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## Eustis OK's \$21M home project

### Mobile home park to give way to Key West-style community

Staff Report

EUSTIS — Eustis city leaders late Friday afternoon announced that a \$21 million Key West-style community will be built where Sharp's Mobile Home Park now sits next to Ferran Park on Lake Eustis.

The community, dubbed Eustis Lake Club, will feature

86 single-family homes on three separate parcels totaling 11.5 acres, including Sharp's Mobile Park and two parcels at the corner of Bay Street and Lakeshore Drive. The sale of all three parcels is anticipated to close at the end of April, according to a press release distributed by the development's marketing firm.

The owners, WJ Capital, LLC and Jacob P. Smith Building Company, "will capitalize on the appeal of downtown

living, featuring single family bungalows with a Key West feel, including wide porches, two car garages, and soft color palettes. Four different floor plans will be available," The press release states.

Eustis City Manager Ron Neibert said the Eustis Commission, acting in the capacity of the Community Redevelopment Agency board, approved a redevelopment plan Thursday night for the development of Sharp's park.

The gated community will feature a pool and clubhouse, wide sidewalks, cobblestones, and a lake-front boardwalk.

The project represents a new kind of partnership for Eustis, which will help the developer with the costs of getting the site ready for development. The city's CRA will reimburse Eustis Lake Club \$3.3 million to help clear the site of old mobile homes

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## Clermont mayor, councilman clash over ambulances

By Linda Charlton  
Correspondent

CLERMONT — Mayor Gail Ash lashed out at longtime Councilman Ray Goodgame this week after Goodgame marshaled residents to come and blast ambulance service in the city a month before the council was scheduled to discuss the issue formally.

Goodgame, who has been advocating that the city go into the ambulance business, recently sent out a "Ray's Alert" urging residents to come to the March 13 council meeting to share their concerns over the service, and to urge the city to seriously consider going into the ambulance business.

They did, and several of them spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting.

But Mayor Ash took exception.

After the public had finished speaking, Ash said she was troubled that



Ash



Goodgame

Goodgame had taken a public position on a matter that would be coming before council in April an accused him of committing an unethical act.

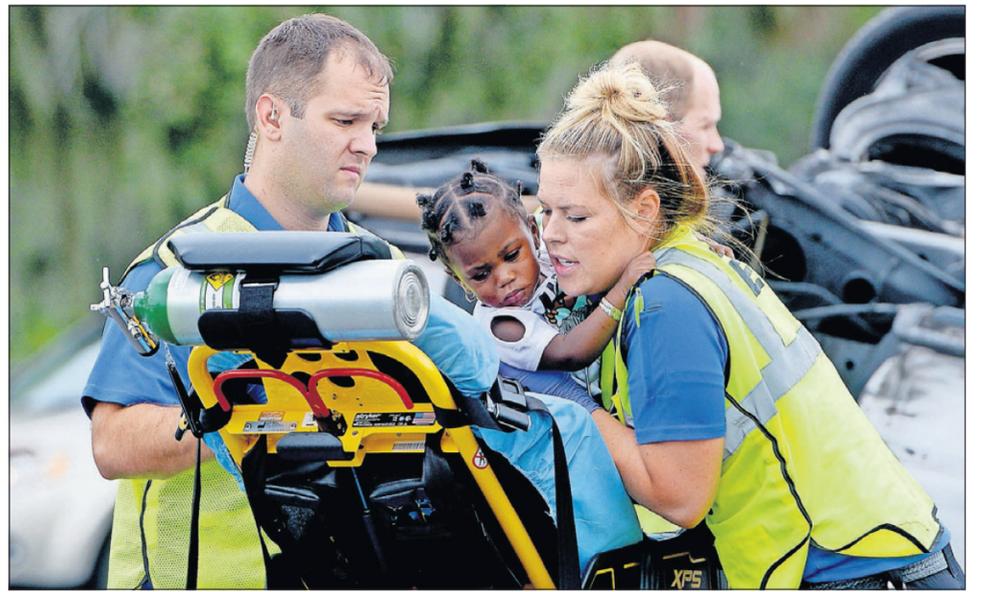
"By asking lots of people to come here, we are being forced to think about this issue prematurely, before we have all the information." She also urged residents to come back for the April workshop and didn't allow for rebuttals.

After the meeting, resident Jim Purvis called the exchange "a low point of Clermont politics in all the years I've lived here, and that is 20."

"The reason I felt that Ray deserved a rebuttal is that he was personally

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## Rapid response?



A young girl is helped on to a stretcher by two Lake EMS employees after a two-vehicle crash in front of Gator Harley-Davidson on in 2016 in Leesburg. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

### Clermont official questions ambulance response time

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CLERMONT — A Clermont city councilman this week blasted a decision to move an

ambulance from one station to another, saying it will create longer response times for Clermont residents in some parts of the city.

The Lake EMS ambulance had been assigned to a city fire station on Clermont's southern border at Hartwood Marsh Road but was moved about 5 miles away to the Lake County

station on south Lakeshore Drive, which is outside city limits.

Councilman Ray Goodgame criticized the move in an open letter to constituents and the community in which he expressed concern that those in south side communities like

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### COUNTY ASKS FDOT TO RAISE ROADWAY

## Bodies remain trapped under failed bridge

### Authorities said they expect to find more victims of Thursday's bridge collapse

By Adriana Gomez Licon  
and Josh Replogle  
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Authorities said Friday that cables supporting

a pedestrian bridge under construction in Florida were being tightened following a "stress test" when the 950-ton concrete span collapsed over traffic, killing at least six people, injuring 10 others and flattening an untold number of cars.

Officials expected to find more bodies in the rubble.

People who haven't heard from their loved ones congregated near the scene Friday.

Jorge and Carol Fraga drove from West Palm Beach, fearing their relative's car was trapped beneath the bridge at Florida International University. Sixty-year-old Rolando Fraga, Jorge's uncle, lives in the area and frequently takes

the nearby turnpike to work, but no one has heard from him since mid-day Thursday.

"The waiting is so ... I don't have words for that," Carol Fraga said through tears.

The \$14.2 million project was supposed to be a hallmark of the faster, cheaper and

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# NATION & WORLD

## IN BRIEF

### CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA. Man beaten at nationalist rally not guilty of assault

A black man who was severely beaten the day of a violent white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, and then charged with misdemeanor assault in the same incident was found not guilty Friday. A Charlottesville judge acquitted 20-year-old DeAndre Harris, saying it was clear Harris didn't intend to harm the leader of a Southern nationalist group who made a complaint against him.

Photos and videos of the attack on Harris by a group of men in a parking garage were widely shared. Harris was left with serious injuries.

"I don't see that Mr. Harris did anything wrong that day," Judge Robert Downer said, according to The Daily Progress. "It's all on tape for me to see."

### BRATISLAVA, SLOVAKIA Slovak PM, government resign over slain journalist crisis

Slovak Prime Minister Robert Fico and his government resigned Thursday as a way out of the political crisis triggered by the slayings of an investigative journalist and his fiancée. President Andrej Kiska accepted the resignation and asked Peter Pellegrini, Fico's deputy prime minister, to form a new government. The move is meant to keep the current three-party coalition in power and avoid the possibility of an early election.

His resignation came after tens of thousands of Slovaks joined anti-government protests across the country last week to demand the government's resignation and a thorough investigation into the shooting deaths of Jan Kuciak and Martina Kusnirova.

### DALTON, GA. Teacher accused of firing gun at school released from jail

A Georgia teacher accused of firing a handgun in his classroom has been released from jail on a \$10,000 bond for psychiatric evaluation.

The Daily Citizen-News reports 53-year-old Jesse Randal Davidson was released from jail on the bond Thursday afternoon. District Attorney Bert Poston says Davidson will remain in custody at a mental health facility rather than in jail.

Dalton police spokesman Bruce Frazier says Davidson fired a snub-nosed .38-caliber revolver out his classroom window at Dalton High School on Feb. 28. Dalton Public Schools spokeswoman Pat Holloway tells The Atlanta Journal-Constitution the social studies teacher's contract will not be renewed for next year.

The Associated Press

## LOTTERY

**Thursday, March 15**  
Fantasy 5: 9-30-31-32-33  
Cash 4 Life: 11-12-31-49-59-1

**Friday, March 16**  
Pick 4  
Afternoon: 3-7-9-7  
Evening: 2-0-7-4

**Pick 3**  
Afternoon: 8-9-1  
Evening: 5-3-9

# Bridge collapse shines light on rapid building technique

By Jason Dearen  
The Associated Press

As the 950-ton concrete bridge section was swung into place over a highway last weekend, Florida International University officials were beaming with pride.

The pedestrian bridge on the edge of the Miami-area campus was a signature achievement of the school's Accelerated Bridge Construction University Transportation Center, a research group set up with federal funding a few years ago to show how spans could be built faster and cheaper in the U.S.

"FIU is about building bridges and student safety. This project accomplishes our mission beautifully," FIU President Mark B. Rosenberg boasted that day. "We are filled with pride and satisfaction at seeing this engineering feat come to life and connect our campus to the surrounding community."

Five days later, the bridge collapsed onto the busy six-lane highway, crushing cars and killing at least six people in a tragedy now under federal investigation.

While it is not yet clear what caused the failure of the unfinished span Thursday, the disaster has cast a spotlight on a rapid construction technique widely used around the U.S.

Accelerated bridge construction, or ABC, involves assembling large sections of a span offsite and then moving the massive pieces into place all at once.

The technique eliminates the lengthy road closings and other traffic disruptions that can result when a bridge is built out over a highway piece by piece. It is also considered by some engineers to be safer for hardhat workers and motorists because much

of the construction isn't done in the middle of traffic.

The general approach has been around since the mid-19th century — and has been used safely and successfully for a long time — but interest in ABC has increased in recent years as states have looked for quicker, less expensive ways to replace thousands of aging bridges.

In the case of the Florida tragedy, engineering experts said the question is where was the fatal mistake: in the design of the bridge, in the way its construction was carried out, or in the materials used?

Civil engineering experts who viewed photos of the planned structure and the collapse have raised questions about how FIU and its contractors approached the project.

To some bridge engineers, the decision to install the span's main concrete segment over a busy road before building its main support tower was puzzling. Traditionally, the tower is constructed first, and the walkway or roadway is anchored to it with cables.

"It's odd," said Henry Petroski, a professor of civil engineering at Duke University and a leading authority on engineering failures. "That's probably why they used this so-called ABC method, so they could get the span over the roadway in one operation, because if you do it incrementally, you have to interrupt traffic."

Investigators will also be looking at the companies building the project, a collaboration between MCM Construction, a Miami-based contractor, and Figg Bridge Design, based in Tallahassee. Both companies have been involved in construction accidents before.

FIGG was fined in 2012



This March 10 photo shows an early morning view of the main span of the pedestrian bridge that was being positioned to connect the City of Sweetwater, Fla., to Florida International University near Miami. The 950-ton new bridge collapsed Thursday over several cars, causing several fatalities and injuries.

[PEDRO PORTAL/ THE MIAMI HERALD VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

after a section of a bridge it was building in Virginia fell and injured several workers, according to a story in The Virginian-Pilot. MCM was accused of substandard work in a lawsuit filed this month by a worker injured when a makeshift bridge the company built at the Fort Lauderdale airport collapsed under his weight.

Professor Amjad Aref, a researcher at the University at Buffalo's department of civil, structural and environmental engineering, said it is unclear what the builders at FIU were using in lieu of a tower to support the segment that collapsed.

The span had some kind of cables to help support it, and the bridge section that collapsed was attached to two smaller pylons at either end.

But in ABC projects like the FIU span, the loss of the extra support from the main tower during construction is a risk, he said.

"Until all the pieces are put together to transmit the loads safely to the foundations, these bridges may suffer disproportionate or full collapse

due to instability," Aref said. "Typically, this process requires a few weeks. During that time, they are often supported by another system to ensure stability because they are really vulnerable to collapsing."

"I am really puzzled that the tower does not exist," Aref said.

Utah started using the ABC technique in 2007 and it has since become the primary way bridges are built, with more than 200 of them around the state, said Carmen Swanwick, chief structural engineer with the state Transportation Department. She said the Miami collapse doesn't undermine her confidence in Utah's bridges, which are inspected every two years.

"I have no concerns," Swanwick said. "We believe it improves quality. A lot of times, the component or the bridge itself is constructed in a more controlled environment."

Engineers say the method has been used safely in other projects for years, and in general keeps the public safer.

## DATELINES

### LONDON



A person in protective gear stands outside a house Wednesday in New Malden, southwest London, which has been sealed-off after Russian businessman Nikolai Glushkov was found dead. British police said Friday they have launched a murder investigation into the death of the London-based Russian businessman after an autopsy revealed that he died from compression to the neck. [EVA RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### JERUSALEM



A protester waves his national flag while others stand during clashes Friday with Israeli troops on the Israeli border with Gaza, east of Gaza City. A Palestinian killed two Israeli soldiers and badly wounded two others when he rammed his vehicle into them in the West Bank on Friday, the military said. The Palestinian intentionally ran over soldiers on duty securing routes, close to the Palestinian city of Jenin, it said. [ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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# LOCAL & STATE

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## BEST BETS FOR TODAY

**KINDNESS PALOOZA:** From noon to 5 p.m. at Lake Catherine Blueberries, 5849 Lake Catherine Rd., Groveland. This event, one of several organized to spread kindness in the wake of last year's spate of suicides among Lake County teens, will feature food, music, dance and fun.

**SPRING FEST:** The 21st annual Spring Fest comes to downtown Mount Dora 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. More than 250 artists and crafters line the streets for a weekend of browsing.

**BBQ, BREWS & BLUES:** BBQ, Brews and Blues runs from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Towne Square in downtown Leesburg, with barbecue, music and craft beer.

## CORRECTION

At a Lake County School Board meeting on Monday, board member Sandy Gamble did not express absolute support for arming teachers but said it was one option among many he would consider. A headline on the story suggested Gamble felt strongly about that idea.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CLERMONT Man charged after Highway 50 shut down

Police have arrested a man and charged him with being in possession of explosive devices and a firearm in an incident that shut down traffic in both directions on Highway 50.

Police said they arrested Hargis Johnson after linking him to a Ford pickup truck that contained several 5-gallon glass bottles of gasoline with rags hanging out. It was not clear what he intended to do with the bottles, said Officer Erin Razo.

Clermont police worked with the city fire department to investigate the substances in an abandoned truck in the Sonny's parking lot at 1500 E. Highway 50.

Traffic was shut down from Oakley Seaver Drive to Sandhill View Boulevard.

### DELRAY BEACH 2 killed when car accelerates into supermarket

An 80-year-old woman and a 71-year-old man were killed in a crash outside a Florida supermarket.

News outlets cited a Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office report that says 80-year-old Sarah Agosta lost control of her car Thursday, accelerating toward the Publix that 71-year-old Eric Small had just left. Agosta's Kia Soul crashed into Small and then struck the building.

Both were taken to the hospital, where they died.

It's unclear what caused Agosta to lose control of her car.

The Publix was open for business Friday. It's unclear how much damage the store sustained.

### PIERSON 2 teens die in head-on crash

Authorities said two Florida teenagers died in a head-on crash that resulted in two other crashes.

Florida Highway Patrol spokeswoman Kim Montes said in a news release that a vehicle driven by 17-year-old Donald Morley Jr. veered into the path of a Jeep driven by 19-year-old Edward Gibbons early Friday morning in Volusia County. A truck then hit Gibbons' vehicle and a car hit Morley's SUV.

Both teens died at a hospital shortly after the crash.

Montes said the crash is under investigation.

### LYNN HAVEN Mother, child die in house fire; 3 escape

A 30-year-old woman and her infant son died in a fire at their Florida home.

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# County to FDOT: Raise road

## Concerns about flooding on section of Wekiva Parkway

By Carlos E. Medina  
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TAVARES — Concerned about future flooding on a section of the Wekiva Parkway project, Lake County commissioners sent a letter to the state requesting it raise the road above the FEMA flood levels.

The Florida Department of Transportation decided not to raise a ¾-mile section of

State Road 46 that will serve as a feeder road from Mount Dora to the Wekiva Parkway. During Hurricane Irma, part of the section went under water, closing the road. The FDOT is not bound to take FEMA flood maps into consideration when designing roads, but the maps have wide acceptance by governments, private developers and the insurance industry. Lake County adheres to the maps for its road projects and for permitting decisions.

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A portion of SR 46 east of US 441 in Mount Dora was under water after Hurricane Irma. [TOM BENITEZ / CORRESPONDENT]

# Beach amenities



A crew works on the new restroom being built at Venetian Gardens on Friday in Leesburg. [PHOTOS BY WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

## Construction of new bathrooms at Venetian Gardens underway

Workmen were moving fast this week on the construction of new bathrooms at Ski Beach in Leesburg's Venetian Gardens. The restroom facilities are the latest additions in an ambitious effort to make the park a vibrant gathering area. The city is also restoring a white sand beach there, will add a boat ramp and, of course, build a new community center.



A workman spreads mud on drywall in one of the new restrooms.

# Reed conquers stage fright for his beloved Nancy

*Editor's Note: The following is a reflection by Daily Commercial columnist and correspondent Rick Reed about his foray into local theater after more than 40 years away from the stage.*

After a hiatus of almost five decades, I made my return to the stage with the Melon Patch players Friday. My one and only previous play was "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying," which is also the play the Melon Patch Players are doing. I didn't get a starring role back then either.

But this isn't about the role, it's about taking part. My wife, Nancy, who died Feb. 26, 2017, was a member of several Melon Patch casts back in the 1970s. This play is for her.

When I first noticed that Melon Patch planned to do "How to Succeed" I thought about trying out for it. But the closer it got, the more I began to get cold feet.

First there was the audition. I talked with my oldest brother Bob. He has directed a number of plays over the years and has also acted. He told me that nobody likes auditioning, that it was the

hardest part of theater. While I realized I wasn't alone I also realized I would still be solo during the tryouts.

Let me tell you how that first audition went, all those years ago.

It was my senior year and I was getting ready to graduate from St. Rose High School. My brother Stan got a part as Tommy in "The Music Man" the year before as a freshman. He had a lot of fun so I guess I decided to give it a try, even though I don't consider myself very musically inclined.

I wasn't ready. I don't know why my brother didn't give me a heads-up, but I went to rehearsal totally unprepared. I thought they would give me a song to sing. Instead I learned I needed to provide a song — with sheet music. Well, I didn't have a clue. The only song I could even think of was, "If I Had a Hammer." So I sang it acapella. I guess they figured if I could do that I could do anything. They even auditioned me for a bigger part, though I didn't get it. But I did get three lines. I was right — it was probably the best time I had in school. I even found a date for my senior prom.

Fast forward to my second audition. Older now and wiser, I figured I would sing the same song because it went so well the first time (only kidding). But I did decide it would be best to go with something tried and true ... until I read about the tryout.

The notice read that sheet music was required. This time I tried to get it online and even attempted payment — but I could never access it. Once again I didn't have sheet music. I went to my friend Kathy. She had lots of music but nothing she had worked for me. I eventually settled on something from "The Sound of Music," but when I got to the audition they said I could do it acapella after all.

So I did. I was the fifth one to perform and my nerves were as bad as they could be. But that was nothing compared to the dance number I learned we had to perform. I almost quit then and there.

I really didn't think I had a chance. About 40 people tried out over two days and they all had a lot more talent and

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# Scott signs budget, takes it easy on vetoes

By Jim Turner and Lloyd Dunkelberger  
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — With a light touch of his veto pen, Gov. Rick Scott on Friday signed a new \$88.7 billion state budget, eliminating only \$64 million in spending and projects, the lowest total of his seven-plus years as governor.

The largest veto was \$7 million for a road project in Lake County covering the realignment of County Road 437 from Central Avenue to State Road 46 in east Lake County. The governor said the project funding circumvents the Transportation Work Program evaluation process.

The governor also vetoed \$450,000 for the Clermont South Lake Wi-Fi Trail, saying it was a local project that should be supported by local governments, not the state.

"Today, Florida is strong, and I am proud of our hard work over the past seven years to grow the economy, invest in education, protect the environment and keep our families safe," Scott said in a budget message.

He said his final budget as governor "will continue to advance the priorities of Florida families for years to come and keep Florida's future strong."

Scott wasted little time in dealing with the budget, which was passed by the House and Senate on Sunday and delivered to him Wednesday. The budget will take effect July 1.

His \$64 million in vetoes was lower than the \$69 million he eliminated in 2014, when he

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Florida Gov. Rick Scott talks to the media at the end of the legislative session at the Florida State Capitol in Tallahassee. [AP FILE PHOTO]

## Today's Services

**McCALL** - Clarine T. McCall, A Service will be held today, 11:00 AM at Citadel of Hope Church, Leesburg, FL.



**NEWMAN** - Margaret P. Newman, A Funeral Mass will be held today, 12:30PM at St. Mary of the Lakes Catholic Church, Eustis, FL.



**O'BRIEN** - Dottie E. O'Brien, A Celebration of Life will be held today, 10:45 AM at the Heritage Community Church, Fruitland Park.



## CLASH

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attacked and maligned. If a person is attacked, they have the right to defend themselves," he said.

Goodgame simply said, "I'm disappointed that the mayor did not give me an opportunity to rebut her statements. My effort was to inform the citizens of Clermont about the current state of our ambulance service."

## BRIDGE

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less risky method of bridge-building promoted by the university. Slated to open in 2019, it would have provided safe passage over a canal and six lanes of traffic, and created a showpiece architectural feature connecting the FIU campus and the community of Sweetwater, where many students live.

As state and federal investigators worked to determine why the five-day-old span failed, Florida politicians pointed to the stress test and loosened cables as possible factors, and a police chief asked everyone not to jump to conclusions.

"This is a tragedy that we don't want to re-occur anywhere in the United States," said Juan Perez, director of the Miami-Dade police. "We just want to find out what caused this collapse to occur and people to die."

On Twitter, Miami-Dade Police asked people to contact the homicide bureau with any information about a cause.

A Florida International University student was among the fatalities, and several construction workers were among the 10 people injured. One person died at a hospital, and Perez said five bodies were located with the help of cameras but not yet retrieved from vehicles crushed under the

immense slab. No identities have been released.

"We're not even going to talk numbers anymore because we expect to find other individuals down there," Perez said.

Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez said crews had conducted a "stress test" on the span earlier in the day, and Sen. Marco Rubio tweeted that the engineering firm involved had ordered the tightening of cables that had become loosened. "They were being tightened when it collapsed," Rubio said on Twitter Thursday night.

Experts from the National Transportation Safety Board and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration joined police in taking over command of the scene Friday from first responders, who had spent hours racing to find survivors in the rubble of the 175-foot span using high-tech listening devices, trained sniffing dogs and search cameras.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott said Thursday investigators will get to the bottom of "why this happened and what happened," and if anyone did anything wrong, "we will hold them accountable."

Rubio, who is an adjunct professor at the school, noted the pedestrian bridge was intended to be an innovative and "one-of-a-kind engineering design."

When finished, the bridge would have been supported from above, with a tall, off-center tower and cables attached to the walkway.



Workers push back a tarp under a section of a collapsed pedestrian bridge Friday near Florida International University in the Miami area. (WILFREDO LEE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

That tower had not yet been installed, and it was unclear what builders were using as temporary supports.

Andy Herman, a bridge engineer and former president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, told The Associated Press that its so-called "accelerated bridge construction" has been used for years without problems.

He said municipalities like this method because it allows for building a bridge faster "because you're doing a lot of the work in a centralized location where you don't have to worry about being over traffic and then they drive it or lift it into place over the traffic with minimal downtime - so the advantage is that they can build it faster with less disruption to traffic."

The school has long

been interested in this kind of bridge design; in 2010, it opened an Accelerated Bridge Construction Center to "provide the transportation industry with the tools needed to effectively and economically utilize the principles of ABC to enhance mobility and safety, and produce safe, environmentally friendly, long-lasting bridges," according to the university website.

The project was a collaboration between MCM Construction, a Miami-based contractor, and Figg Bridge Design, based in Tallahassee. Figg is responsible for the iconic Sunshine Skyway Bridge across Tampa Bay. The FIU community, along with Sweetwater and county officials, held a "bridge watch party" on March 10 when the span

was lifted from its temporary supports, rotated 90 degrees and lowered into what was supposed to be its permanent position.

Both companies have been involved in bridge collapses before.

FIGG was fined in 2012 after a section of a bridge it was building in Virginia crashed onto railroad tracks and injured several workers, according to a story in The Virginian-Pilot.

MCM, meanwhile, was accused of substandard work in a lawsuit filed this month by a worker injured when a makeshift bridge MCM built at Fort Lauderdale International Airport collapsed under his weight. Another dispute resulted in a \$143,000 judgment against MCM over an "arguable collapse" at a Miami-Dade bridge project.

## ROAD

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As it sits, the road is at the 50-year flood elevations, which the FDOT argues is sufficient.

"The Board feels strongly that the road should be designed to the 100-year storm event elevation, and requests that the FDOT reconsider its design," the letter reads in part.

The county does not have the authority to force a change as the road is a joint project between the FDOT and Central Florida Expressway Authority. The Wekiva Parkway is a 25-mile project currently under construction that would complete a beltway around Orlando. The section causing concern

would connect U.S. 441 to the parkway.

"We're really just trying to, hopefully, help the FDOT come to the decision they need to redesign that and elevate the road a little bit more," said Leslie Campione, whose commission district includes the Mount Dora area.

In justifying the decision not to raise the road, the FDOT relied in part on anecdotal evidence that the road does not flood.

"There is no documented history of overtopping of existing SR 46; this was corroborated by long-time Leesburg maintenance staff, City of Mount Dora staff and (FDOT) district office drainage staff. Given that, the Department simply required the design consultant not to lower the

existing roadway profile," wrote Steve Olson, an FDOT spokesman, in an emailed response to the concerns.

By its calculations, the FDOT deemed Irma as a 500-year storm event.

Campione said she has her own anecdotal evidence that the road flooded before Irma.

"I know for a fact that I have constituents that have observed this overtopping situation," she said.

George Marek, a Sorrento resident, spent 25 years as an FDOT drainage engineer and brought the issue to the commission's attention.

"(The road) will range between 2 to 3 feet below water, generally," Marek said when comparing the FEMA flood levels against the planned height of the road.

## PROJECT

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and to help shore up the soil — which is considered unstable muck — for new development.

"We are providing CRA (financial) assistance to help a private developer, which is something we've never done before," Neibert said.

The money will come from taxes generated by the project. Essentially, the CRA will give the developer up to \$3.3 million, which will be covered by an estimated \$180,000 a year in taxes generated by the project at completion.

"The site has incredible potential," said Wendell Husebo, managing partner of Eustis Lake Club. "We are excited to offer future residents access to downtown Eustis living."

In its current state, the property represents some health and safety hazards that would continue to intensify without a

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Eustis City Manager Ron Neibert

complete renovation. The developers will return the land to greenspace status, raising the elevation and mitigating drainage issues before construction on the residential units begin.

The redevelopment project includes Sharp's Mobile Park, Almand's Service Station, 12 South Bay Street (One Fire Church), vacant property at the southwest corner of Lakeshore Drive and the railroad tracks, and city-owned property south of Lakeshore Drive.

A staff report says complicating factors include the fact that Sharp's Mobile Park is made up of aging residential units. Most of the units cannot be relocated, so they must be demolished and removed from the site at considerable cost.

In addition, the

developer will be offering some level of relocation assistance to residents.

It is estimated that the project will generate over \$13.4 million in new taxable value to the CRA.

In order to make the reimbursement payments to the developer, the CRA will potentially secure both short and long-term financing. Initially, the CRA will arrange for a \$3,300,000 line of credit.

Reimbursements will be for specific eligible project costs such as soil costs (testing, remediation, and surcharging), site demolition, resident relocation, site improvements, infrastructure costs, and more.

The developers say Eustis Lake Club is the first residential development in downtown Eustis in 75 years. Full build-out is expected to take between 3 and 5 years.

## STAGE

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stage presence than I had. I have to tell you that the cast is fabulous. It should be quite a production.

When the director, Derek Wallman, called and told me I had a part, I was ecstatic. He said it was a small role, but I told him I was happy just being a part of the ensemble. And, as they say, there are no small parts, just small actors. I was so psyched

— even if I did have to dance.

Fortunately for everyone I only have a few moves to do.

But, once again, it wasn't about the role. I've gone back to the wall of cast members at the Melon Patch Theatre many times and have looked at Nancy's pictures. My gosh, she was so young back then. I met her in 1974 at the University of South Florida. We were introduced at a beach party in St. Pete. I had no idea that she would soon become my wife.

When we got back to school she was involved in a school drama and I went to every showing — not that I was into plays.

I don't think she ever acted again after that. I wish we could have done something together, but then she got sick.

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## RESPONSE

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King's Ridge, Legends and Heritage Hills would see a significant increase in response times.

"Have you driven from Lakeshore to Hartwood Marsh? It could take up to 20 minutes to make that little trip in the morning during rush hour," Goodgame said. "The response times to the citizens of Clermont is unacceptable."

But Clermont city administrators and Lake EMS officials say the move is temporary and will not harm residents.

Clermont Fire Chief Carle Bishop said it was not unexpected either.

"There have been some challenges in the public safety arena due to growth of the city in general and specifically to the fire department. We have notified Lake EMS for several years that we would be needing to relocate them due

to additional personnel and vehicles being staffed at our current stations," Bishop wrote in an email. "In order to make room for these new people we could no longer house the ambulance service; therefore, they moved to another location."

Bishop said originally, Lake EMS was going to build or rent a facility close to the stations that they were currently working in, but said that never took place.

"They will have slightly longer response times in some cases but at this time I don't think we should be alarmed," Bishop said. "There are six ALS (advanced life support) fire units located in the city that have the same exact capability as the ambulance. They just can't transport people to the hospital."

Lake EMS Executive Director Jerry Smith said the move is only temporary until another location closer to the Hartwood Marsh station can be identified. He said the search is proving a little

tougher than expected.

Smith said Clermont Fire personnel have the paramedics and equipment to provide life-saving care until Lake EMS gets there with transport vehicles to get patients to the hospital.

"It's not like people are not receiving life-saving care. It's how our program works," Smith said.

City Manager Darren Gray said there will be a workshop on the issues at 6:30 p.m. on April 11.

In the meantime, he said, "The safety and well-being of our residents is always of utmost concern. Chief (Carle) Bishop has assured me that he does not think there is cause for alarm at the present time."

Goodgame, however, is calling for immediate accommodations.

"I know this is being worked on as we speak, but we need to work out a plan that entails the implementation of some sort of temporary living quarters for EMS," Goodgame said.

# BUDGET

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was running for re-election. Scott, a Republican, is considering a run for the U.S. Senate this year against Bill Nelson, the Democratic incumbent. This year's vetoes represent a little more than 10 percent of the \$615 million Scott eliminated in his first year in office in 2011, his high mark for vetoed spending.

But rather than focus on the vetoes Friday, Scott emphasized the spending initiatives in the new budget, as well as a tax-cut package that includes sales-tax "holidays" and a slight reduction in a commercial-lease tax. The budget plan also avoided \$377 million in increased property taxes for schools because lawmakers decided to roll back a tax rate.

In an interview Friday with The News Service of Florida, Senate President Joe Negron, R-Stuart, said he was pleased with the governor's support for the Senate's initiatives, including a \$122 million increase in funding for Bright Futures college scholarships.

"I think the vetoes were very modest, and I'm grateful to the governor for his consideration of Senate priorities," Negron said.

While Scott and Republican legislative leaders have touted the budget, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents this week asked Scott to call a special session to increase funding for the 67 school districts. Although the budget includes a \$101.50 increase in per-student funding, the superintendents said districts, on average, would only see a 47-cent increase in basic funding per-student because much of the new

money was targeted for mental health and safety issues following last month's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Broward County.

In signing the budget, Scott rejected that request, emphasizing the "record" level of funding for the kindergarten-through-high-school system, including a \$485 million increase over the current year.

He also cited the \$400 million school-safety initiative, which will increase funding for mental-health services, school resource officers and security improvements at schools after the Feb. 14 mass shooting that killed 17 people.

One area targeted by Scott in his vetoes was more than \$29 million in local road projects, which Scott said were funded outside the Department of Transportation's normal evaluation process.

He also eliminated \$2.5 million for an airport project in the Miami-Dade County community of Opa-locka, an expenditure he said did not undergo the normal evaluation process.

Scott rejected an effort by lawmakers to force the Department of Health to return \$15 million in funding for research related to Zika, a mosquito-borne disease that can cause birth defects. Scott said the money cannot be returned because it is "contractually obligated" for research efforts.

Scott also vetoed \$5 million in funding for charter schools, noting the facilities are in line to receive more than \$145 million as part of the state's construction and maintenance program for schools.

In addition, Scott rejected funding for two studies that lawmakers approved in reaction to troubles encountered by motorists who evacuated

ahead of Hurricane Irma last September.

He eliminated \$1.5 million to study extending the Suncoast Parkway north to Georgia as an alternative to Interstate 75. Scott said the Department of Transportation could complete the work without the additional money.

He also vetoed \$750,000 for the DOT to conduct at least three exercises by May 1 using contraflow lanes — directing traffic on both sides of a highway to travel the same direction — to determine if such operations could speed evacuations.

Scott wrote that "traffic engineers and experts, as well as law enforcement, have determined through experience, review, and simulation modeling that contraflow is not an effective disaster evacuation method."

State transportation officials favor using road shoulders to provide additional lanes for fleeing motorists. A month ago, Scott backed his agency leaders by including the expansion of "emergency shoulder use" when he issued a series of post-storm directives to the Department of Transportation.

Scott also vetoed \$270,000 to purchase a building that houses a "quilt museum" in Gilchrist County, an issue that became the subject of a brief floor debate in the House on the final day of the 2018 session.

Rep. Evan Jenne, D-Dania Beach, complained the money being spent for the building could be used for better purposes such as programs for disabled adults or senior citizens.

"Instead we're going to spend that money on an empty quilt museum," Jenne said.

Scott said he rejected the project because it did not go through an established review process.

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## BRIEFS

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Officials said Miranda Marie Corrigan and her son Michael Lane Humfleet were not able to escape a fire at their home in Lynn Haven late Wednesday night. Three other adults were taken to the hospital for treatment of smoke inhalation.

Neighbor Patricia Summerlin told the News Herald she's never "seen a fire take off like that." She said she was awakened by her dogs barking at popping sounds coming from the burning home. She said flames rose high over the roof.

Lynn Haven Fire Chief John DeLongay said they've not yet established what caused the fire.

He said firefighters saved several pets, but a dog and a cat also died in the fire.

### JUPITER Uber driver convicted of raping passenger

An Uber driver and then-"house parent" at a group foster home has been convicted of raping a woman he drove home from a concert in Florida.

News outlets report a six-person jury deliberated for nine hours Thursday before finding 58-year-old Gary Kitchings guilty of burglary,

false imprisonment and three sexual battery charges. He was acquitted of one count concerning an alleged sex act in his car.

Prosecutors said Kitchings told the 38-year-old passenger he had a gun and forced her to submit to sex acts inside his car and in her home after driving her home in May.

Defense attorneys contended the sex was consensual, and Kitchings testified that he was only guilty of cheating on his wife.

His sentencing hearing is scheduled for May 18.

### ST. PETERSBURG Authorities: Man crashes into officer's vehicle

Authorities in Florida

said a man who crashed into a sheriff's lieutenant's unmarked vehicle and fled on foot after the impact has been charged.

A Pinellas County Sheriff's Office news release says a deputy observed a suspicious vehicle driven by 27-year-old Timothy Jones.

The deputy pulled his cruiser behind the vehicle when it stopped in the roadway along a curb. Authorities said the vehicle sped away and ran several stop signs.

Authorities said Jones crashed into the driver's side of Lt. Kenneth Euler Jr.'s agency vehicle. Jones fled on foot but was taken into custody after the crash.

The lieutenant and

Jones were treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

Jones was charged with several offenses including leaving the scene of a crash with injury. It's unclear whether he has a lawyer.

### BROOKSVILLE Police chief fired as city considers disbanding department

The police chief of a small Florida city has been fired as officials consider getting rid of the police department.

The Tampa Bay Times reported that Brooksville City Manager Mark Kutney fired George Turner on Wednesday. Kutney said Thursday that a number of issues

had caused him to lose confidence in Turner's leadership.

Turner released a statement saying the firing comes after a months-long witch hunt.

Brooksville City Council voted earlier this month to negotiate with the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to possibly take over the city's law enforcement. The council is trying to cut costs following financial problems revealed last year. The council is also considering the county to take over fire service.

Some members of the community have said during council meetings that the city should be dissolved.

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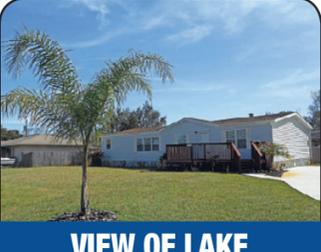
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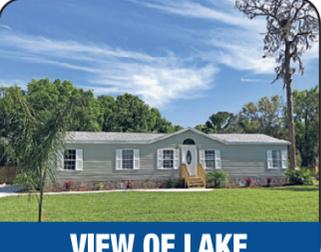
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## Putin urges voter turnout Sunday

By Vladimir Isachenkov  
The Associated Press

MOSCOW President Vladimir Putin has urged Russians to cast ballots in Sunday's election, which he is certain to win, saying that the vote will shape the country's future.

Putin said in a televised address Friday that "the will of the people, the will of each Russian citizen will determine the path the country will take."

The Russian leader, whose approval ratings top 80 percent, is set to easily win another six-year term against seven challengers, but the Kremlin has been concerned about voter apathy and has sought to boost turnout to make Putin's victory as impressive as possible.

Putin urged Russians to "use their right to choose the future for the great Russia that we all love." He warned that failure to cast a ballot would mean that "this decisive choice will be made without your opinion taken into account."

On Friday, the final day of the campaign, he visited a medical center in St.

Petersburg, his home city, promising to modernize the health care system.

The president has traveled across Russia, pledging to raise wages, pour more funds into crumbling health care and education and modernize dilapidated infrastructure.

He also has appealed to national pride, pointing at Western sanctions against Russia as a proof of efforts by the U.S. and its allies to isolate and weaken Russia.

In a state-of-the-nation speech earlier this month, Putin said Russia has tested an array of new nuclear weapons that are impossible to intercept. He invited Russians to join an online contest for the best name for some of the weapons, a competition that drew hundreds of thousands of proposals.

The presidential vote was set on the anniversary of Russia's 2014 annexation of Crimea from Ukraine, which dramatically bolstered Putin's popularity. Polls show that most Russians continue to see the takeover of Crimea as a major achievement despite the subsequent Western sanctions that contributed to a two-year recession.

Russia and Ukraine have remained in a tug-of-war over Crimea's annexation and Moscow's support for separatist insurgents.

In a move that could help Putin further mobilize his support base, Ukraine's Interior Minister Arsen Avakov declared Friday that Russian citizens in Ukraine won't be allowed to vote at polling stations in the Russian Embassy and consulates.

Avakov pointed to the Russian annexation of Crimea and its support for the rebels in eastern Ukraine as reasons behind the decision. Russian election officials described the move a violation of international law.

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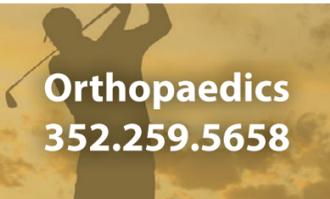
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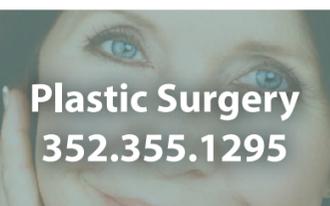
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### OUR OPINION

# Good and bad from Tallahassee

Once again, the Florida Legislature was unable to finish its annual business by the mandated deadline. This year, though, the circumstances that forced overtime were understandable and justifiable.

The regular session was humming along until Feb. 14, the day a gunman murdered 17 students and staff members at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. It proved to be not just a turning point on the legislative calendar, but also in Florida gun politics.

Public outcry — led by Parkland survivors who marched on the Capitol — pressured legislators to suspend other business and respond, on the fly, sometimes reordering spending priorities. What emerged didn't go as far as what many had hoped for — a ban on AR-15s and similarly styled semi-automatic rifles. For others, it went too far — the \$400 million package includes funding for a program to allow qualified school employees to be armed on campus. But overall, it moved the needle in a direction the so-called “Gunshine State” has rarely seen.

Indeed, the National Rifle Association, which usually has a chummy relationship with the Legislature, was so offended it swiftly filed a lawsuit to prevent the state from increasing the age limit to purchase a rifle from 18 to 21 (the same as it has been for handguns).

Legislators had to work into Sunday to pass the \$88.7 million budget before adjourning. Sorting through the debris, we cataloged some of the good and the bad of the 2018 session, from what the Legislature accomplished and what it failed to do.

**Good:** Bills aimed at repealing vacation rental rules stalled. That postpones, for at least another year, another Tallahassee assault on home rule. Make no mistake, though: The issue will be back before lawmakers in 2019.

**Bad:** It was disappointing to see the Legislature failed to make texting while driving a primary offense, something that all but four other states do. A bill to align Florida with most of the rest of the nation sailed through the House thanks to new support from Speaker Richard Corcoran. But it surprisingly died in a Senate committee, after concerns were raised about potential effects on minority drivers. Given the experiences of all the other states that have made texting while driving a primary offense, surely Florida can address those issues next year and put legislation on the next governor's desk.

Lawmakers also failed to make necessary changes to prevent abuse in “assignment of benefits” property insurance, a problem that escalated after most of the state was walloped by Hurricane Irma in September.

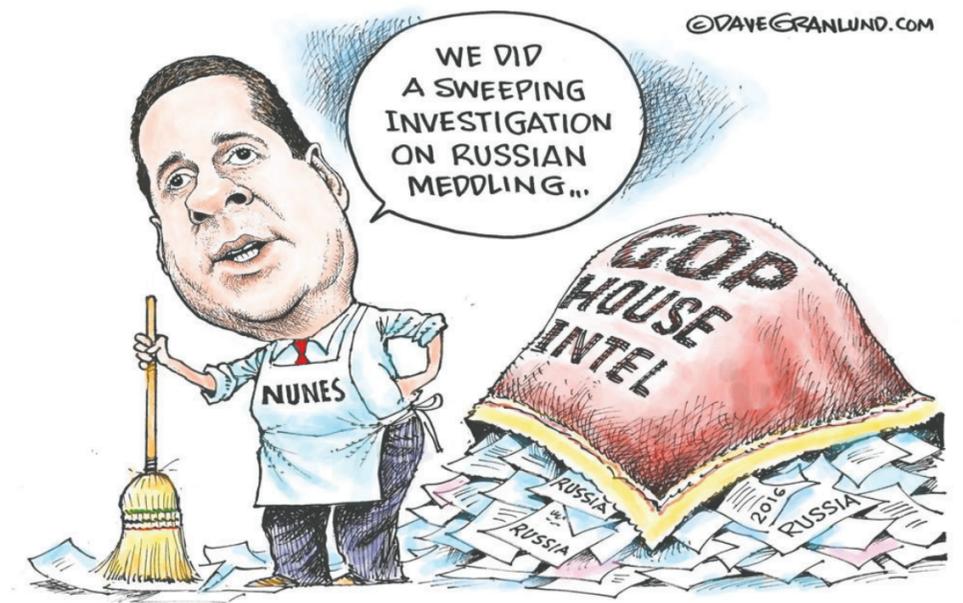
**Good:** The gun control and school safety law represented progress on a politically polarizing, highly emotional issue.

The budget includes \$100 million for Florida Forever. That's not as much as what supporters of Amendment One, overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2014, had hoped for. But considering the Legislature last year designated zero dollars to the state's environmental program, this, too, was progress.

The state created \$45.4 million in tax exemptions and refunds for homes and businesses damaged by Hurricane Irma.

**Bad:** Although lawmakers increased funding for Bright Futures scholarships for college students, they passed several education stinkers. They added a mere 47 cents (0.01 percent) to the base allocation for per-student funding. They created a voucher program for students who have been bullied. And they now require teachers unions to have 50 percent of all teachers who are eligible to be union members pay dues, or risk being decertified. It's a provision that, oddly, doesn't apply to other public sector unions, such as police and firefighters — perhaps because they aren't as solidly in the corner for Democrats as the teachers are.

### ANOTHER OPINION



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## When prices spike for generic drugs, patients suffer

One of my patients is 51 and lives with diabetes. Despite weight loss, diet changes and walking his two kids to school every day, his blood sugar level still wasn't where it needed to be. I prescribed three medications to help prevent the kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, blindness and foot infections that disable too many Americans with this complex disease. He lacks health insurance, but two pharmacies each offered a low price for two different medications and a third we ordered through an access-to-meds program via our clinic.

At our last visit, his sugar control had worsened. He admitted that one drug was too expensive, and the pharmacy that offers the discount on the other generic medication was too far away.

This patient isn't alone. His story is like that of millions of Americans living with chronic disease who depend on medications to enable them to work, care for their families and avoid permanent disability or death.

Generic medications account for 80 percent of all prescriptions written in the U.S. Sometimes they're more affordable. However, an alarming number of off-patent medications have crept up in price. Finding a route to gathering prescription medications from different sources is circuitous, and for patients with limited means or complicated schedules, often

impossible. In some cases, the problem is made worse by certain unscrupulous corporations that acquire the rights to old, inexpensive drugs and jack up the price to astronomical levels, simply because they can, not to recover the discovery and research costs of those developing new treatments.

An extreme example of that was Turing Pharmaceuticals, which in 2016 — with now-disgraced Martin Shkreli at the helm — rebranded and raised the price of an old anti-parasitic medication used in HIV/AIDS patients by 5,000 percent. Why? As Shkreli put it, “To make a profit on the drug.”

I see the more mundane cost of unaffordable generics in my practice every day: 20 capsules of doxycycline, an antibiotic used for rosacea and pneumonia, will cost up to \$105 without insurance or a discount. This “generic” is too expensive and therefore not an option for many patients. Similarly, I have patients with life-threatening allergies who have faced sticker shock as prices for the generic auto-injectable epinephrine have spiked in recent years. They've chosen to hope for the best and go without a prescription.

There is no simple explanation for why generics are expensive. Mergers of manufacturers of generics eliminate competition. Safety concerns shut down plants, decreasing availability and raising prices. And maddeningly, generic pricing varies

because pharmacy benefit managers negotiate different contracts with different retailers. A 2017 Consumer Reports analysis showed up to a 447 percent price variance for five commonly prescribed generic medications in one area. This is why the diabetes patient needed to travel to three different pharmacies.

President Donald Trump has been promising to take action on high drug prices for over a year. But nothing has changed. In Washington, a number of bills aimed at leveraging negotiating power, stopping price spikes and curbing monopoly abuses sit in Congress.

This leaves an opportunity for the states. In February, Illinois state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, sponsored the Illinois Generic Drug Pricing Fairness Act. If enacted, this law would give the Illinois attorney general the power to stop price gouging of essential off-patent or generic drugs. Pharmaceutical companies that increase prices sharply would have to prove that they're raising prices because of an increase in the cost of production.

It's a start. Illinois could join Maryland, which passed a generic drug bill in 2017, in taking the lead on curbing exploitation of our state's most vulnerable — and sickest — patients. Millions of Americans are waiting.

*Dr. Mara Divis practices in Chicago. She wrote this for the Chicago Tribune.*

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### A scary future

A free-for-all use to be a saloon fight where everybody was your enemy and nobody was your friend. Now it's a Democrat and Republican welfare giveaway in exchange for votes for the most generous politician with someone else's money.

The taxpayers get a free ride as the debt incurred is just added to the national debt. It will never have to be paid because the income tax would have to be raised to 110 percent to keep up with the spending. Since no one can pay more taxes than they earn, the national debt will continue to rise until we are out of ink and paper to print money, then they will go to plastic with monthly statements to show how much we owe.

When we are born each baby will receive so many lifetime credits and when you reach this limit you will take a pill and die. This will be called the new and improved Hospice. Do you think it can't happen? Will someone print the number of people murdered by Hospice last year or is everyone afraid to print the truth? Artificial intelligence and robots will do the work. Why didn't God make them in the beginning? We have artificial ignorance and it's called humanity!

**Vernon Hall, Umatilla**

#### So-called school safety law is watered down

Several years ago, when Rick Scott was campaigning to be governor of Florida, I dubbed him as Rick “The

Crook” Scott as he had presided over what was then the largest Medicare fraud payback fine in history at \$1.7 billion. And now he is proclaiming himself to be the champion of Florida's schools and students by signing the most watered-down piece of useless legislation ever conceived in response to the Parkland massacre. As for the Medicare situation, Scott proved himself to be either one of the most inept chief executives of a major corporation (“I didn't know this was going on!”), or an out-and-out liar. Frankly, I prefer the latter explanation. But Governor Scott has once more proven either his ignorance or his ineptness by signing the so-called school safety law on Friday, which was castigated in a recent

edition of the Daily Commercial in “Florida school safety law is a poor start.”

I would first put blame on the Republican-dominated Florida legislature, both House and Senate, for refusing to exercise their constitutionally imposed requirement to address the health, safety and welfare of Floridians. What they have done is mere lip service to that duty, and Governor Scott has condoned that lip service. Rather than banning the sale of AR-15s and other military-type weapons, they have provided nothing more than a band-aid when major surgery was called for. Rather than providing the funding to ensure that every school in the state has on-site trained police officers they have determined

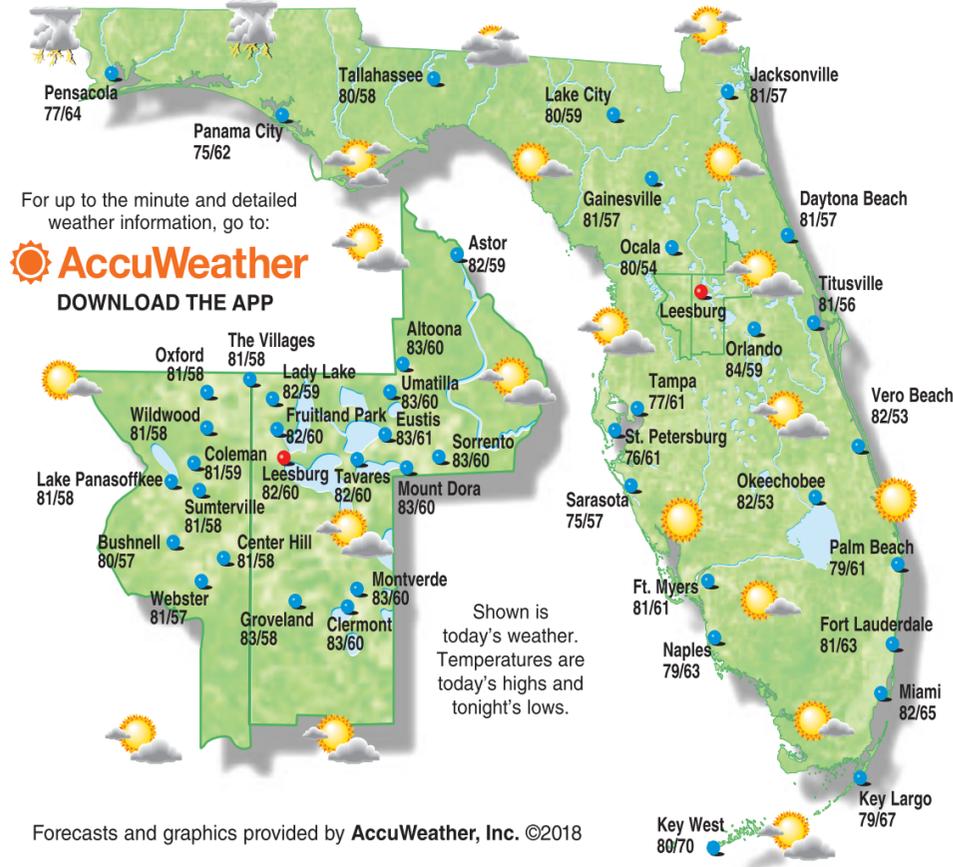
that there be armed teachers who have neither the training or experience to deal with “active shooter” situations. And as another writer recently mentioned, how are responding police going to be able to distinguish between the good guys and the bad guys?

The school safety law is not only a poor start, it is a dangerous start as it does nothing to address the underlying problems that resulted in the Pulse nightclub event, the Parkland massacre and all of the other similar disasters that have occurred in the past couple of years. As I say, band-aids won't do the job when major surgery is needed. And so far as the NRA is concerned, may they all burn in Hell.

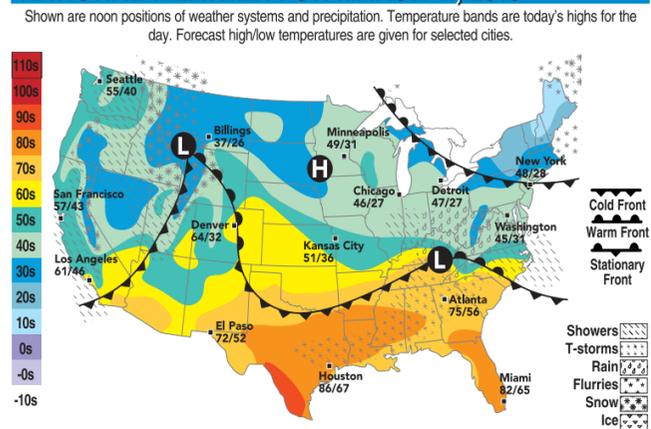
**Daniel Andrews, The Villages**

### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR LEESBURG

TODAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
82°	60°	82°	63°	84°	68°	79°	57°	70°	47°



### NATIONAL WEATHER FOR MARCH 17, 2018



Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
 High 88° in McAllen, TX Low -13° in Ely, MN

#### UV INDEX TODAY

7

0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme

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#### SOLAR TABLE

The solar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today 12:02 a.m.	6:13 a.m.	12:24 p.m.	6:36 p.m.
Sun. 12:48 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	1:12 p.m.	7:23 p.m.

#### THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sunday	New	First	Full	Last
Sunrise	7:35 a.m.	7:34 a.m.				
Sunset	7:37 p.m.	7:38 p.m.	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 8
Moonrise	7:50 a.m.	8:27 a.m.				
Moonset	7:57 p.m.	8:54 p.m.				

#### TIDES

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
<b>Homosassa</b>				
Today	6:29 am	1.1	1:07 am	0.1
	6:53 pm	1.1	1:56 pm	0.1
<b>Daytona Beach</b>				
Today	8:48 am	4.2	2:31 am	-0.2
	9:02 pm	4.2	2:53 pm	-0.3

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sunday			City	Today			Sunday			City	Today			Sunday									
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W							
Albany	32	12	s	33	15	s	Cheyenne	54	25	s	45	22	sn	Great Falls	34	23	sn	32	19	sn	San Francisco	57	43	c	58	45	pc
Albuquerque	64	37	pc	52	30	sh	Chicago	46	27	pc	55	33	pc	Greensboro, NC	66	41	sh	59	43	pc	San Juan, PR	85	74	pc	85	72	pc
Anchorage	38	30	pc	38	33	sn	Cincinnati	45	27	r	55	35	s	Hartford	38	16	pc	36	19	s	Santa Fe	60	30	pc	48	22	pc
Asheville	72	47	r	65	45	pc	Cleveland	41	25	pc	49	28	s	Honolulu	85	73	pc	83	71	pc	St. Ste. Marie	30	17	s	35	8	pc
Atlanta	75	56	t	74	55	pc	Columbia, SC	74	55	sh	74	51	pc	Houston	86	67	t	84	65	t	Seattle	55	40	c	54	38	c
Atlantic City	48	26	s	49	31	s	Concord, NH	28	8	pc	29	11	s	Indianapolis	45	26	sh	55	35	pc	Shreveport	83	65	c	77	63	r
Baltimore	48	26	pc	53	27	s	Dallas	82	65	pc	81	60	c	Jackson, MS	80	60	t	79	63	r	Spokane	51	33	c	48	33	c
Billings	37	26	pc	39	26	sn	Dayton	43	25	i	52	29	s	Kansas City	51	36	c	62	45	c	Syracuse	30	8	s	32	12	s
Birmingham	79	55	t	74	59	c	Denver	64	32	s	55	27	c	Las Vegas	60	44	c	62	46	s	Topeka	56	36	pc	64	45	pc
Bismarck	40	18	pc	39	26	c	Des Moines	44	34	c	53	38	c	Little Rock	79	48	c	63	53	r	Tucson	71	47	pc	63	40	pc
Boise	47	34	c	49	31	pc	Detroit	47	27	s	55	29	s	Louisville	57	36	r	59	43	c	Tulsa	70	45	pc	68	52	sh
Boston	34	16	pc	33	18	s	Duluth	48	23	s	39	19	pc	Memphis	76	48	pc	66	56	c	Washington, DC	45	31	c	56	34	pc
Buffalo	35	18	s	37	21	pc	El Paso	72	52	c	65	44	pc	Milwaukee	44	30	s	52	33	pc	Wilmington, DE	48	27	s	50	29	s
Burlington, VT	21	7	sf	25	11	pc	Fargo	40	23	s	42	27	c	Minneapolis	49	31	s	47	33	pc							
Charleston, SC	76	58	c	76	55	pc	Fairbanks	34	20	s	33	25	sf	Nashville	77	46	sh	65	51	c							
Charleston, WV	44	27	r	55	33	pc	Flagstaff	41	22	pc	35	11	sf	New Orleans	77	64	t	79	67	c							
Charlotte, NC	70	48	sh	65	47	pc	Grand Rapids	49	27	s	53	30	s	New York City	48	28	s	45	29	s							

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## CHAT WITH A VETERAN



## MARK NORTHCUTT

**Town:** Clermont  
**Branch of service and rank:** Navy, MM3, petty officer, 3rd class  
**Enlisted or drafted?** I enlisted for the education, the training and, of course, to join the Navy and see the world.  
**What did you do in the service?** I specialized in the operation and maintenance of a nuclear power plant on a ship.  
**Why was it important?** We made the ship go through the water and we made the electricity. Without us, the ship just sat there, in the dark.  
**What is your most important memory from service?** Probably all the really cool places I went to. I had a few extended Pacific deployments and I pretty much got to see the entire Pacific rim  
**What did you like least about service?** When the ship is at sea, you're working seven days a week. We were basically working 16 hour days, seven days a week, sometimes for weeks at a time. We'd sometimes go for weeks without seeing land.  
**What do you want people to understand about war?** That war is a very serious business and not to be entered into lightly. Lately we have entered at least one conflict without a good reason.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

**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](http://amvetspost1992.org).

**MILITARY WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION MEETING:** At 1 p.m. at Perkins Restaurant, 905 Bichara Blvd. in Lady Lake. No reservation required. For more information call President Sue Mason at 352-350-4199.

**HOAGIE NIGHT:** At 4 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Call 352-323-8750, email [amvetspost2006@gmail.com](mailto:amvetspost2006@gmail.com) or go to [amvets2006.com](http://amvets2006.com).

**VETERANS MEETING:** At 2 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Silver Oaks Room Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 3010 Saddlebrook Lane in The Villages. Korean War and Service Veterans Chapter 169. For all veterans who served in Korea. Call 352-748-7009.

### SUNDAY

**BREAKFAST BUFFET:** From 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Sunday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. With biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes. Cost is \$6.50. Free to first responders with ID and kids under 6. Call 352-483-3327.

**WINGS AND KARAOKE:** At 2 p.m. every Sunday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Call 352-323-8750, email [amvetspost2006@gmail.com](mailto:amvetspost2006@gmail.com) or go to [amvets2006.com](http://amvets2006.com).

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# A Facebook phenomenon



Col. Thomas Palenske, commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, talks about his use of Facebook as a way to keep in touch with the wing's personnel. [DEVON RAVINE/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

## Air Force taking notice of Florida commander's social media presence

By Jim Thompson  
Gatehouse Media Florida

HURLBURT FIELD — What began as “a little social experiment” for Air Force Col. Tom Palenske, commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing, now has him chasing down the Air Force's chief of staff in a light-hearted competition for Facebook followers.

Along the way, Palenske has found Facebook a useful tool for learning about, and responding to, issues within the 1st SOW.

When Palenske took command of the 1st SOW in June 2016, he inherited a Facebook page, “1st SOW Commander.” His initial interest in Facebook was in “trying to figure out the science behind it, to see how to influence and communicate with people ... to know what it takes to field a base of people you can communicate with.”

“So I played around with it, and learned things along the way from my PA (public affairs) team, like the best time to make a Facebook post is between 12 and 1 o'clock” when people are likely to be taking a lunch break and sneaking a look at their social media accounts.

Today, Palenske's “base of people” extends to 23,402 followers. By comparison, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein has 32,802 followers. When the two officers crossed paths in Afghanistan recently, Palenske said, he told Goldfein, “Hey, sir, I'm coming for you.”

“I don't think I'm going to make it,” Palenske conceded. “But he is the chief of staff of the Air Force, so he's

probably got a little advantage on me.”

At the 1st SOW, Palenske has been surprised at how deeply his Facebook account has penetrated the wing. He's getting lots of unvarnished information about the wing as airmen, other base personnel, and even spouses communicate with him outside formal channels, through Facebook's instant messaging feature.

“There is a very hierarchical organization in the Air Force,” Palenske said, “and oftentimes, the information that I get back (through traditional channels) has been run through so many filters that it's not worth anything by the time it gets to me.”

As just one recent example, Palenske got a Facebook message from a woman wondering if the “splash pad,” a children's water feature in Hurlburt Field's community park, had been turned off on weekdays. He forwarded the message to a couple of base officials, who subsequently discovered the water feature was broken, and put it back in service.

With Facebook, Palenske said, “Literally, I've got tentacles out there now — not really tentacles; I call them ‘sensors’ — that just continually feed me challenges.”

To ensure Facebook remains a valuable tool, Palenske gives serious attention to the messages and other posts on the 1st SOW Commander page.

“What I try to do in order to build trust in that medium is, every single issue that I get sent, I don't care who it's coming from, I take it like it's coming from Gen. Webb,” he said. Lt. Gen. Brad Webb is the commander of Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field.

Palenske treats the messaging feature of Facebook just like one of his other email



Col. Thomas Palenske, commander of the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field, uses his 1st SOW Commander Facebook page to quickly push out information important to base personnel as well as provide a way for airmen to contact him directly with their thoughts or concerns. [DEVON RAVINE/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

accounts, but to ensure the 1st SOW Commander page doesn't become an intrusive part of his day, he's developed what he calls a “battle rhythm.” That rhythm is integrated into his early-morning news consumption, during which he flips through various cable news channels and checks his personal Facebook page for items of interest. He selects items that he wants to pass along via 1st SOW Commander — things like good news and inspirational items from all of the military services, or videos of demonstrations of U.S. military capabilities — and schedules them to appear on his Facebook page during the noon hour.

On a more serious note, he used his Facebook page to keep Hurlburt Field personnel and families informed as the facility battled a norovirus outbreak late last year. His posts even found their way into media reports on the outbreak.

Palenske said he doesn't worry much, if at all, that his Facebook initiative will circumvent the 1st SOW's

chain of command, or that its informal nature will erode his authority.

“Sure, I think there's some trepidation out there sometimes,” he said. “But the chain of command is for issuing orders, it's not for information flow. ... Putting artificial barriers in there that block the free flow of information seems counter-productive to me.”

The larger Air Force has taken notice of Palenske's approach to Facebook. At a recent conference for Air Force public affairs personnel, his page was presented as a model for how a commander should use the social media platform, according to the 1st SOW's public affairs office.

“People feel very empowered to tell me all kinds of things on Facebook, and I appreciate it,” the colonel said. “I get good stuff from the families, the spouses.”

And of course, with more than 20,000 followers, Palenske's reach extends well beyond the 1st SOW and Hurlburt Field.

See FACEBOOK, B4

## Locals graduate from 8-week basic training program

Staff Report

SAN ANTONIO — Two locals recently graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

U.S. Air Force Airman Hunter A. Capps is the son of Denise and Robert Capps of Lady Lake and grandson of



Capps



Helms

Fred and Glynda Casteel of Summerfield, Barbara and Jim Goodwin of Lady Lake and Betty Weeks of Panama

City. He is also the brother of Meghan Capps. He is a 2013 graduate of The Villages High School.

U.S. Air Force Airman Brittanie B. Helms is the daughter of Kelly and Richard Helms of Bushnell. She is a 2017 graduate of South Sumter High School.

The airmen completed an intensive, eight-week

program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

# Gathering Places for Spiritual Worship

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 Sunday Family Eucharist Service 10:30am  
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 Adult Sunday School 9:15am  
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 Sunday Services: 8 a.m. (w/o music);  
 10 a.m. (w/choir)  
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study;  
 11:30 a.m. Healing Service  
[www.holytrinityfp.com](http://www.holytrinityfp.com)  
 On CR466A: go east 2.3 miles past Colony Plaza;  
 left on Poinsettia to Spring Lake Rd.  
 On US441/27: go south .4 mile past Phillips Buick;  
 turn right on Spring Lake Rd.

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 Church office 352-787-1829  
 Community Christian Preschool  
 352-787-1830  
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 Rev. Daryl Allen  
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 Sunday Contemporary Worship 9:30 am  
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[www.communityumcfp.com](http://www.communityumcfp.com)

### Countryside Baptist Church

2805 Register Road, Fruitland Park  
 Pastor John W. Stricklen  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
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 Sunday & Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

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04001 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park  
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 Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
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 352-787-7275  
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 Sunday Bible Study 9:15am  
 Thursday Bible Study 5:30pm

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 352-787-3966  
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 Service Times: Sunday 10:30am & 6:00pm  
 Wednesday Bible Study and Kids Awana 6:30  
 Facebook [centralbaptistchurchleesburg](http://centralbaptistchurchleesburg)  
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[www.fbcleesburg.org](http://www.fbcleesburg.org)

### First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

200 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg  
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[www.firstpresleesburg.org](http://www.firstpresleesburg.org)  
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130 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg  
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 Sunday Worship Service 9:30am  
[www.gloriadeielca.net](http://www.gloriadeielca.net)

### Good News Church

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[www.goodnewschurch.org](http://www.goodnewschurch.org)

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### Midway Baptist Church

32707 Blossom Lane, Leesburg  
 352-314-3080  
 James Nickerson Jr.  
 Senior Pastor  
 Sunday Bible Study 9:30am  
 Sunday Worship 10:30am  
 Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:00pm  
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[www.MidwayBaptistOnline.org](http://www.MidwayBaptistOnline.org)

### Seventh Day Adventist

508 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg  
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 Sabbath School Service 11:00am  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00pm

### St. James Episcopal Church

204 Lee Street, Leesburg  
 352-787-1981  
 Rev. Thomas H. Trees, Rector  
 Sunday Holy Eucharist Services  
 8:00am & 10:00am  
 Thursday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service  
 10:00am  
[www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org)

### St. Paul Roman Catholic Church

(In union with the Roman Catholic Diocese of  
 Orlando & The Vatican)  
 1330 Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg  
 Weekday Masses M-F 8:30am  
 Sacrament of Penance  
 Saturday 2:30-3:30pm (or by appointment)  
 Saturday Masses 4:00 & 7:00pm (Spanish)  
 Sunday Masses 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am  
 Office Hours M-F 8:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00

## MOUNT DORA

### St. Philip Lutheran Church

1050 Boyd Drive, Mt. Dora  
 352-383-5402  
 Pastor Rev. Dr. Johan Bergh  
 Worship 9:30am  
 Gathering 10:45am  
 (Childcare Provided)  
[www.stphiliplc.com](http://www.stphiliplc.com)

## OKAHUMPKA

### Corpus Christi Episcopal Church

3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka  
 352-787-8430  
 Sunday Holy Eucharist Service 10:00am  
 Fellowship following the service  
 Thursday Morning Prayer 9:30am  
 Sunday Evening Prayer with Eucharist 4:00pm  
[www.corpuschristiepisopal.org](http://www.corpuschristiepisopal.org)

## TAVARES

### Tavares First United Methodist Church (UMC)

Corner of Old 441 & SR 19, Tavares  
 352-343-2761  
 Pastor Mike Briggs  
 Sunday Services  
 8:30 am & 11:00 am – Traditional service in the  
 Sanctuary  
 10:00 am –Contemporary, café service in the UMAC  
 9:45 am –Adult Small Group  
 10:00 am –TreeHOUSE Kids (preK thru elementary)  
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### Unity Tavares

1410 E Alfred St. (Old 441)  
 Tavares, FL 32778  
 352-508-8266  
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 Sunday Service 10:30  
[www.UnityTavares.org](http://www.UnityTavares.org)

## YALAHA

### Yalaha Community Church

9050 Citron Street, Yalaha  
 Sunday Evening Service 6:00-7:00  
 Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:30-7:30  
 Non-Denominational  
 Phone: 352-408-4517

## WILDWOOD

### Rock Of Ages Lutheran Church

201 Barwick St.  
 Wildwood, FL 34785  
 (352) 330-0463  
 Pastor Don Erickson  
 8:30 am Traditional Communion Service  
 10:30 am Contemporary Communion Service  
[www.rockofageslutheran.com](http://www.rockofageslutheran.com)

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# FAITH

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## REFLECTIONS

*When feeling angry, look to God for patience*



Rick Reed

I've spent the last six weeks driving from Mount Dora to Leesburg basically every day. I auditioned for a part in the Melon Patch Player's "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying." I was surprised when I made it. I even have a named role, Ovington — Benjamin Burton Daniel Ovington to be more precise.

In the play, I get hired to become the vice president of advertising for The World Wide Wicket Company, the leading wicket producer in the country.

Unfortunately, I get fired before the first act is over. I also play in the ensemble so I get some stage time in the second act too.

It's a great production and our cast is topnotch, along with the director, choreographer and music directors. My wife Nancy had been in several Melon Patch casts in the 1970s and this has been my tribute to her.

I never knew how much time was spent putting on a production. It's a lot of work but also well worth it. But one of the downsides was being in the car basically an hour each day driving to Leesburg and back home. I'm sure I'm the only one with this problem but I tend to get a bit irritated and angry while driving in the car stuck behind slower traffic.

I recently read that people feel entitled not just to the pursuit of happiness, or even happiness, but to feeling good. If we don't feel good, someone or something must be to blame. "The blue ribbon recipe for anger is mixing blame with entitlement and vulnerability," said Steven Stosny.

My patience has really gotten pretty bad and I've uttered things I shouldn't have. I've asked God to help me with my patience but I still needed to control my tongue.

I think it was Tuesday that I realized I am in God's sovereign care. It doesn't mean I will get where I'm going to go at my speed but it does mean God is watching over me. I realized that maybe if I sped up I might have gotten into an accident.

And while I may still get in an accident I am still under God's care.

My patience and anger were pushed a bit closer to the limit on Wednesday. I realized I had a flat tire on my way to the YMCA. I was told it would be about two hours but then got an update correcting it to about an hour. So I went inside and began working out.

I was finished working out and found out the arrival time was once again pushed back another hour. When it was 15 minutes past that arrival time, I called AAA once again. I wasn't happy when I was told I needed to wait some more.

A while later I got a phone call from the driver and was told he was by my car.

Earlier in the week I might have lit into the guy, but God was in control. I told him I've been practicing patience and he and I were both the recipients of it. He quickly found a nail in my tire and fixed it for free and soon enough I was up and running.

Not only was our exchange a blessing, so was the rest of the day. Now I try to continue with my patience, especially in the car.

You know, it does no good to get upset. And who knows, maybe you might be stuck at a corner and I let your car into the traffic.

Rick Reed is a columnist for the Daily Commercial. Email him at ricoh007@aol.com.

# 'An extraordinary person'



Pope Francis arrives for a meeting with clergy, religious men and women and seminarians at the sports field of St Mary's School, in Nairobi, Kenya, in 2015. [L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/POOL PHOTO VIA AP]

## Francis marks 5 years as pope amid love, disenchantment

By Nicole Winfield  
The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis marked his fifth anniversary as pope Tuesday by receiving votes of confidence from his predecessor and current Vatican No. 2, even as surveys showed his reform-minded papacy was turning off some of the most faithful, church-going Catholics.

First out of the gate to give him thumbs-up was Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI, whose historic resignation paved the way for Francis' election on March 13, 2013.

In a letter released on the eve of Francis' anniversary, Benedict publicly dismissed as "foolish prejudice" the opinions of critics who say Francis has no theological heft and represents a rupture from Benedict's papacy.

Benedict said a new Vatican-curated volume of books on Francis' theology "shows Pope Francis is a man of profound philosophical and theological training and helps to see the interior continuity between the two pontificates, with all the differences in style and temperament."

Francis frequently downplays the work of theologians, and his critics have flagged his cautious opening to allowing divorced and civilly remarried Catholics to receive Communion as a sign that dogma under the Church's first Jesuit pope is adrift.

Francis' supporters insist he is in complete harmony with church teaching and Benedict's doctrinaire papacy. They say Francis is merely emphasizing "discernment" to navigate complex pastoral situations.

But the debate is taking its toll. A poll published Tuesday in France's Le Figaro newspaper found a significant drop in the still-high support for Francis among church-going, practicing Catholics. The 86 percent who back him 12 percentage points lower than in 2015.

The poll, conducted by the BVA firm, paralleled the decline among practicing Catholics in the U.S. reported by the Pew Research Center.

The BVA survey said going forward, French Catholics wanted to see Francis better defend Europe's Christian roots amid an influx of refugees, to rethink priestly celibacy and to crack down on clerical sex abuse.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican secretary of state, acknowledged Francis had his critics. But he distinguished between "destructive, aggressive, really bad criticisms" that have to be accepted as a cross to bear and "constructive criticism" that can be helpful.

Francis has come under the most criticism for his handling of clerical sex abuse cases. He has intervened in canonical cases to reduce sentences for priestly offenders, has defended a



A child kisses the hand of Pope Francis, during a visit at the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos, Greece. [GREEK PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE VIA AP]

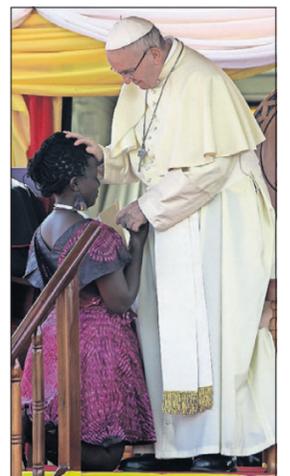
Chilean bishop accused of ignoring abuse and has dismissed complaints about the bishop by Chilean victims as slander.

The pope also reneged on a plan to create a tribunal to judge negligent bishops, allowed his advisory commission on the issue to lapse and didn't reappoint several of its most outspoken leaders to new terms.

"He has had more difficulty in that issue than he has on being welcoming, being uplifting, being simple, being frugal," said the Rev. Michael Martin, a 77-year-old missionary priest in Manila. But he added that Francis "has brought extraordinary transformation" to the church at a challenging time.

Indeed, in the streets, the pope remains beloved.

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Winnie Nansumba, who was born HIV positive and lost her parents before she was 7, is blessed by Pope Francis during a meeting he held with young people at the Kololo airstrip in Kampala, Uganda. [AP PHOTO/ANDREW MEDICHINI]

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

**SHABBAT SERVICES:** At 10 a.m. every Saturday at Chabad House Center for Jewish Life and Learning, 13030 County Road 103 in Oxford. Call 352-330-4466 or go to ourchabad.org.

**CHRISTIAN BREAKFAST CLUB:** From 8 to 10 a.m. every Saturday at Perkins Restaurant, 27811 S. Highway 27 in Leesburg. Interdenominational and all welcome. Call Dan or Lynda Rushing at 352-530-2518.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Encounter Life Church of God, 463 Umatilla Blvd. in Umatilla. Cost is \$5 for all you can eat. Call 352-669-7301 for tickets.

**SEMINAR:** At 11 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 1334 Griffin Road in Leesburg. With speaker Jennifer Wolgamott on laws required for end-of-life situations. Call 352-787-7275 for information.

### SUNDAY

**SINGER:** At 11 a.m. at

Wildwood United Methodist Church, 300 Mason St. Professional tenor soloist Reverend Dr. Marty Butler performs during worship service. Call Arminta Cahill at 352-365-1487 for information.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** From 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Eustis, 117 S. Center St. To help people face challenges and rebuild their lives. Go to fpceustis.com.

**BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP:** At 10 a.m. the first and third Sunday of the month at the home of Joe Tassell, Pastor of Mercy Church in Mount Dora. Go to mercy-churchfl.org.

### MONDAY

**OUR FATHER'S HANDS CRAFT GROUP:** From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday at New Life Baptist Church, 35300 Radio Road in Leesburg. Most items created are donated to charity. Call 352-728-0004 for information.

**GRIEFSHARE:** At 3:30 p.m. every Monday at First United Methodist Church of Tavares, 600 W. Ianthe St. For those grieving the loss of a loved one. Cost is \$15 for workbook. Call Betty at 352-308-8229 to register.

**TOASTMASTERS MEETING:** From 7 to 8:30 p.m. every Monday at Clermont Seventh-day Adventist Church, 498 W. Montrose St. Call 352-234-6495.

**CROHN'S AND COLITIS SUPPORT GROUP:** From 7 to 9:30 p.m. every third Monday of odd-numbered months at New Life Presbyterian Church, 201 La Vista St. in Fruitland Park. Call 248-840-7805.

### TUESDAY

**LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY:** From 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Fairway Christian Church Classrooms A-B, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** From 9 to 11 a.m. every

Tuesday at Fairway Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETING:** At 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 US Highway 27 in Summerfield. Nonprofit organization that provides support for families grieving from the death of a child. Central Florida Chapter. Email tcarlyon@aol.com for information.

**WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Wednesday at New Life Baptist Church, 35300 Radio Road in Leesburg. Call 352-728-0004 for information.

**GRIEFSHARE:** From 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday at Fairway Christian Church Room C/D, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. For all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

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## FACEBOOK

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“I’m talking to parents, I’m talking to people that used to

be in the 1st SOW,” he said. As far as his command authority is concerned, Palenske said, “Simply put, I’ve seen no degradation in my ability to command this formation based on my approachability. I think it’s

probably aided me.” “I’ve found that I can be a fairly social being,” Palenske said, “and most of the people, if not all of them, are able to enjoy that side while also taking direction when I have to give it to them.”

## POPE

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“I think he’s an extraordinary person,” Juliana Galeano, a 46-year-old geographer said while picking up her son at a Catholic school in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Unlike many church leaders who “think it’s the Middle Ages,” Francis wants to move the church forward, she said. Gerald Bareebe, a Ugandan

academic who described himself as a progressive Catholic, said he wants Francis to push the envelope further on the thorny issue of priestly celibacy and married priests. “In Uganda, not a year passes without media houses carrying stories of priests who are caught in marital affairs,” Bareebe said. “And these cases have become common partly because priests are forced to take mandatory celibacy. The church should save its face and allow priests who want to

marry and continue serving God to do so.” The issue is likely to feature in some of Francis’ initiatives in the future. A church meeting is scheduled for 2019 on spreading the faith in the Amazon region of South America, where an acute priest shortage has led to calls for married priests.

*AP writers Rodney Muhumuza in Kampala, Uganda, Jim Gomez in Manila and Sarah DiLorenzo in Sao Paolo contributed.*

## SALUTE

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**BAKE SALE FOR CHARITY:** From 1 to 7 p.m. the third Sunday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Check time before heading over. Call 352-323-8750, email veteransinfoandevents@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

### MONDAY

**CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS:** From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Drop off and label “care package for our troops.” Call 352-430-4355 or email veteransinfoandevents@gmail.com.

**CHICKEN WINGS, PIZZA AND CORNHOLE:** At 5 p.m. every Monday 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.

**DAR CLASS:** From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. the second, third and fourth Monday of the month at Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont. Daughters of the American Revolution help decode your documents and find your ancestors. Call 352-242-9805 for information.

### TRI-COUNTY WOMEN VETERANS

**MEETING:** At 11 a.m. at Palmer Legends Country Club, 1635 Palmer Way in The Villages. No reservations required. For information call President Sue Roper at 757-576-9688.

### TUESDAY

**BINGO:** At 1:01 p.m. every Tuesday 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.

**TACO TUESDAY:** At 5 p.m. every Tuesday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Call 352-323-8750, email amvetspost2006@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

### WEDNESDAY

**BINGO:** From 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Sign in at the door. Connect with members and see what the post is all about. Call 352-323-8750, and ask for an AMVET officer or auxiliary officer.

**WACKY WEDNESDAY:** From 4 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday 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.

### SUBMARINE VETERANS

**MEETING:** At 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the grand hall at American Legion Post 347, 699 W. Lady Lake Blvd in Lady Lake. Call 352-461-1690.

### THURSDAY

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

### FRIDAY

**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.

**FRIDAY FISH FRY:** From 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Non-members 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.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

**SPAGHETTI DINNER:** At 5 p.m. the fourth Saturday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Guests must sign in with a sponsor. Call 352-323-8750 or go to amvets2006.com.

## FAITH

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**YOGA THERAPY CHURCH:** At 11 a.m. every Wednesday at Wildwood United Methodist Church, 300 Mason St. Amrit Yoga Therapy and Christian Scripture. Call 352-203-7258.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDIES:** From 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Fairway Christian Church, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**MEN’S BIBLE STUDY:** From 8 to 9 a.m. every Wednesday at Fairway Christian Church Classrooms C-D, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**LADIES WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** From 6 to 7:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Fairway Christian Church Classrooms A-B, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

### THURSDAY

**LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:** From 9 to 11 a.m. every Thursday at Fairway Christian Church Classrooms C-D, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

### FRIDAY

**SHEAR LOVE SOUL SALON:** From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Friday at Wildwood United Methodist Church, 300 Mason St. With Pastor and cosmetologist Krista Olson. Wash hair beforehand and bring Bible. Call 352-203-7258.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 24

**PAWS OF PRAISE:** At 9:30 a.m. every second and fourth Saturday at Bark Park, 6085 County Road 44 in Wildwood. Community gathering for humans and canine companions. Contact Michael Beck at 352-203-7258.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** At 6 p.m. at Tri-County Unitarian Universalists Church, 7280 SE 135th St. in Summerfield. Professor emeritus at the U.S. Military

Academy at West Point Dr. Mark Welton on Iran today. Refreshments will be served. Free but donations welcome. Call 352-408-4920 for information.

**POTLUCK AND CONCERT:** At 6 p.m. at Tavares First United Methodist Church, 600 W. lanthe St. Public is invited. Free but a love offering will be taken. For information call 352-343-2761.

**SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE:** At 10 a.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom Synagogue, 315 N. 13th St. in Leesburg. Led by Rabbi Karen Allen. Kiddush will follow service. Go to bethsholomflorida.org or call 352-326-3692 for information.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 25

**EASTER MUSICAL:** At 6 p.m. at GraceWay Church, 10200 Morningside Drive in Leesburg. On a Hill Too Far Away. Call 352-728-1620 for information.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 29

**MAUNDY THURSDAY PROGRAM:** At 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora, 222 W. 6th Ave. Chancel choir presents Lord of the Dance, a Lenten musical, then share in the Lord’s Supper. Go to fpcmttdora.org or call 352-383-4089 for details.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** Public invited to pray anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora, 439 E. Fifth Ave. Call 352-383-2005 or go to mtdorafumc.org for information.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 30

**GOOD FRIDAY PROGRAM:** At 6 p.m. at Fairway Christian Church, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Ancient of Days, with music and telling the story of Christ and His Last Supper. Communion will be served. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** At 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora, 439 E. Fifth Ave. Lamentations of the Lamb, a Service of Tenebrae. Call 352-383-2005 or go to mtdorafumc.org for information.

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## UF facing hostile environment

**Gators play Texas Tech in Dallas tonight**

By Kevin Brockway  
Gatehouse Media

DALLAS — The sea of red will file into American Airlines Center throughout this afternoon — red shirts, red pom-poms, even red cowboy hats.

By today's 8:40 p.m. tipoff, sixth-seed Florida will be in for a Texas-sized challenge when it faces third-seeded

Texas Tech. Not only will the Gators need to contend with a talented Texas Tech backcourt led by senior All-American guard Keenan Evans, but will need to do so with close to 20,000 frenzied Red Raider fans jeering their every move.

Last year, as a four seed, Florida rode the momentum of a partisan crowd in Orlando to a 65-39 win over five seed Virginia in the Round of 32. This time around, UF finds itself as the pseudo road team.

"There's no advantage to

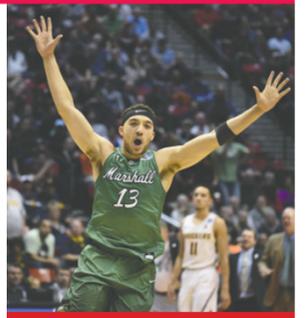
it for us, obviously," Florida coach Mike White said. "But we've got to deal with it and we've done it before. I don't think any team in the country is more battle-tested than we are over the last two years, considering what we've had to go through last year with the renovations to Exactech Arena. We've played a ton of games away from home."

This season, Florida went 5-4 in true road games and 4-3 in neutral court contests. Notable big wins for

the Gators away from the O'Connell Center this season included knocking off Kentucky 66-64 at Rupp Arena on Jan. 20 and beating Gonzaga 111-105 in double overtime on Nov. 24 in Portland.

"We've played better in our away games," Florida junior center Kevarrus Hayes said. "We've come together knowing it's all of us on the court, the coaches and everybody else on the staff."

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### LOCAL BRIEFS

**GIRLS TENNIS**  
Tavares 6, Mount Dora 1

Karley Paulling, Hannah Pait, Alyssa Mazzuca, Abigail Brown and Noelia Rodriguez led Tavares to a sweep of all five singles matches in a 6-1 win over Mount Dora on Thursday.

Paulling defeated Karen Escalora 8-5 at No. 1 singles and Pait defeated Sara Appleby 8-2 at No. 2 singles. Paulling and Pait then combined to defeat Escalora and Appleby 8-2 at No. 1 doubles.

Mazzuca defeated Catherine Richardson 9-7 at No. 3 singles, Brown defeated Nicole Perina 8-2 at No. 4 singles and Rodriguez defeated Ellie Kegg 8-0 at No. 5 singles.

**Tavares 6, Seven Rivers 1**

Karley Paulling, Hannah Pait, Alyssa Mazzuca, Noelia Rodriguez, and Shelby Isbill led Tavares to a second consecutive sweep of all five singles in a 6-1 win over Seven Rivers on Friday.

Paulling defeated Sophie Leene 8-5 at No. 1, Pait defeated Emily Ensing 8-2 at No. 2, Mazzuca defeated Claire Welton 8-4 at No. 3, Rodriguez defeated Sarah Crowe 8-5 at No. 4 and Isbill defeated Delaney Loyed 8-2 at No. 5. Paulling and Pait defeated Leene and Ensing 8-5 at No. 1 doubles.

Tavares improves to 8-1 with the win.

**BASEBALL**  
Tavares 7, Eustis 2

Tyler Snow improved to 3-0 while limiting Eustis to three hits in 5.2 innings of work Thursday as Tavares downed Eustis 7-2.

Snow allowed two runs, one earned, and struck out 10 for the Bulldogs.

Tucker Horsley went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Johnny Gordon went 2-for-4 with a double, Tyler Smith went 2-for-3 with an RBI and Bryce Bitting went 1-for-3 with two RBIs for Tavares.

Tavares improves to 8-3-1 after winning three games this week by a combined score of 27-2. Eustis falls to 3-6.

**Real Life Christian 3, Leesburg 2**

Brett Kelly went six innings to pick up the win, striking out six and allowing only three hits as Real Life Christian defeated Leesburg 3-2 on Thursday.

Joel Haskin went 2-for-3 with two RBIs as Real Life improved to 6-2 on the season.

Real Life hosts The

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## Familiar territory



**Tiger Woods points to his left after driving wide on his first hole to start his the second round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational Friday in Orlando.** [JOE BURBANK / ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA AP]

**Stenson, DeChambeau tied for Bay Hill lead with Woods 7 back**

By Doug Ferguson  
Associated Press

ORLANDO — Henrik Stenson gave himself another chance to win at Bay Hill, and he made it a little bit tougher on Tiger Woods.

Stenson made three big par saves at the turn to keep the round from getting away from him, ran off three straight birdies on his back nine and posted a 3-under 69 that gave him a share of the 36-hole lead Friday with Bryson DeChambeau in the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The chilly weather warmed

See GOLF, C3



**Henrik Stenson hits from a bunker along the 16th fairway during the second round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational on Friday in Orlando.** [AP PHOTO / PHELAN M. EBENHACK]

## March Madness shows best of college hoops

By Eddie Pells  
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Commanding the spotlight this first week of the NCAA Tournament are a 98-year-old nun, a pair of high school teammates who made game-winning shots a half-continent apart, a matchup of programs bonded by airplane tragedies and two, if not more, teams full of nobodies from nowhere who knocked off some of the best-known names in America.

This is what makes it March Madness.

This is what, despite college basketball's growing list of unseemly, unsolvable problems, makes it a game worth saving.

It has not been a good season for the sport.

Dozens of programs have been ensnared in an FBI probe and subsequent media reports looking into improper benefits to players provided by unmoored coaches and shady agents. That has led the NCAA to trigger an investigation by none other than Condoleezza Rice, who should make her conclusions available shortly after the Final Four.

She will undoubtedly call for change. Critics will undoubtedly say the calls don't go far enough.

When all is said and done, the NCAA is unlikely to do anything to disassemble this tournament, which is worth more than \$820 million a year in TV money and provides the funding that keeps not only basketball, but every other college sport besides football,

up and running.

The unspoken irony is that the tournament provides the stage for the small, out-of-nowhere programs that presumably do things the right way to compete against, and sometimes beat, all those monsters who presumably create all the problems that got the sport in this mess to begin with.

When a little guy beats a monster, tears well up and beautiful stories get told.

If it weren't for all those monsters to beat — to say nothing of that wonderfully designed, NCAA-created, 68-team piece of art called the bracket — the tournament wouldn't be anything more than an extension of a 5,000-game, 351-team regular season, 99 percent of which

flies past mainstream America completely unnoticed.

"The 98-year-old nun and all those other things don't necessarily redeem the various deep problems," says Robert Thompson, the pop culture professor at Syracuse who is, himself, a No. 1 seed when it comes to dissecting what America loves and why. "But when you put a bunch of teams together and put brackets in there, then of course, you're going to get some great stories. There's the excitement. And sometimes there's the uplifting, enlightening stuff that manages to seep in, in spite of everything else we've heard this season."

The nun is Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt, who writes

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12:30 p.m.

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FS2 — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship, 12 Hours of Sebring, at Sebring, Fla.

1:30 p.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, California 300, qualifying, at Fontana, Calif.

3:30 p.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Auto Club 400, final practice, at Fontana, Calif.

5 p.m.

FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, California 300, at Fontana, Calif.

6 p.m.

FS2 — IMSA WeatherTech Sports Car Championship, 12 Hours of Sebring (end of race), at Sebring

### BOXING

8 p.m.

ESPN — Jose Ramirez vs. Amir Imam, for the vacant WBC World super lightweight title, at New York

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon

ESPN — NIT Tournament, second round, Penn St. at Notre Dame

12:10 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, Buffalo vs. Kentucky, at Boise, Idaho

6 p.m.

CBSSN — NCAA Division III Tournament, championship, Ramapo-Wis. Oshkosh winner vs. Nebraska Wesleyan-Springfield winner, at Salem, Va.

6:10 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament, second round, Loyola-Chicago vs. Tennessee, at Dallas

7:10 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, Seton Hall vs. Kansas, at Wichita, Kan.

7:30 p.m.

CBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, Ohio St. vs. Gonzaga, at Boise, Idaho

8:30 p.m.

TNT — NCAA Tournament, second round, Florida vs. Texas Tech, at Dallas

9:30 p.m.

TBS — NCAA Tournament, second round, Houston vs. Michigan, at Wichita, Kan.

### COLLEGE WRESTLING

8 p.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Tournament, finals, at Cleveland

### DRAG RACING

11 p.m.

FS1 — NHRA, Amalie Motor Oil Gatornatics, qualifying, at Gainesville (same-day tape)

### GOLF

12:30 p.m.

GOLF — PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, third round, at Orlando

2:30 p.m.

NBC — PGA Tour, Arnold Palmer Invitational, third round, at Orlando

6 p.m.

### GOLF — LPGA Tour, Bank of Hope Founders Cup, third round, at Phoenix

### MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.

MLB — Spring training, N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit, at Lakeland

4 p.m.

MLB — Spring training, L.A. Dodgers vs. Chicago White Sox, at Glendale, Ariz.

7 p.m.

MLB — Spring training, Oakland (split squad) vs. San Francisco (split squad), at Scottsdale, Ariz.

### MOTOR SPORTS

8 p.m.

FS1 — AMA, Monster Energy Supercross, at St. Louis

### NBA BASKETBALL

8:30 p.m.

NBA — Minnesota at San Antonio

### NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.

SUN — Boston at Tampa Bay

### PARALYMPIC GAMES

8:30 p.m.

NBCSN — **PyeongChang 2018 Paralympic Games:** Cross-Country Skiing; Sled Hockey, Gold Medal Game (LIVE); Wheelchair Curling, Gold Medal Game

### RUGBY

8:30 a.m.

NBCSN — Six Nations Championship, Italy vs. Scotland, at Rome (same-day tape)

NBC — Six Nations Championship, England vs. Ireland, at London

1 p.m.

CNBC — Six Nations Championship, Wales vs. France, at Cardiff, Wales (same-day tape)

### SKIING

6:30 p.m.

NBCSN — FIS World Cup, finals, Men's Giant Slalom & Women's Slalom, at Are, Sweden (same-day tape)

7:30 p.m.

NBCSN — FIS World Cup, finals, Women's Slalom, at Are Sweden (same-day tape)

### SOCCER

8 a.m.

FS1 — FA Cup, quarter-final, Swansea City vs. Tottenham

10:20 a.m.

FS2 — Bundesliga, Frankfurt vs. Mainz

11 a.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Huddersfield vs. Crystal Palace

1:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool vs. Watford

3:30 p.m.

FS2 — FA Cup, quarter-final, Manchester United vs. Brighton & Hove Albion

### TENNIS

2 p.m.

ESPN — ATP World Tour, BNP Paribas Open, men's semifinals, at Indian Wells, Calif.

### WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

11 a.m.

ESPN2 — NCAA Women's Tournament, first round (regional coverage), UConn vs. Saint Francis (Pa.) (11:07 a.m.), Florida St. vs. UALR (11:16 a.m.) and Duke vs. Belmont and LSU vs. Cent. Michigan (11:20 a.m.)

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### NCAA TOURNAMENT

All times Eastern

#### EAST REGIONAL

##### First Round

**Thursday**

At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh

Villanova 87, Radford 61

Alabama 86, Virginia Tech 83

At American Airlines Center, Dallas

Texas Tech 70, Stephen F. Austin 60

Florida 77, St. Bonaventure 62

**Friday**

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48

Butler 79, Arkansas 62

At Viejas Arena, San Diego

Marshall 81, Wichita State 75

West Virginia 85, Murray State 68

##### Second Round

**Today**

At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh

Villanova (31-4) vs. Alabama (20-15), 12:10 p.m.

At American Airlines Center, Dallas

Texas Tech (25-9) vs. Florida (21-12), 8:40 p.m.

##### Sunday

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Purdue (29-6) vs. Butler (21-13)

At Viejas Arena, San Diego

Marshall (25-10) vs. West Virginia (25-10)

At TD Garden, Boston

Regional Semifinals

March 23

Regional Championship

March 25

Semifinal winners

#### SOUTH REGIONAL

##### First Round

**Thursday**

At American Airlines Center, Dallas

Tennessee 73, Wright State 47

Loyola of Chicago 64, Miami 62

At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho

Kentucky 78, Davidson 73

Buffalo 89, Arizona 68

**Friday**

At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.

Creighton (21-11) vs. Kansas St. (22-11), late

Virginia (31-2) vs. UMBC (24-10), late

At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

Cincinnati 68, Georgia State 53

Nevada 87, Texas 83, OT

##### Second Round

**Today**

At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho

Buffalo (27-8) vs. Kentucky (25-10), 5:15 p.m.

At American Airlines Center Dallas

Tennessee (26-8) vs. Loyola of Chicago (29-5), 6:10 p.m.

**Sunday**

At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.

Virginia-UMBC winner vs. Creighton-Kansas State winner

At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

Cincinnati (31-4) vs. Nevada (28-7)

At Philips Arena

Atlanta

Regional Semifinals

March 22

Regional Championship

March 24

Semifinal winners

#### MIDWEST REGIONAL

##### First Round

**Thursday**

At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh

Rhode Island 83, Oklahoma 78, OT

Duke 89, Iowa 67

At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.

Kansas 76, Pennsylvania 60

Seton Hall 94, N.C. State 83

**Friday**

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan State (29-4) vs. Bucknell (25-9), late

TCU (21-11) vs. Syracuse (21-13), late

At Viejas Arena, San Diego

Auburn (25-7) vs. College of Charleston (26-7), late

Clemson (23-9) vs. New Mexico St. (28-5), late

##### Second Round

**Today**

At PPG Paints Arena, Pittsburgh

Duke (27-7) vs. Rhode Island (26-7), 2:40 p.m.

At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.

Kansas (28-7) vs. Seton Hall (22-11), 7:10 p.m.

**Sunday**

At Little Caesars Arena, Detroit

Michigan State-Bucknell winner vs. TCU-Arizona State-Syracuse winner

At Viejas Arena, San Diego

Auburn-College of Charleston winner vs. Clemson-New Mexico State winner

At CenturyLink Center Omaha

Omaha, Neb.

Regional Semifinals

March 23

Regional Championship

March 25

Semifinal winners

#### WEST REGIONAL

##### First Round

**Thursday**

At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.

Houston 67, San Diego State 65

Michigan 61, Montana 47

At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho

Gonzaga 68, UNC Greensboro 64

Ohio State 81, South Dakota State 73

**Friday**

At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.

Texas A&M 73, Providence 69

North Carolina 84, Lipscomb 66

At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

Xavier (28-5) vs. Texas Southern (16-19), late

Missouri (20-12) vs. Florida St. (20-11), late

##### Second Round

**Today**

At Taco Bell Arena, Boise, Idaho

Gonzaga (31-4) vs. Ohio St. (25-8), 7:45 p.m.

At INTRUST Bank Arena, Wichita, Kan.

Michigan (29-7) vs. Houston (27-7), 9:40 p.m.

**Sunday**

At Spectrum Center, Charlotte, N.C.

North Carolina (26-10) vs. Texas A&M (21-12)

At Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

Xavier-N.C. Central-Texas Southern winner vs. Missouri-Florida State winner

At STAPLES Center

Los Angeles

Regional Semifinals

March 22

Regional Championship

March 24

Semifinal winners

#### FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome, San Antonio

National Semifinals

March 31

South champion vs. West champion

East champion vs. Midwest champion

National Championship

April 2

Semifinal winners

#### FIRST-ROUND BOXES

**PURDUE 74,**

**CAL ST.-FULLERTON 48**

**CAL ST.-FULLERTON (20-12)**

Robertson 0-1-1-2-1, Rowe 3-5-3-4-10, Awosika 0-1-0-3-0, Allman 8-16-3-5-21, Ahmad 4-12-0-0-9, Heinzl 2-2-0-0-4, Pitts 0-1-0-0-0, Clare 1-3-0-0-2, Wang 0-1-0-0-0, Kirkwood 0-2-0-0-0, Smith 0-4-1-2-1, Ramos 0-0-0-0-0, Venzant 0-2-0-0-0. Totals 18-50 8-16 48.

**PURDUE (29-6)**

V.Edwards 6-12-1-3-15, Haas 3-7-3-5-9, Thompson 3-5-2-2-11, Mathias 2-7-2-8, C.Edwards 4-12-6-6-15, Taylor 1-2-0-2-0, Eifert 1-1-2-3, Haarms 1-2-

## UF

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Added Florida junior guard Jalen Hudson: "The fans really can't do anything for them on the court. We'll have to bring our own energy. I still feel really good about it."

White said he's more concerned about a Texas Tech defense that ranks fourth in the nation in adjusted defensive efficiency. On Thursday night, Florida struggled early against St. Bonaventure's changing zone defense before figuring things out in the second half on the way to a 77-62 win. Florida moved the ball better and was more aggressive driving to the basket in the second half. Of its 27 baskets against the Bonnies, 19 came off assists.

Texas Tech will pose more of a defensive challenge for the Gators due to

its size and length, both on the perimeter and inside. "Team speed, length, athleticism," White said. "We've played a lot of teams this year where you watch on film and you say, guys, in talking to your team, this guy is really athletic. They've got like five of those guys and they've got veteran guards. They play really hard." Evans, meanwhile, showed no lingering effects of the sprained toe he suffered late in the season, finishing with 25 points and five assists in Texas Tech's 70-60 win over 14-seed Stephen F. Austin on Thursday night. When the Raiders needed big baskets down the stretch, they turned to Evans, who scored eight of Texas Tech's final 15 points.

"The journey has meant everything to me," Evans said. "Like I say in every interview, just being in every interview, just being at the bottom of

Tech basketball and being at one of its highest points and being part of a team that can pretty much make history is unbelievable."

Texas Tech coach Chris Beard said Evans has made himself into one of the best players in college basketball.

"He's done it with a lot of work," Beard said. "He's in the gym every day. He's in the film room a lot. He's a guy that's changed his body in the weight room. He's everything good about college basketball when you think about a four-year player staying and grinding."

Florida senior point guard Chris Chiozza said he's looking forward to the challenge of helping guard Evans after dealing with the talented St. Bonaventure backcourt tandem of Jaylen Adams and Matt Mobley on Thursday night.

"Any time you go up against a great player, it helps elevate your game," Chiozza said.



Florida guard Chris Chiozza (11), left, and St. Bonaventure forward Courtney Stockard (11) reach for a loose ball during the second half Thursday in Dallas. Florida won 77-62. [AP PHOTO / BRANDON WADE]

But the Raiders are about more than Evans. On Thursday night, Texas Tech freshman Zhaire Smith wowed the crowd with a reverse, 360-degree dunk that helped get the fans into the game after some early struggles.

Senior forward Zach Smith had nine points and three blocks off the bench for Texas Tech against Stephen F. Austin and is rounding into form after missing half of the season with a foot injury. "Their freshman class

is big-time," White said. "They've got a good mix of those guys, along with Keenan and some older guys, some good seniors. Athletically, they've got some good pieces, some big physical games.

## GOLF

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in the afternoon, just not enough for Woods to do the same. He didn't make a birdie until the 12th hole, never had a birdie putt inside 12 feet except for the par 5s on the back nine, and did well to scrap it around for a 72 to go into the weekend seven shots behind.

"I didn't hit the ball close, I didn't hit the ball well," Woods said. "But I was just hanging in there ... just try not to shoot myself out of the tournament."

DeChambeau finished strong with an 8-iron into 7 feet for eagle on the par-5 16th and an approach to 4 feet for birdie on the 18th, giving him a 66 and his third time with a share of the 36-hole lead on the PGA

Tour.

"I think every week I'm good enough to win or play my best," he said. "It's just sometimes a kick here, a break here and that's just what happens."

Stenson and DeChambeau were at 11-under 133, two shots clear of PGA Tour rookie Talor Gooch (70).

Stenson had a two-shot lead going into the final round in 2015 at Bay Hill and stumbled at the end after getting put on the clock. Two years ago, he was tied for the lead with five holes to play until two bogeys over the next three holes.

His putting carried him to a 64 in the opening round, and it saved him again on Friday.

"I made some great par putts and a bunker up-and-down, so that was really key today to keep the round going," Stenson said. "I didn't

drop a shot, where I could have easily dropped three shots on those holes. So that was crucial."

Temperatures were around 50 when he teed off, and it was clear Stenson has been gone from Sweden too long, living in Dubai and more recently in Orlando. If not for the tournament, he described this as a day to sit in the clubhouse with hot chocolate and wait for it to get warm.

"I might be Swedish, but I've gone soft," he said. "I lived in a nice climate for too many years."

He was strong when it mattered. Stenson shanked a fairway bunker shot short and right of the green on the 16th and pitched some 70 feet long, from where he had to make an 8-footer to escape with par. He found the front bunker on the par-3 17th, hit out to 15 feet and made that

one, and then saved par from the bunker left of the 18th green down the slope toward the green, holing a 5-foot putt.

Stenson settled down from there and ran off three straight birdies, two from close range, the last one from 20 feet on the fringe.

Ten players were separated by five shots going into the weekend, a group that includes Rickie Fowler (71) and Patrick Reed (70). Rory McIlroy was slowed again, this time with a pair of bogeys to start his back nine, though he could accept a 70. McIlroy was six shots back, which felt like a little bit more considering the way Stenson is playing.

Stenson is renowned for his ball striking, and 12 birdies over 36 holes would suggest he's dialed

in this week.

"Henrik has played great," McIlroy said. "I'm going to have to play very, very good golf on the weekend to catch him, but I'm in a better position this Friday than I was last Friday, so I'll take anything I can get."

Woods walked off the course early Thursday afternoon just one shot out of the lead, and the margin keeps getting wider — four shots back by the end of the opening round, now seven shots back going into the weekend.

It was clear early that this would be a struggle, especially when he ran a putt off the green and onto the fringe at No. 9 for this second bogey. He at least managed to birdie the par 5s on the back, and had a tough par save on the 15th.

## BRIEFS

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Villages in Clermont at 1 p.m. Monday.

## Daytona State 6, Lake-Sumter 1

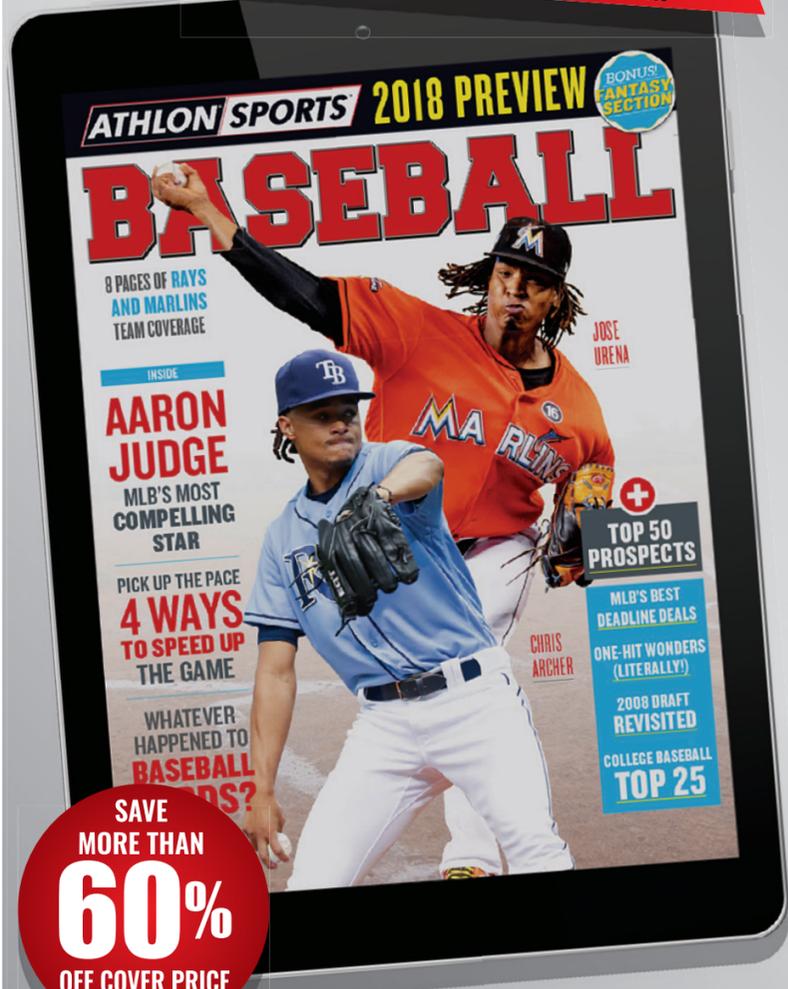
Bobby Rubenstein went 2-for-3 and provided Lake-Sumter State College's only run with a solo home run in the third inning as LSSC fell to Daytona State College 6-1 on Friday at Lakehawk Field.

Robbie Scott and Tanner Clark both went 2-for-4 for LSSC.

Lake-Sumter falls to 9-20-1 overall and 1-4 in Mid-Florida Conference play while Daytona State improves to 19-9 overall and 4-4 in the conference.

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# NCAA TOURNAMENT

**ROUND OF 64**  
A look at Friday's first-round games

## Herd mentality: Just win

**East: Marshall joins Buffalo as a No. 13 seed to pull off big upset**

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jon Elmore scored 27 points and Jarrod West hit a huge 3-pointer with three minutes left to help No. 13 seed Marshall topple fourth-seeded Wichita State 81-75 Friday in the East Region.

The Thundering Herd (25-10) also got big shots down the stretch from Ajdin Penava and C.J. Burks to win in its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1987. Marshall joined Buffalo as the second No. 13 seed to advance to the second round.

Wichita State (25-8) got 27 points from Conner Frankamp and seemed to be in control midway through the second half, but the Thundering Herd refused to fade despite its lack of NCAA tourney experience.

After Frankamp's long jumper gave the Shockers a 70-69 lead with just less than 5 minutes to go, Penava made a layup. The next time down the floor, West buried a long 3 and raised his right hand in celebration after giving the Thundering Herd a 74-70 lead.

Shaquille Morris responded with a slam dunk for the Shockers before the 6-foot-9 Penava made another layup and Burks had a steal and a layup to give Marshall a six-point lead.

Frankamp hit a 3 with 44.1 seconds left before Marshall benefited from a critical call. With 36.2 seconds left, Zach Brown of Wichita State blocked a shot by Jansson Williams and the ball went out of bounds. After a long video review, the referees awarded the ball to Marshall, and Penava had a slam dunk off an inbounds pass.



**Marshall guard Jarrod West reacts as time runs out in their first-round NCAA Tournament game against Wichita State Friday in San Diego. Marshall won 81-75.** [PHOTOS BY DENIS POROY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

**Purdue 74, Cal State Fullerton 48:** Carsen Edwards scored 15 points and second-seeded Purdue eventually shook off the rust from a long layoff and got the rout.

**Butler 79, Arkansas 62:** Kelan Martin scored 27 points and Kamar Baldwin added 24 to lift 10th-seeded Butler to a victory over seventh-seeded Arkansas. The Bulldogs (21-13) raced to a 21-2 lead in the opening minutes.

**West Virginia 85, Murray State 68:** Jevon Carter scored 21 points, had eight assists and six steals, Teddy Allen added 16 points and No. 5 seed West Virginia overwhelmed 12th-seeded Murray State. The Mountaineers (25-10) pulled away in the second half and advanced to the round of 32 for the third time in the past four seasons.



**Wichita State head coach Gregg Marshall reacts during the first half Friday in San Diego. The fourth-seeded Shockers fell to Marshall.**

### South Region

**Nevada 87, Texas 83 (OT):** Caleb Martin scored 18 points and made two huge 3-pointers in overtime as Nevada rallied to beat Texas for its first NCAA Tournament victory since 2007. Nevada (28-7) erased a 14-point, second-half deficit and tied it at 68 when Jordan Caroline hit one of two free throws with 3.8 seconds left in regulation. The Wolf Pack came back again after trailing by five early in an overtime session that featured 34 combined points. The Wolf Pack, seeded seventh in the South Region, advanced to a Sunday matchup with No. 2 seed Cincinnati (31-4). The Bearcats beat Georgia State 68-53. Martin's 3-pointer with 2:26 left in overtime gave Nevada its first lead since opening the game on a 5-0 run. Texas' Matt Coleman took a jumper that went around and out, and Martin hit another 3 that extended Nevada's lead to 81-77 with 1:36 left.

**Cincinnati 68, Georgia State 53:** Jarron Cumberland had 27 points and 11 rebounds to set career highs in both categories as Cincinnati recovered after blowing a 10-point lead in the second half to beat pesky Georgia State. Cincinnati, the No. 2 seed in the South Region, won its eighth game in a row and advanced to a Sunday matchup against either seventh-seeded Nevada or 10th seed Texas. After trailing 42-32 early in the second half, Georgia State (24-11) rallied to take a pair of one-point leads, its last one coming on a driving bank shot from D'Marcus Simonds with 9:30 left.



**Texas A&M's Admon Gilder (3) tries to drive against Providence's Alpha Diallo (11) during the first half of a first-round game in the NCAA Tournament Friday in Charlotte, N.C.** [BOB LEVERONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### West Region

**Texas A&M 73, Providence 69:** Admon Gilder scored 18 points to help Texas A&M hold off Providence. Robert Williams and Tyler Davis both had double-doubles for the Aggies (21-12), the No. 7 seed in the West Region. The teams were tied at 50 with about 9 minutes left but Texas A&M responded with a 12-2 run to finally wrestle control away from the Friars. Gilder hit a straightaway 3 with 2:49 left to cap that flurry for a 62-52 lead. Davis had 14 points and 15 rebounds, while Williams added 13 points and 14 boards — including a highlight-reel windmill dunk with 39.2 seconds left as the Aggies did just enough to put it away. Rodney Bullock scored 22 points with three 3-pointers for 10th-seeded Providence (21-14), which shot 44 percent but never recovered from A&M's critical-moment burst.

**North Carolina 84, Lipscomb 66:** Kenny Williams scored 18 points and defending national champion North Carolina took its time before opening up, beating Lipscomb. Theo Pinson had 15 points and flirted with a triple-double for the Tar Heels (26-10), the No. 2 seed in the West Region. Playing for the first time in the NCAA tourney, the 15th-seeded Bisons (23-10) shot well at the start and held an early six-point edge. They led 33-31 with under four minutes left in the first half before North Carolina went on a 12-1 run to take control by the break. UNC won its 12th NCAA game in 13 tries going back to the 2016 tournament that ended with a title-game loss to Villanova.

## HOOPS

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up scouting reports for Loyola-Chicago, and certainly had a prayer answered Thursday when Donte Ingram heaved up a shot from the logo at midcourt that went in just before the buzzer to lift the 11th-seeded Ramblers to a 64-62 victory over Miami.

Ingram's shot came only a few hours after Zach Norvell Jr. of Gonzaga hit a 3 of his own to give the small-but-successful school a

closer-than-expected win over UNC Greensboro. Fitting, it seemed, because Ingram and Norvell were high school teammates in Chicago. Their former coach, Robert Smith, said he watched the game from his office: "I couldn't stop smiling," he told CBS-sports.com. "I was just so proud."

On Friday, 13th-seeded Marshall defeated No. 4 Wichita State 81-75 in an entertaining upset, though it was impossible to ignore the deeper meaning behind the matchup. The programs were bonded by the tragedies of a pair of airplane crashes that killed

multiple members of their football teams over a six-week span in 1970.

A popular meme on social media after Marshall's first-ever win in the tournament: "We Are Marshall" — an homage to the 2006 movie about the crash. Even nearly 50 years later, no two-hour game can mend those wounds. But sports have always served as a great healer, and March is filled with stories that briefly take fans to a place where anything seems possible.

Heading into Thursday evening, 13th-seeded Buffalo was barely given a chance against Arizona,

which in addition to having an NBA-ready freshman in Deandre Ayton, is also one of the most troubled programs in the country, as a result of an ESPN report that coach Sean Miller was caught on a wiretap discussing a \$100,000 payment to Ayton. Miller has denied the allegation, and for a time, Arizona was using the tumult as a bonding agent — a way of saying, "It's us against the world."

Buffalo, which doesn't have a single player with NBA credentials, brought a resounding thud to that story line with an 89-68 win.



**Loyola-Chicago guard Donte Ingram (0) and Marques Townes, right, celebrate their 64-62 win over Miami in a first-round game at the NCAA Tournament in Dallas on Thursday.** [AP PHOTO / TONY GUTIERREZ]

### Friday's best

**Curses:** Nevada coach Eric Musselman was pumped up after his team beat Texas in overtime in the first round of the NCAA Tournament and his locker room speech that was broadcast live ended up being rated PG-13. The CBS/Turner cameras caught Musselman three times, twice loud and clear, dropping an obscenity while excitedly congratulating his team. After the third time, the cameras cutaway. Musselman then opened his postgame news conference by apologizing for his language.

### Number to know

**2:** Number of wins No. 13 seeds have over No. 4 seeds in this year's tournament. Auburn was playing later Friday.

### In the spotlight

#### Houston chasing history in NCAA matchup with Michigan

Kelvin Sampson cares very little that Houston won its first NCAA Tournament game this week since the Phi Slama Jama days of Hakeem Olajuwon and Co. nearly 35 years ago. He might care a little bit more about the historical ramifications. The last time the Cougars triumphed in March Madness, that team coached by Guy Lewis and led by Olajuwon — and featuring fellow first-round draft picks Greg Anderson and Michael Young — romped all the way to the Final Four before losing to Patrick Ewing and Georgetown in the title game. "I wasn't here in 1984. I've been here since 2014," said Sampson, who has been to the Final Four himself with Oklahoma. "We're 1-for-1. Why do you have to keep bringing up '84? 'I don't know if thinking about how many we won since 1984 comes into play," he said. "We're 40 minutes away from going to the Sweet 16. We won 27 games this year. It's been a long time but you know, if I'd been here since '84, I'd be on my fifth job by now. I'd have been fired long ago."

The Associated Press

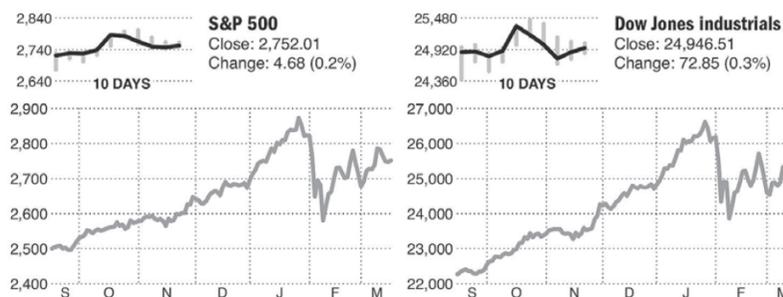


### One to watch today

**EAST REGION: No. 1 seed Villanova (31-4) vs. No. 9 Alabama (20-15); at Pittsburgh**

**Bottom line:** The Wildcats will try to solve the second-round puzzle that has plagued them under coach Jay Wright. The Wildcats lost in the first weekend as a 1 or 2 seed in 2010, 2014, 2015 and 2017. They'll have to knock off a Crimson Tide team coming off the program's first NCAA Tournament win since 2006.

# BUSINESS



## StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	5,333	3,037
Pvs. Volume	3,482	1,974
Advanced	1934	1758
Declined	945	1043
New Highs	38	109
New Lows	88	41

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	25031.00	24857.09	24946.51	+72.85	+0.29%	+0.92%
DOW Trans.	10738.66	10598.05	10683.82	+91.81	+0.87%	+0.67%
DOW Util.	692.67	683.91	691.82	+7.59	+1.11%	-4.36%
NYSE Comp.	12821.86	12752.69	12784.39	+40.78	+0.32%	-0.19%
NASDAQ	7514.21	7473.68	7481.99	+0.25	...	+8.38%
NYSE 500	2761.85	2749.97	2752.01	+4.68	+0.17%	+2.93%
S&P 400	1940.04	1924.21	1935.65	+13.41	+0.70%	+1.85%
Wilshire 5000	28628.09	28509.20	28545.18	+78.93	+0.28%	+2.70%
Russell 2000	1588.92	1575.41	1586.05	+9.43	+0.60%	+3.29%

## Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	◇ CLOSE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	32.55	42.70	37.00	-0.4	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.8	-8.4	14	2.00f
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	154.23	116.63	-4.7	-0.4	▼	▲	▲	▲	▲	+17.0	-23.3	22	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	75.51	102.39	95.61	+1.22	+1.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-3.7	+20.8	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	38.20	62.02	50.57	+2.28	+0.6	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-1.5	+10.8	13	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	41.10	53.87	52.75	+2.1	+0.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	+2.5	+22.0	27	0.60
CocaCola Co	KO	41.91	48.62	43.46	-2.1	-0.5	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-5.3	+7.2	80	1.56f
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	34.78	44.00	35.83	-3.2	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-10.2	-2.6	17	0.76f
Darden Rest	DRI	75.20	100.11	94.55	+9.3	+1.0	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-1.5	+26.7	22	2.52
Disney	DIS	96.20	116.10	102.87	-3.7	-0.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-4.3	-6.3	15	1.68f
Gen Electric	GE	13.95	30.54	14.31	-0.5	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-18.1	-49.3	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	49.65	60.95	50.49	-4.4	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-14.8	-13.5	17	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	106.18	161.04	156.51	-1.67	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	+10.5	+43.6	28	2.28
Home Depot	HD	144.25	207.61	178.96	+8.9	+0.5	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-5.6	+22.9	25	4.12f
IBM	IBM	139.13	176.33	160.26	+6.5	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.5	-5.8	12	6.00
Lowes Cos	LOW	70.76	108.98	87.00	+1.46	+1.7	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-6.4	+4.6	20	1.64
NY Times	NYT	14.08	25.70	23.95	-3.5	-1.4	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	+29.5	+65.8	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	127.09	159.64	161.04	+2.90	+1.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.1	+23.0	24	4.44f
PepsiCo	PEP	106.19	122.51	111.64	-3.5	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	-6.9	+3.7	23	3.22
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	73.37	71.53	+4.0	+0.6	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	+10.7	+25.4	18	1.60
Walmart Strs	WMT	69.33	109.98	89.17	+1.66	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	-9.7	+26.9	20	2.08f
Xerox Corp	XRJ	26.64	37.42	31.10	+0.5	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	+6.7	+9.3	39	1.00

## MARKET WATCH

Dow	24,946.51	▲ 72.85
Nasdaq	7,481.99	▲ 0.25
S&P	2,752.01	▲ 4.68
Russell	1,586.05	▲ 9.43
NYSE	12,784.39	▲ 40.78

## COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,311.30	▼ 5.50
Silver	16.202	▼ .151
Platinum	950.20	▼ 6.70
Copper	3.0930	▼ .0180
Oil	62.34	▲ 1.15

## MARKET MOVERS

• **Overstock.com Inc.:** Down \$2.50 to \$45.70 — The online discount retailer said it will take losses and ramp up its growth to compete with rival Wayfair.

• **Adobe Systems Inc.:** Up \$6.68 to \$225.55 — The software maker surpassed Wall Street's forecasts in its most recent quarter.

## BRIEFCASE

### HOBBS, N.M. US, French companies join for nuclear waste storage

A Dallas company and a France-based multinational corporation are forming a joint venture to license an interim storage site in West Texas for high-level nuclear waste.

Orano USA and Waste Control Specialists announced on Tuesday their intent to form the joint venture as a competing group tries to promote its proposal for southeastern New Mexico, the Hobbs News-Sun reports.

Waste Control Specialists had notified the Nuclear Regulatory Commission three years ago of its plan to seek the license to build the facility in rural Andrews County, Texas, that would store spent fuel rods from power plants.

### FREEPORT, MAINE LL Bean: No bonuses, more jobs to be cut

L.L. Bean's sales dipped slightly over the past year, forcing the elimination of worker bonuses for the first time since 2008, but the CEO told workers on Friday that changes adopted in recent months are putting the company on a "path to a more prosperous future."

The Maine-based outdoors retailer announced annual revenue of \$1.6 billion, which was nearly flat, for its fiscal year that ended on Feb. 25.

CEO Steve Smith said nearly 500 workers took advantage of a voluntary early-retirement program and that another 100 jobs will be eliminated early next month.

The Associated Press



The AT&T logo is positioned above one of its retail stores in New York. On Monday, AT&T squares off against the federal government in a trial that could shape how you get, and how much you pay, for streaming TV and movies. [MARK LENNIHAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

# Media giant in balance

## As AT&T makes push to gobble up Time Warner, antitrust trial kicks off

By Mae Anderson  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On Monday, AT&T squares off against the federal government in a trial that could shape how you get — and how much you pay for — streaming TV and movies.

AT&T says it needs to gobble up Time Warner if it's to have a chance against the likes of Amazon, Netflix and Google in the rapidly evolving world of video entertainment.

The Justice Department's antitrust lawyers say that if AT&T and Time Warner are allowed to combine, consumers will end up paying more to watch their favorite shows, whether on a TV screen, smartphone or tablet.

"On one hand, the government is saying this is the Old World and AT&T Time Warner is saying this is the New World," said Larry Downes, senior industry and innovation fellow at Georgetown University. "They're arguing completely different views of how the content industries

look right now, let alone in the future."

In October 2016, AT&T offered to buy Time Warner for \$86 billion.

Dallas-based AT&T Inc. provides wireless, broadband and DirecTV satellite services via phone and TV. New York-headquartered Time Warner owns the HBO, TNT, TBS and CNN networks and sports programming including Major League Baseball's playoffs and the NCAA's March Madness basketball tournament.

The government sued to block the deal this past November.

### AT&T's case

Almost 60 percent of Americans still get TV primarily from traditional cable services, according to a Pew Research Center report. But that is starkly divided by age. About 61 percent of people aged 18 to 29 primarily use streaming services — compared with 10 percent of people aged 50 to 64.

AT&T says the merger is necessary to compete as more people use streaming services like Netflix, Amazon and others. It denies the government's

assertion that the merger will limit choice and lead to higher prices for consumers.

"Blocking the transaction would deny consumers these benefits and shield large, vertically integrated firms such as Comcast/NBCU, Netflix, Google, Amazon, and Facebook from new competition on their own turf," the company wrote in its pre-trial brief.

### The government's case

The government brushes off the argument that the proposed purchase is about offering consumers more choice. Instead, it says, the deal will lead to less competition and innovation while bringing higher prices for consumers, as AT&T could withhold Time Warner programming from other distributors or offer it more cheaply only on its own network.

The Justice Department is similarly dismissive of the notion that the mega-merger could promote competition to big internet players such as Google and Netflix, noting that most people still watch TV via traditional cable boxes.

# EU releases list of American products that could face tariffs

By Lorne Cook  
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union on Friday published a list of U.S. products it plans to introduce duties on if the 28-nation bloc is not exempted from President Donald Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs.

The list contains dozens of products including breakfast foods, kitchenware, clothing and footwear, washing machines, textiles, whiskey, motorcycles, boats and batteries.

They are worth around 2.8 billion euros (\$3.4 billion) in trade annually, but the list could grow to the equivalent

of 6.4 billion euros once the full extent of the impact of U.S. tariffs is known.

The EU's executive Commission, which negotiates trade matters on behalf of member countries, gave European industry stakeholders 10 days to object if they fear that any products targeted for "rebalancing" tariffs would hurt their business.

Trump announced last week that he was imposing tariffs of 25 percent on imported steel and 10 percent on aluminum. He temporarily exempted big steel producers Canada and Mexico — provided they agree to renegotiate a North American trade deal to his satisfaction.

He said other countries could be spared as well if they can convince Washington that their exports don't threaten American industry. The tariffs are set to enter force next week.

The EU believes it too should be exempted and rejects Trump's assertion that the tariffs are needed for national security and are simply protectionist measures. Most EU countries are U.S. allies in the world's biggest security organization, NATO.

In Washington on Friday, White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders commented on the EU tariff list.

# US stocks inch up as banks, industrials rebound

By Marley Jay  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks edged higher Friday as gains from energy companies, industrial firms and smaller companies helped the market end a modest losing streak.

Oil and gas companies climbed along with the price of oil Friday while industrial companies recovered some of the losses they sustained earlier this month. Beauty products retailer Ulta and software company Adobe rose after strong quarterly reports. Tiffany dropped after report on weak sales, and online retailers Overstock.com and Wayfair slumped as investors worried about a possible price war.

All this week, stocks moved higher in early trading only to shed those gains as the day went on. They broke out of that pattern Friday, even though the gains were modest.

"From an investor point of view, the fact that we haven't rallied right back to the highs is a good thing," said Randy Frederick, vice president of trading and derivatives at Charles Schwab. Positive news about the economy has been countered by concerns about rising tensions over international trade.

"The pullback that we've been in is pretty much driven by President Trump's proclamation about tariffs," Frederick said. The S&P 500 index gained 4.68 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,752.01. The Dow Jones industrial average added 72.85 points, or 0.3 percent, to 24,946.51. The Nasdaq composite rose 0.25 points to 7,481.99. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks jumped 9.43 points, or 0.6 percent, to 1,586.05.

After a dramatic drop at the beginning of February followed by a rapid recovery of some of their losses, stocks have bounced around for the last month. The Dow, which surged past 26,000 in mid-January, has been wobbling around 25,000 for about a month. The S&P 500 fell for the first four days of the week and finished with a decline of 1.2 percent. The worst losses came Tuesday and Wednesday after President Donald Trump blocked Singapore-based chipmaker Broadcom's effort to buy its U.S. rival Qualcomm and European leaders warned about the risks of trade disputes.

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### 0001 LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION  
CASE NO.: 2017-CP-001808

IN RE: ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM RICHARD BOWDEN  
Deceased.

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of William Richard Bowden, deceased, whose date of death was July 29, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the Personal Representative and the Personal Representative's attorney are set forth below.

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 the 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.

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.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.

Mary Beth Kelly, Esq.  
Florida Bar No.: 84487  
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1540 International Parkway  
Suite 2000  
Lake Mary, FL 32746  
(407) 536-5358  
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Attorney for Personal Representative

Ellen Tidwell  
Personal Representative

Ad No: 10074736  
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#### INVITATION TO BID

SEMA Construction, Inc. invites all Lake County, FDOT Certified M/WBE Subcontractors and Suppliers to bid on the following project:

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Groveland proposes to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-03-08, extending a temporary moratorium prohibiting medical cannabis activities within the City of Groveland. The City Council will hold a public hearing on each ordinance at the following public meetings:

Groveland Special City Council meeting on March 26, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon thereafter as possible.

The meetings will be held at the E. L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue, Groveland, Florida. The title of the ordinance is as follows:

#### ORDINANCE 2018-03-08

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; EXTENDING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND PROHIBITING MEDICAL CANNABIS ACTIVITIES DURING THE MORATORIUM PERIOD; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the

### 0001 LEGALS

City Council public hearings and be heard with respect to the proposed comprehensive plan amendment. Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in this proceeding should contact the City Clerk at least 48 hours before the meetings at 352-429-2141 ext. 231.

This ordinance is available at the City Clerk's Office, at City Hall located at 156 S. Lake Avenue, Groveland, Florida, for inspection on Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceeding, and for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based, per Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

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THE SCHOOL BOARD OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL MEET FOR A REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MTG. MARCH 26, 2018 AT 6:00 PM IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE LAKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG. 315 W. MAIN ST., TAVARES, FL

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The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) announces the following public meeting to which all interested persons are invited:

Northern Region Cooperative Funding Initiative Public Meeting: Governing Board members will discuss, evaluate and prioritize fiscal year 2019 requests for project funding in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Levy, Marion and Sumter counties of SWFWMD. All or part of this meeting may be conducted by means of communications media technology in order to permit maximum participation of Governing Board members.

DATE/TIME: Friday, April 6, 2018; 10 a.m.

PLACE: SWFWMD Brooksville Office, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604

A copy of the agenda may be obtained by contacting: WaterMatters.org - Boards, Meetings & Event Calendar; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211.

The Southwest Florida Water Management District (District) does not discriminate on the basis of disability. This nondiscrimination policy involves every aspect of the District's functions, including access to and participation in the District's programs and activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the District's Human Resources Bureau Chief, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville, FL 34604-5899; telephone (352) 796-7211 or 1-800-423-1476 (FL only), ext. 4703; or email ADACoordinator@WaterMatters.org. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the agency using the Florida Relay Service, 1(800)955-8771 (TDD) or 1(800)955-8770 (Voice).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board/Committee with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing, he/she will need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence from which the appeal is to be issued.

For more information, you may contact: Lori.manuel@watermatters.org; 1(800)423-1476 (FL only) or (352)796-7211, x4606 (Ad Order EXE0612)

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### NOTICES 1000-1999

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If selected, your nominee will be honored at the 2018 Lake County Community Service Awards Dinner on May 9th, 2018 at Lake Receptions.

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Lake County Chamber Alliance  
Attn: 2018 CSA  
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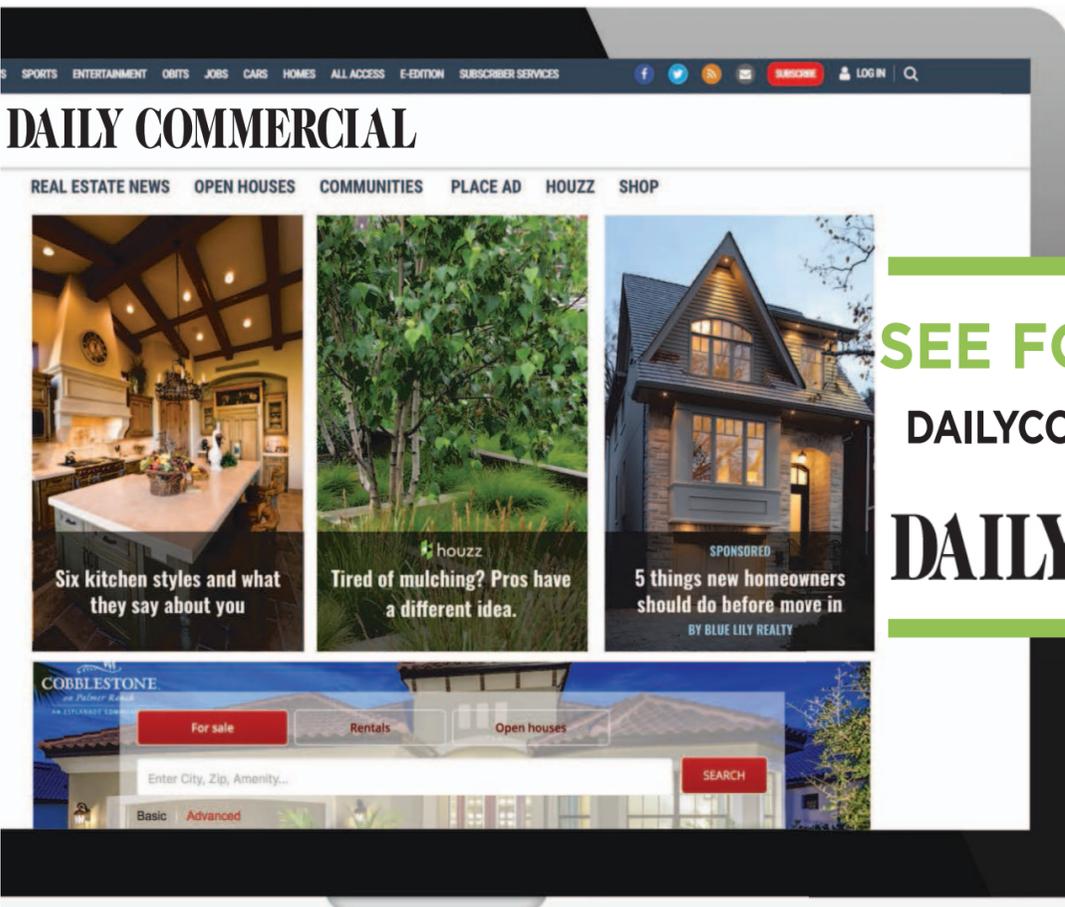
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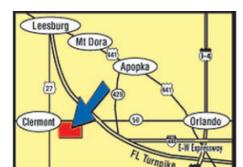
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After a quick spin around the floor to grab dust, use a microfiber pad mop and residue-free, neutral cleaner.

## APPLIANCES

### GET MORE CONNECTED

Have you ever wondered whether your oven, dishwasher and refrigerator could be doing a little more to reach their full potential? If so, you probably have yet to use the new generation of smart appliances. Many appliances, like LG's SmartThinQ line, are now Wi-Fi enabled, allowing you to monitor dishwashing and laundry cycles, remotely clean the oven or even check the air quality at home from your phone or computer while you are out of the house.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

### PLACES PESTS HIDE

Terminix shares details on the "secret" places pests can hide:

Sinks and drains: When not properly sanitized, drains can become a breeding ground for pests.

Ceiling light fixtures: Pests are attracted to the warmth and light.

Electrical outlets: Ants, beetles and bed bugs have been known to hide in outlets and behind the outlet plate.

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## HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS

# Good or bad?

## Taking an in-depth look at HOAs

By Laura Firszt  
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**H**omeowners associations can be a controversial topic. It seems their members either love 'em or hate 'em, depending on who you ask. But are these mini-governments really 100 percent good or bad? Let's take an in-depth look at what HOAs are all about.

### What is a homeowners association?

A "homeowners association" is the managing body of a housing subdivision or planned community, established by the property developer. Usually a non-profit corporation, the HOA board makes rules known as covenants, conditions and restrictions, which are implemented by either volunteers or a hired management company. To fund services like garbage pickup and landscaping of common areas, a homeowners association charges mandatory fees.

### Homeowners association pros

**Appearance.** A homeowners association ensures an agreeable, uniform appearance for the community as a whole, regulating matters such as house paint colors, additions, and general upkeep. This tends to protect property values.

**Services.** The homeowners association fees often include convenient maintenance services such as pest control, garbage pickup, snow removal, and sometimes even lawn care and in-ground sprinkler systems.

**Common areas.** Often an HOA maintains common areas for the enjoyment of all residents – for example a swimming pool, private park, barbecue area, tennis court, golf course, clubhouse and/or rec room.

**Security.** An association frequently provides homeowner security in the form of a gated community or an organized neighborhood watch.

**Community.** The board mediates disputes among residents and ensures quiet in the complex. People active in their HOA usually claim it's a good way to get to know the neighbors and build a sense of community.

### Homeowners association cons

**Fees.** HOA fees typically run about

\$200-300 monthly for a single-family home (although they vary widely). This can make a big difference to your homeownership budget ... which lenders take into account when assessing mortgage applications.

**Assessments.** As a rule, most homeowners associations are underfunded and raise money for large expenses via special assessments. Assessments are adopted by majority rule; those who vote against them still have to pay, to the tune of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of dollars on top of the standard fees.

**Mandatory repairs.** Often if there's the slightest need for exterior repair to your home, the HOA allows no grace period; they pursue you with written warnings and eventually fines, until the repair is made. Also, an association may have a list of professional contractors you must use. Heaven help you if you pick someone not board-approved.

**Limits on home improvement.** In contrast to the previous point, you may actually want to update your house's exterior appearance -- for example, by hiring a contractor to build a deck. In this case, the association may drag its feet in approving your plans ... or veto them altogether.

**Excessive power.** Many owners feel HOAs hold too much power, dictating the allowable number of residents (humans and pets), type of fencing, and even the length of your grass ... to name just a few examples. **FRIGHTENING FACT:** If someone gets behind with the fees, the association might even have the power to foreclose on their home.

### When you're house hunting

**Compare HOA fees and amenities of homes on your shortlist.** What would you be likely to use and what do you consider a waste of money? If you don't plan to stay in a home long term, take into account how those fees and amenities will

affect resale.

**Inspect not just the home for sale, but common areas, as well.** Make sure they're nice-looking and well kept; after all, you'll be paying for them.

**Consider location.** If you like your privacy, you might be better off in an out-of-the-way location, rather than the development's main street.

**Find out about fees.** What is the current amount and what services does it cover? How much are fees likely to increase, based on historical precedent and the current reserve fund?

**Check policy regarding rentals.** Are you looking for an investment? Oftentimes, a homeowners association reserves the right to vet prospective tenants. Some may impose a quota on the number of rentals allowed.

**Read the fine print before buying a house under an HOA.** Learn the rules and how they can be changed, as well as when HOA meetings are held. Investigate penalties for non-compliance and foreclosure for non-payment of fees. This info is available from the homeowners association itself, your real estate broker, or the county clerk's office.

**Go through board meeting minutes, too.** Pay attention to the tone of the proceedings. See whether the HOA is in sound financial shape and if it has ever sued a member. Money trouble and lawsuits are not only messy and unpleasant, they can also affect your loan application and your home's value.

**Verify your dream home's compliance.** Buying a house is complicated enough. Don't inherit the headache of sellers who are in the homeowners association bad books, whether through non-payment of fees or non-compliance with the rules.

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## AROUND THE HOUSE

### It's a mistake to put style over safety



Don Magruder

**T**here is not a day that passes in which a senior is not rushed to an emergency room because of a slip and fall accident in their home, and many of these accidents could have been avoided if safety concerns were more important than style in the

construction and design of the project. When it comes to construction projects, many owners get obsessed with a visual expectation, which has been created in their mind. Many times, they ignore the practical advice of designers, architects and builders when safety concerns are raised.

Safety concerns should always trump decisions of design and style — end of discussion. If you have to make statements like, "People should be able to

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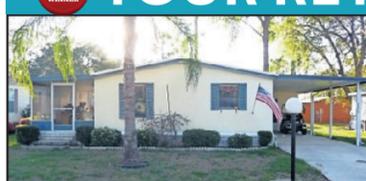
**Our minds naturally think when coming down steps that the next step should fall directly below the first one and it does — if you don't put a curve design in them. Curved steps are stylish and can really accent a home or front porch, but they are deadly. If there are multiple treads on the stairs, don't forget the landing for the next step will be different — this is how people fall.** [GATEHOUSE MEDIA FILE]

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## FROM THE EXTENSION

## Landscape and Garden Fair offers speakers, kids' activities

The seventh annual Landscape and Garden Fair is coming to Tavares on March 24 and 25, hosted by UF/IFAS Extension, Lake County, and the UF/IFAS Lake County master gardeners. The free event will feature Discovery Gardens, gardening presentations, children's activities and landscape and garden vendors.

The event offers a lineup of expert guest speakers including Katy Moss Warner, president emeritus of the American Horticulture Society, and Robert Bowden, executive director of Harry P. Leu Gardens. Extension agents and master gardeners from Lake and Orange counties will also educate attendees. The presenters will share their wealth of knowledge at the Extension Services Office and throughout Discovery Gardens. Topics include colorful landscaping, vegetable

gardening, botanical garden perennials, microgreens and hydroponics, landscaping with natives, wetlands, Japanese gardening and honey production. For a schedule of times and speakers, go to lake-countyfl.gov/gardenfair.

The Children's Garden Passport event is back. Participants can wander through the Discovery Gardens searching for the passport stations. Once children visit the stations they will be able to record it on their passport and turn it in for a prize. The Mother Goose maze will feature a scavenger hunt and children can attend our butterfly release at 10 a.m. on March 24.

Vendors will showcase their plants and garden-related products for purchase at the botanical themed event. The 2018 vendors will be Living Towers, Green Isle Gardens, The University of Florida Bookstore, A Natural Farm

and Educational Center, Black Bear Concessions, Amorn's Orchids, Struther's Nursery and Landscape, B & K Plants, Lake County Beekeeper's Association, Seminole Springs Herb Farm, Yard Stop, Do Terra Essential Oils, Block Sharpener and All American Gutter Protection. Our vendors provide a wide selection of native plants, fruit trees, orchids and plenty of ornamental plants to meet your gardening needs. Professional sharpening services for pruning tools will also be a featured gardening vendor.

Please bring gardening, plant and landscape questions to our Mobile Plant Clinic staffed by master gardeners throughout the fair. Our volunteers can provide you with advice and useful University of Florida websites to help you make the best decisions regarding your lawn and landscape. Be sure to stroll



Master Gardener Ashlee Roberts shares her love of butterflies with a child at the 2017 Landscape and Garden Fair butterfly release. This year's release will be at 10 a.m. on March 24. [SUBMITTED PHOTO]

through each of our 21 themed garden areas including our tropical shade garden, native plant walk, hydroponic display, nectar garden, wetlands pavilion and more. There is plenty to do at the seventh annual

Landscape and Garden Fair for people that enjoy nature, a beautiful garden or just love to get their hands dirty.

For gardening and landscape ideas, go to our Master Gardener Plant Clinic and Discovery Gardens. Both are open

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays at the Extension Services Office, 1951 Woodlea Rd. in Tavares.

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## MAGRUDER

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see it" or "I will just tell people to be careful" then you shouldn't do it. In every area of your home or business you should anticipate there will be people who are inattentive, half-blind, disabled, elderly or inebriated. The safety concerns you ignored will be exposed through an unfortunate accident. Soon after, you will be getting a call from the local trial lawyer asking questions like, "Why did you ignore building codes?" or "Has anyone else suffered an accident at this spot?"

Here are some design and style issues, which many times overrule legitimate safety concerns:

— If you want to watch a senior take a fall, install porcelain tile in areas that can get wet. Porcelain tile is beautiful, but it can be very slick, especially some of the more polished grades. Plus, it doesn't help that many times these tiles are not installed perfectly level and they become heel grabbers. I know most people are not fans of carpet, but for seniors who are subject

to a fall, carpet can be a lifesaver. Never install a slick surface floor unless you are prepared to pay for a lot of broken bones and concussions.

— I hate any step modification and people do this every day. The majority of steps you and I walk are square. Our minds naturally think when coming down the steps that the next step should fall directly below the first one and it does — if you don't put a curve design in them. Curved steps are stylish and can really accent a home or front porch, but they are deadly. If there are multiple treads on the stairs, don't forget the landing for the next step will be different — this is how people fall. If you are a senior, go for ramps. If you must have steps, keep them square, conservative with lower risers and wider treads.

— A lot of people don't think porch railings are very stylish and most homeowners will not install railings on porches that sit less than a foot off the ground. That is a huge mistake. You can trip and easily fall with an unexpected 2-inch drop off the porch. A lot of seniors have broken hips through falls off a porch and it is impossible to count

the number of children who have broken arms. Unless the ground is perfectly level with the porch, install a railing.

— The style in many homes is tall and high. Whether it's windows, light fixtures, ceilings or attic access stairs, everyone wants to climb. Here is the problem — how good are your climbing skills with arthritis or a new hip or knee? Daily, seniors are designing, buying and building homes, which require them to climb a ladder for basic maintenance. The cemeteries are full of people who had no business climbing a ladder. Unless you have the means and the will to hire service people to handle all your high maintenance around the house, think low. While vaulted ceilings look great with beautiful chandeliers, the view is bad falling off a 12-foot ladder. For seniors, it's not how high but how low can you go?

Safety may not be stylish, but it sure doesn't hurt as much.

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## Saucer magnolia an early, beautiful bloomer

By Nancy Brachey  
The Charlotte Observer

Blooms really popped out in the past few days, brightening the scene with lovely spring colors that stand out against the late-winter landscape. I think one of the best of these early bloomers is the saucer magnolia, a medium-sized tree that unfolded its blooms almost overnight.

This is such a joy to see, not forgetting the bridal-wreath spiraea, forsythias, star magnolias, daffodils, redbuds and camellias that also make this a beautiful time of year.

And the saucer magnolia brings not only beautiful flowers, but a lovely tree that is well-suited for smaller properties, typically growing at a moderate pace over time to 15 to 25 feet tall and wide. It typically has several trunks, which makes it seem like a large shrub for many years until it matures into a taller plant that is clearly a tree. It is, of course, a relative of

**The flowers, depending on the variety, may be pink, white, purple or burgundy. But most of what we see are all pink or pink and white. Their shape leads some people to name it tulip magnolia.**

low on the trunks, spreading horizontally in a graceful manner. The flowers, depending on the variety, may be pink, white, purple or burgundy. But most of what we see are all pink or pink and white. Their shape leads some people to name it tulip magnolia.

The evergreen Southern magnolia, famed for its beautiful white blooms in late spring and one of the symbols of gardening in the South. Another relative is the pretty star magnolia, a shrub or small tree with frilly petals on its early blooms.

The plant prospers in acidic soil enhanced with organic matter such as compost and will grow in part shade to full sun. As with most trees and shrubs, it prefers well-drained soil with even moisture through the year.

It is deciduous, meaning the leaves drop in autumn, but the silhouette left behind is striking because of the branching habit that begins

Though remarkably care-free, the early blooms of saucer magnolias, typically 3 to 5 inches in diameter, may be harmed by a sudden deep freeze in early March. That has happened a few times to my saucer, a variety named Alexandrina, which has been growing for more than 35 years. There is, of course, no way to cover a big plant as you would a hydrangea facing a deep freeze in April.

But it is a risk worth taking, doesn't happen too often and should not discourage you from choosing this great plant. Some of the newer hybrids bloom a bit later and should escape such freezes.

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# Houseplants for the horticulturally impaired

By Lee Reich  
The Associated Press

Hints of impending spring weather might stir a desire to grow plants even in people not usually drawn in that direction. If you are one of them, yet your thumbs lack the slightest hint of green, take heart: There are houseplants even you can grow.

You'll have to forgo color if you require a truly tough houseplant. Flowering takes too much of a plant's energy, which comes from good (or at least reasonably good) growing conditions, including abundant light. Don't look for color in leaves either, because plants with colorful leaves have them only when there's plenty of light so that they can do more with less green.

## The ways houseplants are abused

Poor light is not the only abuse you might suffer upon a houseplant. Many people forget to water them, or water them too much.

Also, as plants grow, they need to be divided and repotted, or shifted to larger pots. A houseplant for the horticulturally impaired should not grow so fast that frequent repotting is necessary.

## Some houseplants tolerate abuse

Yes, there are plants that can survive, and even look perky, with little light, neglectful or excessive watering, and little other care. And they're not all cacti.

Take dumbcane and spider plant, for instance. Both are hard to kill, yet keep up appearances with little attention. Spider plant can fill its pot rapidly and send out new "babies" all over the place, but that's only with good growing conditions.



This undated photo shows an aloe plant in New Paltz, N.Y. Aloe is one of a number of houseplants that tolerate a lot of abuse, so are ideal for anyone who want some household greenery but lacks a green thumb. [LEE REICH VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

For best results, grow an all-green variety of spider plant, rather than one with white stripes in its leaves. All green spider plants, with more chlorophyll, tolerate low light better.

Geraniums also tolerate an amazing amount of abuse. They won't flower under these conditions, so in that case why not grow scented geraniums? Many have frilly foliage and, depending on

the variety, their leaves carry aromas such as chocolate, rose or lemon. If in doubt about whether a geranium is thirsty, don't water.

Cyperus is a houseplant whose especially graceful appearance belies its tough-as-nails constitution. This is a water plant, closely related to papyrus, so it cannot tolerate drying out. But watering cyperus is a no-brainer; just set the pot in a deep saucer

that you always keep filled with water.

## Succulents

Succulent plants — which include but are not limited to cacti — are obvious houseplant candidates for non-gardeners. If you've killed them in the past, it was probably because of too much water, a situation easily avoided if, when you first get

the plant, you repot it with an equal volume of perlite or sand mixed into the potting soil. The perlite or sand lets water run right through the mix, making it impossible to overwater. Alternatively, repot the plant in potting mix formulated especially for succulents.

Succulents present an amazing array of shapes and textures of greenery. In that well-drained potting mix, it would be almost impossible to kill an aloe plant. Its leaves remain soft, fleshy and smooth, just as if you've been lavishing it with care. (I water mine about every six months, sometimes even less frequently!)

Kalanchoe hardly looks like a desert plant, yet it survives neglect in proper style.

The same could be said for burro's tail, ideal for hanging baskets with its rosy stems swathed in fat leaves.

Jade plants respond to good conditions by growing rapidly and flowering, but they look almost the same when grown in utter neglect. Grow this succulent as a bush or a small tree. When the plant grows too large for your likes or its pot, it'll get along fine for a long time with its stems just trimmed back to whatever size you want, rather than needing to be repotted.

You would think that plants called living stones would be tough houseplants — and they are. They do look like stones, however, so they might not satisfy the seasonal urge for lush greenery.

Then again, if you just need some kind of garden experience this time of year, you don't need greenery. Get a decorative tray and emulate in miniature the famous Zen landscape at Ryoan-ji in Kyoto, Japan; it consists of a rectangular plot of neatly raked quartz sand surrounding artistically clustered groups of rocks.

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# COMICS

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT GLUTEN IS... AND DON'T CARE, AS LONG AS THESE MUD PIES KEEP SELLING!"

## FAMILY CIRCUS



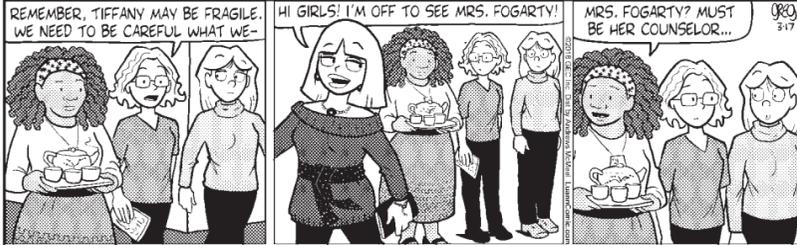
"Do broken toys go to heaven?"

## HEATHCLIFF



"EVERYONE'S IRISH ON ST. PADDY'S DAY."

## LUANN



## DILBERT



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## BABY BLUES



## BETLE BAILEY



## PICKLES



## ZITS



## PHANTOM



## GARFIELD



## BLONDIE



## FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



## SHOE



## B.C.



## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



## ROSE IS ROSE



## SNUFFY SMITH



## CLASSIC PEANUTS



# DIVERSIONS

## Man uses security cameras to spy on stay-at-home wife

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a stay-at-home mom with three children -- all in school. We recently had security cameras installed around our house. However, my husband has taken to using them to monitor everything I do throughout the day. He will say things like, "What took so long to go to the dry cleaner?" or, "Why did you go outside at 11 a.m.?" I feel like a prisoner in my home! What should I do? -- **NO PRIVACY IN THE EAST**

**DEAR NO PRIVACY:** What your husband is doing is controlling and, frankly, creepy. This is what insecure abusers do to their significant others. Tell him you do not have to account to him for every minute of your day, and that he should be doing more important things with his time than monitoring you. And then **INSIST** the two of you get counseling. Do it NOW.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a healthy 30-year-old woman living in Los Angeles. A close friend just had a baby. I'm planning

**JEANNE PHILLIPS**

DEAR ABBY



to visit her, but she is demanding that before I do I get vaccinated (the Tdap). I didn't think much of it, but another friend thinks that's a tall order. She says why can't I just wash my hands and use hand sanitizer like everyone else? Do you think this is an appropriate request, or is my other friend overreacting? -- **OLD SCHOOL**

**DEAR OLD SCHOOL:** The Tdap vaccine is important because it protects against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough). It is usually given only once in a person's lifetime, with booster shots every 10 years. Unless otherwise indicated by a health care professional, everyone over the age of 19 who has never received this vaccine should have it.

Yes, I do think the mother's request is appropriate, and your other friend is overreacting. If you prefer not to do it, you always have the option of waiting to visit until after the baby begins the DTaP series of vaccinations.

**DEAR ABBY:** A boy (also a junior in high school) asked me to a school dance a couple of weeks ago. He's kind, funny, does great in school. I really like him, and I think he likes me, but since the dance, nothing has happened! The problem, I think, is that he is Mormon.

I am fine with his religion. I am Jewish and not very religious, but I'm not planning to convert. We have talked about this together, and I'm afraid that his parents and/or religion won't permit him to have a relationship with me. What are the rules about dating when you are Mormon? Is he not allowed to date me, or is he just shy? -- **DON'T KNOW IN TEXAS**

**DEAR DON'T KNOW:**

I'm not an expert on the Mormon religion, so I took your question to my "Mormon connection," Allen Bergin, Ph.D. After I read him your letter, he asked me to assure you that the boy is just shy. Be patient, and you'll probably hear from him around the time of the next dance.

**TO MY IRISH READERS:** Happy St. Patrick's Day.

*May there always be work for your hands to do.  
May your purse always hold a coin or two.  
May the sun always shine on your windowpane.  
May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.  
May the hand of a friend always be near you.  
May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

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## » BRIDGE

### All in the state of mind

North dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	2♦	Pass
3♣	Pass	3NT	Pass
6NT			

Opening lead — jack of hearts.

Many contracts fail because the adverse cards are divided in such a way that making the contract is impossible. The contract may be an excellent one — looking at only the 26 cards held by dummy and declarer — but if all the critical finesses lose or the key suits break badly, a disappointing outcome may readily ensue.

All a declarer can do in such cases is to accept the verdict philosophically and go on to the next deal. The true test comes when he has a way to provide against a bad break and neglects to do so. In that case, he has only himself to blame, since he could

have controlled the outcome. It is in these instances that the mettle of the first-rate declarer is tested.

Take this case where six notrump was an excellent slam to reach and, in fact, was even a conservative venture. The normal expectancy would be to score all 13 tricks if either the diamonds or clubs are divided normally. A grand-slam undertaking therefore could not be criticized.

But when South won the heart lead with the king and cashed the A-K of clubs, East turned up with five clubs, and when he next played the ace of diamonds, West showed up with all five cards in that suit. Ultimately, South went down two.

Yet, despite his bad luck, declarer was clearly at fault for failing to take the proper precautions to protect what was a sure small slam.

With so many points at stake, he should have been willing to sacrifice 30 points to ensure making six notrump. At trick two, he should have led a low diamond from his hand toward dummy's ten!

This supercautious play would have guaranteed five diamond tricks regardless of how the suit was divided. If West had all the diamonds, he could score at most one trick, and if East had them all, he would also be limited to one trick. Twelve tricks — five diamonds, three clubs and the A-K's of both majors — were thus there from the start, provided South availed himself of the surefire safety play.

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## » HOROSCOPES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2018:

This year you are unusually creative and dynamic. Others seem to identify with your self-expression. You might feel as if you are unstoppable. Remember that everyone has limits. If you are single, you will attract many different types of people. You certainly will have your choice of potential suitors. If you are attached, the two of you join together to maximize your efforts. You have a lot in common. A fellow PISCES loves hanging out.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)** Embrace your Irish side today, or at least pretend to be Irish. You might want to play the role of the recluse. Be smart and honor your needs. Opt to lie low for a few hours; you'll emerge feeling energized and ready to visit with others.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)** Make an effort to connect with a friend at a distance with whom you are able to be more forthright. You have been wanting to have a conversation with this person. Why not now? You could feel as if the effort was well worth it.

### GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Focus on doing what is right rather than what you think will work. Don't do something just to please a frustrating associate. This person will sense that your actions aren't authentic anyway. Use caution if you do not want a volatile situation.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** You might think that a friend is off-base with his or her request. You will be in a position to see the results of proceeding as this person has suggested. Make your points clearly. Touch base with a loved one in order to get appropriate feedback.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)** You have an idea that you would like to implement. Present this concept to several associates who tend to think outside the box. Though you might not love their suggestions, their questions will prompt you to fine-tune your idea.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)** Defer to a partner, and let him or her call the shots this St. Patrick's Day. You might feel put off that your desires are made secondary, but in the long run, everything will work out. Be less

### JACQUELINE BIGAR

BIGAR'S STARS



reactive, and don't assume that you know the whole story.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)** Fortunately, you know how to get along with the majority of people. However, a sense of irritation could be building. The problem is that you are likely to personalize what goes on, when really it has nothing to do with you. Others are spirited.

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)** You might be at a point where you no longer can hold back. You want to let events unfurl as they may. Speak your mind, but understand that the other party involved is likely to do the same. Refuse to take any harsh comments personally.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)** You could be exhausted by the nature of a demanding situation. Rest

assured that this problem is about to resolve itself. Don't forget to join friends for some St. Patrick's Day cheer. Your sense of fun emerges during a meeting or get-together.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)** You'll want to relax and get together with friends. Someone might come along with an even better way to celebrate St. Paddy's Day. You will have the opportunity to pitch in and help this person. A friend needs to share some news. Listen well.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)** You have a lot on your mind. Bring friends together for some St. Patrick's Day fun. Some people might want to head to an Irish-themed party. You will be delighted by what takes place. As the day continues, others get into the swing of the day.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)** You could be in a rush to achieve certain goals and clear out appointments. You have the ability to squeeze a lot into a very short amount of time. The more time you have to celebrate St. Patrick's Day today, the happier you will be.

## » TODAY IN HISTORY

**TODAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 17,** the 76th day of 2018. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:** On March 17, 1968, a peaceful anti-Vietnam War protest in London was followed by a riot outside the U.S. Embassy; more

than 200 people were arrested and over 80 people were reported injured.

**ON THIS DATE:** In 1762, New York held its first St. Patrick's Day parade. In 1912, the Camp Fire Girls organization was incorporated in Washington D.C., two years to the day after it was founded in Thetford, Vermont. (The

group is now known as Camp Fire.)

In 1936, Pittsburgh's Great St. Patrick's Day Flood began as the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers and their tributaries, swollen by rain and melted snow, started exceeding flood stage; the high water was blamed for more than 60 deaths.

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite.

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto in the U.N. Security Council, killing a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failing to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.

## WORD SCRIMMAGE™

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3rd Letter + 7 PTS

1<sup>st</sup> DOWN

R<sub>2</sub> M<sub>6</sub> O<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> O<sub>2</sub> B<sub>6</sub> O<sub>2</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN

A<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> T<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>7</sub> L<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub>

3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN

3rd Down + 40 PTS

R<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> S<sub>2</sub> L<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub>

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN

B<sub>6</sub> E<sub>1</sub> I<sub>2</sub> F<sub>7</sub> R<sub>2</sub> E<sub>1</sub> L<sub>2</sub>

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 236 AVERAGE GAME 150-160 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.

3-17-18 JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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1<sup>st</sup> DOWN = 83

C<sub>6</sub> R<sub>2</sub> Y<sub>7</sub> P<sub>6</sub> T<sub>2</sub>

2<sup>nd</sup> DOWN = 114

P<sub>6</sub> R<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> D<sub>3</sub> U<sub>3</sub> C<sub>6</sub> T<sub>2</sub>

3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN = 52

O<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> T<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> R<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub>

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN = 94

D<sub>3</sub> E<sub>1</sub> T<sub>2</sub> A<sub>2</sub> I<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub> S<sub>2</sub>

AVERAGE GAME 220-230 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 343

3-16-18

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

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

**How to play:** Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

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## » CRYPTOQUOTE

A XYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

### 3-17 CRYPTOQUOTE

J D E J Z , H M G L T Y H O , M N

J Y Q L Y Q J R M K L O K Y J Q V M J N

T D Y S J Z , Q E J Q V S R N Z M K T

R S R V A D Y C M J R H H J Z R J M N

K Y J T Y H O . — H L Y J Y H N J Y V

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: ALL SORROWS CAN BE BORNE IF YOU PUT THEM INTO A STORY OR TELL A STORY ABOUT THEM. — KAREN BLIXEN

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# How to stop bricks from falling out of a chimney

By Jeanne Huber  
The Washington Post

**Q:** We have two chimneys, both painted white. The one for the furnace is fine, but bricks keep popping out of the other chimney, which is for two fireplaces that we do not even use. The flues for these are closed tight. Last summer, I paid a large sum of money to have this chimney scraped, prepped with a special sealant to keep out moisture and then painted. But just a few weeks ago, I noticed the bricks are starting to crumble and fall out again. Why is this happening, and how can we stop it?

**A:** Most masonry problems start with moisture intrusion, and that is almost certainly the culprit in your case.

Moisture is somehow soaking into the bricks, probably because of a leak at the top of the chimney. There might also be leaks at the top of the chimney that you're still using, but it probably has enough

heat and air movement to allow the bricks to dry out without causing immediate damage. Any moisture that gets into the chimney you aren't using, though, is likely to remain trapped in the bricks or mortar, which can create havoc, especially in cold weather.

Water expands about 9 percent as it freezes, so if a soaked chimney freezes, the expansion could create enough force to crack the bricks and eject the pieces. If freezing weather isn't a factor, it's possible that water pressure alone could do the damage. Heat from the sun on the chimney could cause water in the bricks and mortar to expand, for example, and that could cause some of the bricks to crumble. Why do certain bricks stay intact while others break? Perhaps it's differences in manufacturing, the consistency of the clay in the bricks or the thickness of mortar in joints.

Whatever the explanation, the cure

is to keep water from getting into the bricks. Because the exterior is waterproofed, the place that probably needs attention is the very top. All chimneys should have a cap that deflects rain and snow, but these caps can't be watertight because there needs to be a way for hot air to escape. On an unused chimney, however, you can provide a better seal. If you don't plan to use the fireplace chimney again, you can install tightfitting, solid caps over the flues. Or if you, or a later owner, might want to use the fireplaces at least occasionally, you can install top-sealing chimney dampers.

This type of cap has a flap that you can pull open or closed via a cable that drops down the flue and links to a control handle in the firebox. One example is the Lyemance Top Sealing Chimney Damper, which costs about \$150 to \$240, depending on the flue size; one retailer is Chimney Direct (chimneydirect.com).

# When the rowhouse was too small, they doubled it

By Jura Koncius  
The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** — When Roshni Ghosh and Alaap Shah found their 1,400-square-foot rowhouse in 2009, they were drawn to the 1892 details: High ceilings, six stained-glass windows and four fireplaces. The small rooms in the two-story house felt cozy.

A few years later, they found themselves with a toddler and two busy careers, running out of closet space, office space and outdoor space. The outdated plumbing and electrical systems were wearing out and could not support modern appliances and technology.

Tired of tripping on toys in the living room and having only one full-size bathroom, they contemplated moving farther out. But real estate searches in other ZIP codes made them realize they couldn't bear to leave their walkable neighborhood.

When they bought the house, Shah says, they weren't thinking of raising kids there, but eventually they changed their minds. "We love the vibrancy of the arts and music scene in the area, as well as the diversity of the population," Shah says.

Ghosh says, "We finally decided we wanted our dream house in the house that we already loved, but we knew we'd have to use every little part of the place to get what we wanted."

After a renovation by architect Carmel Greer of District Design, the couple, now with two boys and two dogs, have a smart, kid-friendly home that has doubled in size and is full of modern, grown-up amenities.

Instead of a first floor with chopped-up rooms, there's a big open space. The front door opens into a living area, followed by a sleek kitchen in the center



The rowhouse, in the Shaw neighborhood of Northwest Washington, preserves much of its original 1892 charm, including stained-glass windows. [JOHN MCDONNELL/THE WASHINGTON POST]

of the home, defined by an 11-foot island, and then a dining table at the end. Greer had the dingy crawl space dug out to add a family room, wine room, full bath and office.

By adding a third story, Greer was able to put in a master bedroom and bath, a home office, generous storage and a small roof terrace with views over the city. "Putting the master suite on the third floor provides additional privacy and a general sense of getting away," Greer says. The reconfigured second floor holds the bedrooms of Rivan, 6, and Talin, 1; a guest room; and two full baths.

The house checks all the boxes for comfortable family living. Laundry areas were designed on two floors. Storage cubes made of reclaimed crossbeams from the house renovation are hung on the exposed brick wall just inside the front door to hold keys, dog leashes and shoes. Two offices on different floors give each parent a space to work in. Ghosh, 41, is vice president and chief medical information officer at Premier, and Shah, 39, is a lawyer at Epstein, Becker & Green. Having their

own places to retreat to helps "accommodate the work-life balance," Shah says.

Other features express the owners' lifestyle and passions. Child- and dog-friendly features include durable quartzite counters and a matte finish on the floors to help protect against scratches from little hands and paws. Cooking and entertaining are always on the menu. Under a kitchen counter is the Urban Cultivator, which looks like a wine fridge but is an automated indoor garden that grows herbs and microgreens. On a recent visit, they were growing sunflower greens, sweet pea shoots, mustard greens and micro-basil. The wine-loving couple had a temperature- and humidity-controlled wine room installed on the lower level to store the bottles they pick up on trips to vineyards. The floor is made up of 1,500 wine corks they have been collecting for 15 years.

Shah and Ghosh are thankful they could stay in the house they love. "We are tremendously grateful we could build our dream house in Washington," Shah says. "We are so blessed we were able to stay."

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