
AVX Cp	38f	13.98	+78	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Gallegor	1.44f	48.21	+32	SchwV	31e	31.74	+04
Axon	08	31.08	+67	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	GameStop	1.32f	43.37	+79	SchwW	70e	31.74	+04
AbbottLab	88f	38.58	+11	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Gannett	80	28.07	+05	SchwX	24	27.90	+45
AbbVie	1.68f	53.34	+124	Blackstone	3.74	12.25	-01	Gap	88f	41.89	+91	SchwY	31e	31.74	+04
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After ruling on Northwestern, college sports unions in play

Images of college football players on the picket line instead of the line of scrimmage are way ahead of events, but NCAA officials might be shocked how the issues resonate with fans.

A ruling last week by a regional director of the National Labor Relations Board said Northwestern University football players on scholarships should be allowed to vote to unionize. They are university employees.

As a practical matter, any final decision is a long way off. The regional action goes to the NLRB board in Washington. Next is a lengthy path of legal appeals that could end in the U.S. Supreme Court.

The ruling, which would apply only to private schools, said football players sign contracts that define benefits, dictate their schedules and subject them to arbitrary dismissal for all manner of reasons.

Former Northwestern quarterback Kain Colter led the unionization effort, backed by the College Athletes Players Association, affiliated with the National College Players Association, and with money for lawyers from The United Steelworkers. Colter and others want extended medical coverage for former players with sports-related injuries, more attention paid to concussions, and financial aid for former athletes to finish school.

All this is more than a little awkward for the National Collegiate Athletic Association, and affiliated schools, which share in spectacular revenues from football and basketball contracts. Coaches earn sums that would impress Wall Street. At the very least, why not take care of the athletes who put their skills and health at risk to provide those spectacular returns?

Billion-dollar broadcast contracts and lucrative merchandising promotions fueled by so-called student athletes are a bit of sham. A lawsuit in California is looking at the uncompensated use of an athlete's image in successful video games and other products.

A few years ago, the NCAA flirted with the idea of a stipend, but that went nowhere. Pay for play is not the immediate issue, but rather basic health and education fairness. For public colleges and universities, the union question would go through state agencies and panels.

The Northwestern ruling suddenly raises more questions than it initially answers. What about college sports that are subsidized by football and basketball, and where do Title IX equity issues for women athletes factor into the discussion?

The NCAA ignored long-standing concerns, and will now deal with the consequences.

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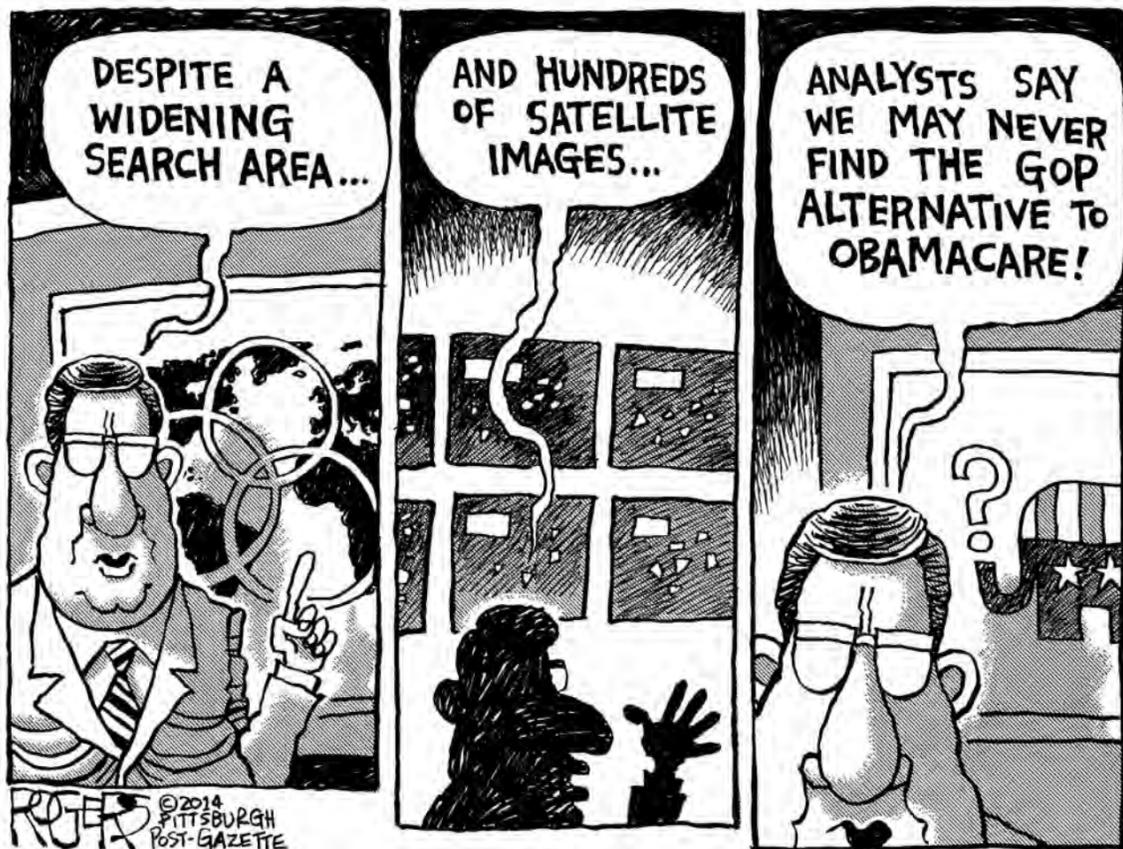
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Strong rape laws are necessary and should be independently enforced

Sexual assaults are ubiquitous; they happen in every environment. But for all the talk about changing sexist cultures, it will take real justice, served free from interference by people with a vested interest, to deter them.

That is especially difficult to get when the perpetrator is someone admired and respected by virtue of his position.

Two weeks after a bipartisan effort in the U.S. Senate failed to remove the military chain of command from prosecuting sexual assaults, an Army brigadier general charged with sexual assault got a reprieve. He was to be court martialed on charges of sexually assaulting a young female captain who worked for him and threatening to kill her and her family if she talked. But Jeffrey A. Sinclair was permitted to bargain down the charges brought by the woman, with whom he had had a three-year extramarital affair, to nonviolent ones. So instead of the life in prison he could have received, he will see no jail time, just pay \$20,000 and be reprimanded. Not even a demotion in rank, or placement on the sex-offender registry.

The 51-year-old veteran of 27 years in the armed forces pleaded guilty, among other things, to adultery, mistreating the woman, having inappropriate relationships with two other female officers, obstructing an investigation by deleting sexually explicit emails, pressuring two officers for nude photos of themselves and possessing pornography in a war zone and other noncriminal offenses. The military prosecutors didn't even request prison time.

Vesting the authority for deciding what happens to a sexual-assault complaint in someone who is part of the same military unit makes it hard for bias not to seep



Rekha Basu

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Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., who introduced the Military Justice Improvement Act, said the Sinclair case illustrates the need for independence to mitigate "undue command influence that we have seen in many trials over the last year."

Her bill fell five votes short. It would have removed the military chain of command from referring sexual assault cases for prosecution and would have given that charge to independent military attorneys.

The bill was opposed by military and senators with military constituents, including Democrats Carl Levin of Michigan and Claire McCaskill of Missouri. It was backed by Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell and Sens. Ted Cruz and Rand Paul.

As this debate has been playing out in America, a much publicized civilian sexual assault case

in India illustrates the complexity of changing attitudes along with laws. After a notorious 2012 gang rape that claimed the life of the victim, a young physiotherapist, India's Parliament responded to widespread protests of rapes and lax responses by police and prosecutors, and toughened the laws.

However, when the first public figure to be subject to its terms was the respected former editor-in-chief of an investigative political journal, some people changed their tune. Tarun Tejpal, the former editor of Tehelka, has been held for five months without bail on charges of twice sexually assaulting a young female reporter in an elevator during a Think Festival the journal was holding. The woman was assigned to be a guide for actor Robert DeNiro.

Under the new Indian law, rape is a non-bailable offense and is defined to include non-penile penetration, of the sort Tejpal is accused of committing or attempting to commit. Although he eventually admitted and apologized to the woman in an email, some people in professional circles who admire his no-holds-barred journalism are dismayed at his treatment. Some who denounced sexual violence before now blame the victim, or political vendettas by prosecutors, or claim the law goes too far.

Such responses are also ubiquitous. It's one thing to get tough on the deranged stranger, but judgments can get clouded and excuses found when the accused is "one of us," a fellow member of the military or press or a political ally. That's why we need strong rape laws and independent people to enforce them. Nothing less will make a dent.

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NATIONAL WEATHER FOR APRIL 3, 2014

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Legend:
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SOLUNAR TABLE

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Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today 3:18 a.m.	9:31 a.m.	3:44 p.m.	9:57 p.m.
Fr. 4:15 a.m.	10:27 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	10:53 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Friday	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise	7:15 a.m.	7:14 a.m.				
Sunset	7:47 p.m.	7:47 p.m.				
Moonrise	10:00 a.m.	10:48 a.m.				
Moonset	11:50 p.m.	none	Apr 7	Apr 15	Apr 22	Apr 29

TIDES

Homosassa

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	8:16 am	1.1	3:37 am	-0.1	Fri.	8:59 am	1.0	4:17 am	0.0
	7:41 pm	1.3	3:26 pm	0.2		8:15 pm	1.3	3:59 pm	0.3

Daytona Beach

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	11:31 am	4.0	5:22 am	-0.2	Fri.	12:15 pm	3.8	6:09 am	0.3
	11:52 pm	4.4	5:29 pm	-0.1		---	---	6:16 pm	0.3

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today		Friday		City	Today		Friday		City	Today		Friday		City	Today		Friday		
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	
Albany	49	34	pc	49	37	r	Cheyenne	41	23	sn	51	30	s	Great Falls	46	30	pc	57	29	pc
Albuquerque	57	36	s	62	44	s	Chicago	44	41	r	53	30	sh	Greensboro, NC	81	57	pc	80	52	t
Anchorage	43	26	s	42	31	pc	Cincinnati	71	54	r	70	36	t	Hartford	56	33	c	49	38	c
Asheville	77	49	pc	74	44	t	Cleveland	51	40	r	64	38	r	Honolulu	84	72	s	83	71	s
Atlanta	81	59	pc	75	51	t	Columbia, SC	88	56	pc	86	55	pc	Houston	82	61	t	79	51	c
Atlantic City	54	44	c	45	44	r	Concord, NH	48	25	pc	46	34	pc	Indianapolis	67	54	r	64	33	t
Baltimore	64	47	c	58	47	r	Dallas	84	47	t	70	46	s	Jackson, MS	80	63	c	75	46	t
Billings	44	30	pc	56	36	pc	Dayton	64	51	r	68	33	r	Kansas City	69	39	t	51	32	c
Birmingham	80	65	c	75	46	t	Denver	42	24	sn	56	30	s	Las Vegas	67	55	s	68	54	pc
Bismarck	37	22	sf	45	24	pc	Des Moines	52	35	r	44	29	sn	Little Rock	78	52	t	68	42	pc
Boise	56	42	pc	56	39	pc	Detroit	44	34	r	59	34	r	Louisville	74	59	r	72	39	t
Boston	49	34	pc	44	38	pc	Duluth	35	23	sn	36	19	sn	Memphis	78	59	t	69	45	pc
Buffalo	43	35	c	55	38	r	El Paso	66	48	s	72	54	s	Milwaukee	39	33	i	43	28	r
Burlington, VT	42	26	pc	47	37	r	Fargo	39	26	sn	39	24	pc	Minneapolis	38	29	sn	37	25	sn
Charleston, SC	84	60	s	84	62	pc	Fairbanks	33	4	s	34	12	pc	Nashville	76	61	sh	73	43	t
Charleston, WV	78	56	sh	78	45	t	Flagstaff	47	23	s	51	27	pc	New Orleans	79	68	c	80	56	t
Charlotte, NC	82	56	pc	82	51	t	Grand Rapids	41	33	r	56	29	r	New York City	57	42	c	46	42	r

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Montverde Academy begins quest for second hoops title

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Montverde Academy's boys basketball team gets a chance to defend its national championship.

The Eagles begin play today in the High School National Invitational tournament in New York City where they will vie for a second straight national championship against a field of nationally recognized programs.

The sixth annual tournament will feature quarterfinal games at Christ the King High

School, with the National Championship game on Saturday set for New York City's iconic Madison Square Garden.

"High school basketball has a long and rich tradition at Madison Square Garden as we have hosted some

of the game's legendary players including Lew Alcindor (who later changed his name to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar), Bob Cousy, Nancy Lieberman-Cline, Connie Hawkins as well as New York Knicks Amare Stoudemire and Carmelo Anthony," said Joel Fisher, executive vice president of MSG Sports. "We are excited to host the boys and girls finals of the High School National Invitational tournament, the premier high school basketball tournament in the country.

Every basketball player dreams of playing in the Garden and we're really happy to provide that opportunity with these kids.

"This opportunity gives these kids a chance to play here with memories they'll never forget."

Some of the top prep programs in the country have been invited including Charlotte (N.C.) Northside Christian Academy, Mouth of Wilson (Va.) Oak Hill Academy, Seattle Rainier Beach High School,

SEE MVA | B2

Lake County fans got professional golf, but didn't seem to care

Lake County golf fans got the rare treat of hosting a professional golf tournament last week.

The Lake County Classic, a National Golf Association tour stop, was played at Harbor Hills County Club in Lady Lake, which featured a record-setting performance by tournament winner Dominic Bozzelli, who won his third-straight tournament.

In the annals of NGA — which was once known as the Hooters Tour — lore, only one player had previously notched three-straight wins. Zach Johnson, the 2007 Masters winner and 11-time winner on the PGA Tour, accomplished a trifecta in 2001.

Only a handful of golfers have won more tournaments in succession. Byron Nelson won 11 straight in 1945. Tiger Woods had three separate streaks of at least five straight wins — a seven-win streak beginning in the 2006 season and extending into the 2007 campaign, a stretch of six wins that began in 1999 and ended in 2000, and five-straight wins 2007 and 2008 seasons.

In addition, Ben Hogan won six-straight tournaments and 1948 and four straight in 1953, and Jack Burke Jr. captured four-straight victories in 1952.

So Bozzelli's accomplishment vaulted him into pretty rarified air.

Bozzelli earned his win at Harbor Hills as a champion should — by draining birdie putts on each of his final three holes. He didn't hang on to win and he didn't outlast his closest competitor.

He won by making more birdies than second-place finisher Jack Newman, who managed only one birdie over the closing three holes.



Frank Jolley
THE SPORTS COLUMN

SEE JOLLEY | B2



JOHN BAZEMORE / AP

Florida center Patric Young (4) watches his shot during Saturday's NCAA South Regional championship game in Memphis, Tenn. The Gators will play UConn on Saturday in a Final Four game.

With Young down low, UF aiming high on defensive end

MARK LONG
Associated Press

DALLAS — Because of his chiseled arms and high school accolades, Patric Young drew comparisons to NBA star Dwight Howard long before he took his first hook shot at Florida.

Young had little, if any, chance to live up to the hype.

And he didn't. But the senior center has been far from an underachiever for top-seeded Florida (36-2), which plays Connecticut in the Final Four on Saturday.

A three-time Southeastern Conference scholar athlete of the year, Young will leave the Gators as one of coach Billy Donovan's

best post defenders. Donovan puts the SEC defensive player of the year right up there with former defensive stoppers Brent Wright, Donnell Harvey, Joakim Noah and Al Horford.

"He's as good of a post defender, guarding pick-and-roll, playing low-post defenses, as I've had," Donovan said. "His intelligence

level has got a lot to do with it, too. He's a really smart defensive player. He can see things happening before they happen. That's really impressive."

Young hasn't been too shabby at the other end, either.

The Jacksonville, native has scored nearly

SEE UF | B2

Ex-Lightning skipper Frank Viola resting comfortably after open-heart surgery

Staff report

NEW YORK — The New York Mets say former pitcher and Leesburg Lightning manager Frank Viola is resting comfortably after heart surgery.

Two of his children, Frank and Kaley, had said on Twitter that the 53-year-old Viola was scheduled for open-heart surgery Wednesday.

Viola's son said late Wednesday on Twitter that his father's surgery was over and he was beginning the recovery process.

"Surgery went great!" Frank Viola III tweeted. "(Thanks everyone) for your love! (Viola) is in ICU for 48 hrs."

Viola managed the Leesburg Lightning from 2008 through

2010 and took the team to two FCSL championship games, winning in 2009.

The pitcher retired as a player following the 1996 season. He

was hired by the Mets in January as pitching coach of Triple-A Las Vegas of the Pacific Coast League, and a heart problem was detected during a spring training exam.

Viola was the 1988 AL Cy Young Award winner. He went 176-150 with a 3.73 ERA in 15 major league seasons with Minnesota (1982-89), the Mets (1989-91), Boston (1992-94), Cincinnati (1995) and Toronto (1996).

His daughter Brittaney was a diver on the U.S. team at the 2012 Olympics.



VIOLA

LSSC rallies to beat Seminole State

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The Lake-Sumter State College baseball team scored two runs in the eighth inning Wednesday to beat Seminole State 4-3 at the LSSC baseball complex in Leesburg.

LSSC improved to 16-17 overall and 3-13 in the Mid-Florida Conference.

Dakota Higdon singled to start the eighth

and later scored on a triple by Tanner Elsbernd. A single by Jack Curtis plated Elsbernd with the winning run.

Walker Sheller got the win in relief with two scoreless innings. David Wood started for the Lakehawks and went 6 2/3 innings.

Anthony Mazzurco also pitched for LSSC.

Elsbernd, Curtis, and

Chris Blanton had two

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Lake-Sumter State College sophomore Dakota Higdon (3) races for home plate during Wednesday's game against Seminole State College at LSSC baseball complex in Leesburg.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL				New York				Central				SOUTH REGIONAL			
American League				Central				y-Indiana				Regional Championship			
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	Saturday, March 29			
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—	—	—	—	52	23	.693	—	Florida 62, Dayton 52			
Tampa Bay	1	1	.500	—	1	0	1.000	—	42	32	.568	MIDWEST REGIONAL			
Toronto	1	1	.500	½	1	0	1.000	—	30	45	.400	Regional Championship			
Boston	0	1	.000	1	2	.333	—	1	27	47	.365	Sunday, March 30			
New York	0	1	.000	1	0	1.000	1	—	14	60	.189	Kentucky 75, Michigan 72			
Central	W	L	Pct	GB	West	W	L	Pct	GB	WEST REGIONAL					
Chicago	2	0	1.000	—	Los Angeles	3	1	.750	—	Regional Championship					
Detroit	2	0	1.000	—	San Diego	1	1	.500	1	Saturday, March 29					
Cleveland	1	1	.500	1	San Francisco	1	1	.500	1	Wisconsin 64, Arizona 63, OT					
Kansas City	0	2	.000	2	Arizona	1	3	.250	2	FINAL FOUR					
Minnesota	0	2	.000	2	Colorado	0	2	.000	2	At AT&T Stadium					
West	W	L	Pct	GB	Tuesday's Games				Arlington, Texas						
Seattle	2	0	1.000	—	L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 2	Wednesday's Games				National Semifinals					
Houston	1	0	1.000	½	Miami 4, Colorado 3	Atlanta 1, Milwaukee 0				Saturday, April 5					
Oakland	1	1	.500	1	Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh (W.Rodriguez 0-0), 12:35 p.m.	Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, late				UConn (30-8) vs. Florida (36-2), 6:09 p.m.					
Texas	1	1	.500	1	St. Louis at Cincinnati (Bailey 0-0), 12:35 p.m.	St. Louis at Cincinnati, late				Kentucky (28-10) vs. Wisconsin (30-7), 8:49 p.m.					
Los Angeles	0	2	.000	2	St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, late	Colorado (Morales 0-0) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 12:40 p.m.				National Championship					
												Monday, April 7			
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												FINAL FOUR			
												At Nashville, Tenn.			
												National Semifinals			
												Sunday, April 6			
												Notre Dame (36-0) vs. Maryland (28-6), 6:30 p.m.			
												UConn (38-0) vs. Stanford (33-3), 9 p.m.			
												National Championship			
												Tuesday, April 8			
												Semifinal winners, 8:30 p.m.			

BASEBALL				NBA				
National League				EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	2	0	1.000	x-Toronto	42	32	.568	—
Washington	1	0	1.000	x-Brooklyn	40	33	.548	1½
Atlanta	2	1	.667	New York	32	43	.427	10½
Philadelphia	1	1	.500	Boston	23	51	.311	19
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

One-and-done working just fine for Kentucky

DAVE SKRETTA
Associated Press



MICHAEL CONROY / AP

Kentucky head coach John Calipari cuts the net after an NCAA Midwest Regional final game against Michigan on Sunday in Indianapolis. Kentucky will play Wisconsin on Saturday in the Final Four.

DALLAS — Everyone has an opinion of John Calipari.

He's a pariah to some, successful only because of his ability to attract one-and-done stars destined for the NBA. They point to him as a scourge of college basketball, arguing that he's complicit — responsible, even — in stripping "student" from student-athletes.

Then there are those who see him as an elite coach, the architect of successful programs at UMass, Memphis and now Kentucky. He's churned out players who are making millions in the pros, and it is hard to argue that he's let any of them down.

"He does get the best guys, but he challenges them and pushes them to be who they are," said New Orleans Pelicans guard Tyreke Evans, who played one season for Calipari at Memphis.

"That's the thing about playing for him," Evans said. "You've got to be willing to take on the challenge, and take on him getting on you every day in practice. Some guys can handle it, some guys can't. Before you get there, he'll tell you that."

Those who accept the challenge are usually rewarded.

His group at Memphis headlined by Derrick Rose reached the national title game in 2008, though the trip was later vacated. Another troupe of young stars led by Anthony Davis beat Kansas to win Kentucky's eighth national championship in 2012.

And the latest group of fabulous freshmen has the Wildcats back in the Final Four, knocking off three of the top four seeds in the Midwest Region along the way. They'll start five first-year players Saturday against Wisconsin, headlined by twin guards Andrew and

ri said. "So I just think we're all playing the hand we're dealt. Kids are going on to the league from us and performing. And I'm proud of that. Would I like to have had them for four years? Yes. But I also like what's happened for them and their families."

Many rival coaches have a similar viewpoint.

"I think when student-athletes pick a school and go to college, they go to have the best chance to have the best life," offered Kansas coach Bill Self, who had Andrew Wiggins become his third one-and-done player when the freshman declared for the draft this week.

Of course, there are still plenty of detractors. Final Four counterpart Bo Ryan appeared to take a veiled jab at Calipari this week when he said: "What I like about the Wisconsin fans is they understand these are student-athletes who actually are here for the purpose of an education first and playing ball second. That's what I believe makes them really endearing."

It's not the first time that Calipari has heard that argument.

"We've had a 3.0 grade-point average for the last four seasons," he said, "and they go to class. It's not Internet, corre-

spondence. They go to class, for four seasons. Brandon Knight was a straight-A student. Alex Poythress is a straight-A student. They all go to school."

Besides, if college is truly about preparing kids for a career, what happens on the hardwood at Kentucky amounts to graduate-level work in basketball. Calipari is simply the professor.

"There were guys who went there before me who thought they

were going to be ready for the NBA," Evans explained, "but he'd tell them, 'You're not ready.'"

And if they are ready? Well, the NBA's former rookie of the year remembers his conversation with Calipari after the final game of his freshman season.

"He said, 'Hey, you're a good player. I enjoyed having you. Good luck on the next level,'" Evans said. "That was pretty much it."

Aaron Harrison and power forward Julius Randle, a potential lottery pick in the June draft.

"He's tough on us," said Randle, when asked to describe what it's like to play for Calipari. "You may not like it some days, but at the end of the day, it's what's best for us."

Calipari is hardly unique. Ohio State's Thad Matta has churned out five one-and-dones since 2006, and Rick Barnes of Texas has produced four. Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski has lost a couple, and could lose standout Jabari Parker makes his stay-or-go decision.

It's just that Calipari is the biggest offender — or opportunist.

Since 2006, he's sent 13 one-and-done players to the NBA. They've combined to make more than \$181 million in salary alone. And if all of them play through their current contracts, that total would surpass \$460 million — nearly equaling the gross domestic product of the island nation of Tonga — even with several of them playing out relatively paltry rookie contracts.

That figure doesn't include endorsement deals, either. Throw in the millions they're paid for hawking

sneakers, apparel and everything else, and the total closes in on a billion.

"He put a lot of responsibility on us at a young age," said Sacramento Kings forward DeMarcus Cousins, who played for Calipari at Kentucky. "That basically prepared us for the next level."

It's important to note that Calipari doesn't agree with the current NBA rules, which require that players be a year removed from high school before entering the draft. If it were up to him, he said last week, it would be a two-year waiting period.

"But it's between the NBA and the players' association. Has nothing to do with me or the NCAA," Calipa-

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Flaws in replay rule prominent in D-Backs' win

BOB BAUM
Associated Press

PHOENIX — When should a manager challenge a call? That's a crucial element of baseball's new replay rule.

Make it at the wrong time, and it can backfire.

San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy found that out first hand Tuesday night in the Giants' 5-4 loss to the Arizona Diamondbacks.

In the fourth inning, the Diamondbacks' A.J. Pollock raced home on a passed ball and was called safe by home plate umpire Eric Cooper. Replays showed Giants pitcher Matt Cain appeared to tag Pollock before the runner crossed the plate.

"He was out. I had him," Cain said. "I saw what Cooper saw. He saw that it looked like he went over the plate but he went through the top of my glove to go over it."

But there was nothing Bochy could do about it. He had used up his challenge moments earlier in a failed attempt to reverse a safe call on a pickoff attempt



Pat Hoberg (20) and Chris Guccione review a play challenged by San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy (15) in the fourth inning of Tuesday's game against Arizona in Phoenix.

of Pollock at first. Bochy defended challenging the close play at first.

"If we think the call was not right we are going to challenge it," he said. "It doesn't mean it is going to get overturned. It has to be conclusive enough in their eyes. In our eyes it looked like he was out."

Bochy already had been out of the dugout twice when he chose to challenge the pickoff

play. "What else are you going to do if you think they didn't get the call right?" he said. "Unfortunately they are not all going to go your way or get overturned, but that is the gamble you take. Sure there could be another play but you don't know that."

Under the rule, if a manager loses his challenge, he doesn't get another one.

The run cut the Gi-

ants' lead to 4-3.

Pollock broke out of an 0-for-13 start to the season with three hits, scoring twice and driving in a run.

Wade Miley (1-1) gave up four runs in the first inning, and then blanked the Giants for the next six, retiring 15 in a row in one stretch.

Gerardo Parra had two hits and the sacrifice fly that scored to the go-ahead run in the sixth inning.

Brandon Belt hit a three-run home run in the first, his second homer in as many games.

Addison Reed, who gave up the game-winning home run to Buster Posey Monday night, pitched a scoreless ninth for his first save with the Diamondbacks.

Pinch-hitter Hector Sanchez reached second with one out in the ninth when Arizona rookie shortstop Chris Owings misjudged a pop fly to short left and it dropped for a double. But Brandon Crawford fouled out to the catcher and Juan Perez struck out looking to end the game.

Pollock, dropped from the leadoff spot to No. 8 in the order, beat out an infield single in the first, singled and scored in the fourth, then doubled in a run and scored the go-ahead run in the sixth.

Paul Goldschmidt was 2 for 4 with an RBI double, extending his hitting streak to 23 games. Owings had two hits and a stolen base.

Juan Guiterrez (0-1) went two innings to take the loss in relief of

Cain.

The Diamondbacks scored twice in the sixth to take the lead. Owings singled with one out, stole second and scored on Pollock's ground-rule double to left-center. Miley singled, and then Pollock scored from third on Parra's sacrifice fly to left, sliding in barely ahead of Perez's throw.

San Francisco, which rallied from four down to win its season opener Monday night, jumped on Miley in a hurry. Singles by Angel Pagan, Pablo Sandoval and Posey brought in the first run. Then Belt hit Miley's 1-0 pitch into the swimming pool area in right field and it was 4-0.

Arizona got two in the bottom of the first. Parra led off with a single and came home on Goldschmidt's double to deep right-center. Goldschmidt scored on Martin Prado's single.

Cain left with a 4-3 lead after five innings. He gave up two earned runs, struck out two and walked two. Will Harris pitched a scoreless eighth for the Diamondbacks.

Archer, Rays agree to new \$25.5 million, 6-year deal

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Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — The Tampa Bay Rays agreed to a long-term contract with another of their young pitchers, giving Chris Archer a \$25.5 million, six-year deal on Wednesday.

The contract includes club options for 2020 and 2021 that could raise the value to \$43.75 million.

A 25-year-old right-hander, Archer went 9-7 with a 3.22 ERA in 23 starts as a rookie last season. He's scheduled to make his first start of the season Thursday against Toronto.

"It's a contract, and its guaranteed money, but I think it's just the beginning of six or eight great years," Archer said.

Tampa Bay has one of the deepest pitching rotations in baseball, as well as a history of signing its best young players to long-term contract early in their careers. Left-hander Matt Moore, a 17-game winner a year ago, signed a \$14 mil-

lion, five-year deal after making just one regular-season start in the majors.

Archer gets a \$1 million signing bonus and salaries of \$500,000 this year, \$1 million in 2015, \$2.75 million in 2016, \$4.75 million in 2017, \$6.25 million in 2018 and \$7.5 million in 2019. The Rays have a \$9 million option for 2020 with a \$1.75 million buyout, and if that option is exercised they have an \$11 million option for 2021 with a \$250,000 buyout.

Rays executive vice president Andrew Friedman said Archer has the talent to "develop into a top-of-the-rotation starter," as well as the work ethic and character off the field to ensure the Rays are making a good investment.

"It's not only important to identify the talent of the player, but also who they are," Friedman said. "As much as we're betting on his talent, we're betting on who he is, as well."

Archer was obtained from the Cubs as part



Tampa Bay pitcher Chris Archer starts against the Montgomery Biscuits, the Rays' Double-A affiliate, during an exhibition game on Saturday in Montgomery, Ala.

of an eight-player trade that sent Matt Garza to Chicago in 2011. The new deal replaces a one-year contract agreed to in February that called for Archer to make \$511,200 in the major leagues and \$214,222 in the minors.

The native of Clayton, N.C., was promoted from Triple-A Durham last June 1 and went on to lead AL rookies making a minimum of 20 starts in ERA, opponents' batting average (.226), complete games (2), shutouts (2). He fin-

ished third in balloting for rookie of the year behind Rays outfielder Wil Myers and Detroit shortstop Jose Iglesias.

Talks on the new deal began during spring training. Archer said he consulted with a number of people during

the process, including some players who've signed long-term deals early in their career and some who turned it down.

"What came from it is never turn your back on your first fortune," said Archer, adding that he feels blessed to be in a position to make sure his parents become debt-free. "At the end of the contract, there's still room to sign another deal or extension or whatever it might be. From where I come from, this is more than I can ever ask for, to be honest."

Archer thanked the Rays for trading for him after other organizations gave up on developing him. He was drafted by the Cleveland Indians in 2006 and traded to the Cubs in December 2008.

"It seems like this was the first team that I've ever really played for that really believed in me and was willing to wait an extra year or two for me to really turn into what I could possibly be," Archer said.

Braves watching starts by Minor, Floyd, Santana

CHARLES ODUM
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Some of the Atlanta Braves' most important pitching performances this week will come in the minor leagues.

Mike Minor, Gavin Floyd and Ervin Santana are pitching in minor league games today and Friday. The three starters are moving closer to joining an Atlanta rotation severely depleted by season-ending elbow injuries to Kris Medlen and Brandon Beachy this spring.

Minor, returning from

a sore shoulder, is pitching for Double-A Mississippi on Thursday. Floyd, whose 2013 season with the White Sox was shortened by elbow surgery, will start Thursday for Triple-A Gwinnett at Durham, N.C.

Santana will start for Gwinnett on Friday in what is expected to be his final minor league game. He had a late start to spring training after signing with Atlanta on March 12.

Braves general manager Frank Wren said Wednesday the three must show they can

pitch at least six innings before they can move up to the majors. Santana is expected to reach that standard on Friday. Minor and Floyd could need at least two or three more starts as they hope to build up their necessary innings by late April.

Despite the injuries to Medlen and Beachy, Wren said the team will remain patient with Minor, Floyd and Santana.

"We're not going to rush any of these guys back," Wren said. "They're going to come back when they're ready

based on our normal buildup of spring training. We're not going to shorten that. We're really focused on the long haul."

The Braves opened the season with a four-man rotation of Julio Teheran, Alex Wood, Aaron Harang and David Hale. Tehran gave up two runs and Wood allowed only one run as the Braves split their first two games with the Brewers in Milwaukee.

"We were definitely dealt some setbacks during spring training, but we've always

had confidence in our young pitchers," Wren said. "We felt like they could help us stay in this and not lose too much ground the first two or three weeks as we wait for some of our veteran guys to get healthy and get settled and in the case of Santana, just get stretched out."

Minor could throw three innings for Mississippi after he was impressive in a rain-shortened exhibition start against a team of the Braves' top minor league players on Saturday. He was scheduled to pitch

two innings and was perfect in 1 1/3 innings.

The left-hander underwent urinary tract surgery on Dec. 31 and then had shoulder tendinitis in Florida.

Minor, a 13-game winner in 2013, said he didn't feel more was expected of him because Medlen and Beachy are lost for the season.

"No, I don't feel any added pressure," Minor said. "It's kind of the same thing. I just want to go out and there and win and do my best and hope everything else falls into place."

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LADY LAKE Fri. & Sat. 8am - 2pm. 310 Juarez Way. 2 seat kayak, housewares, furn., electronic, jewelry, camping & more.

LEEBURG, Thurs. & Fri. 8am - 2pm. 10704 Claire Drive. (off 473) Furn., jewelry, household items, purses & lot's of misc.

LEESBURG Fir. & Sat. 8am - ? 1431 Beverly Point Rd. near Beverly Shores School. Huge yard sale. Shell loader & equipment & lots more.

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LEESBURG SAT. 8am - 2pm. 35207 Harbor Shores Rd. Something for everyone.

LEESBURG Sat. 8am - 2pm. 35549 Calla Ct. Harbor Shores Community. Freezer, records, etc.

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LEESBURG SAT. 8am - Noon. Scottish Highland. Lt 473 Old & new jewelr. MUST SEE

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LEESBURG, Fri. & Sat. 9am - 2pm. 2300 Jobbins Dr. #3. MOVING SALE. Kids clothes, books, dishes & much misc.

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MOUNT DORA Sat. 9am - 5pm. 1416 Crestview Dr. Appl., clothing, building materials & more. Everything must go.

MOUNT DORA/TANGERINE Fri. & Sat. 8am - ? 6974 Lake Ola Dr. MULTI FAMILY SALE.

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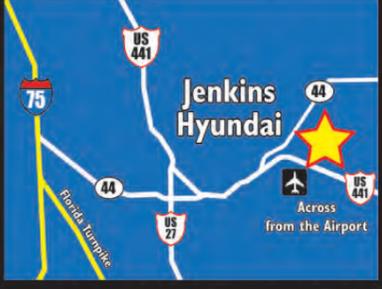
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'BLOOD TIES': A long, anemic drama / **C4**

Broadway musical 'Cabaret' comes to life in The Villages

THERESA CAMPBELL | Staff Writer
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KC Productions producer Joan Knapton and director Sue Schuler claim they love everything about "Cabaret," and now the duo is bringing the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical to the Savannah Center stage in The Villages.

The show opens at 7 p.m. Tuesday and runs through April 12 with 42 Villagers in the cast, crew and production team.

"I love this show. It has all the components of a show-stopping musical: great music, edgy, sassy dances, a profound and deep plot,"

said Knapton, who adores the "delightful score" by John Kander and Fred Ebb, and a storyline featuring real-life characters from Germany in the early 1930s in a pre-war Berlin nightclub, all topped with a surprise ending.

"When you have a great storyline, great music and

dance and a show that is cast correctly, it becomes magic," Knapton said. "That is what's happening in 'Cabaret' right here in The Villages; the show has it all."

A revival of "Cabaret" is currently showing on Broadway, yet Knapton and Schuler noted local theater buffs

right here in Lake and Sumter counties can see the original version and be treated to the show's best-known songs in musical theater, including "Maybe This Time," "Tomorrow Belongs to Me" and "Cabaret."

Schuler's fascination with
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ABOVE: George St-Pierre, left, and Chris Evans square off. **BELOW:** Scarlett Johansson appears in a scene from "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

'Captain America' charges into action, defies film tropes

GINA MCINTYRE
Los Angeles Times

When it comes to the superhero spy game, an easy facility with falsehood can get you far. Which helps explain the unlikely friendship that develops between Chris Evans' unflinchingly forthright patriotic hero and Scarlett Johansson's ethically dubious operative in Marvel's latest comic book adventure, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

"She made a life based on lies and deceit and malleable morality, and Cap couldn't lie if he tried to," said Evans, seated beside his costar in a sparsely furnished chamber at a Beverly Hills hotel.

"These aren't two characters that you would necessarily know had so much in



common," Johansson agreed. "They're deceptively similar. They're having this huge identity crisis. ... 'What do I want? Why do I want it? What do I need from someone else?' We started to say, 'Maybe they see the reflection in one another.'"

Arriving in theaters Friday, "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" was conceived as Marvel's answer to the gripping thrillers of the '70s — "The French Connection," "Three

Days of the Condor" — though perhaps its closest modern-day comparison would be to "The Bourne Identity," if Jason Bourne occasionally wore a red, white and blue spandex suit and could safely sky-dive out of an airplane without a parachute.

The \$170-million production has the requisite car chases, explosions and a third act brimming with CG spectacle, but the film also has far more on its

mind than cheap visual thrills.

Drone technology, government surveillance, corruption and the unchecked consolidation of powers are all engines that power the narrative. (Tackling Big Issues seems to have become de rigeur in Hollywood blockbusters of late — "Elysium," "RoboCop," even "Noah" has a topical bent — but "Captain America" might be the only movie to update Cold War paranoia for the Edward Snowden age.)

The movie, written by Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely and directed by brothers Joe and Anthony Russo, has received near universal praise in advance of its opening, with critics responding to its mix of intrigue,

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'Alan Partridge' is Steve Coogan's greatest creation

ROGER MOORE
McClatchy-Tribune News Service

Steve Coogan may have copped Oscar nominations for writing and producing "Philomena," a film that offered Judi Dench another shot at an acting Oscar and Coogan a chance to re-invent himself as an actor.

But the reason Coogan's always needed reinventing is his greatest creation, the self-absorbed, tactless, book-smart but dopey Alan Partridge. He can make all the movies he wants, and in Hollywood he's starred in "Hamlet 2" and stolen bits of "Tropic Thunder," "The Other Guys" and the "Night at the Museum" movies. In Britain, he'll always be that touchy, puffy-haired boob with the catch-phrase — "A-haaa" — born in his ABBA fixation, a toxic dunce they've been watching fail his way off TV and into local radio in 20 years of Alan Partridge TV series and specials.

Now "Alan Partridge" the movie, a hit in Britain, earns a limited release in the U.S. It's a hilarious 90-minute State of the Partridge project,

and you don't need to have seen the series and specials to get the scores of jokes. But they sting even more if you have.

Partridge, now 55, is clumsily hosting a show on North Norfolk Digital's Radio Norwich. Quite the comedown from his days hosting a generic and inept chat show on the BBC.

The big running gag here is his "Sunset Boulevard" vanity, the testy insistence that he used to be big, even if he just does local radio and voiceovers for butcher shop commercials.

But Radio Norwich has been bought out by a new conglomerate, and when the layoffs come, self-preservation king Alan hurls his colleague Pat (Colm Meaney) under the bus. Pat, the night DJ, doesn't realize this when he seizes the station and takes the staff hostage at an office party. His old mate Alan is the one he trusts to be the go-between with the cops.

So the cowardly Partridge has to cozy up to the Irishman with a gun, try to do the police's bidding and, while he's at it,

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Steve Coogan, left, and Colm Meaney appear in a scene from "Alan Partridge."

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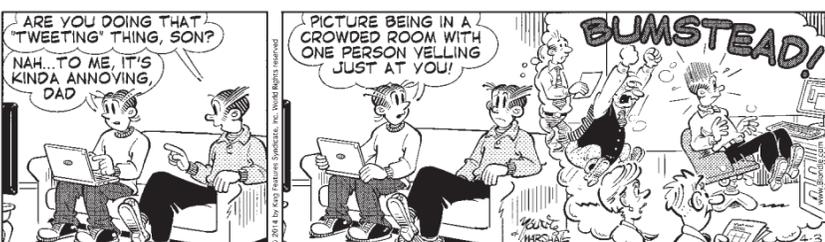
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'Blood Ties' is a long and anemic family drama

TODD MCCARTHY
The Hollywood Reporter

LOS ANGELES — Guillaume Canet's attempt to do a Sidney Lumet flatlines in "Blood Ties", an anemic drama about a family split, defined by one brother being a cop, the other a criminal. A remake of the 2008 French release "Les Liens du Sang" ("Rivals"), which co-starred Canet as the policeman, this version's bloat only spotlights the more crucial problem of a lack of energy and internal turmoil in the main characters. The impressive cast makes this French-financed New York 1974-set production watchable but it's too inert to catch on commercially.

It takes Canet, who scored an international hit as a director in 2006 with "Tell No One," 40 minutes longer to tell the same story than it did Jacques Maillot in the original, and there's no reason for it, other than perhaps the ambition to make a quasi-epic fabric film thick with period atmosphere and character depth. The '70s recreation is reasonable but the characters never register beyond the surfaces of the scenes despite being equipped with long-festering resentments and grudges.

When big, tough Chris (Clive Owen) is released after serving 12 years in prison for a revenge killing, he's welcomed warmly by sister Marie (Lili Taylor), as a favorite



Clive Owen, left, and Mila Kunis appear in a scene from "Blood Ties."

son by his ailing dad (James Caan) and warily by younger brother Frank (Billy Crudup), an upstanding policeman who's been prevailed upon to put him up. Chris toes the line for a while with a menial job at an auto shop, where he takes up with the comely accountant Natalie (Mila Kunis), adding insult to injury to his ex-wife Monica (Marion Cotillard), who's now a hooker on drugs.

For Frank's part, he broke up with Vanessa (Zoe Saldana) some years back but

seems irked by her relationship with brutish low-life Scarfo (Matthias Schoenaerts). When the latter is thrown back in the slammer, Frank and Vanessa unpersuasively reunite, which promises trouble once Scarfo gets out.

Nothing very dramatic happens in "Blood Ties" for nearly an hour, too long for what's clearly announced at the outset as a criminal saga that will explode into action and violence at some point. For such pent-up emotions

to register compellingly on-screen requires actors who can externalize their internal pressure cooker personalities without necessarily verbalizing what ails them. At least in this instance, Crudup can't convey what's going on inside of him; Frank seems pained and annoyed by his father and brother but in a boringly victimized way.

When Chris finally gives up the feeble pretense to going straight, his return to crime is heartlessly brutal. His second job, a successful heist,

unintentionally puts Frank in an untenable position that severely tests his moral fiber and guts. Then it's Chris who gets the chance to show what he's really made of in the climactic sequence at crowded Grand Central Station that lacks the desired impact both because it seems so dramatically unlikely and because audience conviction in the relationships is lacking.

The unexpected casting of Owen as a Brooklyn gangster proves acceptable enough; the actor has the physical bearing to lord it over everyone else here and he makes the man's callousness credible. Caan has some good moments as the dying dad who appreciates toughness over sensitivity, while Schoenaerts perhaps comes closest of the nationally diverse cast members to delivering as a hot-headed New York troublemaker.

Having women as stunning and talented as Kunis, Saldana and Cotillard in the cast is an asset for obvious reasons and a liability in that it's hard to believe the marginal guys in this working class world could manage such luck.

"Blood Ties," a Roadside Attractions release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "violence, pervasive language, some sexual content and brief drug use." Running time: 128 minutes.

COOGAN

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curry favor with the new owners and turn this life-or-death situation into a kick in the rear for his career.

The situation, borrowed from movies like "Airheads," is nothing special. But there's warmth in Coogan's scenes with Meaney, a couple of 50somethings for whom life is just different shades of disappointment.

What's hilarious here are the scads of what could have been throwaway lines, every one a killer. Alan on guns — "I've never fired one in anger. Or at a cat."

On cops rushing him to get to the point of an anecdote — "Why? Do you have another siege to get to?"

What's it like, trapped with the others inside the station? "Scary, stressful. Lots of shouting. A bit like being married again."

Every record intro on the radio is a keeper — "That was soft-rock cocaine enthusiasts Fleetwood Mac." And "What a voice. You can keep Jesus. As far as I'm concerned, Neil Diamond will ALWAYS be King of the Jews."

It's a comedy of sight gags, zingers and awkward pauses — lots of those. Sentimental at times, yes. But funny. Always.

AMERICA

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action and emotional performances, as Evans and Johansson guide Steve Rogers and Natasha Romanoff through a setting that challenges them both to reevaluate choices they've made and where their loyalties lie.

Vulnerability is a rare luxury for characters who essentially seem indestructible, but the scenes in which Cap and Black Widow let down their guard and flirt with the idea of taking their friendship in a less platonic direction were the most satisfying for the actors, longtime friends offscreen.

"It's nice for Chris and I to get to do dramatic work together," Johansson said. "We work well together, I think, and admire one another as actors, and we're used to being able to throw the ball back and forth because we've done that in the past in other films that we've done. We're also older actors now and more comfortable taking our time. You can wait for the emotion to come and let the moment happen."

In person, the duo has an easy manner not entirely dissimilar from their action movie counterparts. With his off-duty beard and a frame more slender than Steve Rogers' robust build, Evans alluded to his struggling to reconcile himself to his celebrity — even suggesting a future when he works predominantly behind the camera as a director. Johansson, hair tied back and snacking on peanut M&M's, signaled her readiness to dive back in for another mission.

Evans and Johans-



Robert Redford, left, and Chris Evans shake hands in a scene from "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

son first appeared on screen together 10 years ago in the high school heist film "The Perfect Score," about seniors out to steal the answers to the SAT. That was before his first turn as a superhero in "Fantastic Four" — he played another Marvel hero, Johnny Storm, also known as the Human Torch — but just after her memorable performance in Sofia Coppola's 2003 romantic postcard "Lost in Translation."

They also both appeared in 2007's "The Nanny Diaries" — she starred in the chick-lit adaptation; Evans played the love interest character dubbed the Harvard Hottie. It was Johansson who originated her current Marvel persona first, in 2010's "Iron Man 2," while Evans arrived in Joe Johnston's 2011 World War II-era "Captain America: The First Avenger," which chronicled the beginnings of the hero, who was co-created by Jack Kirby and Joe Simon and made his comic book debut in 1941.

Captain America and Black Widow originally teamed — as part of a group that included Thor, Iron Man and

the Hulk, among others — to battle an alien invasion that threatened to destroy Manhattan in 2012's "The Avengers." It was during the extensive global press tour that anticipated the release of Joss Whedon's \$1-billion-plus hit that Johansson, 29, said she first became aware of the plan to partner her character with Evans' in "The Winter Soldier," but she initially couldn't picture the pairing, given Widow's flexible mortality and Cap's unwavering code of honor.

The new film takes place months after the events depicted in "Avengers." Based on a famous 2005 comic-book story line by writer Ed Brubaker and illustrator Steve Epting, the movie opens with Steve having remained in the employ of international espionage agency S.H.I.E.L.D. and occasionally teaming with Widow on key missions.

After an attack on S.H.I.E.L.D. top dog Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) puts the hero in conflict with the organization's leader, Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford in a key supporting turn), he finds an unexpected ally not

only in ex-military man Sam Wilson (Anthony Mackie), who has his own heroic identity as the Falcon, but also in Johansson's spy.

"That was one of the things I liked about the script, that even if you took the superhero element out of the story, you would still have a pretty grounded story," said Evans, 32.

The push-pull between Cap and Widow leads to a complex, sexy screen dynamic that at moments threatens to tip into romance, but their relationship ultimately is painted as nothing quite so black and white.

"It's not really defined," Evans said. "I think that's what makes it more dynamic. It's what makes it more similar to life. Not every single male and female bond is going to be rooted in romance. Sometimes movies make things too perfect."

"But the chemistry is there, which is important," Johansson added. "Just because they're not romantically involved doesn't mean that they're not still attracted to each other as people. I like that the door is open a little bit."



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Gail Bauman, Steve Rubin and Marlene Caplis are in the Villages musical "Cabaret" that opens Tuesday and runs through April 12 on stage of the Savannah Center.

CABARET

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the musical began decades ago.

"The first time I did this show I was one of the Kit Kat girls, so I have had a love affair with this show for over 30 years," the Schuler said. "It's really a terrific show and the music is awesome. Every song is really a gem in this show."

Proceeds from "Cabaret" will benefit Honor Flight, which provides airline flights for World War II veterans to see the Washington memorial in their honor, and money for the show also

will go to SOZO Kids.

"Both charities are close to my heart," Knapton said. "We have donated to SOZO Kids or under the name of Children of the Forest. ... I feel so strongly about the children who are in such need. It breaks my heart that so close to us here in The Villages where we enjoy so many privileges, the children have so very little. I want to do as much as I can to help."

Tickets for "Cabaret" are \$24 for The Villages residents and \$29 for the general public. Tickets are available at all The Villages box office locations or at thevillagesentertainment.com.