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Mount Dora green lights restrictions

Time limits on parking, restrictions on merchants to start soon in downtown area

By Roxanne Brown
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MOUNT DORA – The Mount Dora City Council on Tuesday directed city staff to implement a new set of regulations and procedures meant to solve longstanding parking problems in the bustling downtown area.

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Areas with 4-hour parking limits

- 3rd Avenue from Baker Street to Alexander Street
- 4th Avenue from Baker Street to Alexander Street
- 5th Avenue from Baker Street to Alexander Street
- Alexander Street from 3rd Avenue to 5th Avenue
- Donnelly Street from railroad tracks to 5th Avenue



Cars park on Edmonton Court near Elizabeth Evans park in downtown Mount Dora. The Mount Dora City Council on Tuesday directed city staff to implement a new set of regulations and procedures meant to solve longstanding parking problems in the bustling downtown area. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Senate celebrates budget deal

By Andrew Taylor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Senate leaders brokered a long-elusive budget agreement Wednesday that would shower the Pentagon and domestic programs with an extra \$300 billion over the next two years. But both Democratic liberals and GOP tea party forces swung against the plan, raising questions about its chances just a day before the latest government shutdown deadline.

The measure was a win for Republican allies of the

Pentagon and for Democrats seeking more for infrastructure projects and combatting opioid abuse. But it represented a bitter defeat for many liberal Democrats who sought to use the party's leverage on the budget to resolve the plight of immigrant "Dreamers" who face deportation after being brought to the U.S. illegally as children. The deal does not address immigration.

Senate leaders hope to approve the measure Thursday and send it to the House for a confirming vote before

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The 2018 Georgefest Queen Jill Warren and King George Warren take a quick picture together at the annual Georgefest kickoff breakfast on Wednesday in Eustis. They're also mother and son. [BOB SNOW / CORRESPONDENT]

'A long tradition'

Longtime Eustis residents named Orange King and Queen for Georgefest parade

By Roxanne Brown
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EUSTIS – George Warren Jr. recalls walking in the city's George Washington Birthday Parade as a child. After all, his mother Jill Warren was the parade's youth division committee chair, a title she held for many years.

Warren was in first grade and remembers that he could not see very much around him.

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The 2017 Georgefest King, Robert Dustan Jr., left, crowns the 2018 king, George Warren at the annual Georgefest kickoff breakfast. [BOB SNOW / CORRESPONDENT]

Georgefest at a glance

- Friday, Feb. 23:** Fireworks
- Saturday, Feb. 24:** Washington's Birthday Celebration Parade
- Sunday, Feb. 25:** Jefferson Starship performs



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ON TAP THIS WEEKEND

Heritage Festival, Winefest highlight events in Lake and Sumter

Trump flirts with flashy military parade long eschewed by US

By Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – For generations, as America's authoritarian rivals strutted their tanks, troops and jets through main thoroughfares in dramatic displays of strength, the United States watched from afar, but did not emulate.

Widely accepted as the world's mightiest, the U.S. military has no tradition of putting itself on parade like in Russia, North Korea or China. But President Donald Trump does not often stand on tradition. So Trump's directive to the Pentagon to draft options for a massive march

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LOS ANGELES 36 indicted in cybercrime ring that stole \$530M

Thirty-six people were indicted in connection with an international identity theft ring known as a “one-stop shop for cybercriminals” that sold stolen credit card information on the dark web, leading to losses of more than \$530 million, U.S. prosecutors said Wednesday.

The InFraud Organization — founded in 2010 and operated under the slogan “In Fraud We Trust” — used an online forum to buy and sell stolen credit card and bank account numbers, Social Security numbers and other personal information, the U.S. Justice Department said.

Investigators believe the group’s nearly 11,000 members targeted more than 4.3 million credit cards, debit cards and bank accounts worldwide, Deputy Assistant Attorney General David Rybicki said.

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN Former Afghan leader urges sanctions on Pakistan officials

Saying that Afghanistan is in “terrible shape” 16 years after the collapse of the Taliban, former President Hamid Karzai accused the United States and Pakistan of using the Afghan war to further their own national interests.

He also warned that Afghans who had embraced the U.S. as a friend and liberator now see it as “hurting us, not helping us.”

As many as 16,000 U.S. forces remain in Afghanistan, and a special training unit is scheduled to deploy early this year.

HARRISBURG, PA. Spanier seeks to have conviction overturned

A lawyer for Graham Spanier argued to a Pennsylvania appeals court Wednesday that too much time had passed for the former Penn State president to be charged with endangering the welfare of children over his handling of a complaint about Jerry Sandusky.

A three-judge Superior Court panel heard oral argument about whether to vacate or uphold the misdemeanor guilty verdict issued last year against the 69-year-old Spanier.

He was found criminally liable for his response to a 2001 report that former assistant football coach Sandusky had been seen sexually abusing a boy in a team shower. Spanier, who did not testify, has said the attack was characterized to him at the time as horseplay.

The Associated Press

LOTTERY

Tuesday, Feb. 6

Mega Millions:

14-17-25-48-58-25 x3

Lucky Money: 1-18-25-27-4

Fantasy 5: 2-23-25-26-31

Wednesday, Feb. 7

Pick 5

Afternoon: 0-1-6-8-3

Evening: 2-1-6-3-4

Pick 4

Afternoon: 8-0-4-1

Evening: 2-1-7-9

Pick 3

Afternoon: 8-0-3

Evening: 1-3-5

Pick 2

Afternoon: 8-9

Evening: 7-5

Sexual assault reports doubled at West Point

By Lolita C. Baldor

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of sexual assaults reported at the U.S. Military Academy roughly doubled during the last school year, according to data reviewed by The Associated Press, in the latest example of the armed forces’ persistent struggle to root out such misbehavior.

It’s the fourth year in a row that sexual assault reports increased at the school in West Point, New York. There were 50 cases in the school year that ended last summer, compared with 26 made during the 2015-2016 school year. By comparison, the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, saw only slight increases.

Defense Department and West Point officials said the big jump at the Military Academy resulted from a concerted effort to encourage victims to come forward. But the dramatic and consistent increases may suggest more assaults are happening.

“I’m very encouraged by the reporting,” Lt. Gen. Robert Caslen, superintendent at West Point, told the AP in an interview. “I recognize that people are not going to understand” the desire for increased reporting, he said. But, he added, “I’ve got the steel stomach to take the criticism.”

The annual report on sexual assaults at the three military academies is due out this month. The Naval Academy’s reports increased to 29 last year from 28. The Air Force Academy’s edged up by one, to 33.

About 12,000 students are enrolled across all three institutions. The AP reviewed the data ahead of its public release.

The report highlights persistent problems within the Air Force Academy’s sexual assault prevention office that emerged late last year. Staffing and management issues led to sweeping disciplinary actions, the resignation of the director and an office restructuring.



In this Jan. 9, 2014, photo, an entrance to the U.S. Naval Academy campus is shown in Annapolis, Md.

[ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Those problems could cast doubt on a sharp decline in reported sexual assaults at the Air Force Academy for the 2015-16 school year, considering a widespread loss of confidence in the office. Students may have been reluctant to file reports.

There have been worrying trends.

An anonymous survey released last year suggested there were more sexual assaults, unwanted sexual contact and other bad behavior at all three academies. It found 12 percent of women and nearly 2 percent of men said they experienced unwanted sexual contact. The largest increases were at the Army and Navy academies.

In response, West Point leaders took steps to get more victims to come forward. “When we saw that, we did a complete review of our strategy,” Caslen said. “We went after increased reporting.”

Officials moved the sexual assault reporting center to a more accessible area on campus with a private entrance. It had been in a building where students facing discipline had to go.

“I’ve been telling them to do that for years,” said Nate Galbreath, deputy director of the Pentagon’s sexual assault prevention office. “Walking into the building where lots

of people who are getting in trouble go, that is a real disincentive for people to come forward and make a report.”

West Point also loosened regulations forcing cadets to publicly report sexual assaults. Now they can seek help anonymously without filing a formal report, which many victims are reluctant to do.

Military leaders have said that an increase in sexual assault reports is good because it shows that students are aware of treatment programs and showing confidence in the system. Officials say they want to see the number of reports more closely mirror the higher levels of bad behavior suggested in their annual anonymous surveys.

The overall goal, however, is more prevention, fewer assaults and effective help for victims.

Brig. Gen. Omar Jones, the Army’s public affairs chief, said this year’s increase resulted from “proactive and deliberate initiatives” to help victims report incidents.

There was an overall decline in reports over the 2015-16 school year at the three academies because Army and Navy increases were offset by a sharp drop at the Air Force Academy. But the Air Force Academy’s subsequent controversies raise questions

about whether many victims avoided the office and didn’t file reports.

Last year, the Air Force Academy released a scathing report saying its Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office suffered from infighting, rumors and shoddy record keeping. It recommended firing the director, Teresa Beasley. She resigned.

“Are there people that are out there that weren’t able to make the report that they wanted to? Probably,” said Galbreath. “We stopped everything and I wrote a get-well plan.” It included returning to the cadets who visited the office in the past year to ensure they got the necessary help.

The Air Force Academy’s superintendent, Lt. Gen. Jay Silveria, is increasing staff from five to eight. He added a separate sexual assault response coordinator for the 10th Air Wing, which includes active duty forces nearby who had used the academy’s office.

Air Force Capt. Matthew Chism, an academy spokesman, said leaders are confident they have addressed the issues in the office. He said they will “continue to scrutinize our efforts and remain transparent as we strive to develop a culture of dignity and respect at the academy.”

DATELINES

LAS VEGAS



Police run for cover at the scene of a shooting Oct. 1 near the Mandalay Bay resort and casino on the Las Vegas Strip in Las Vegas. A judge in Las Vegas has ordered police to make public 911 calls, police officer body camera video and several other records that authorities sought to keep secret until they finish their investigation into last year’s mass shooting. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

YAMBIO, SOUTH SUDAN



Guns that belonged to child soldiers lie on the ground at a disarmament ceremony Wednesday, where they laid down their weapons and traded in their uniforms to return to “normal life,” in Yambio, South Sudan. More than 300 child soldiers were released Wednesday by armed groups in South Sudan, the second-largest such release since civil war began five years ago. Over 19,000 children are thought to have been recruited by all sides. [SAM MEDNICK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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Red-light camera case draws fire

Florida Supreme Court weighs in on perennial issue

By Dara Kam
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Luis Torres Jimenez admits he made a right turn at a red light when he wasn't supposed to, but he still wants his ticket quashed.

The fate of Jimenez's 2011 citation — issued after a red-light camera captured

an image of his illegal turn — now rests in the hands of the state's highest court.

But several justices appeared skeptical Wednesday as Jimenez's lawyers tried to persuade the court that the way the city of Aventura handles citations issued to motorists caught on camera is unlawful.

Jimenez's lawyers contended the city had illegally given "unfettered discretion" to a red-light camera company to review images

of potential violations and to print and send out citations.

A Miami judge threw out Jimenez's ticket, but the 3rd District Court of Appeal overturned that decision and asked the Supreme Court to weigh in on the issue.

Wednesday's arguments in the case centered on the role that American Traffic Solutions, Inc. — a major player in the industry — has in handling red-light traffic violations.

The company sorts through images and puts them into

two databases — a "working" database that police review for possible traffic violations and a "non-working" database that police do not use for ticketing motorists. In sorting through the images, the company considers issues such as whether cameras have misfired and whether license plates are legible. It also reviews photos of cars entering and going through intersections.

Up to 35 percent of the images are rejected, according

to court documents. The rest are given to city traffic enforcement officials, who decide whether to issue citations or not.

Stephen Rosenthal, who represents Jimenez, told the court Wednesday that a state law, passed in 2010, allows third-party contractors to review the images, but only traffic enforcement officers can actually issue citations.

Rosenthal argued that

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BEST BETS FOR THURSDAY

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tavares Pavilion on the Lake, 200 S. Disston Ave. Themed Top Hats and Tiaras with red carpet, photo booth, raffles and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance only at Tavares Recreation Department or City Hall Utility Billing window.

LOVE STINKS VALENTINE'S BASH: From 5 to 6 p.m. at Eustis Memorial Library, 120 N. Center St. Tired of all things lovey-dovey? Come make funny anti-Valentine cards, play games and eat pizza and chocolate. For grades 6 to 12. Call 352-357-5686 to register.

NEWS BRIEFS

EUSTIS Boat ramp at Marsh Park to close through March 30

The boat ramp at the Marsh Park and Boat Ramp will be closed from Thursday to March 30 during the removal of 10 acres of tussock from Lake Yale.

This project will assist with access to the lake from the end of the canal at Marsh Park and Boat Ramp, which is often blocked by floating tussock mats, according to a press release from Lake County spokeswoman Elisha Pappacoda.

All other park amenities will be open. Alternative boat launch locations are:

- Lake Yale West 39800 Thomas Boat Landing Rd. in Eustis
- Lake Yale East 39400 Lake Yale Boat Ramp Rd. in Eustis

CLERMONT Cops: Deaths of man, wife ruled murder-suicide

The suspicious deaths of a man and wife in their home was the result of a murder-suicide, police said Wednesday.

Police received a call at 8:45 a.m. on Jan. 23 to go to 1539 Nightfall Drive from a family member who said Sammie Mitchell, 46, had apparently committed suicide. When EMS arrived they also discovered the body of his wife, Linda.

There was a strong odor of natural gas, so the house had to be evacuated for a time.

Clermont police said Mrs. Mitchell sustained blunt force trauma injuries and there was evidence of strangulation. "Evidence was also revealed that Sammie Mitchell was then responsible for his own death by suspension strangulation," according to a department press release.

Anyone with information about the case is being urged to call Investigator Daniel Moser at 352-536-8420.

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Kevin Duval won the \$5,000 Best in Show ribbon for his metalworks pieces at the 43rd Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival. [SUBMITTED PHOTOS]

Best in show

North Carolina artist wins top prize at Mount Dora Arts Festival

Staff Report

MOUNT DORA — The winners were recently announced for the 43rd Annual Arts Festival that wrapped up Sunday.

Metalworks artist Kevin Duval, of Wilmington, North Carolina, won \$5,000

for Best in Show. "Forging, casting, grinding, hammering, welding, braising and soldering, as well as the use of conventional mechanical fasteners, such as rivets, screws, nuts, and bolts are just some of the techniques which may be employed in my compositions," Duval

wrote on his website.

Other top finishers were Lynn Whipple for mixed media (\$1,500 Judges Choice 2D), Andrew Otis for clay (\$1,500 Judges Choice 3D) and Roxane Chardon for print-making and drawing (\$250

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Kate Carney won a \$500 Award of Excellence 2D ribbon for her painting at the 43rd Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival.



Pam Fox won a \$500 Award of Excellence 3D ribbon for her jewelry at the 43rd Annual Mount Dora Arts Festival.

A 'savage' with zebra eyes accused of robbery

Staff Report

LADY LAKE — A homeless woman wearing zebra striped contact lenses and with the word "savage" tattooed on her forehead tried to rob two men at gunpoint Tuesday, then, when she found nothing to



Cannova

take asked for a ride down the block to rob someone else, authorities say. According to an arrest affidavit, Samantha Jo Cannova, 29, and two men burst into a home on Azalea Way in Lady Lake just before 1 p.m. Cannova pulled a bright green and blue pistol from her waistband, pointed it in a man's face and demanded the things he had stolen from her. When the man said he didn't know what she was talking about, Cannova disappeared upstairs. When she returned minutes later, she reportedly started talking to the other victim, became upset and threatened to shoot him.

She then calmed down and asked for a ride to another house so she could "rough them up for her stolen items."

Deputies tracked Cannova to a home on Palm Street, where they found her hiding in a shed and the bright blue and green .380 pistol laying nearby. They also found empty syringes in a bag belonging to Cannova.

She was charged with home invasion robbery with a firearm, aggravated assault, possession of a firearm with an altered serial number, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest without violence and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Also arrested was Joshua Edward Turner, 28, of Weirsdale, who was reportedly with Cannova during the attempted robbery. He was charged with being an accessory to home invasion robbery.

Senate leaders press for change in hospital funding

By Christine Sexton
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A proposal to redistribute hundreds of millions of dollars away from safety-net hospitals and toward increasing base Medicaid payments at all hospitals drew opposition Wednesday in the Florida Senate.

But Senate Republican leaders were able to beat back a proposed amendment by Sen. Jose Javier Rodriguez, D-Miami, that would have scrapped the plan and

maintained current law, which directs upward of \$318 million in enhanced Medicaid payments to 28 hospitals with Medicaid caseloads of 25 percent or greater.

Senate Health and Human Services Appropriations Chairwoman Anitere Flores, R-Miami, said the budget plan is a fair redistribution of what she called "special project funds" and said it's something the Legislature should have done years ago.

"I am very hopeful that this is the year we pass a budget

that actually does this," Flores said of the Senate's plan. "Where we actually say, 'Hospitals thank you for opening your doors, not for asking questions.'"

Flores said every hospital in the state provides Medicaid care and charity care.

"The fact remains that under today's system there are hospitals across the entire state that we represent that don't ask (about ability to pay), that don't get any of that money and still provide the care," she said.

Specifically, the Senate plan would eliminate automatic rate enhancements paid to the 28 hospitals and use the money, instead, to beef up base Medicaid rates for all hospitals.

The Senate budget plan also would provide \$50 million in general revenue, which, when matched with federal Medicaid dollars, would total \$130 million. The plan would redirect that funding to base rates. As a result, the Senate plan

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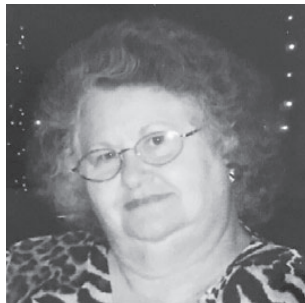
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Mildred G. Gay

Mildred G. Gay, 94, of Tavares, FL, born March 23, 1923 in Meadowview, VA died Saturday, February 3, 2018. She was a retired Lake County school bus driver. She was a member of Astatula Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School for 26 years, was a member of the choir and drove the church bus for 17 years, encouraging children to attend Sunday School and come to know her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She is survived by four children: Clarence Lee Gay Jr. of Mechanicsburg, PA, Deborah L. Frey of Windsor, PA, William R. Gay of Pinellas Park, FL and Donna L. Putnall of Tavares, FL. 12 grandchildren, 21 great

grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and a sister Virginia Herr of Lancaster, PA. Mildred was preceded in death by six sisters and seven brothers, as well as her son John C. Crasten, who died in South Carolina in 2015. A memorial service will be held at Astatula Baptist Church on Friday, February 9, 2018 at 11AM with viewing starting at 10AM. For those who wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Astatula Baptist Church, new building fund, 13239 Florida Ave, Astatula, FL 34705. Online condolences may be left at www.SteversonHamlinHilbish.com.

Shirley N. Thomas



Shirley N. Thomas, 76, of Wildwood passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Mrs. Thomas was born August 22, 1941 to Leon M. and Thelma (Browning) Norman. She married her husband, Donald, on April 25, 1964 and moved to this area in 1965 from Jacksonville. Shirley was a homemaker then became a RN after her children were raised. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Wildwood, a Master Gardener and loved being with her family and cooking along with watching college football games and rooting for the Florida State Seminoles. Survivors include her loving

husband of almost 54 years, Donald; children, Donald, Jr. "Jamie" & Nancy Thomas of Spar, Clinton & Rebecca Thomas of Clermont and Melanie Thomas of Jacksonville; brothers, L.M. Norman, Jr of Starke and David Norman of San Jose, Costa Rica; 5 grandchildren. Visitation will be held 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Friday in the Banks/Page-Theus Chapel. Funeral services will be held 11:00am, Saturday, February 10, 2018 in the First Baptist Church of Wildwood with interment at 3:00pm in Crosby Lake Cemetery in Starke. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspagetheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

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Eleanor Mae Tootle



love of her life in 1946 Calvin C. Tootle and was married to him for over 49 years until his passing in 1996. She is survived by her loving daughters: Niki Tootle of Readyville, TN and Jackie Tootle Johnson of Mt. Dora, FL; five grandchildren; Valerie, John, Loren, Magen and Kari. 10 great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Calvin C. Tootle, a daughter, Sandy Tootle Thomas and her two sisters: Eva Harris and Bea Dargie. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 2:00PM at Page-Theus Funeral Home, Leesburg with Pastor J.W. Rowland Officiating. A Graveside Service will follow after the funeral at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park, Florida with Full Military Honors. A celebration of Life will be held prior to the funeral service from 12:00PM (Noon) till the hour of Service at Page-Theus Funeral Home. Online condolences may be shared by visiting www.pagetheusfuneral.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

Eleanor Mae Tootle, 95, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, formerly of Leesburg, Florida went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2018 at the Tennessee State Veterans Home in Murfreesboro, Tennessee surrounded by her loving family. Mrs. Tootle was born on October 10, 1922 in Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, Canada to her parents Charles Harry Crowdis and Elsie (Fowler) Crowdis. She and her late husband were Farmers and worked at their farm in Bay Lake, Lake County until 1985 when they sold their farm. She was a proud U.S. Army Veteran who served in World War II as a member of the W.A.C. She was a former Pink Lady Volunteer at Leesburg Regional Medical Center working in the Thrift Store. She was a member of Eagles Nest Baptist Church in Fruitland Park, Florida. She met the

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Death Notices

Violeta Ayala

Violeta Ayala, 85 of Tavares died Tuesday, February 6, 2018. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home. Eustis Chapel. 352.589.4666.

Sean Madden

Sean Madden, 61 of Orlando, died Friday, February 2, 2018. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Fern Park. 407.645.4633.

Alexis S. Pierre-Louis

Alexis S. Pierre-Louis, 89 of Clermont died Sunday, February 4, 2018. Hayes Brothers Funeral Home, Eustis Chapel. 352.589.4666.

Catherine H. Small

Mrs. Catherine H. Small 83, Coleman, FL died Saturday, February 3, 2018 All arrangements entrusted to Eastside Funeral Home Leesburg, FL 352-326-5688

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RED-LIGHT

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Aventura's system is unlawful because no city official "reviews" the images the vendor's employees deem are not violations, meaning that the private company ultimately decides which drivers not to ticket.

"The system the city has set up has created a situation where (all of the images) are not reviewed by an officer," Rosenthal said. "Mr. Jimenez was subjected to unauthorized screening by the vendors."

But several justices appeared stymied by Rosenthal's position.

"Is it a misery-loves-company argument?" Justice Charles Canady asked. "I'm struggling. If he violated the statute, I don't see what he has to complain about because ... other people who might have violated the statute don't get dragged into the net."

Justice Peggy Quince questioned whether traffic officers would have to scrutinize every photo.

"You mean even in a situation where there was a clear, they were nowhere near the line when the camera went off, that that needs to be reviewed by an officer?" Quince asked.

The power to enforce the law involves making a "judgment call" about whether or not an infraction occurred, Rosenthal replied.

"They are conferring that power to a private vendor," he said.

But Florida Solicitor General Amit Agarwal told the justices that the vendor's employees "are engaged in only a clerical and essentially ministerial task" as allowed by the state law.

"They're taking clear rules and applying them," Agarwal said.

The case centers on the "police power" of the state, Agarwal argued.

"And that police power, as relevant here, is the power to issue a citation," he said. "And it's undisputed that only one person can make that determination of probable cause to believe that a violation has taken place ... and that's the police department."

The role of companies hired by cities to operate red-light camera

programs has been highly controversial in recent years. While proponents of the cameras say they improve traffic safety, critics argue that the devices are more about generating money for local governments and the private vendors.

In its July 2016 ruling, the 3rd District Court of Appeal found that Aventura's program relies on police officers — not the private contractor — to make decisions about ticketing motorists.

"Not only do the bright-line standards promulgated by the city ensure the vendor's tasks regarding images are purely ministerial and non-discretionary in nature, but the record reflects that no notice or citation is issued unless and until an individual officer of the city weighs the evidence in the images and determines in his or her professional judgment that probable cause exists," said the ruling, written by appeals-court Judge Thomas Logue and joined by judges Kevin Emas and Linda Ann Wells. "The officers make these decisions in the same manner they decide to issue a roadside citation."

But saying the "lawful use of cameras to enforce red lights has attracted the attention of the public, local governments, and the Legislature," the judges also called on the Florida Supreme Court to take up the case, a move known as certifying issues to the high court.

Red-light cameras have become a perennial issue for the Legislature.

In one of its first votes of the legislative session that began last month, the Florida House voted to eliminate the 2010 law allowing red-light cameras. The proposal now awaits action from the Senate, which in the past hasn't been as supportive of overturning the law.

Shortly after the Jan. 12 House vote, Speaker Richard Corcoran said the use of red-light cameras needs to come to a halt due to "the failure and corruption" of the law.

"Having reviewed years of data ... it is clear that red light cameras are more about revenue than public safety," Corcoran, R-Land O' Lakes, said in a prepared statement.

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ASTATULA Detectives release description of shooter

Sheriff's investigators have released new information about the suspect in the slaying of an Astatula man Friday.

Detectives say an unidentified man entered the home of Kevin Trejo, 24, at 13424

Dela-ware Ave. at 10:10 p.m. and shot him a short time later.

The shooter is described as a black man, 5-foot-9, 175 pounds, with short black hair and dread knots that are 2 to 3 inches long. He is estimated to be in his early to mid 20s. He was wearing a gray hoodie and blue jeans. He left in a small, light-colored car.

Anyone with information should call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 352-343-2101 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS.

LEESBURG Center Street lane closures begin Thursday

Both lanes of Center Street in Leesburg will close at U.S. Highway 27 (North 14th Street) for about eight weeks beginning Thursday while crews perform work to upgrade the electric substation at Center Street and U.S. Highway 27.

During the lane closure period, traffic will be able to use West Line Street and High Street to get around the construction work. In addition, customers will still have access to the Bank of America building from U.S. Highway 27 and from the bank's Center Street driveway.

ARTISTS

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Wendy Alderman Award).

Artists also won \$500 each for Awards of Excellence in both 2D and 3D categories. The 2D winners are: Bobby Goldsmith (printmaking and drawing), Richard Wilson (printmaking and drawing), Marius Moore (photography), Michael Dlugolecki (painting), Igor Menaker (photography), Kate Carney (painting), Nicola Barsaleau (printmaking and drawing), B. Eugene Bauer (photography), Kevin Chen (watercolor) and Lorri Honeycutt (photography). Winners for 3D include: Joel

Hunnicut (sculpture), Pam Fox (jewelry), Jack Hill (sculpture), Anna Saulino (jewelry), Al Clement (clay), Carly Gibran (clay), John Mascoll (fine crafts), Patricia Karnes (jewelry), Larry Allen (clay) and Dawn Middleton (jewelry).

The festival, hosted by the Mount Dora Center for the Arts, brought together more than 285 nationally acclaimed artists featuring dozens of mediums for their art. The festival also features regional musical entertainment, food and kids art zone. The Arts Festival is currently ranked No. 7 from the Sunshine Artists for best fine-arts festival in the nation.

For details, go to www.mountdoraarts-festival.org.

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would increase Medicaid base rates from \$3,426 to \$4,049 for each hospital admission.

Because the base rates would be increased, the Senate plan would benefit any system that owns more than one hospital, such as HCA, Tenet, Community Health Systems, BayCare, and Adventist Health System. HCA, which owns 43 facilities in the state, could see nearly \$40.5 million in Medicaid increases under the Senate plan.

Conversely, Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami faces more than a \$59 million reduction, UF

Health Shands in Gainesville faces more than a \$20 million hit and Tampa General Hospital could lose nearly \$14.7 million.

The Senate is expected Thursday to approve its proposed budget, setting the stage for negotiations with the House in the coming weeks on a final spending plan for the fiscal year that starts July 1. The Senate's proposed changes in hospital funding could be a key issue in negotiations.

House budget chairman Rep. Carlos Trujillo, R-Miami, already has indicated that the Senate's proposal could face an uphill battle in the House, telling reporters last week that Jackson Memorial and other facilities are "essential to the well-being of our residents. As for some of the for-profits, we're much less sympathetic."

Before the floor debate Wednesday, staff members from the Safety Net Hospital Alliance of Florida met with members of the Senate Democratic caucus to discuss the impact of the redistribution plan on its members. The alliance represents public, teaching and children's hospitals.

Lindy Kennedy, executive vice president of the alliance, told Senate Democrats that it's been long-standing policy to give additional payments to hospitals that provide large amounts of charity care. The policy, she said, is a recognition that Medicaid pays just 60 cents of every dollar hospitals spend caring for Medicaid patients and that hospitals treating large numbers of Medicaid patients can't afford the loss.

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PARADE

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“LBJ (Lyndon B. Johnson) was president then and Ladybird was the first lady. To honor them, my mother made cowboy hats out of chicken wire and made us kids wear them in the parade,” Warren said. “As I was walking down the street, all I could see was my feet.”

Libby Chibe, his sister, remembers many a year that she and Warren Jr. were in the parade dressed as George and Martha Washington.

On Feb. 24, Warren Jr. – a lifelong resident of Eustis and the second generation owner of Bay Pharmacy in downtown Eustis for more than 55 years – will participate in the parade, but this time wearing a crown.

That’s because Warren, 62, was named Orange King Wednesday at the Lake Eustis Chamber of Commerce’s annual Georgefest kickoff breakfast.

“I’ve lived here all of my life, and I’m excited about what’s currently going on in our city. I’m also excited about Georgefest. It’s always been a big deal,” Warren said.

Warren’s mom will be sitting beside him the whole time because she was crowned the 2018 Orange Queen.

“I don’t even know what to say,” Jill Warren, 86, said through tears.

Jill, a resident since 1953 and married to Bay Pharmacy owner George Warren Sr., now deceased, said she remembers the day George Jr. was born.

“It was February 23, 1956, the day before the Georgefest parade,” Jill said. “I watched it from my hospital room window that year.”

Every year after that, she has watched the parade from Bay Pharmacy alongside family, friends and customers. Chibe said they serve coffee and donuts and put rows of chairs under their canopy so people can sit, watch and cheer as the parade passes.

She said this year they may be cheering just a little louder when the king and queen happen by.

“It’s always great watching, but it will be even greater this year,” Chibe said.

The Washington’s Birthday Celebration Parade is set to begin at 10 a.m. Feb. 24, the second day of the three-day 116th annual Georgefest celebration.

The theme for the 2018 event is “Through the Years,” so parade participants will line-up in chronological order dating from 1902 to present times.

“We will be looking back on the last century of Georgefest celebrations and bringing back

the key memorable activities from Georgefests past. We will also be introducing new activities that will be entertaining for families,” a press release reads.

Event organizer Erin Bailey said Georgefest, which will be held in Downtown Eustis, will feature a carnival, live music, food, vendors and more.

Fireworks will light up the sky over Ferran Park Friday night. Before the parade at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, dog owners will have a chance to show off their furry babies. Also on Saturday for the first time, the Golden Triangle Jazz Festival will feature high school jazz bands from all over the state. Sunday will start off with a free pancake breakfast, old-fashioned games and activities throughout the day, an ice cream social and on Sunday night, musical headliner Jefferson Starship will take the stage at the Ferran Park bandshell.

“Georgefest means a long tradition of fun, family, community – people getting together to celebrate, obviously, George Washington, but also to celebrate the successes of the community,” Eustis City Manager Ron Neibert said. “It’s Eustis as a family getting together and having a good time.”

For more information about the 2018 Georgefest celebration, go to www.eustisgeorgefest.org.

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Those regulations include prohibitions on downtown business owners, city employees and city residents parking in prime spots designated for visitors, and a 4-hour street parking limit for visitors during the peak weekday business hours of 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Merchants voiced safety concerns about having to park offsite and said that the 4-hour parking limits may not be long enough for customers to fully enjoy their day, especially if they want to book train or boat tours. Some business owners also said the program will not solve the parking problem and said they were afraid the time limits may scare visitors off and hurt business.

Nevertheless, council members decided to at least give the program a try.

City Manager Robin Hayes called it a pilot program that can be tweaked at any time. She also said the city would run shuttles and offer valet parking services to help get merchants and employees back and forth to offsite parking areas.

“We have been working on this for so long that we just need to do something,” Vice Mayor Cathy Hoescht said. “We just gotta start somewhere.”

Councilman Cal Rolfson said the program needs to be implemented because it was one of the recommendations in a Community Redevelopment Agency study the city paid thousands to have done.

“The first month I was here, I heard complaints from city residents, I heard complaints from merchants about parking,” Rolfson said. “That has been a continuing daily, monthly, yearly issue, and as the saying goes, this can has been kicked down the road, and for at least 15 years in my opinion.”

There was also discussion about using technology to enforce the parking restrictions, such as parking meters or kiosks that generate receipts showing parking start times to display on drivers dashboards.

For now, however, it will be up to Cpl. Jessica Howell, the new officer assigned to the downtown area, to eyeball violators.

Mount Dora Police Chief John O’Grady on Wednesday said Howell will monitor the downtown corridor during the indicated peak times and

possibly use her cell phone to take pictures of cars in their parking spots as proof of how long they stay.

O’Grady said at first Howell will monitor for repeat violators and issue warnings.

O’Grady said the program will be introduced slowly to give merchants and city employees time to get used to the idea of having to find off-site parking areas that best suit them. He said those areas include an empty city-owned lot just south of 3rd Avenue between Tremain and Baker Streets, the parking lot at First United Methodist Church at 303 E. Jackson Avenue, City Hall, Evans Park and the free public garage on Donnelly at Charles Street.

“We’re looking for compliance but we will be working closely with people through this transition. We just want business owners, managers and employees to start parking offsite in designated, free, public parking areas so that residents, visitors and customers coming to town to enjoy the downtown area can have the convenience of downtown parking,” O’Grady said. “It’s just a change of the mindset.”

On Tuesday the council gave city administration the green light, although Councilman John Tucker said he understands the concerns of local merchants and employees.

“I will tell you that, since it is in my district, I intend to talk with every merchant downtown in approximately a 90-day period once we start to see how they’re doing and if I see any trends down in their businesses, I will bring it up before council and voice their concerns,” said Tucker. “I do agree with everything about the can kicking and that something has to be put in place as a start, and this is the start, but if it’s not working and the merchants are suffering, I will bring it to this council’s attention rapidly.”

Hayes said the program will not start until signage is ready and put up around town, which she estimates will be sometime in late March or April. Until then, the city intends to educate merchants of the program’s components.

“The point is not to deter people from being part of the downtown. It’s just to make sure we don’t have people parked and sitting there for 8 or 12 hours that are not shopping or being part of the downtown activities. As a city, we want to see success not only for our merchants but for all others visiting our city, shopping and enjoying the day,” Hayes said.

MILITARY

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reverberated across Washington on Wednesday like the thud of a discharged cannon, as lawmakers and military leaders mused about the cost, the risk and the purpose.

“People will wonder, ‘Well, what are they afraid of now? What are they trying to prove?’” Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, who represents the District of Columbia in Congress, said in an interview. “We don’t have to show off to make a point.”

It was a critique voiced by both Democrats and Republicans the day after The Washington Post revealed Trump wants an elaborate parade this year to rival the Bastille Day celebration in Paris that made a distinct impression on him in July. Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin called it a “fantastic waste of money,” while



President Donald Trump listens during a meeting with law enforcement officials on the MS-13 street gang and border security, in the Cabinet Room of the White House on Tuesday in Washington. [EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham told CNN that the parade risked being “kind of cheesy and a sign of weakness” if it’s just about showing off military muscle.

The president did not seem deterred, although his aides rushed to downplay the notion that it was anything beyond an idea Trump had floated “in a

brainstorming session” to help Americans express gratitude and pride for the military. White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there had been no final decision. And Trump’s legislative director said it was too early to even guess about potential costs, though it’s assumed it would cost millions.

proposals.

Trump himself tweeted that the agreement “is so important for our great Military,” and he urged both Republicans and Democrats to support it.

But the plan faced criticism from deficit hawks in his own party.

Some tea party Republicans shredded the measure as a budget-buster. Combined with the party’s December tax cut bill, the burst in military and other spending would put the GOP-controlled government on track for the first \$1 trillion-plus deficits since President Barack Obama’s first term. That’s when Congress passed

massive stimulus legislation to try to stabilize a down-spiraling economy.

“It’s too much,” said Rep. Scott Perry, R-Pa., a fiscal hawk.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., however, backed the agreement and was hoping to cobble together a coalition of moderate Democrats and Republicans to push it through.

Despite the 77-year-old Pelosi’s public talkathon, she was not pressuring the party’s rank-and-file to oppose the measure, Democrats said. The deal contains far more money demanded by Democrats than had seemed possible only weeks ago,

including \$90 billion in disaster aid for Florida and Texas. Some other veteran Democrats – some of whom said holding the budget deal hostage to action on Dreamer immigrants had already proven to be a failed strategy – appeared more likely to support the agreement than junior progressives elected in recent years.

The budget agreement would give both the Pentagon and domestic agencies relief from a budget freeze that lawmakers say threatens military readiness and training as well as domestic priorities such as combating opioid abuse and repairing the troubled health care system for veterans.

BUDGET

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the government begins to shut down Thursday at midnight. But hurdles remain to avert the second shutdown in a month.

While Senate Democrats celebrated the moment of rare bipartisanship – Minority Leader Chuck Schumer called it a “genuine breakthrough” – progressives and activists blasted them for leaving immigrants in legislative limbo. Top House Democrat Nancy Pelosi of California, herself

a key architect of the budget plan, announced her opposition Wednesday morning and mounted a remarkable daylong filibuster on the House floor, trying to force GOP leaders in the House to promise a later vote on legislation to protect the younger immigrants.

“Let Congress work its will,” Pelosi said, before holding the floor for more than eight hours without a break. “What are you afraid of?”

The White House backed the deal – despite President Donald Trump’s outburst a day earlier that he’d welcome a government shutdown if Democrats didn’t accept his immigration-limiting

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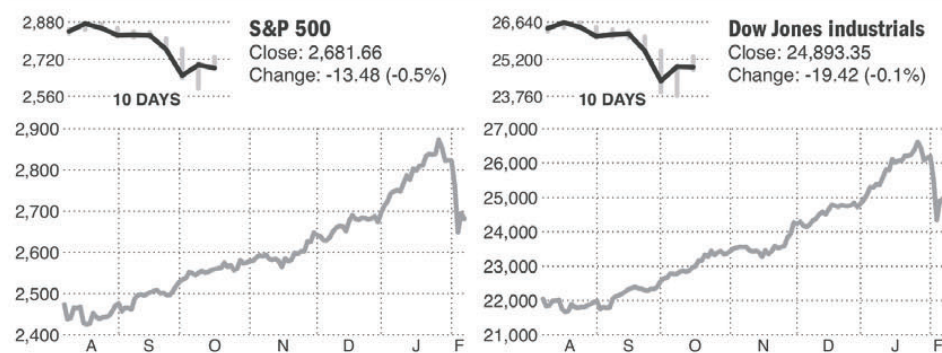
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Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	4,603	2,339
Pvs. Volume	5,857	3,102
Advanced	1508	1497
Declined	1406	1363
New Highs	21	29
New Lows	48	58

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	25293.96	24785.44	24893.35	-19.42	-0.08%	+0.70%
DOW Trans.	10669.28	10481.61	10560.59	+31.74	+0.30%	-0.49%
DOW Util.	668.65	657.68	657.76	-4.56	-0.69%	-9.07%
NYSE Comp.	12866.58	12685.43	12687.13	-58.32	-0.46%	-0.95%
NASDAQ	7170.33	7051.53	7051.98	-63.90	-0.90%	+2.15%
S&P 500	2727.67	2681.33	2681.66	-13.48	-0.50%	+0.30%
S&P 400	1879.89	1856.09	1862.54	-1.49	-0.08%	-2.00%
Wilshire 5000	28251.49	27824.12	27824.86	-105.98	-0.38%	+0.11%
Russell 2000	1517.00	1503.32	1507.97	+0.80	+0.05%	-1.79%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	32.55	32.55	42.70	36.93	+10	+0.3	▼	▲	▼	-5.0	-4.4	14	2.00f
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	78.81	169.55	109.93	-2.27	-2.0	▼	▼	▲	+10.3	-31.7	20	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	75.51	75.51	102.39	93.61	-5.7	-0.6	▼	▼	▼	-5.7	+29.6	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	38.20	38.20	62.02	53.57	-8.5	-1.6	▼	▼	▲	+4.4	+14.2	14	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	41.10	41.10	53.77	51.77	+11	+0.2	▼	▼	▲	+0.6	+20.9	27	0.60
CocaCola Co	KO	40.22	40.22	48.62	44.56	-11	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	-2.9	+18.2	27	1.48
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.78	34.78	44.00	40.15	+4.8	+1.2	▼	▼	▲	+0.7	+18.8	19	0.76f
Darden Rest	DRI	73.81	73.81	100.11	95.08	+7.0	+0.7	▼	▼	▼	-1.0	+39.8	23	2.52
Disney	DIS	96.20	96.20	116.10	104.76	-1.41	-1.3	▼	▼	▼	-2.6	+4.6	15	1.68f
Gen Electric	GE	14.71	14.71	30.59	15.25	-0.2	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	-12.7	-45.2	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	49.65	49.65	63.73	54.65	-1.13	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	-7.8	-1.0	18	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	105.80	105.80	160.67	152.79	+4.15	+2.8	▼	▲	▲	+7.9	+48.1	27	2.28
Home Depot	HD	139.05	139.05	207.61	191.29	+2.5	+0.1	▼	▼	▼	+0.9	+51.3	27	3.56
IBM	IBM	139.13	139.13	182.79	153.85	-1.49	-1.0	▼	▼	▲	+0.3	+0.9	12	6.00
Lowes Cos	LOW	70.76	70.76	108.98	99.92	-3.0	-0.3	▼	▲	▲	+7.5	+48.7	22	1.64
NY Times	NYT	14.08	14.08	24.20	22.15	-2.5	-1.1	▼	▲	▲	+19.7	+65.2	31	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	124.52	124.52	159.64	148.09	-1.47	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	-5.2	+29.2	22	3.93
PepsiCo	PEP	101.06	101.06	122.51	113.50	-0.6	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	-5.4	+20.5	23	3.22
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	51.96	72.06	69.01	+5.8	+0.8	▼	▼	▲	+6.8	+29.8	17	1.60
WallMart Strs	WMT	67.56	67.56	109.98	102.85	+1.95	+1.9	▼	▲	▲	+4.2	+57.7	23	2.04
Xerox Corp	XRX	26.64	26.64	37.42	31.18	+3.3	+1.1	▼	▲	▲	+7.0	+17.5	39	1.00

MARKET WATCH

Dow	24,893.35	▼ 19.42
Nasdaq	7,051.98	▼ 63.90
S&P	2,681.66	▼ 13.48
Russell	1,507.97	▲ 0.80
NYSE	12,687.13	▼ 58.32

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1311.60	▼ 14.50
Silver	16.206	▼ .342
Platinum	981.70	▼ 12.60
Copper	3.0765	▼ .1010
Oil	61.79	▼ 1.60

MARKET MOVERS

- **Snap Inc.:** Up \$6.69 to \$20.75 — The messaging app company reported strong user and revenue growth in the latest quarter.
- **Wynn Resorts Ltd.:** Up \$14.10 to \$177.32 — Steve Wynn resigned as the casino operator's chairman and CEO after allegations of sexual harassment and assault.

BRIEF CASE

DETROIT Harley recalls over 250K bikes globally over brakes

Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, Harley-Davidson is recalling over 250,000 motorcycles worldwide because the brakes might fail.

Documents posted Wednesday by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration say the recall covers more than 30 models from the 2008 through 2011 model years. Harley says deposits can form on brake parts if the fluid isn't changed every two years as specified in the owner's manual. That can cause a valve in the antilock brake control unit to stick.

The U.S. agency began investigating problems in July of 2016 after getting 43 complaints including three reports of crashes and two injuries.

NEW YORK Chipotle, citing tax law, sends bonuses, ups benefits

Chipotle is the latest company to give out one-time cash and stock bonuses, and will broaden parental leave benefits for workers following sweeping changes to U.S. tax law.

The announcement follows similar actions at big companies including Walmart, Starbucks and Disney.

Qualified hourly and salaried restaurant workers at Chipotle will receive a special one-time cash bonus of up to \$1,000 or a one-time stock grant. There will also be additional paid parental leave coverage for a broad range of workers, from hourly managers to salaried employees.

The Associated Press



The Charging Bull sculpture by Arturo Di Modica, in New York's Financial District, is shown in this Wednesday photo. (RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Hold steady

Markets get jumpy again; investors should keep their nerve

By Stan Choe and Sarah Skidmore Sell
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — So this is what all those market watchers meant when they said the stock market was quiet, too quiet.

The violent moves for stocks over the last week have been particularly jarring for investors because they'd been sailing through unusually calm trading and strong returns for more than a year. It was a return to more "normal" conditions — but much like stepping out of a soothing, warm shower on a cold winter morning.

Experts are saying even more volatility may be on the way. The market is worried about the threat of higher inflation and interest rates, and it's also concerned that stock prices have become too expensive following their huge run. Many still expect stocks to gain over time, in part because the global economy is strengthening and recently passed tax cuts should give an extra boost to corporate profits. But a drop for stocks in the near-term may well be a restorative thing.

"This pullback is simply helping to get some of the froth out of the market," said Tim Armour, chairman and CEO of Capital Group, which runs some of the world's largest mutual funds under the American Funds name. "Some volatility is a natural part of investing, and it is healthy for markets."

The nearly 8 percent drop for S&P 500 index funds from two Fridays ago through Monday was the first loss of

even 5 percent in a year and a half, a record amount of time. For younger investors, this may be their first bout with market volatility.

Calm markets have become such a given that investors poured dollars into products that made money if expectations for volatility remained low. They did this by investing in the futures market for the VIX index, which measures how worried traders are about a drop in stocks, and often used borrowed money to do so.

But some of these seemingly can't-miss products blew up in the past week after volatility spiked and lost as much as 90 percent of their value. Some market watchers blame the breakdown of these esoteric investments for exacerbating volatility and accelerating Monday's sell-off in particular, when the S&P 500 lost 4.1 percent.

So, what would a return to "normal" volatility entail? For one, expect more down days for the market. Second, expect those losses to be bigger than they have been.

From the start of 2017 through January of this year, a typical down day for the S&P 500 meant a loss of 0.2 percent. Half the losses for the index over that time were more than 0.2 percent, and half were less. But over the last 20 years, a down day for S&P 500 index investors was roughly three times as bad, with a median loss of 0.6 percent.

The swings may even be more noticeable within a single day. During the calm stretch of 2017 into January, a typical day for the S&P 500 saw it drift just 0.5 percentage points from its low point to its high. On the first day of this year, for example, the

S&P 500 held tight between a gain of 0.3 percent and 0.8 percent.

Over the last 20 years, though, the typical trading range was more than double that, at 1.1 percentage points. So think of a day like Election Day 2016, when the S&P 500 flipped between a loss of 0.4 percent and a gain of 0.7 percent.

One natural reaction to increased volatility is the inclination to get off the wild ride and sell. If you have a long time horizon for the investment, say a decade, the general recommendation is to resist that temptation. Stocks have historically offered some of the biggest returns over the long term for investors.

Investors who want less volatility should be in bonds, savings accounts or other investments with less risk. The trade-off is that returns over the coming decade will likely be lower.

"Stocks do go up and down, this is normal," said Roger Young, a senior financial planner at T. Rowe Price. "It is something that, if you have a long-term outlook, it shouldn't worry you too much."

Brian Armstrong, a 46-year-old in Tigard, Oregon, is thinking along those lines. He's willing to ride through the ups and downs of the stock market and isn't looking to make a flurry of moves in the short term. To scratch that itch, he plays in the cryptocurrency market, which is famous for being even more volatile than stocks.

"I hold stocks, but mine are for the long term," he said. "I'm making the conscious choice not to monitor (the stock market) on a day-to-day basis."

Stocks rally, wobble, then end lower

By Marley Jay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was another shaky day on Wall Street as indexes rallied in the morning, bobbed up and down for much of the day, then sank in the last few minutes of trading. Energy companies dropped along with oil prices and technology companies also declined.

Stocks were coming off a big gain on Tuesday. At times investors looked ready to jump back in after steep losses Friday and Monday, yet every gain the market made was met with more selling. About 20 minutes before the close of trading the Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 260 points, but it finished with a small loss.

After two steep plunges, including its worst loss in six and a half years Monday, the S&P 500 is down 6.7 percent from its most recent record high set on January 26.

While markets were noticeably calmer on Wednesday, there are signs that investors are still far more nervous than they were just a few days ago. The VIX, which is called Wall Street's "fear gauge" because it measures how much volatility investors expect in the future, is currently at 27, more than double where it was two weeks ago. It spiked above 50 early Tuesday.

Stocks tumbled Friday after the Labor Department said that workers' wages rose in January at their fastest pace in eight years. That's good for the economy, but Hooper noted that higher pay to workers can reduce corporate profits, and those profits are the stock market's fuel. And while higher pay affects company profits quickly, it can take a long time for workers to start spending more money after they get a raise.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 13.48 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,681.66. The Dow slid 19.42 points, or 0.1 percent, to 24,893.35. The Nasdaq composite fell 63.90 points, or 0.9 percent, to 7,051.98.

Smaller companies fared better than the rest of the market, and more stocks rose than fell on the New York Stock Exchange.

The gap between the Dow's highest and lowest levels on Wednesday was about 500 points, or 2 percent. That big, but it's dwarfed by the lurching moves the market made the last few days.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Puerto Rico still needs our help

Here is what is happening in Puerto Rico more than four months after Hurricane Maria slammed through the island: The Federal Emergency Management Agency is still providing food and water. Tarps cover roofs across the island. Approximately a third of the population is still without power.

No power usually means no hot meals and no refrigeration. It means no air conditioning in tropical heat that is already breaching the 80s. And that's all far better than it was in recent weeks.

The island's disaster was more far-reaching than some of the worst ever seen on the mainland. More than three times as many generators were provided by FEMA to Puerto Rico after Maria as compared with Hurricane Katrina. For the 3.4 million people who call Puerto Rico home, it has been an unconscionably slow recovery. The federal government must extend the true helping hand our fellow Americans desperately need.

There were bad local decisions after the storm. The Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority chose not to immediately call in hordes of power workers via mutual aid agreements with mainland utilities. Instead, PREPA at first relied on Whitefish Energy Holdings, a Montana company, due to logistical difficulties and cost concerns, but this only delayed energy restoration.

Meantime, the federal response has been scandalously inadequate. It started with early logistical stumbles like delayed opening of ports, slowing the delivery of supplies. President Donald Trump obscenely overstated the island's recovery when he visited in October and squabbled with San Juan Mayor Carmen Yulin Cruz as she and others asked for more aid.

The inadequate response continues today with an omnibus \$81 billion supplemental disaster-relief package that is stalled in the Senate. It's hardly enough for Puerto Rico, but miserly when split with other disaster-struck areas such as Texas and Florida.

And the future looks dire: The Republican tax bill disadvantages Puerto Rico businesses compared with mainland ones, making it even more difficult for Puerto Ricans to get back on their feet.

The devastation requires a wider response. Today in Puerto Rico, you will find fallen trees aside major highways and still-broken bridges. Many storefronts are shuttered and traffic lights are dead.

The disaster aid package should be approved immediately — including, at the very least, funding for the island's Medicaid crisis, caused in part by the federal government contributing much less than it does for states. The legislation also must reform requirements that stipulate that federal dollars be used largely on simple reconstruction. The federal government should build to a higher standard, trying to prevent this level of destruction from happening again.

Beyond the bills, Puerto Rico's economy needs help. The commonwealth needs some leniency as it seeks to restructure its debts.

There is hope. Many Puerto Ricans see the disaster as an opportunity to rebuild smartly. Better bridges can span rivers, roads will be cleared and improved, and tourism will again flourish. But to do so, the island needs more help, and more recognition by Washington that these are fellow citizens, too.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Leave the 'Starry Night' house alone

I don't see why the town is objecting so much to the "Starry Night" house in Mount Dora. They should, instead, look at the cement walls driving into town on the lake. They really are ugly, dirty and would look great painted with some kind of art. I would like to see more.

Gail McLaughlin, Tavares

Trump to the rescue

At first it was disturbing, then frustrating, then amusing and now it is down right laughable. I am referring to the Democrats' reaction to President Trump. One would hope that in time they would

begin to settle down and start to act rationally, but no, they just continue to become more and more unglued.

First they went into shock at Hillary's defeat, then they decided it would be easy to discredit President Trump with all kinds of wild accusations, like 2,000 lies in the last year. When that didn't work they figured they could impeach him. Darn, that's not working either. Now his policies actually work better than anyone could have expected. Can it get any worse? Oh yes it can. He keeps them so completely off balance because they never know what he will do next. The worst part is that he always seems to come out on top and the poor Democrats are left shaking their heads in complete bewilderment.

ANOTHER OPINION

THE COLUMBIAN DISPATCH
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ANOTHER OPINION

Now is the perfect time for prison reform



Cal Thomas

It didn't seem to fit in President Trump's State of the Union address, perhaps something tossed in at the last minute, like a garnish. But there it was: "As America regains its strength, opportunity must be extended to all citizens. That is why this year we will embark on reforming our prisons, to help former inmates who have served their time get a second chance at life."

Like Richard Nixon opening the door to China, only a Republican could propose prison reform and not be labeled "soft on crime."

It is not news that American prisons are overcrowded, cost too much to maintain and warehouse men and women, many of whom should not be there. There ought to be an alternative for nonviolent, non-lethal offenders. Those being released from prison should be offered a second chance without the mark of Cain being stamped on them.

One step in that direction may be a recent story in The Washington Post. Ron Nelsen owns a garage door company in Las Vegas, Nevada, but has had trouble finding people to work for him because of the falling unemployment rate. His assistant handed him a resume, and when Nelsen looked at it he discovered the applicant's recent jobs were all in a state prison.

Nelsen decided to interview the man, Ian Black. "He was articulate and respectful, and he told me he'd been an idiot when he was younger."

Still apprehensive, Nelsen took a chance on the convicted burglar and hired him. Black is part of a work release program. His parole hearing is set for this month. Nelsen calls Black "my best worker."

Nelsen is not alone. As the Post reports, more businesses are starting to give ex-convicts a second chance. This is not some liberal "feel-good" idea. Even the conservative Koch Industries is hiring former inmates. Mark Holden, general counsel for Koch Industries, is quoted as saying, "What someone did on their worst day doesn't define them forever."

Ask yourself which approach is likely to cut the recidivism rate, which remains especially high for those who can't find meaningful work: A spirit of forgiveness, mercy and a second chance or branding someone as irredeemable? The question should answer itself.

If he follows through on his promise, President Trump has an opportunity to go where few have gone before. As with his promise to free poor minority children from their failed public schools, reforming America's prison system and, indeed, America's approach to incarceration, which has done little to redeem or reform anyone, would be a lasting legacy.

According to the non-profit, nonpartisan Prison

Policy Initiative (PPI), which compiles data on our criminal justice system, "The American criminal justice system holds more than 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 102 federal prisons, 901 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,163 local jails and 76 Indian Country jails, as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers and prisons in the U.S. territories."

One in five prisoners in the federal prison system is there for nonviolent drug offenses. At the state and local levels it is different and although most of the incarcerated are there for infractions unrelated to drugs, most states continue to arrest people for drug possession. As the PPI notes, "Drug arrests give residents of over-policed communities criminal records, which then reduce employment prospects and increase the likelihood of longer sentences for any future offenses."

The trend of hiring former inmates who have served time for nonviolent offenses should be encouraged. Most prisoners will return to society. Will society welcome them with a job and a second chance, thus reducing the recidivism rate, or ostracize them and increase the chances they will commit new crimes against new victims in order to survive?

Ron Nelsen is setting a good example. Others should follow, because who among us has not needed a second chance at something?

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Stock market crash isn't Obama's fault

Just a few days after saying the current rise in the stock market was all due to Trump, Sean Hannity of FOX News said the stock market crash is Obama's fault. What is really disturbing is that many in his audience actually believe his lies. He says that the economy was weak under Obama as if he didn't see the constant upward trend since the recovery from the Republican-caused 2008 recession, which he falsely blamed on Democrats.

Under Obama, the economy expanded at an average annual pace of 2.1 percent and in 2017, it rose 2.3 percent along the trend line. So it's another lie that the past

economic record was weak.

Then he made the contradictory statement, "In many ways, it's a sign of the strength of the economy more than anything else." Hannity also said the stock market crash is, "good because there is too much cheap money and the interest rate must be increase." Well, that will upset a lot of investors. Is this guy insane? No, he knows that his message will be believed by FOX viewers.

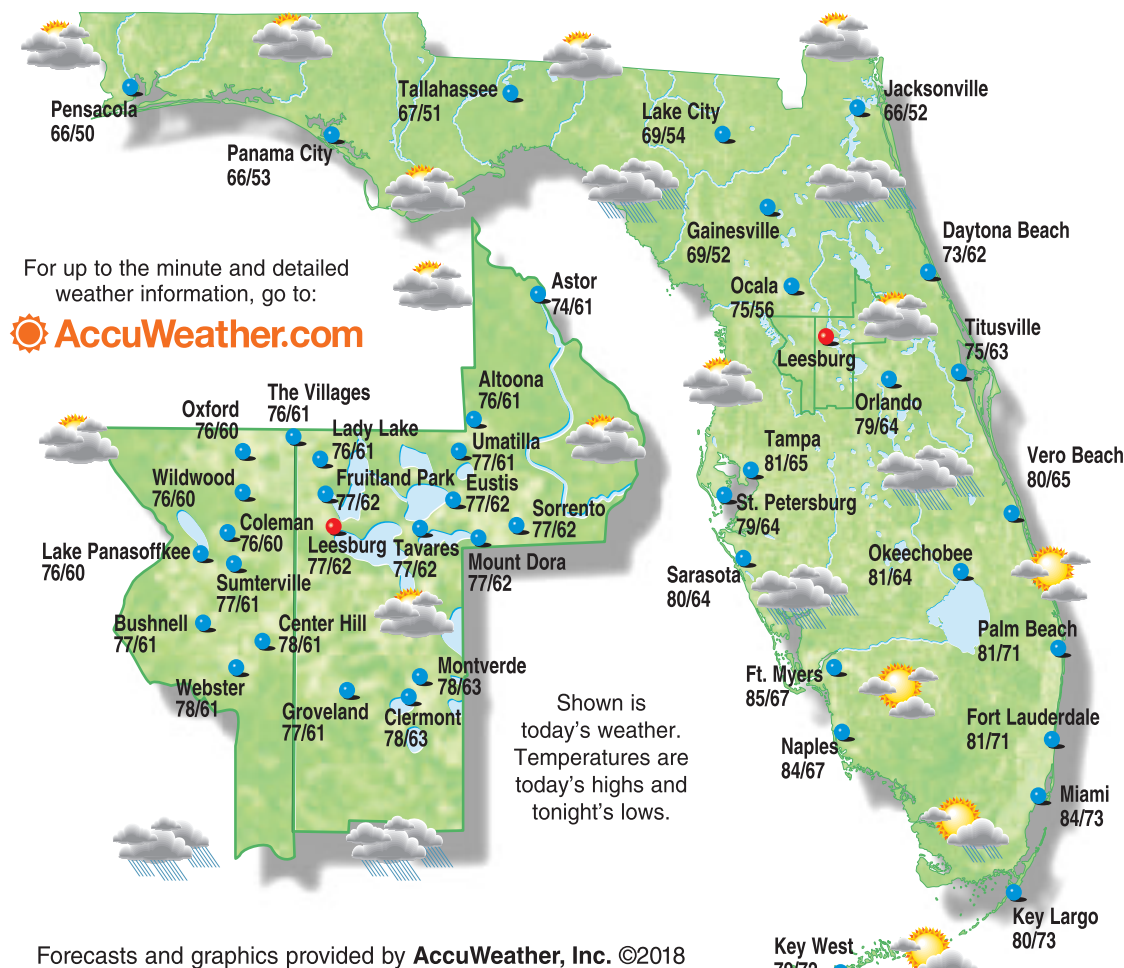
Good luck on blaming Obama when the Republican tax plan fails. As usual, Trump is clueless, ignores the stock market crash after telling everyone the rise was due to his policies and claims that the economy is great again.

Carole Bruski, Leesburg

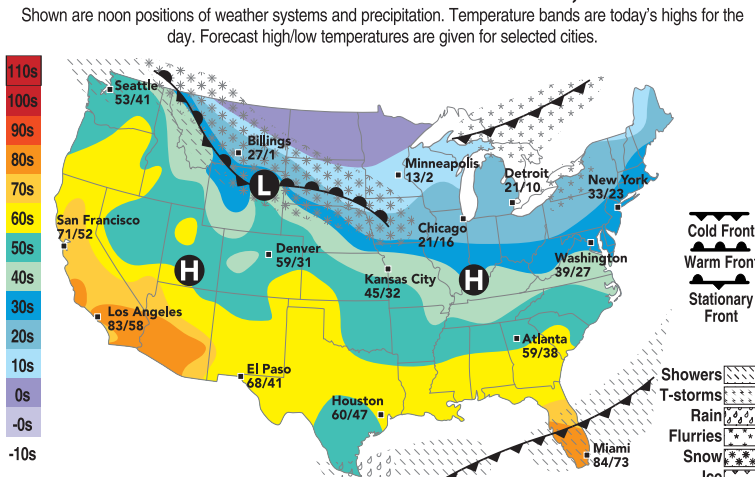
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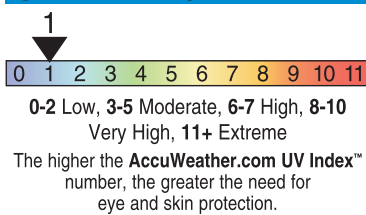


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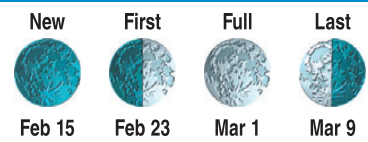
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Fri.	6:48 a.m.	12:36 a.m.	7:11 p.m.	1:00 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Friday
Sunrise	7:12 a.m.	7:11 a.m.
Sunset	6:12 p.m.	6:13 p.m.
Moonrise	1:28 a.m.	2:21 a.m.
Moonsset	12:40 p.m.	1:21 p.m.



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Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet
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	10:40 pm	1.2	4:31 pm	0.2		3:03 pm	3.2

NATIONAL CITIES

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Albuquerque	61 32 s	63 36 s	Chicago	21 16 c	28 18 sn	Greensboro, NC	49 30 s	55 42 s
Anchorage	22 7 s	24 15 pc	Cincinnati	32 22 pc	48 34 pc	Hartford	30 11 pc	32 25 pc
Asheville	51 29 s	54 41 s	Cleveland	25 14 sf	36 27 sn	Honolulu	80 67 pc	79 68 pc
Atlanta	59 38 s	58 49 c	Columbia, SC	60 34 pc	63 52 c	Houston	60 47 pc	66 55 c
Atlantic City	38 21 pc	42 37 pc	Concord, NH	28 6 pc	29 22 pc	Indianapolis	30 22 pc	47 27 c
Baltimore	37 23 s	43 32 pc	Dallas	60 42 s	69 54 s	Jackson, MS	60 38 s	62 55 sh
Billings	27 1 sn	8 -5 sn	Dayton	25 16 pc	43 32 c	Kansas City	45 32 pc	35 14 c
Birmingham	58 39 s	63 51 pc	Denver	59 31 pc	44 17 pc	Las Vegas	75 50 s	78 51 s
Bismarck	9 -13 c	7 -10 pc	Des Moines	25 18 c	20 5 sn	Little Rock	51 29 s	58 45 pc
Boise	63 38 c	53 29 pc	Detroit	21 10 pc	26 17 sn	Louisville	40 31 s	56 40 c
Boston	32 18 s	33 29 s	Duluth	8 -12 s	9 -9 s	Memphis	52 37 s	59 50 s
Buffalo	21 12 c	27 23 sn	El Paso	68 41 s	74 45 s	Milwaukee	22 15 c	26 10 sn
Burlington, VT	23 10 c	25 19 sn	Fargo	4 -12 c	6 -9 s	Minneapolis	13 2 pc	13 -4 pc
Charleston, SC	59 41 pc	66 54 sh	Fairbanks	-9 -20 s	0 -16 s	Nashville	48 32 s	62 49 s
Charleston, WV	36 20 pc	55 38 c	Flagstaff	59 26 s	62 32 s	New Orleans	60 53 c	70 63 c
Charlotte, NC	55 31 s	58 47 s	Grand Rapids	21 15 sf	24 12 sn	New York City	33 23 s	35 34 pc
						Norfolk, VA	41 29 pc	52 43 pc
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						Raleigh	51 29 s	58 44 s
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						St. Louis	42 33 pc	53 28 c
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Mount Dora runs out of answers

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MOUNT DORA — The Mount Dora boys soccer team seemed to have all the answers Wednesday night in a Class 2A regional quarterfinal game against Crescent City at Hurricanes Field.

Until it didn't. Crescent City scored two goals in the final 5:28 of the

match to take a 4-2 victory over the Hurricanes and end a great season for Mount Dora.

In another Class 2A quarterfinal match, Alachua Santa Fe knocked off The Villages 2-1 in overtime.

Mount Dora answered a lone first-half goal in the early stages of the second half and then needed only 45 seconds to answer Crescent City's second goal late in the second half.

But the match got away from the Hurricanes after that with Crescent City scoring from long range with 5:28 to go and then putting things out of reach with a header just 2:57 from the end.

Trailing 1-0 at the half, Mount Dora's Collin Schmitz drove past two defenders and shrugged off a third before

See **SOCCER, B2**



Mount Dora's Collin Schmitz (13) fights to keep the ball at a 2A quarterfinal game on Wednesday in Mount Dora. [BOB SNOW / CORRESPONDENT]

Making it official



Wyatt Rector shows his letter of intent as part of national signing day at Leesburg High School on Wednesday. Sitting with Rector are his dad, Clay, and mom, Annie. [PHOTOS BY PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

Watkins, Rector highlight local signing day

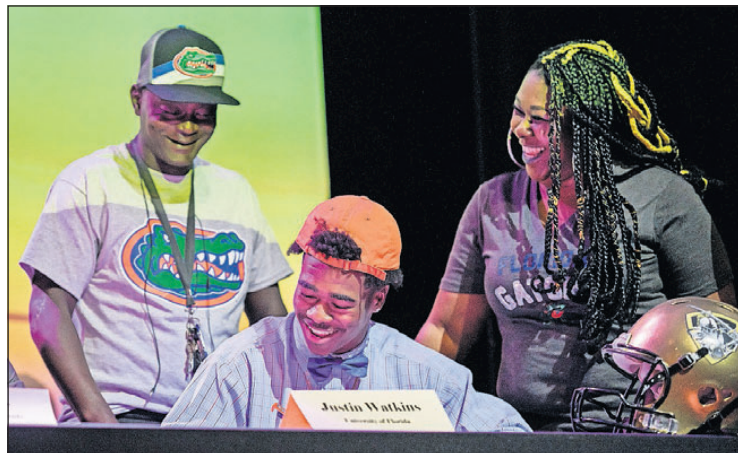
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North and south Lake County could play in a role in shaping the college football landscape over the next several seasons.

At least, that's what the coaching staffs at the University of Florida and Western Michigan University are hoping.

Especially after East Ridge standout Justin Watkins and Leesburg's Wyatt Rector signed national letters of intent Wednesday on national signing day, the first day of the calendar year for high school football players to sign with colleges. Watkins, a wide receiver/running back, signed with the University of Florida, while Rector, a quarterback, signed with the Broncos.

"It's been a long process and I'm so glad it's over," Watkins said after signing during a ceremony in the East Ridge auditorium. "I made the best decision for myself. Florida is close to home and I grew up



Justin Watkins signs his letter of intent as part of national signing day at East Ridge High School in Clermont on Wednesday.

a Gators fan, and I love what (incoming coach) Dan Mullen is doing with the program. I love the family atmosphere he's creating.

"He's going to turn Florida around."

Rector echoed Watkins' sentiments during his signing ceremony in the Leesburg auditorium.

"I'm very happy and very comfortable with this

decision," Rector said. "Things happen for a reason and I truly believe this is the school I was meant to attend. I wish I were there right now and could get right to work."

Watkins and Rector were members of the Daily Commercial All-Area Offense in 2017. In addition, Rector was named Offensive Player of the Year.

See **OFFICIAL, B3**

Georgia rated No. 1 in recruiting rankings

After title game loss, Smart, Bulldogs put together 'ridiculous' 2018 class

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

Georgia was not about to blow this lead.

The Bulldogs, who let a 13-0 halftime advantage get away in a national championship game loss to Alabama, finished their 2018 recruiting class with a flourish and laid claim to the No. 1 ranking on national signing day.

Georgia loaded up in the new early signing period and came into Wednesday's start of the traditional signing period with the top-rated class, according to 247 Sports' composite rankings. Coach Kirby Smart and the Bulldogs put the finishing touches on the recruiting championship by flipping a pair of four-star linebackers, one who had been committed to Michigan (Otis Reese) and another who had been committed to Alabama (Quay Walker), and grabbing a highly touted wide receiver from Texas (Tommy Bush).

Georgia also beat Miami and Alabama for star cornerback Tyson Campbell from American Heritage High School in Plantation, Florida.

"It's ridiculous," said Mike Farrell, the national recruiting coordinator for Rivals. "The average star ranking is near historic levels."

National champion Alabama had finished on top of the recruiting rankings each of the last seven years, but the Tide finished outside the top three this year. No, coach Nick Saban is not slipping. The Tide had a relatively small class (18 signees), which kept down its ranking. Alabama also landed the top-rated uncommitted recruit left in the country entering the second signing period when cornerback Patrick Surtain Jr. picked the Tide over LSU early in the day.

It's the first time that major college football has had two signing periods, thanks to changes to the recruiting calendar. The vast majority of top prospects signed back in December and most FBS schools had signed the bulk of their classes. That made for a quiet signing day for most schools.

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald tweeted "6:34 a.m. ... that's a wrap on #NSD18 and #NUView18." The Wildcats signed two more players and called it a day.

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Berkeley Prep player Nicholas Petit-Frere adjusts his cap after committing to Ohio State during signing day Wednesday. [AP PHOTO/CHRIS O'MEARA]

HIGH SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Area girls do some heavy lifting at state finals



The Leesburg High School girls weightlifting team celebrates its regional title recently. The Yellow Jackets placed seventh at the state meet over the weekend. [SUBMITTED]

By Frank Jolley
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Lake and Sumter counties were well represented at last weekend's Florida High School Athletic Association girls weightlifting state finals.

A total of 14 girls from five area schools competed Friday in the Class 1A championships, with five earning medals during the two-day competition at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach.

The top two finishes by local lifters turned out to be repeat medalists from the 2017 finals.

At 169 pounds, Eustis' Seriah Brokenborough finished second with a combined

weight of 360 pounds. Brokenborough hoisted 160 pounds in the bench press and 200 in the clean-and-jerk.

In 2017, Brokenborough finished third at 169 pounds with a combined weight of 335 pounds (155 bench, 180 clean-and-jerk).

At 183 pounds, Yasmine Heflin of Leesburg also carded a second-place finish with a combined weight of 375 pounds. Heflin lifted 180 pounds in the bench press and 195 pounds in the clean-and-jerk.

A year ago, Heflin finished fifth at 183 pounds with a combined weight of 315 pounds (160, 155).

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SPORTS ON TV

BASKETBALL

5:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — High school, Greensboro Day (N.C.) vs. Spartanburg Day (S.C.), at Spartanburg, S.C.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

5 p.m.
 CBSSN — Bryant at Wagner
 7 p.m.
 CBSSN — Austin Peay at Murray St.
 ESPN2 — Georgia Tech at Louisville
 ESPNU — Vermont at Albany
 ESPN5 — Tulane at Tulsa
 8 p.m.
 ESPN — Duke at North Carolina
 FS1 — Stanford at Utah
 9 p.m.
 BTN — Wisconsin at Illinois
 CBSSN — S. Illinois at Illinois St.
 ESPN2 — SMU at Houston
 ESPNU — Tennessee Tech at Jacksonville St.
 10 p.m.
 ESPN — UCLA at Arizona
 FS1 — Washington at Oregon
 11 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Southern Cal at Arizona St.
 ESPNU — Santa Clara at BYU

GOLF

3 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, first round, at Pebble Beach, Calif.
 11 p.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, ISPS Handa World Super 6 Perth, second round, at Perth, Australia

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
 FS-Florida — Atlanta at Orlando
 8 p.m.
 TNT — Boston at Washington
 10:30 p.m.
 TNT — Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m.
 SUN — Vancouver at Tampa Bay

WINTER OLYMPICS

6 a.m.
 NBCSN — Mixed Doubles Curling: United States vs. Canada (LIVE); Ski Jumping, at Pyeongchang, South Korea
 8 p.m.
 NBC — Figure Skating: Team Event (LIVE); Freestyle Skiing, at Pyeongchang, South Korea
 NBCSN — Mixed Doubles Curling: United States vs. Switzerland; Alpine Skiing (LIVE); Luge, at Pyeongchang, South Korea
 11:35 p.m.
 NBCSN — Mixed Doubles Curling: United States vs. South Korea (LIVE), at Pyeongchang, South Korea

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

7 p.m.
 BTN — Maryland at Michigan St.
 SEC — South Carolina at Alabama
 9 p.m.
 SEC — Kentucky at Missouri



In this Feb. 10, 2016, photo taken with a fisheye lens, fans line the seventh hole of the Pebble Beach Golf Links to watch the inaugural \$1 million celebrity hole-in-one event of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Spieth in a good spot to stop overthinking

By Doug Ferguson
 The Associated Press

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Jordan Spieth is trying to get back to the point that he stops thinking when he gets over a putt, and the AT&T National Pro-Am might provide the environment for him. Sure, it helps that Spieth is the defending champion. He seized control by taking only 10 putts on the back nine in the third round at Pebble Beach to build a six-shot lead, and he cruised from there. He also has the right attitude for the poa annua greens

that get plenty of footprints. He worries only about the speed, and if the putts happen to bounce into the hole, great. The real advantage might be the other pro in his group. His partner for the fourth straight year, Dustin Johnson, rarely thinks at all. "He sees a light pole out there and he just hits it at the light pole, and he normally hits the light pole," Spieth said Wednesday. "And I'm out there going, 'OK, I'm going to work a draw there because if I miss it right it's in a better spot.'"

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Philadelphia	26	25	.510	11
New York	23	32	.418	16
Brooklyn	19	36	.345	20
Southeast Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	31	23	.574	—
Miami	29	25	.537	2
Charlotte	23	30	.434	7½
Orlando	17	36	.321	13½
Atlanta	17	37	.315	14
Central Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	30	22	.577	—
Milwaukee	30	23	.566	½
Indiana	30	25	.545	1½
Detroit	26	26	.500	4
Chicago	18	35	.340	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Southwest Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	39	13	.750	—
San Antonio	34	21	.618	6½
New Orleans	28	25	.528	11½
Memphis	18	35	.340	21½
Dallas	17	37	.315	23
Northwest Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Minnesota	34	22	.607	—
Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	2½
Denver	29	25	.537	4
Portland	29	25	.537	4
Utah	25	28	.472	7½
Pacific Division	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	41	13	.759	—
L.A. Clippers	27	25	.519	13
L.A. Lakers	22	31	.415	18½
Phoenix	18	37	.327	23½
Sacramento	17	36	.321	23½

Tuesday's Games
 Orlando 116, Cleveland 98
 Atlanta 108, Memphis 82
 Houston 123, Brooklyn 113
 Milwaukee 103, New York 89
 Toronto 111, Boston 91
 Philadelphia 115, Washington 102
 L.A. Lakers 112, Phoenix 93
 Oklahoma City 125, Golden State 105

Wednesday's Games
 Brooklyn at Detroit, late
 Houston at Miami, late
 Indiana at New Orleans, late
 Minnesota at Cleveland, late
 Utah at Memphis, late
 San Antonio at Phoenix, late

Today's Games
 Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 New York at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
 Boston at Washington, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Portland, 10 p.m.
 Dallas at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's Games
 L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
 Indiana at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Denver at Houston, 8 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Charlotte at Utah, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
 Portland at Sacramento, 10:30 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Through Feb. 6:

Player	G	FG	FT	PTS.	AVG.
Harden, HOU	45	422	382	1407	31.3
Antetokounmpo, MIL	49	499	344	1367	27.9
Curry, GOR	39	335	231	1066	27.3
Davis, NOR	47	461	304	1258	26.8
James, CLE	52	522	234	1366	26.3
Durant, GOL	46	425	231	1198	26.0
Westbrook, OKC	55	530	271	1405	25.5
Cousins, NOR	48	406	294	1210	25.2
Lillard, POR	47	383	277	1181	25.1
Irving, BOS	49	442	194	1210	24.7
DeRozan, TOR	53	449	325	1284	24.2
Booker, PHX	43	347	232	1038	24.1
Oladipo, IND	49	428	205	1178	24.0
Beal, WAS	54	468	219	1287	23.8
Embiid, PHL	41	340	253	972	23.7
Williams, LAC	51	377	289	1186	23.3
Porzingis, NYK	48	390	218	1088	22.7
Walker, CHA	51	383	248	1155	22.6
Aldridge, SAN	52	459	223	1166	22.4
Butler, MIN	50	371	301	1103	22.1

FG PERCENTAGE

Player	FG	FGA	PCT.
Capela, HOU	287	437	.657
Jordan, LAC	222	340	.653
Adams, OKC	300	471	.637
Kanter, NYK	315	521	.605
Collins, ATL	204	344	.593
Henson, MIL	195	331	.589
Gibson, MIN	291	507	.574
Valanciunas, TOR	228	407	.560
Whiteside, MIA	206	371	.555
Randle, LAL	291	525	.554

REBOUNDS

Player	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG.
Drummond, DET	50	248	521	769	15.4
Jordan, LAC	47	199	500	699	14.9
Cousins, NOR	48	105	513	618	12.9
Howard, CHA	53	180	488	668	12.6
Towns, MIN	56	165	518	683	12.2
Embiid, PHL	41	89	361	450	11.0
Capela, HOU	47	149	360	509	10.8
Davis, NOR	47	116	382	498	10.6
Kanter, NYK	52	186	363	549	10.6
Jokic, DEN	47	127	369	496	10.6

ASSISTS

Player	G	AST	AVG.
Westbrook, OKC	55	566	10.3
Harden, HOU	45	406	9.0
James, CLE	52	448	8.6
Green, GOL	47	342	7.3
Simmons, PHL	50	362	7.2
Rondo, NOR	39	279	7.2
Teague, MIN	45	311	6.9
Lillard, POR	47	312	6.6
Dinwiddie, Bro	54	355	6.6
Lowry, TOR	50	321	6.4

PRO HOCKEY

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division						
Team	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA	
Tampa Bay	53	36	14	3	75 189	140
Boston	51	32	11	8	72 167	123
Toronto	55	31	19	5	67 179	154
Florida	51	23	22	6	52 146	164
Detroit	52	21	23	8	50 136	154
Montreal	53	22	25	6	50 139	164
Ottawa	52	18	25	9	45 137	179
Buffalo	53	14	29	10	38 120	175

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today					
Team	Score	Line	Underdog	Line	Line
Dallas	-125	at Chicago	+115		
at New Jersey	-113	Calgary	+103		
at Philadelphia	-146	Montreal	+136		
N.Y. Islanders	-125	at Buffalo	+115		
at Tampa Bay	-250	Vancouver	+220		
at Ottawa	Off	Nashville	Off		

Metropolitan Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA	
Washington	53	31	17	5	67 165	154
Pittsburgh	55	30	22	3	63 169	166
New Jersey	52	27	17	8	62 157	156
Philadelphia	53	25	19	9	59 152	155
Columbus	53	27	22	4	58 139	150
N.Y. Islanders	54	26	22	6	58 181	197
Carolina	54	24	21	9	57 144	164
N.Y. Rangers	53	25	23	5	55 156	162

WESTERN CONFERENCE Central Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA	
Winnipeg	54	32	13	9	73 176	143
Nashville	51	32	12	7	71 161	131
St. Louis	55	32	20	3	67 155	140
Dallas	54	31	19	4	66 167	140
Minnesota	53	29	19	5	63 159	152
Colorado	52	29	19	4	62 167	150
Chicago	53	24	21	8	56 155	148

Pacific Division

Team	GP	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA	
Vegas	53	35	14	4	74 181	145
San Jose	53	28	17	8	64 153	145
Calgary	53	27	18	8	62 150	151
Anaheim	55	26	19	10	62 155	159
Los Angeles	52	28	19	5	61 148	126
Edmonton	51	23	24	4	50 144	163
Vancouver	53	21	26	6	48 138	171
Arizona	53	12	32	9	33 122	186

2 points for a win, 1 point for OT loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Tuesday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Vegas 4
 Anaheim 4, Buffalo 3, OT
 Washington 3, Columbus 2
 Philadelphia 2, Carolina 1, OT
 Ottawa 5, New Jersey 3
 Boston 3, Detroit 2
 Florida 3, Vancouver 1
 Minnesota 6, St. Louis 2
 Winnipeg 4, Arizona 3
 Calgary 3, Chicago 2
 Colorado 3, San Jose 1

Wednesday's Games
 Nashville at Toronto, late
 Boston at N.Y. Rangers, late
 Edmonton at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games
 N.Y. Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 Nashville at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
 Arizona at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Dallas at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Vegas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
 Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Detroit at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
 Calgary at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 San Louis at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.
 St. Louis at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
 Pittsburgh at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
 Through Feb. 6:

SCORING LEADERS

Player	GP	G	A	PTS
Nikita Kucherov, TB	53	27	39	66
Phil Kessel, PIT	55	24	41	65
Evgeni Malkin, PIT	51	30	32	62
Jakub Voracek, PHI	49	20	37	61
Nathan MacKinnon, COL	53	24	32	61
Connor McDavid, EDM	51	21	40	61
Johnny Gaudreau, CGY	53	16	45	61
Steven Stamkos, TB	53	19	41	60
Sidney Crosby, PIT	55	17	43	60
John Tavares, NYI	54	27	32	59
Alex Ovechkin, WAS	53	32	26	58
Claude Giroux, PHI	53	15	43	58
Blake Wheeler, WPG	54	14	44	58
Josh Bailey, NYI	50	13	44	57
Anze Kopitar, LA	52	20	35	55

ODDS

PREGAME.COM LINE NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Team	Line	O/U	Underdog
at Orlando	Off	Off	Atlanta
at Toronto	Off	Off	New York
at Washington	2	206	Boston
at Portland	3½	213	Charlotte
at L.A. Lakers	Off	Off	Oklahoma City
at Golden State	Off	Off	Dallas

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Team	Score	Open	Underdog
Towson	3½	at Drexel	
at Elon	2½	Hofstra	
at Col. Charleston	7½	William & Mary	
at Tulsa	7	Tulane	
at IUPUI	5½	Cleveland St.	
at Louisville	9	Georgia Tech	
Northeastern	6½	at Delaware	
at Clemson	19	Pittsburgh	
La.-Lafayette	2½	at Georgia St.	
at Georgia South.	11	La.-Monroe	
at Middle Tenn.	21½	Rice	
at Wright St.	14	Green Bay	
at N. Kentucky	13	Milwaukee	
at Ill.-Chicago	12½	Youngstown St.	
Old Dominion	7½	at Southern Miss.	
at Louisiana Tech	14	Charlotte	
at Utah	4½	Stanford	
Duke	1	at North Carolina	
at UAB	10	North Texas	
at Marshall	9½	FIU	

FINALS

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Other area medalists included: Leesburg's Ta'Neville Muirhead, who finished sixth in the unlimited classification with 385 total pounds (195, 190); Crystal Howison of Leesburg with a fourth-place finish at 101 pounds with 230 pounds (105, 125); and, Tavares' Emily Berry, who finished sixth at 101 pounds with a total weight of 215 pounds (100, 115).

The top six lifters in each category received medals and earned team points. Other local lifters were: Cassandra Patrick, Mount Dora; Alexandria Mitchell, Leesburg; Amber Barnes, The Villages; Taylor Woods, Leesburg; Hailey Zakos, Leesburg; Keyosha Barnes, Leesburg; Katia Norflee, Leesburg; Hannah Harris, Leesburg; and, Nancy Rivera, Eustis.

In the team competition,

Leesburg finished tied with Weeki Wachee for seventh place with nine points. Eustis totaled five points, and Tavares had one point.

No area weightlifters competed in the Class 2A finals, which were held Saturday.

Girls basketball

As many as six girls basketball district championships could be decided in area gyms today and Friday.

Local teams could be a factor in each of the finals.

In Class 1A-District 8, defending state champion Wildwood began its quest to repeat with a 65-11 win against Fort Meade at The Woodshed. The district's top seed, Wildwood will face Frostproof at 7 p.m. Friday for the district championship.

Frostproof advanced to the finals by beating Pahokee 80-15.

In Class 6A-District 13, Tavares beat Eustis 53-50 in Tuesday's district semifinals and will host

Orlando Bishop Moore at 7 p.m. Friday for the district championship. The Hornets beat Poinciana in Tuesday's other semifinal game.

By virtue of reaching the championship game, the Bulldogs have assured themselves of a berth in the regional quarterfinals.

Other district championships that are set to be decided on area floors include: Class 8A-District 5 at East Ridge (7 p.m., Friday); Class 5A-District 5 at The Villages (7 p.m., Friday); and Class 3A-District 3 at Mount Dora Christian Academy (7 p.m., today).

The top two teams in each district advance to regional play, with the district champion hosting a regional quarterfinal contest and the runners-up going on the road.

Admission is \$6 for all district tournament games.

Boys basketball

On the flip side, only one area school — Mount Dora

— will host Class 5A-District 5 tournament, set to begin at 6 p.m. Monday.

The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. Feb. 16.

In addition to Mount Dora, South Sumter, Umatilla, and The Villages will be among those vying for the Class 5A-5 title.

Other district tournaments involving local teams and their locations include: Class 1A-District 8 (Wildwood is a member), all games will be played at the higher seeded team; Class 3A-District 3 (Mount Dora Christian Academy), at Orlando Faith Christian; Class 6A-District 13 (Leesburg, Eustis, Tavares), at Orlando Bishop Moore; Class 7A-District 6 (South Lake), at the higher seed; and Class 8A-District 5 (East Ridge, Lake Minneola) at Ocoee.

Admission is \$6 for all district tournament games.

Softball

High school softball

season officially begins Monday with Eustis and Mount Dora Christian Academy looking for return trips to the state Final Four in their classifications.

Eustis, which lost 2-1 to Coral Springs Charter in the Class 5A state championship game in 2017, kicks off its return bid at 7 p.m. Tuesday against Lake Mary in Eustis. One of the area's marquee games will be Feb. 22 when the Panthers host Winter Garden West Orange.

The Warriors have won the last two Class 9A state championships.

Mount Dora Christian, which advanced to the Class 2A Final Four the past two seasons, will open Tuesday at DeLand. In addition to their Class 2A-District 3 schedule, the Bulldogs will face Tavares, Leesburg, Mount Dora and Umatilla before their district tournament in April.

Mount Dora (at Ocala West Port), South Sumter (at Ocala Vanguard) and Leesburg (at Inverness

Citrus) will open on Monday, with all other local schools, except The Villages (Thursday) and Tavares (Friday), beginning Tuesday.

Girls soccer

Montverde Academy and The Villages girls soccer teams advanced to Friday's regional semifinals following wins in Tuesday's quarterfinal round.

The Eagles outlasted Viera in penalty kicks in a Class 4A-Region 2 match at the Montverde Academy Athletic Complex and The Villages blanked Alachua Santa Fe 1-0 in a Class 2A-Region 2 contest.

As a result, Montverde Academy will host Melbourne, while The Villages will travel to Gainesville to face P.K. Yonge, which beat Mount Dora 3-2 on Tuesday. Both games are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday.

Tickets are \$7 for all regional-round games.



American Heritage High School football players Patrick Surtain Jr. (from left), Tyson Campbell and Nesta Silvera celebrate signing with Alabama, Georgia and Florida, respectively, on national signing day Wednesday in Plantation, Fla. [TAIMY ALVAREZ/SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL VIA AP]

SIGNING

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The recruiting calendar was new, but it was a typical signing day in this respect: The rich got richer.

Ohio State finished with the second-ranked class, topped with five-star offensive lineman Nicholas Petit-Frere from Tampa, Florida. Texas came in third, with its best class in years. Coach Tom Herman cleaned up in state, signing 10 of the top-20 ranked recruits in the Lone Star state. Penn State and Clemson, which signed the top-rated player (receiver Justyn Ross) in the state of Alabama on signing day, rounded out the top five in 247's composite rankings.

Alabama was ninth with a few more players left to sign.

Other notable goings on from national signing day:

Better than expected

Coming off a 1-11 season and just a couple years removed from an ugly scandal involving the handling of sexual assault cases under former coach Art Briles, Baylor and coach Matt Rhule signed a top-30 class.

Mississippi also was right around top-30, solid work by new coach Matt Luke, coming on the heels of the NCAA sanctions that will keep the Rebels out of the postseason for another season.

Disappointing

Michigan is looking at a top-20 class. Not bad, but considering coach Jim Harbaugh's first two full classes in Ann Arbor were top-five level this has to qualify as a disappointing recruiting year for the Wolverines. Especially with Big Ten rivals Ohio State and Penn State cleaning up.

Coming off an 8-5 season on the field, 2018 will be huge for Michigan to change the trajectory.

New coaches

For new coaches, the first recruiting class is

generally a bit underwhelming after getting a late start.

Not for Willie Taggart of Florida State. The Seminoles closed strong enough to have a borderline top-10 class. Signing day started for Florida State by flipping Tennessee commit Anthony Grant, a three-star running back.

- Former Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher, now at Texas A&M, got the Aggies into the top-20, flipping defensive lineman Bobby Brown away from an Alabama verbal commitment.

- Oregon, which promoted offensive coordinator Mario Cristobal after Taggart left, did a solid job of holding together a class that had top-10 potential when Taggart was there.

- Scott Frost showed off the recruiting reach Nebraska hoped he would bring to Lincoln, signing a top-25 class that included linebacker Caleb Tannor from Georgia and running back Maurice Washington from Texas.

OFFICIAL

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As a senior at Leesburg, Rector passed for 3,242 yards and 24 touchdowns, and ran for 918 yards and 18 touchdowns. For his career, he accounted for nearly 10,000 yards of total offense — 7,097 yards passing and 2,647 yards rushing — and scored 99 touchdowns.

Despite being hampered by a nagging ankle injury, Watkins ran for 615 yards and seven touchdowns for East Ridge in 2017 and caught 18 passes for 552 yards — an average of nearly 31 yards per catch. Before transferring to East Ridge for his senior season, Watkins played at Ocala Vanguard and Citra North Marion.

The recruiting process wasn't always kind to Rector or Watkins. Rector verbally committed in March to the University of Virginia. However, he backed off the commitment in November and received offers from Western Michigan and Kent State in December.

After visiting both schools, Rector said Thursday that he would attend Western Michigan.

Watkins' road to Florida was equally circuitous. One of the most heavily recruited players in the nation, Watkins gave verbal commitments to Florida State and Texas last year before coming off both. He was expected to choose between Louisiana State University and Alabama on Jan. 4 on national TV during the prestigious Under Armour All American Game at Camping World Stadium in Orlando. However, just before the game, Watkins said he was no longer considering Alabama and would not announce his decision between the Gators and LSU until after he made an official visit to

Florida mid-January.

During his visit to Gainesville, Watkins tweeted on Jan. 20 that he would sign with Florida.

"COMMITTED!!!!!" Watkins wrote, accompanied by two photos — one of him in a Gators uniform and another standing alongside Mullen.

In his picture on Twitter with Watkins, Mullen is all smiles. He seemed just as happy Wednesday when he described Watkins as an "electric" player during his signing day press conference.

"He's the type of player we expect to have in our program," Mullen said.

Watkins was part of a seven-player signing class at East Ridge — the largest among Lake and Sumter counties' 13 schools that play football. In addition to Watkins, East Ridge's

other signees included: Tyree Baptiste (signed with Charleston Southern University), Bryan Lumsden (University of Mary), Caleb Lynum (Florida International University), Zaylen Powell (Fullerton College), Elijah Rubin (Northwestern Oklahoma State University), and Zion Waller (New Mexico Military Institute).

For East Ridge coach Jason Robinson, Wednesday was a day of mixed emotions.

"It's great to watch these young men have their moment and be rewarded for all their hard work," Robinson said. "It's like seeing them score a touchdown or make a big stop on defense. But it's hard not to get emotional about them, because they worked so hard for me, their coaches and their teammates. I love these kids and I'm going to miss each one of them."

Other football signings on Wednesday that were reported to the Daily Commercial included: South Lake's Bryan Isom (University of Mary); The Villages' Gunnar Pettus (Webber International University); South Sumter's Deontae Grant (Georgia Southern University); and, Mount Dora teammates Sean Martin (New Mexico Military Institute) and Tommy Jeckovich (Jacksonville University).

In addition, South Sumter softball standout Sarah Grindrod signed with Polk State College and Mount Dora softball player Ashley Mabry signed with Agnes Scott College. Eustis soccer player Jenna Lantrip signed with Florida Tech and South Sumter soccer player Casey Lovett signed with Missouri Valley College.

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Logano has one 500, wants another

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Joey Logano admits he has contracted a huge case of Daytona 500-itis, after winning NASCAR's most prestigious race "way back" in 2015.

Logano, who drives the No. 22 Team Penske Ford, said he remembers that day as wild and wonderful, creating a euphoria that he has not experienced before or since that huge victory.

"I want that pretty bad, knowing what it is like to win the Daytona 500," Logano said in a recent telephone interview. "It's just a huge deal."

What does he remember? "I remember just pulling into Victory Lane, seeing all my team, and everybody was just yelling and screaming, you don't get that feeling from winning any other race," he said.

"Daytona is so special. After knowing what it is like, it makes you want to win another one even more."

Winning the 500 has become a matter of having your car survive or dodge the "Big One" — the crash that seems almost inevitable these days. It goes back to the old saying, "In order to finish first, you first must finish."

Jockeying for position in the waning laps has become an art form because being in the right place at the right time has determined many recent Daytona 500 triumphs.

The 27-year-old Logano has another concern as Speedweeks at Daytona International Speedway quickly approaches.

It goes back to Oct. 3, when NASCAR announced its 2018 rules package for the Monster Energy Cup Series.

NASCAR's vice president of innovation and racing development, Gene Stefanyshyn, unveiled the changes that day, including a



Joey Logano hopes to have more of these Victory Lane moments in 2018. [NASCAR GETTY IMAGES/MATT SULLIVAN]

rule that affects only races at Daytona and Talladega Superspeedway.

The ride-height rule has been eliminated. Stefanyshyn said this could provide safety and competition benefits. The ride-height rule was taken away from all other races in 2014.

During the recent NASCAR Media Tour, driver Kyle Busch said he expects the elimination of the ride-height rule will dramatically affect car handling.

"Maybe, hopefully it'll make the cars drive worse, so then there is some handling that comes into play," he said. "I would like that, because I think anytime you have an opportunity to out-setup someone or out-handle someone at a race-track, that's what creates racing. That's what makes passing."

Logano has made 18 Cup Series starts at Daytona, and ride height was never an issue. NASCAR mandated the distance of the base

of the car to the track surface.

Last year the ride height had to be a minimum of 4.25 inches in post-race inspection. This time around, that measurement won't be taken at Daytona.

Now teams can play with that element of the car. It has become the X-factor going into the Daytona 500.

"This year is different, kind of lost in the shuffle is this whole ride-height rule," Logano said. "It's going to change a lot of things, not only the way we race in a pack but to the way the cars handle and the way we make speed in our race cars."

The less air that passes under the car, the faster you go. Some drivers said there could be a speed gain in the draft up to 25 mph. Of course, NASCAR can offset that quickly with smaller restrictor-plate openings.

Logano said Team Penske will be on a mission to find the optimal

setting in practice leading up to the Feb. 18 Daytona 500.

"It's a big unknown that we have to handle when we get down there," he said. "It will be interesting to see how teams evolve around the rule."

"You know, where they put their cars up, because there will be a balance between speed versus grip. Finding the balance on your race car will definitely change a lot from what it has been."

At least Team Penske will have more resources as it preps for the 500 and companion Cup Series events. The team went from two to three cars, adding Ryan Blaney to the rotation.

Logano said more people, more information, better results.

"Adding that third driver to our team is a big deal," Logano said. "Creating a new race team is a big, big deal. Our guys have done a great job dealing with it so far, getting us prepared and ready for Daytona."



The tech team can still encumber, but might use other language next time. [NASCAR/GETTY IMAGES]

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE — Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

No more encumbrances?

Oh, there may be encumbrances. NASCAR hasn't given away its right to encumber. But upon further review of the thesaurus, the Boys in Competition are charged with finding a better word to describe a race victory that rewards a trophy but none of the other frills associated with all the champagne and confetti.

Why all this?

Followers surely recall Joey Logano's tainted win at Richmond

last spring. The car failed the post-race inspection by such a wide margin, NASCAR stripped the team of all benefits of victory, except the trophy. NASCAR also introduced fans to the word "encumbered," and that led to lots of snickers from folks who suggested simpler words and terms. Newly released rules and penalties for 2018 no longer include the word, but still include the penalty.

More new rules?

Of course. Auto racing is a

moving target, so rules adjust constantly. Among the new rules: Restrictions on how many crew members a team can bring to the track, including a limit of one IT support specialist per organization — two technology people for three-car and four-car teams. Twelve road-crew members, five pit-crew members, etc. Chips in the annual hard cards will monitor the situation, we're told. Can't wait to see how teams manipulate this.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

MOTOR MOUTHS PODCAST

Cheer up. The offseason babble will soon be replaced by early-season babble. Whew!

Tune in online at www.news-journalonline.com/daytonamotormouths



SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

Speedweeks approaches. What are you looking for?

GODSPEAK: Curious to see how Danica Patrick handles her last Daytona 500, and who learned what in the offseason to improve performance.

KEN'S CALL: Wondering which of the new kids will loudly announce his arrival at the Cup level.

Too early for a Daytona 500 pick?

GODSPEAK: Give me Chase Elliott starting 2018 off with a bang, with

Brad Keselowski on his rear bumper.

KEN'S CALL: Even Lap 190 is too early to pick. But let's hope it comes down to a last-lap duel between Kyle Busch and one of the kids.

Who's most ready to get going?

GODSPEAK: Martin Truex Jr. won everything in sight last year, so he will be eager to win this Daytona 500.

KEN'S CALL: Given the stinker his team delivered in 2017, it's gotta be Joey Logano.



One of our guys pegs Chase Elliott as his early favorite to start the season with a big win. [AP FILE]

2018 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

- Feb. 11: Clash at Daytona
- Feb. 15: Can-Am Duel at Daytona
- Feb. 18: Daytona 500
- Feb. 25: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta
- March 4: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas
- March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix
- March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana
- March 25: STP 500 at Martinsville
- April 8: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
- April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol
- April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
- April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega

- May 6: AAA 400 at Dover
- May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas
- May 19: All Star Race at Charlotte
- May 27: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
- June 3: Pocono 400
- June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
- June 24: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma
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Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778; that the decedent's date of death was October 15, 2017; that the total value of the estate is \$500.00 and that the names of those to whom it has been assigned by such order are:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <th>Name</th> <th>Address</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Creditors: None</td> <td>NA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Beneficiaries:</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Warren Michael Arnault Co-Trustee and Karen Arnault Stager, Co-Trustee of the Virginia O. Arnault Revocable Trust UAD December 4, 1997 as amended</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:</p> <p>All creditors of the estate of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent other than those for whom provision for full payment was made in the Order of Summary Administration must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702. ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER APPLICABLE TIME PERIOD, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is February 8, 2018.</p> <p>Personal Representative: /s/ Charles P. Kersch, Jr. Charles P. Kersch, Jr. The Law Office of Charles P. Kersch, LLC 225 Union Blvd. Suite 150 Lakewood, CO 80228 Telephone: (303) 974-6982 Fax: (303) 835-0908 E-Mail: cpklaw@msn.com Secondary E-Mail: Chuck@CPKerschLaw.com</p> <p>Resident Agent: /s/ Joseph J. Ruzicka Joseph J. Ruzicka</p>	Name	Address	Creditors: None	NA	Beneficiaries:		Warren Michael Arnault Co-Trustee and Karen Arnault Stager, Co-Trustee of the Virginia O. Arnault Revocable Trust UAD December 4, 1997 as amended		<p>1155 Louisiana Ave Suite 100 Winter Park, FL 32789</p> <p>Ad No: 10072891 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION</p> <p>File No. 2018-CP-000044</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF ADA I. ORTIZ</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>The administration of the estate of ADA I. ORTIZ, deceased, whose date of death was December 7, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main Street, Tavares Florida 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is February 8, 2018.</p> <p>Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ David W. 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The names and addresses of the personal representative is set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is February 08, 2018.</p> <p>Personal Representative: /s/ Charles P. 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Donaghy, Esquire Donaghy Law 195 Wekiva Springs Road Suite 224 Longwood, FL 32779</p> <p>on or before March 15, 2018, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter.</p> <p>Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.</p> <p>Dated on February 1, 2018.</p> <p>Neil Kelly As Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By /s/ D. Latourelle As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>First publication on Feb. 08, 2018.</p> <p>Ad No: 10073174 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NO.: 2017-CA-1834</p> <p>JARRELL M. GASKINS and CHERYL L. GASKINS,</p> <p>Plaintiff(s),</p> <p>v.</p> <p>JOANN M. ALAFAT, JAMES G. ALAFAT, II, and HANCOCK BANK,</p> <p>Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: James G. Alafat, II:</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint to Quiet Title has been filed against you in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are:</p> <p>Kevin P. Donaghy, Esquire Donaghy Law 195 Wekiva Springs Road Suite 224 Longwood, FL 32779</p> <p>on or before March 15, 2018, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter.</p> <p>Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgment or order for the relief demanded, without further notice.</p> <p>Dated on February 1, 2018.</p> <p>Neil Kelly As Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By /s/ D. Latourelle As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>First publication on Feb. 08, 2018.</p> <p>Ad No: 10073175 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>PROBATE DIVISION</p> <p>FILE NUMBER: 2018 CP 27</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF: BETTY JO JONES</p> <p>Deceased.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE:</p> <p>You are notified that a Petition for Administration has been filed in the estate of BETTY JO JONES, File Number 2018 CP 27, in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth</p>	<p>below.</p> <p>ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the estate of the decedent must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS AND DEMANDS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>The date of the first publication of this Notice is February 8, 2018.</p> <p>VALERIE BESTER 10006 Brightstone Drive Midlothian, VA 23112</p> <p>OLSEN LAW PARTNERS, LLP BY: THOMAS R. OLSEN, ESQUIRE FLORIDA BAR #328995 2518 Edgewater Drive Orlando, FL 32804 (407) 423-5561 Attorney for Personal Representative</p> <p>Ad No: 10073124 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION</p> <p>Case No. 2018-CA-000142</p> <p>JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA H. SAMUELSON; ET AL</p> <p>Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE</p> <p>TO: The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Creditors, Trustees, and all other parties claiming interest by, through, under or against the Estate of Patricia H. Samuelson, deceased</p> <p>Last Known Address: Unknown</p> <p>YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Lake County, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 73, OF LAKE IDLEWILD ESTATES FIRST ADDITION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 36, PAGES 40 AND 41.</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Samuel F. Santiago, Esquire, Kelley Kronenberg, the Plaintiffs attorney, whose address is 8201 Peters Road, Suite 4000, Plantation, FL 33324, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on 01 before , and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.</p> <p>DATED on February 1, 2018.</p> <p>Neil Kelly As Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By /s/ Linda Benson As Deputy Clerk File # JN17100</p> <p>Ad No: 10073154 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NUMBER: 2017-CA-001982</p> <p>K42 PROPERTIES LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JOSE PAGAN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE PAGAN; DEER PARK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF LAKE COUNTY, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND .WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: JOSE PAGAN 1501 S.E. 15th Street #4-2 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property in, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 13, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 92 THROUGH 94, INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE .COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Jose Pagan, Plaintiff, whose name and address are:</p> <p>Berry J. Walker, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar No. 0742960 Walker & Tudhope, P.A. 225 South Westmonte Drive Suite 2040 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Phone: 407-478-1866 Fax: 407-478-1865 E-Mail Address: berryw@walkerandtudhope.com Alt. E-Mail: suzzette@walkerandtudhope.com</p> <p>on or before March 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.</p> <p>DATED on Jan. 31, 2018.</p> <p>NEIL KELLY as Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: /s/ Beverly Allen As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ad No: 10073183 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018 & February 22, 2018 & March 01, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NUMBER: 2017-CA-001982</p> <p>K42 PROPERTIES LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JOSE PAGAN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE PAGAN; DEER PARK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF LAKE COUNTY, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND .WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: DEER PARK SUBDIVISION</p>	<p>FLORIDA.</p> <p>PARCEL NUMBER: 23-18-27-0400-000-01300</p> <p>22180 Deer Park Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the plaintiffs attorney, whose name and address are:</p> <p>Berry J. Walker, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar No. 0742960 Walker & Tudhope, P.A. 225 South Westmonte Drive Suite 2040 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Phone: 407-478-1866 Fax: 407-478-1865 E-Mail Address: berryw@walkerandtudhope.com Alt. E-Mail: suzzette@walkerandtudhope.com</p> <p>on or before March 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.</p> <p>DATED on Jan. 31, 2018.</p> <p>NEIL KELLY as Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: /s/ Beverly Allen As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ad No: 10073180 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018 & February 22, 2018 & March 01, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>CASE NUMBER: 2017-CA-001982</p> <p>K42 PROPERTIES LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY,</p> <p>Plaintiff,</p> <p>vs.</p> <p>JOSE PAGAN; THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE PAGAN; DEER PARK SUBDIVISION HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION OF LAKE COUNTY, LLC, A FLORIDA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY; AND .WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Defendants.</p> <p>NOTICE OF ACTION</p> <p>TO: THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOSE PAGAN 1501 S.E. 15th Street #4-2 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316</p> <p>YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to quiet title to real property in, Florida:</p> <p>LOT 13, DEER PARK SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 53, PAGES 92 THROUGH 94, INCLUSIVE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE .COUNTY, FLORIDA.</p> <p>has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on the plaintiffs attorney, whose name and address are:</p> <p>Berry J. Walker, Jr., Esquire Florida Bar No. 0742960 Walker & Tudhope, P.A. 225 South Westmonte Drive Suite 2040 Altamonte Springs, FL 32714 Phone: 407-478-1866 Fax: 407-478-1865 E-Mail Address: berryw@walkerandtudhope.com Alt. E-Mail: suzzette@walkerandtudhope.com</p> <p>on or before March 14, 2018 and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on the plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.</p> <p>DATED on Jan. 31, 2018.</p> <p>NEIL KELLY as Clerk of the Court</p> <p>By: /s/ Beverly Allen As Deputy Clerk</p> <p>Ad No: 10073184 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018 & February 22, 2018 & March 01, 2018</p> <p>IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA</p> <p>PROBATE DIVISION CASE NO. 35-2018-CP-000087-A</p> <p>IN RE: ESTATE OF BETTE J. CHENEY, Decedent.</p> <p>NOTICE TO CREDITORS</p> <p>The administration of the estate of BETTE J. CHENEY, deceased, whose date of death was October 21, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.</p> <p>All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served, must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.</p> <p>All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.</p> <p>ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.</p> <p>NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.</p> <p>The date of first publication of this notice is: February 08, 2018.</p> <p>/s/ J. Stephen Pullum, Esquire J. STEPHEN PULLUM, ESQUIRE Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0213993 Pullum & Pullum, P.A. 250 International Parkway, Suite 340 Lake Mary, Florida 32746 Telephone: 407-732-6510 Email: steve.pullum@pullumlaw.com Secondary Email: jessica@pullumlaw.com</p> <p>/s/ Thomas W. Cheney THOMAS W. CHENEY Personal Representative 8136 East Phillips Circle Centennial, Colorado 80112</p> <p>Ad No: 10073202 February 08, 2018 & February 15, 2018</p> <p>LEGAL PUBLICATION</p> <p>The Lake County Board of County Commissioners continuously solicits offers for various products and services required to serve its citizens. Please visit http://www.lakegovment.com/departments/procurement_services/open_bids.aspx for details and requirements on the current projects and the latest addenda. If you have any questions or need further assistance, please call the Lake County Procurement Services Division between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00</p>
Name	Address											
Creditors: None	NA											
Beneficiaries:												
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ON STAGE

Theater, comedy and music on the marquee

By Linda Florea
Correspondent

Theater, comedy or music are all on stage this weekend for your enjoyment.

The Tavares Theater's comedy "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" continues this week in Tavares as murder takes some unusual turns.

"The Fox on the Fairway" by the IceHouse Players in Mount Dora has a final curtain call Sunday with rival country club directors pitted against each other.

Comedy is in full swing with stand-up at the Black Box Theatre in Clermont on Friday and the Harry Potter-themed improv show at Clermont's Moonlight Theatre. The Cupid Missed show in Leesburg shows the other side of love.

Tickets are going fast for three musical acts, The Diamonds, Moe Bandy and Joe Stampley and Asleep at the Wheel, performing five shows this weekend at the Orange Blossom Opry.

"The Fox on the Fairway"

Sunday is your last chance to see the IceHouse Players production of the comedy "The Fox on the Fairway" at the Sonnentag Theatre at the Ice House in Mount Dora. In the play, two rival country club directors, Henry Bingham and Dickie Bell, make a huge bet over which of their teams will win the annual golf tournament. Underhanded tricks abound as each man plots to undermine the other's chance of winning. Details and tickets: icehousetheatre.com.



Roy Hamlin as Dr. Mitchell Lovell readies Eddie Lucas as Paul Miller for his demise in "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" by the Tavares Community Theatre. [SUBMITTED]

"Murder at the Howard Johnson's"

The Tavares Theater's first production of the 2018 season is the suspense comedy "Murder at the Howard Johnson's" through Feb. 18 at the Family Center of Bridges Covenant Church, 1100 N. St. Clair Abrams Ave., Tavares.

In the fast-paced comedy, the premise shifts in each scene as characters are

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



The East Lake Historical Society will host its 5th Annual Heritage Festival from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the East Lake County Library, 31340 County Road 437 in Sorrento. [SUBMITTED]

On Tap this weekend



Lakeridge Winery, 19239 U.S. 27 North, Clermont hosts Winefest from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Celebrate heritage, wine and music this weekend

By Linda Florea
Correspondent

There's plenty to celebrate this weekend with a heritage festival, Winefest, a fun day with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, 5Ks and music.

Join the East Lake Historical Society as they roll out the fifth annual Heritage Festival Saturday with speakers, exhibits, music, kid's activities and a chili cookoff.

Winefest at Lakeridge Winery in Clermont is a three-day celebration of wine with tastings and tours. And, while you're there, don't forget the vendors, music and food.

Music lovers can grab a concert with Craig Singleton and the Big City Band Saturday at the Modernism Museum in Mount Dora or get Singin' on a Sunday Afternoon with

the Lake County Swing Big Band playing love songs on Sunday.

Guitars and Cars Sunday at Renninger's Antique Center in Mount Dora is a swap meet for musicians and motor heads.

Hang out with the Lake County Sheriff's Office and maybe challenge them to a little corn hole competition at the Family Fund Day Saturday at Hickory Point Recreation Complex in Tavares on Saturday.

Celebrate Valentines Day with the 5K Love Run Saturday in Fruitland Park or make new friends at the Singles Run Saturday in Clermont.

Fifth Annual Heritage Festival

The East Lake Historical Society hosts the fifth annual Heritage Festival from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the East Lake County Library, 31340 S. County Road 437 in Sorrento.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Conclusion to 'Maze Runner' trilogy runs out of steam

By Ed Symkus
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If you haven't already seen the first two entries of the "Maze Runner" series, there's not much reason to see this one. Due to so much plotting that has come before, that's directly dealt with in part three, you won't know what the heck is going on. If you have seen the first two, and liked what you saw (a lot of people did like them; combined box office returns were \$650 million), you'll be happy to know that with the same director and screenwriter again aboard, "The Death Cure" provides more of the same.

I approached the new film with some trepidation, knowing only that it was longer than the previous two. Picking up the story six months after the end of "Scorch Trials," this sticks with the tribulations of a bunch of teens whose memories have been erased, and who have survived the zombie plague that's spread around the world because



Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) and Newt (Thomas Brodie-Sangster) fend off the bad guys. [20TH CENTURY FOX]

they have immunity locked up in their genes. It's them against some sinister scientists who are searching for a cure to the plague, at any cost, including the lives of these survivors, whose blood may hold the clue.

To say this one is the best

of the three isn't really saying all that much. But there's no lack of wild action (and accompanying loud music), and a couple of the vehicular stunts are worthy of the "Fast & Furious" franchise.

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"Maze Runner: The Death Cure"

Written by T.S. Nowlin
Directed by Wes Ball
Cast: Dylan O'Brien, Rosa Salazar, Thomas Brodie-Sangster, Kaya Scodelario, Aidan Gillen
Rated PG-13

MUSIC & BOOKS

Elton John says next tour will be his last

By Mesfin Fekadu
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Elton John is retiring from the road after his upcoming three-year global tour, capping nearly 50 years on stages around the world. He calls it a “way to go out with a bang.”

“I’ve had a good run, I think you’d admit that,” John said recently, adding that he wanted to “leave people thinking, ‘I saw the last tour and it was fantastic.’”

The 70-year-old singer, pianist and composer said he wanted to spend time with his family. His children will be 10 and 8 when the tour ends in 2021, and John said he hoped he might be able to take them to soccer practice.

“My priorities now are my children and my husband and my family,” he said. “This is the end.”

John made the announcement at an event in New York in which he sat at a piano and performed “Tiny Dancer” and “I’m Still Standing.”

He wore his signature glasses and a colorful suit jacket that read “Gucci Loves Elton.”

His final tour — dubbed “Farewell Yellow Brick Road” — starts on Sept. 8 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. It will consist of 300 shows in North America, Europe, Asia and South America. Tickets

go on sale beginning Feb. 2.

Interest in the announcement was so high his website crashed.

He wrote on Instagram that “EltonJohn.com will be fully back online as soon as possible.”

John said he decided on his retirement plans in 2015 in France: “I can’t physically do the traveling and I don’t want to,” he said.

He said he may do a residency after the tour wraps, but ruled out the idea of using a hologram of himself.

He called it “spooky” and “a bit freaky,” and said he told his kids to “promise me that there won’t be a hologram of me.”

“Who knows? They may go broke and put me back on the (expletive) stage,” he added.

John has suffered several medical setbacks of late, including a bacterial infection last year that he contracted during a South American tour and an E. coli bacterial infection in 2009. He’s also suffered an appendicitis and has been fitted with a pacemaker. But said he’s “in great health.”

In an interview after the announcement, John told The Associated Press, “10 years ago, I wanted to die onstage.”

“I just never thought fatherhood could bring me so much joy, and I came to fatherhood late in the day, but



Singer Elton John performs before announcing final world tour at Gotham Hall on Jan. 24 in New York. [EVAN AGOSTINI/INVISION/AP]

it’s been one of the miracles of my life,” said John, who said he plans to take his kids on the road for some of the shows.

He said two children keep him and husband David Furnish busy: “We thought about (more kids) but we said, ‘No.’ We have enough on our plate with these two. If we were 10, 15 years younger, we probably would have, definitely. I would love to have a little girl.”

At the Grammy Awards, in

New York, John performed alongside Miley Cyrus and collected the President’s Merit Award. His Vegas residency ends in May after six years. His hits include “Your Song” and “Candle in the Wind.” He has won five Grammys, an Oscar, a Golden Globe for “The Lion King” and a Tony Award for “Aida.”

He is the recipient of a Kennedy Center Honor and has sold 300 million records. “I had a period in my life

when I was selling records, I couldn’t stop being No. 1, and I gradually evened out. If you’re good live, it’s about being able to play live. The great artists that are out now — McCartney, Springsteen, Sting, Bob Dylan, they’ve all been great live performers, The Who — that’s the longevity,” he said. “There aren’t many of us left and I don’t think when we go there will be anybody else to replace us.”

MUSIC REVIEW

‘I Like Fun’ is tunefully, zany album



‘I Like Fun’

They Might Be Giants
(Idlewild Recordings)

By Pablo Gorondi
The Associated Press

They Might Be Giants have a spring in their step on “I Like Fun,” their 20th studio album. As is often the case, their gait is of the kind endorsed by Monty Python’s Ministry of Silly Walks, with a special dispensation here from the Dead Poets Society.

Yes, death becomes TMBG and there’s a funeral bouquet of approaches to inevitable expiry among the 15 tracks, including “Mrs. Bluebeard,” “I Left My Body” and the dark-until-it’s-goofy “Last Wave.”

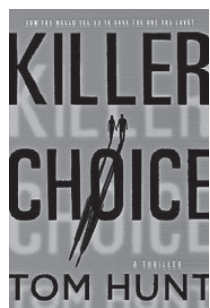
“Let’s Get This Over With” relies on a foundation of piano and drums and is one their catchiest songs in a career densely populated with them. It makes for a fantastic opener and one of its maxims is that “Even when you’re out of work/you still have a job to do.”

“By the Time You Get This” is an all-too-optimistic prediction of the future — no barking dogs, hatred or lies — made in 937, “the dark and troubled past.” Not exactly Nostradamus, but consider that the Frenchman had a 600-year advantage. The Motown-style telegraph guitar across “Push Back the Hands of Time” sounds almost incongruous in a tune that’s otherwise less agitated than its intro. Instrumental support from their live band (lead guitar, drums and bass) supplements the duo’s musicality. Though the sound effects may be more conventional than on their early albums, the two Johns, Flansburgh and Linnell, continue to be as effective as ever.

Recorded in the same Manhattan location as “Flood,” their 1990 milestone, “I Like Fun” demonstrates the band’s inimitable talent for earworm melodies and zany subject matter.

BOOK REVIEW

‘Killer Choice’ ekes out suspense despite puzzling stakes



‘Killer Choice’

Tom Hunt
(Berkley)

By Christina Ledbetter
The Associated Press

Gary’s pregnant wife, Beth, has a brain tumor. It’s going to take \$200,000 they don’t have to save her. Fittingly, that’s how much a drug dealer across town is willing to pay Gary for committing murder. Author Tom Hunt immediately thrusts readers into the conflict in “Killer Choice.”

We meet Beth in the hospital, and when she receives what equates to a death sentence from the doctor, the scant details readers know about the unlucky woman include little more than her hair color and marital status. Her 17-year marriage to Gary is given a few paragraphs of history, and after that Beth loiters largely in the background of the story, hanging out with her friends from yoga class and updating Gary on the lackluster progress of her fundraising website. Meanwhile Gary, intent

on saving his wife’s life, enters an underworld and attempts to keep his excursions under wraps.

The price tag for Beth’s only chance of survival originates from a clinical trial in Germany and stands at the forefront of every chapter. However, readers may be left wondering if the couple would be better served by searching for cheaper accommodations in Europe, as the \$200,000 includes airfare and lodging (and was casually estimated by a doctor, not a travel agent). The treatment’s lackluster odds — thus far it’s worked on 40 percent of a 25-person sample — also dampen the mood.

Hunt employs familiar backdrops. Grislier scenes take place in basements or abandoned buildings, and Gary passes much of his time plotting in his suburban home.

With uncomplicated prose, simple setups and straightforward characters, plot drives this thriller.

ITUNES TOP 10 For the week ending Jan. 25

TOP SONGS

1. **God’s Plan**, Drake
2. **Perfect**, Ed Sheeran
3. **Diplomatic Immunity**, Drake
4. **Havana (feat. Young Thug)**, Camila Cabello
5. **Meant to Be (feat. Florida Geo.)**, Bebe Rexha
6. **Finesse (Remix) (feat. Cardi B)**, Bruno Mars
7. **Thunder**, Imagine Dragons
8. **rockstar (feat. 21 Savage)**, Post Malone
9. **No Name**, NF
10. **Supplies**, Justin Timberlake

TOP ALBUMS

1. **The Greatest Showman (Original Motion Picture Soundtrack)**, Various Artists
2. **M A N I A**, Fall Out Boy
3. **Hallelujah Nights**, LANCO
4. **Good News**, Rend Collective
5. **Kidz Bop 37**, KIDZ BOP Kids
6. **Ruins**, First Aid Kit
7. **÷**, Ed Sheeran
8. **Hysteria**, Def Leppard
9. **Grimmest Hits**, Black Label Society
10. **vertigo**, EDEN

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

The Wall Street Journal’s list reflects nationwide sales of hardcover books for the week ending Jan. 21

FICTION

1. **“Dog Man and Cat Kid (Dog Man 4)”** by Dav Pilkey (Graphix)
2. **“The Woman in the Window”** by A.J. Finn (William Morrow)
3. **“City of Endless Night”** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central Publishing)
4. **“The Getaway”** by Jeff Kinney (Amulet Books)
5. **“Wonder”** by R.J. Palacio (Knopf Books for Young Readers)
6. **“Iron Gold”** by Pierce Brown (Del Rey)

NONFICTION

1. **“Fire and Fury”** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt & Company)
2. **“The Subtle Art of Not giving a F*ck”** by Mark Manson (HarperOne)
3. **“It’s Even Worse Than You Think”** by David Cay Johnston (Simon & Schuster)
4. **“StrengthsFinder 2.0”** by Tom Rath (Gallup)
5. **“Together We Rise”** (Dey Street)
6. **“Astrophysics for People in a Hurry”** by Neil deGrasse Tyson (W. W. Norton & Company)

FICTION E-BOOKS

1. **“City of Endless Night”** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central Publishing)
2. **“The Woman in the Window”** by A.J. Finn (HarperCollins)
3. **“A Merciful Secret”** by Kendra Elliot (Montlake Romance)
4. **“Iron Gold”** by Pierce Brown (Del Rey)
5. **“Sex, Not Love”** by Vi Keeland (Vi Keeland)
6. **“Rescuing Casey”** by Susan Stoker (Susan Stoker)

NONFICTION E-BOOKS

1. **“Fire and Fury”** by Michael Wolff (Henry Holt & Company)
2. **“12 Strong”** by Doug Stanton (Scribner)
3. **“It’s Even Worse Than You Think”** by David Cay Johnston (Simon & Schuster)
4. **“Lost in Shangri-La”** by Mitchell Zuckoff (HarperCollins)
5. **“The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck”** by Mark Manson (HarperCollins)
6. **“The Pharmacist of Auschwitz”** by Patricia Posner (Crux Publishing)

CALENDAR

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Today

HEALTHY COOKING FOR ONE OR TWO: From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Lady Lake Public Library, 225 W. Guava St. Register at fcslake.eventbrite.com for this free class.

FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Tavares Pavilion on the Lake, 200 S. Disston Ave. Themed Top Hats and Tiaras with red carpet, photo booth, raffles and refreshments. Tickets are \$10 per person in advance only at Tavares Recreation Department or City Hall Utility Billing window.

CHESS CLUB: From 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. every Thursday at Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. Call 352-728-9790 for information.

MEDITATION: At 4 p.m. every Thursday at Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. Guided meditation followed by discussion. Chairs provided or bring yoga mat. Beginners welcome. Call 352-728-9790 to register.

QUILTING SISTERS GUILD: From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Thursday at Masonic Lodge, 200 Richey Road. in Leesburg. Call Mary at 352-323-3351 or go to quiltingsistersguild.com for information.

STORY TIME OUR WORLD: From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. For ages 5 and under. With music, movement and finger-plays. Call 352-728-9790 for information.

PRE-K STORY TIME: From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St. in Mt Dora. Call 352-735-7180 for information.

LAKE COUNTY FARMERS AND FLEA MARKET: From 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Thursday (except holidays) at the Lake County Fairgrounds, 2101 County Road 452 in Eustis. For information, call Cole Scharlau at 352-357-9692.

CRAFTY KIDS: From 4:30 to 5:15 p.m. every Thursday at the Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. Free. Children of all ages are invited to make a craft at the library to take home. Call Penny Richardson at 352-728-9790 or email penny.richardson@leesburgflorida.gov.

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EDITOR'S PICK



Tha Lake County Sheriff's Office hosts a Fish-N-Fun Day from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Hickory Point Park, 27341 State Road 19 in Tavares. [GATEHOUSE MEDIA FILE]

p.m. every Thursday at Marianne Beck Memorial Library, 112 W. Central Ave. in Howey-in-the-Hills. Call 352-324-0254 for information.

CRAFTERNOONS: From 2 to 5 p.m. every Thursday at Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont. Bring your current craft project. Call 352-536-2275 for information.

KIDS ACTIVITY NIGHT: From 6 to 7 p.m. every Thursday at Astor County Library, 54905 Alco Road. Call 352-759-9913 for information.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS: From 5 to 7 p.m. every Thursday at Marion Baysinger Memorial Library, 756 W. Broad St. in Groveland. For ages 13 to 18. Call 352-429-5840 for information.

TNT GAMING: From 4 to 5 p.m. every Thursday at Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. For ages 8 to 18. Call 352-728-9790 for information.

LEGO CLUB: From 3 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Fruitland Park Library, 205 W. Berckman St. For ages 5 to 18. Call 352-360-6561 for information.

FUN GAME SHOOT: At 6 p.m. every second and fourth Thursday at Amvets Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Non members must sign in with a sponsor. Call 352-323-8750 for information.

LOVE STINKS VALENTINE'S BASH: From 5 to 6 p.m. at Eustis Memorial Library, 120 N. Center St. Tired of all things lovey-dovey? Come make funny anti-Valentine cards, play games and eat pizza and chocolate. For grades 6

to 12. Call 352-357-5686 to register.

PASTFINDERS MEETUP: From 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Cooper Memorial Library Room 108, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont. With presentation by Allan Lane on The Civil War. Free and open to the public. Call 352-404-8164 for information.

BOOK CLUB: At 6 p.m. the second Thursday of the month at Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St. Local author and former educator Ray Moore facilitates an informal book discussion. For adults and teens. Call 352-728-9790.

COLOR ME CALM: From 10 to 11 a.m. the second Thursday of the month at the Minneola Schoolhouse Library, 100 S. Main Ave. Color and drink tea with calming background music and lavender oil diffused into the air. All supplies are provided. Call Diane Merchant at 352-432-3921 or email dmerchant@minneola.us.

Thursday to Saturday

RUMMAGE SALE: From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday at Tri-County Unitarian Universalists, 7280 SE 135th St. in Summerfield. Call 352-408-4920 for information.

THE FOX ON THE FAIRWAY: At 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at IceHouse Theatre, 1100 N. Unser St. in Mount Dora. Cost is \$22, \$15 for students with ID and \$10 for ages 5 to 17. Call 352-383-3133 for information.

Friday

THE HOUSE CUP: At 8 p.m. at Moonlight Players

Theatre, 735 W. Minneola Ave. in Clermont. A night of Harry Potter themed comedy and magic with The Maniacs. Cost is \$9.75. Go to moonlightplayers.com.

CHESS CLUB: From 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. every Friday at Umatilla Public Library, 412 Hatfield Dr. Call 352-669-3284 for information.

STORY TIME: At 11 a.m. every Friday at Marianne Beck Memorial Library, 112 W. Central Ave. in Howey-In-The-Hills. With craft. Call 352-324-0254 for information.

LAKEFRONT WORKOUT DANCE PARTY: From 10 to 11 a.m. every Friday at Lilly's on the Lake, 846 W. Osceola St. in Clermont. Free. Go to lillysonthelake.com.

FRIDAY FISH FRY: From 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must sign in with a sponsor. Wear red to honor those deployed. Call Post Commander or Vice at 352-323-8750, email veteransinfoandevents@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT: At 5 p.m. every Friday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.

JAZZ TRIO: From 7 to 10 p.m. every Friday at Lakeside Inn, 100 Alexander St. in Mount Dora. Featuring

Johny Carlsson on piano, Barry Smith on drums and Larry Jacoby on bass.

THE DIAMONDS: At 7:30 p.m. at Orange Blossom Opry, 16439 S.E. 138th Terrace in Weirsdale. Nostalgic Doo-Wop. Go to obopry.com for tickets and information.

GAME NIGHT: At 6:30 p.m. at Fairway Christian Church Room C/D, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Bring snacks to share, your favorite game or come learn a new one. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

HISTORICAL FASHION SHOW: From 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 7200 County Road 603 in Bushnell. Live models display fashions from late 1700's to 1940's with commentary. Light refreshment will be served. Cost is \$3/vehicle or Florida annual park pass. Call 352-793-4781.

NIGHT TO SHINE: From 6 to 9 p.m. at LifePointe Church, 3551 E. Orange Ave. in Eustis. Prom night for those with special needs ages 14 and up, sponsored by Tim Tebow Foundation. Free. With red carpet, friendly paparazzi, shoe shining, hair and makeup stations, limousine rides, dinner, dancing, respite room for parents and caretakers and crowning of each guest as king or queen of the prom. Go to lifepointechurch.me.

MONTHLY FISH FRY: From 4 to 7 p.m. the second Friday of the month at

the American Legion, John Gella Memorial Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St in Fruitland Park. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post.

ART SPLASH: At 6 p.m. the second Friday of every month in downtown Mount Dora. With emerging artists and performers. Call 352-383-0880.

Friday to Saturday

CONCERT FESTIVAL: From 7 to 10 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Mount Dora, 1000 E. 1st Ave. Traditional music with a variety of folk instruments and performances. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students in advance or at the door. Call Ruth Harnden at 352-735-4907.

Friday to Sunday

MURDER AT THE HOWARD JOHNSONS: At 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at Tavares Community Theater, 1100 N. St. Clair Abrams Ave. Go to tavarestheater.org for tickets and information.

Saturday

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY FESTIVAL: From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cauley Lott Park, 1717 N. Highland St. in Mount Dora. Hosted by UCAN Leaders. With entertainment, food, vendors and parade at 10 a.m. beginning at Tremain St. and Lincoln Ave. and ending at the park. Free. Call 352-455-4060 for information.

VALENTINE MAKE-AND-TAKE: From 2 to 4 p.m. at W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St. in Mount Dora. Free drop-in craft program for children ages 12 and under. Call 352-735-7180 for information.

SWEETHEART TEA: From 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Umatilla Library, 412 Hatfield Drive. Treat your mother, daughter, sister, or best friend to lunch, scones and music. Tickets are \$12.50. Call 352-669-3284.

LCSSO FISH-N-FUN DAY: From 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Hickory Point Park, 27341 State Road 19 in Tavares. With food, kids games, vendors and music. Free.

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT: At 5 p.m. every Saturday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.

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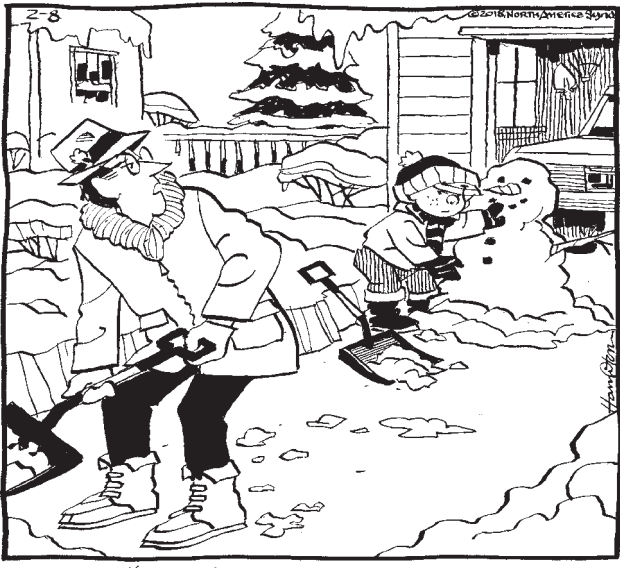
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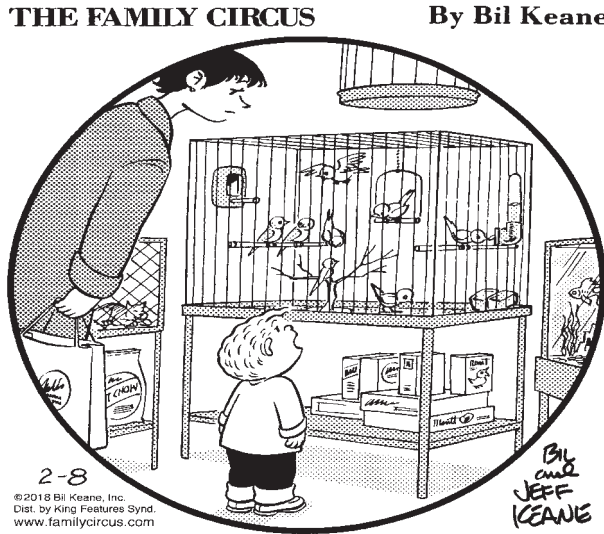
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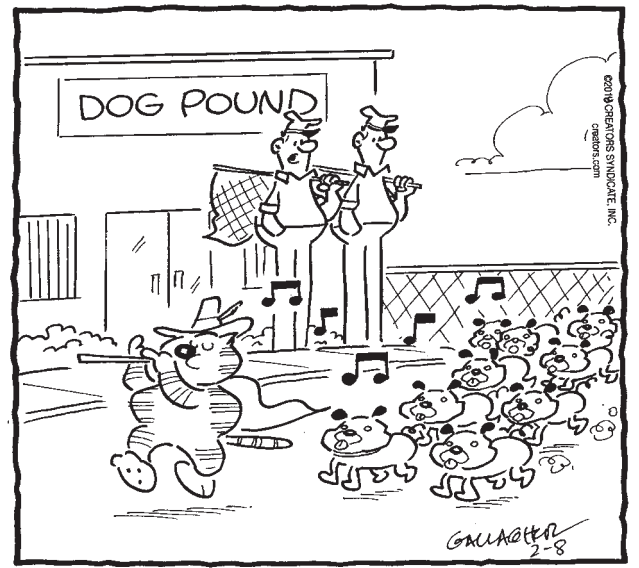
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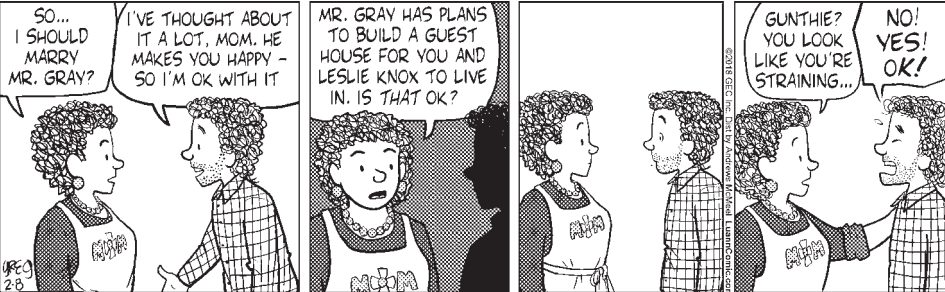
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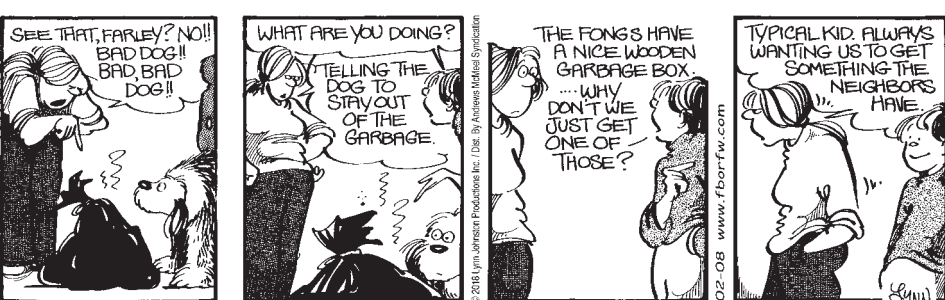
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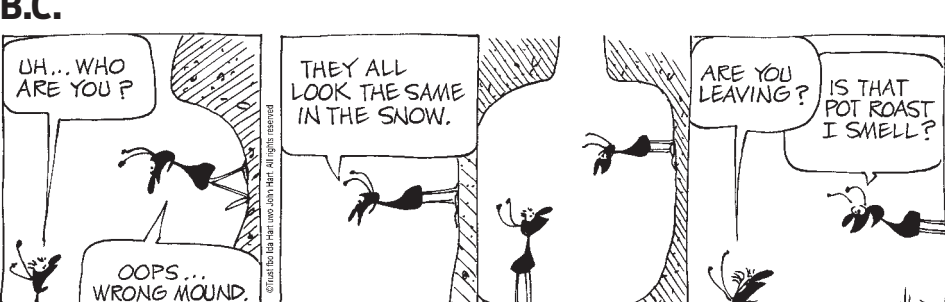
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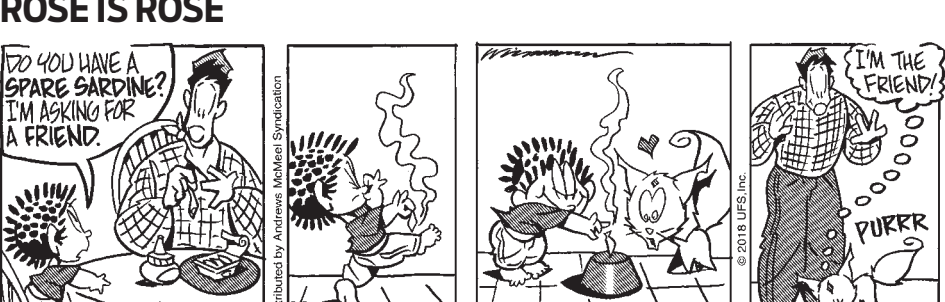
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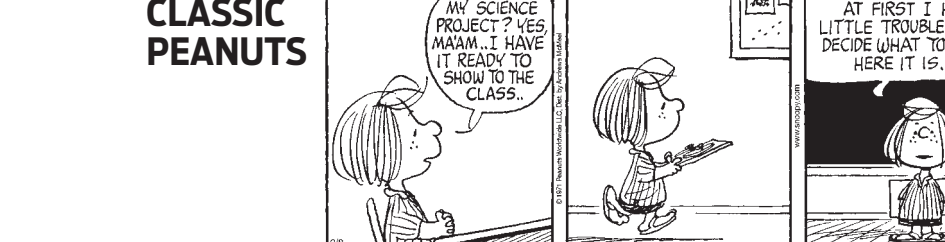
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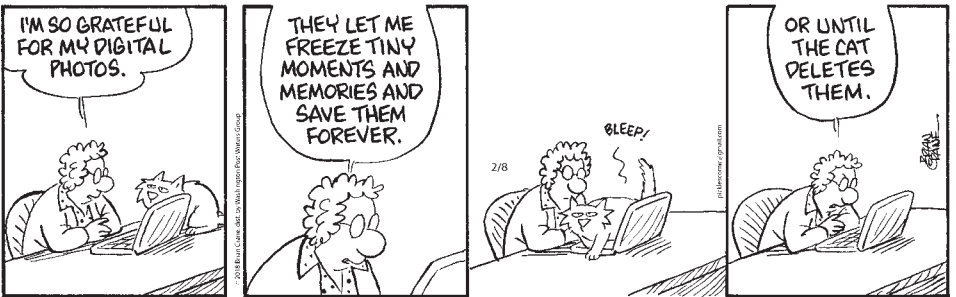
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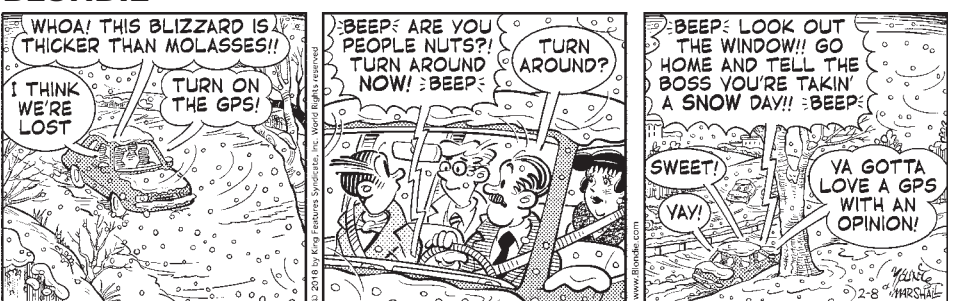
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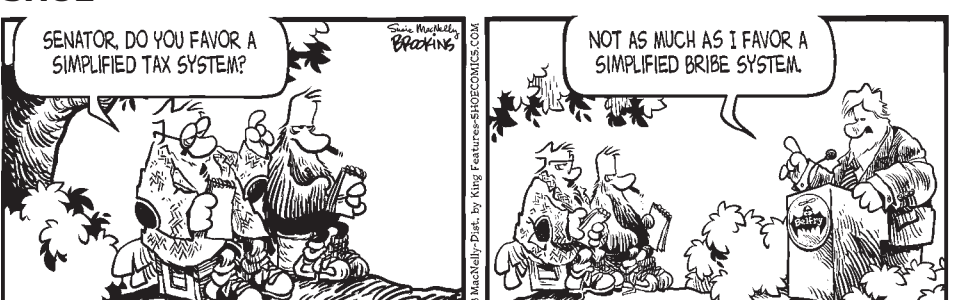
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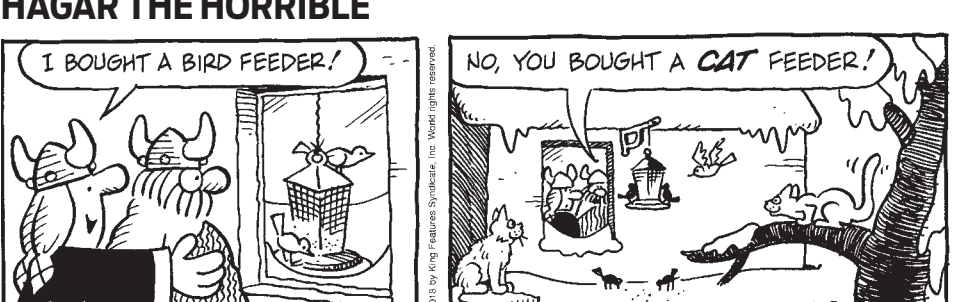
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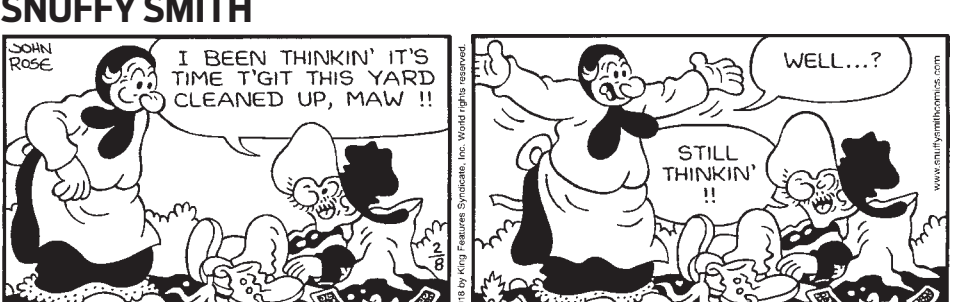
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DIVERSIONS

Strings attached to son's gift have mom tied up in knots

DEAR ABBY: My son bought me a car in 2012. I had no idea he was doing it. He traded my car in for this newer car.

During the last five years this "gift" has been nothing but a sore spot. If I get a ding from a parking lot, it's my fault. If I let someone smoke in it, I'm unappreciative. It's always, "I do something to help you, and you're so ungrateful." I'm at the point of giving it back and riding a bus. What's the solution? -- **AUTO-CHALLENGED MOM IN WEST VIRGINIA**

DEAR AUTO-CHALLENGED: The solution is to stand up for yourself. Your son appears to be using his "generosity" to badger you. If you haven't told him how his comments have made you feel, you should. Point out that you can't control what happens to the vehicle when you're not in it. And once a gift is given, it's the recipient's to do with as she wishes. If a friend lighting up in YOUR car doesn't bother

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DEAR ABBY



you, you shouldn't have to apologize for it.

As a last resort, consider trading the car in for one he has nothing to do with.

DEAR ABBY: After 31 years of marriage, I divorced my husband last year. I was very unhappily married, and am glad to be moving forward in life. Our children suffered as well because of our marriage, and are only now beginning to make healthy choices.

My problem is that people I knew ages ago have found me on social media and want to reconnect. I'm not ready for that. I don't want to discuss what's been happening for the last 32 years. I don't want to wave them off, but neither do I want to talk about my life.

It would make them uncomfortable.

I'm building a new life now, but it's still under construction. How do I respond to these well-meaning old friends? -- **NOT READY IN THE SOUTH**

DEAR NOT READY: You do not have to reveal anything to these old acquaintances that you don't wish to. If they ask questions you feel are too personal or painful, all you have to say is you would rather not discuss it. Then change the subject.

DEAR ABBY: My husband tosses and turns, snores, talks and sings in his sleep. In short, I cannot get my sleep when we're in the same bed. He insists that I sleep with him because "if I don't, it would create a rift in our marriage." When I tell him I love him but I need to get my sleep, he says that love is only a word for me if I don't act upon it by sleeping next to him. It has gotten so bad I am

thinking of leaving him. Advice? -- **ONLY A WORD IN OHIO**

DEAR ONLY A WORD: Rather than leave, schedule an appointment for both of you with your family physician. Because your "musical" husband is tone-deaf when he hears you need a solid night's sleep, let the doctor impress upon him how important sleep is for good mental and physical health. Many happily married couples sleep in separate beds -- and sometimes even separate rooms -- and have great relations both in and out of bed. When there are sleep problems, sleeping apart isn't a matter of rejection; it's common sense.

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» BRIDGE

Things are not what they seem

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 9 8 5	♥ Q 9 3	♠ Q 7 2	♥ 7
♦ K Q 7	♣ K Q 10 6	♦ 10 8 6 4 3 2	♣ 8 5 4
WEST		SOUTH	
♠ A K J 10 3	♥ A 6 5 4	♠ 6 4	♥ K J 10 8 2
♦ 9 5	♣ 9 2	♦ A J	♣ A J 7 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	3♥	Pass
4♥			

Opening lead — king of spades.

One of the great advantages of playing a hand in a suit contract rather than in notrump is that the defenders cannot run their long suit. The trumps act as stoppers and neutralize the tricks that the defenders would otherwise be able to score.

But this advantage does not protect declarer in every case. If the defenders persist in leading their long

suit, they may ultimately run declarer out of trumps and then be able to score whatever cards remain in their suit.

Consider this deal where West starts with three rounds of spades, forcing declarer to ruff. Superficially, it would seem that South is on solid ground, since he has four sure trump winners, three top diamonds and four top clubs. Nevertheless, South is doomed if the defense functions properly.

At trick four, he leads the king of hearts. If West wins with the ace, South waltzes home with the contract. But if West ducks the king, leaving himself with the A-6-5 while South still has the J-10-8, he retains control of the trump suit.

When South continues with the jack, West ducks again, sealing declarer's fate. South cannot afford to lead another trump because West would take the ace and return a spade to force declarer's last trump and so put the contract down two.

The best South can do after West twice refuses to take the ace is to try to cash as many winners as he can in diamonds and clubs. Eventually, West ruffs one of them with his low trump to score a one-trick set.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 2018:

This year you need to focus on your goals and long-term desires; you will see several of them come to fruition by your next birthday. It is important to remain goal-oriented and focused. Your professional life will grow as a result. If you are single, try to keep your personal and professional lives separate. Try to stay open to different types of people. If you are attached, you will find it easier and easier to relate to your sweetie. The two of you are likely to fall in love all over again. SAGITTARIUS takes more risks than you do.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)

You have pondered an opportunity so much that you might feel as if it would be best to go for it and see where it gets you. One can weigh the pros and cons of a situation for only so long. Open up to new possibilities. You don't need to push so hard.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)

One-on-one relating is highlighted. A long-overdue discussion with a friend will help you to clear the

air. You have different styles of communicating, and understanding each other takes time. Dig into your imagination to find the right response.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Drop the word "impossible" from your vocabulary, and reach out for more of what you want. You might not always be comfortable with this approach, but right now it has the highest likelihood of success.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

Though you might want to fly off the rails emotionally, you won't. Look carefully at an issue that keeps arising. Stay centered, no matter what you do or when. Worry less about what is going on with those around you. You will see the right path open up.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

Your fiery side comes out when dealing with a loved one. Know that getting angry won't help. You need to get to the bottom of an issue in order to move forward. You could be dealing with a problematic situation. Stay upbeat.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

You often push so hard to accomplish what you

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BIGAR'S STARS



must that you barely have time to take a deep breath and relax. Make an attempt to slow down and do something just for you. This break will renew your energy and make it easier to deal with certain issues.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

Assess the present situation. Do not minimize what is happening between you and the other party involved. You finally will be able to clear the air and get past an obstacle or misunderstanding that exists between you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You fiercely might feel as if you can get past an ongoing hassle. Your ability to read between the lines makes a big difference in how you handle a personal matter. Others note your sensitivity when you approach a controversial topic.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

Issues could arise a little too easily right now.

You might prefer to keep your energy at bay in order to allow yourself the time to weigh the pros and cons of a situation. Be ready to make a commitment. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

You could reach a point of agreement much easier than you originally had anticipated. Do not hesitate to go after what you desire. You might not get the immediate results you want, but at least you will have taken the first step.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Reach out to a dear friend whom you don't often get to see. Ask more questions as you decide what would be the best way to catch up on each other's news. Make a point of planning a visit in person. Refuse to get involved in a power play.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

You might opt to change direction, to others' surprise. People often think that they have you figured out, only to discover otherwise. You like to grow and adapt to different situations. Stay on top of a personal matter involving an older person.

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS THURSDAY, FEB. 8, the 39th day of 2018. There are 326 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS IN HISTORY:

On Feb. 8, 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation between demonstrators and highway patrolmen at South Carolina

State University in Orangeburg in the wake of protests over a whites-only bowling alley. The science-fiction film "Planet of the Apes," starring Charlton Heston, had its world premiere in New York (it went into general release the following April.)

ON THIS DATE:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fother-

inghay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1952, Queen Elizabeth II proclaimed her accession to the British throne following the death of her father, King George VI.

In 1978, the deliberations of the Senate were broadcast on radio for the first time as members opened debate on the Panama Canal treaties.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

WORD SCRIMMAGE™

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1st DOWN

1st Down + 60 PTS

O₂ I₂ W₇ N₂ R₂ G₃ K₁₂

2nd DOWN

2nd Letter + 7 PTS

H₇ S₂ G₃ A₂ Y₇ T₂ L₂

3rd DOWN

N₂ N₂ C₆ T₂ A₂ I₂ E₁

4th DOWN

4th Down + 40 PTS

C₆ I₂ A₂ L₂ U₃ B₆ C₆

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 446
AVERAGE GAME 285-295 PTS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

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WORD SCRIMMAGE™ SOLUTION BY JUDD HAMBRICK

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A₂ N₂ G₃ U₃ I₂ S₂ H₇ 1st DOWN = 81

C₆ A₂ L₂ I₂ B₆ E₁ R₂ 2nd DOWN = 88

C₆ R₂ U₃ E₁ L₂ T₂ Y₇ 3rd DOWN = 123

A₂ F₇ R₂ A₂ I₂ D₃ 4th DOWN = 21

AVERAGE GAME 200-210 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 313

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5	1 4	2 3	7
	9	8	
6			9
4 1	6	7	3 2
3 7	1	4	5 8
3			1
	8	9	
1	9 3	5 4	6

Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

4	1	7	5	9	2	6	3	8
2	8	5	6	3	4	7	9	1
3	9	6	7	8	1	5	4	2
1	2	8	9	4	7	3	5	6
7	5	4	8	6	3	1	2	9
9	6	3	1	2	5	4	8	7
6	4	2	3	1	8	9	7	5
5	3	1	2	7	9	8	6	4
8	7	9	4	5	6	2	1	3

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