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Orlando shooter's widow acquitted

By **Tamara Lush**
The Associated Press

The widow of the gunman who slaughtered 49 people at a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida, was acquitted Friday of helping to plot the attack and lying to the FBI afterward — a rare and stinging defeat for the U.S. government in a terrorism case.

Noor Salman, 31, sobbed upon hearing the jury's verdict of not guilty of obstruction and providing material support to a terrorist organization, charges that could have brought a life sentence. Her family gasped each time the words "not guilty" were pronounced.

On the other side of the Orlando courtroom, the

families of the victims of the June 2016 Pulse nightclub shooting sat stone-faced and silent.

Within hours, Salman was released from jail after 14 months and got into a waiting car without answering questions.

"Noor is so grateful. Her belief in the process was shown. She wants to get back

to her son," her attorney Linda Moreno said. Family spokeswoman Susan Clary said Salman's family "always thought that Noor was the first victim" of her husband, Omar Mateen.

The verdict reverberated through Orlando and legal circles beyond.

"The government rarely, rarely loses these kinds of

cases. It's got every single factor on its side," said David Oscar Markus, a Miami attorney who routinely tries federal cases. "It's a pretty impressive win for the defense and a devastating loss for the government."

Mateen, the American-born son of Afghan immigrants,

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Bikefest's new arrivals

A massive truck convoy, craft beer and new shows add spice to lineup

By **Tom McNiff**
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LEESBURG — Leesburg Bikefest is right around the corner, and you can almost hear the deafening roar of several thousand motorcycles cruising Main Street and the highways of Lake County next month.

But the baritone rumble of Harley Davidsons and the piercing whine of sport bikes won't be the only distinctive sounds emanating from streets during this 22nd edition of Bikefest. In fact, there's a good chance that they'll be drowned out completely — although temporarily — by a wave of trucks that will roll through Leesburg to usher in Bikefest on its opening night, April 27.

The 75 Chrome Shop in Wildwood is organizing a massive convoy of tricked-out

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The Daisy Duke Contest debuts this year at Bikefest, joining a lineup of hot body contests that run from Friday through Sunday at venues across downtown Leesburg. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

"Many of the rigs are valued at \$500,000 or more and will surely provide a sight like no other."

Dave Farkus, owner of 75 Chrome Shop.



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**LEESBURG MAN
SHOT TO DEATH
IN EUSTIS**

EPA likely will roll back rules on gas mileage

By **Tom Krisher**
The Associated Press

DETROIT — The Trump administration is expected to announce that it will roll back automobile gas mileage and pollution standards that were a pillar in the Obama administration's plans to combat climate change.

It's not clear whether the announcement will include a specific number, but current regulations from the Environmental Protection Agency require the fleet of new vehicles to get 36 miles per gallon in real-world driving by 2025. That's about 10 mpg over the existing standard.

Environmental groups, who predict increased greenhouse gas emissions and more gas consumption if the standards are relaxed, say the announcement could come Tuesday at a Virginia car dealership. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said Friday that the standards

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Experts: Planning early for hurricanes saves lives

By **Harold Bubil**
Gatehouse Media

ORLANDO — Hurricane forecasters have made a lot of progress with the science of weather prediction, but the social science continues to be a challenge.

Here is the state of the science: Where the forecast storm tracks in the 1980s were 350 miles off, on average, in the "historic" 2017 season, the typical miss was 80 miles. Emergency managers are alerted to the possible development of tropical cyclones two days earlier than they

were previously.

Those in the general path of tropical cyclones can see where the eye might go, when the high winds might arrive and how high above ground level the storm surge could go. The predictions were so accurate that there were no storm-surge deaths in the U.S. in 2017, despite the landfall of three Category 4 hurricanes and one Category 1.

And, as proved in the run-up to last September's Hurricane Irma, millions

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The Umatilla Inn on State Road 19 was damaged during Hurricane Irma in September in Umatilla. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER / DAILY COMMERCIAL]

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ORLANDO, FLA. Chinese student ordered to be deported over behavior

A Florida university student is being sent home to China because police say he exhibited “disturbing behavior,” and bought a second assault weapon after coming to the attention of police.

University of Central Florida Police say they spoke with 26-year-old Wenliang Sun in early February after he made unspecified “unusual statements” to a counselor.

The Orlando Sentinel reports Friday he also stopped attending classes, dyed his hair and bought an expensive car. UCF Police Chief Richard Beary said these actions, taken together, raised alarms.

Because he was not attending classes, his student visa was revoked and he was taken into custody last month.

PITTSBURGH Drue Heinz, philanthropist, widow of Heinz CEO, dies

Drue Heinz, the widow of the former head of the H.J. Heinz Co. and a longtime patron of the literary arts has died. She was 103.

The Heinz family and The Heinz Endowments said she died Friday in Lasswade, Scotland.

Heinz was known for her philanthropy and support of the literary arts. She endowed a literature prize at the University of Pittsburgh, a national prize which every year since 1980 has provided for publication of a collection of short stories. She also was closely involved in the Endowments’ initiative to develop Pittsburgh’s Heinz Hall in 1971 and its efforts to create a downtown cultural district.

BAGHDAD Hundreds protest in Baghdad against Saudi prince’s visit

Hundreds gathered in Baghdad to protest the upcoming visit of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Protesters gathered Friday afternoon following midday prayers, some carrying signs calling him a war criminal, blaming the kingdom for crimes committed by the Islamic State group in Iraq.

Prince Mohammed is planning to visit Iraq in the near future, according to the office of Iraq’s prime minister, but a date has not yet been set.

Iraq and Saudi Arabia have long had a strained relationship, but recently mended ties with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi visiting Riyadh last year.

The Associated Press

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Fantasy 5: 3-5-17-18-35
Cash 4 Life: 34-35-36-46-58-1

Friday, March 30
Pick 4
Afternoon: 0-7-0-6
Evening: 8-1-1-5

Pick 3
Afternoon: 7-3-0
Evening: 2-5-3

2 IS members: Beheadings a ‘mistake’



Alexanda Amon Kotey, left, and El Shafee Elsheikh, who were allegedly among four British jihadis who made up a brutal Islamic State cell dubbed “The Beatles,” speak during an interview with The Associated Press on Friday at a security center in Kobani, Syria. [HUSSEIN MALLA/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Jailed British jihadis, allegedly part of cell dubbed ‘The Beatles,’ say killing of captives was regrettable

By Sarah El Deeb and Andrea Rosa
The Associated Press

KOBANI, Syria — Two British militants believed to have been part of an Islamic State group cell notorious for beheading hostages in Syria were unapologetic in their first interview since their capture, denouncing the U.S. and Britain as “hypocrites” who will not give them a fair trial.

The men, along with two other British jihadis, allegedly made up the IS cell nicknamed “The Beatles” by surviving captives because of their English accents.

The nickname belied the cell’s brutality. In 2014 and 2015, it held more than 20 Western hostages in Syria and tortured many of them. It beheaded seven American, British and Japanese journalists and aid workers and a group of Syrian soldiers, boasting of the butchery in videos released to the world.

Speaking to The Associated Press at a Kurdish security center, the two men, El Shafee Elsheikh and Alexanda Amon Kotey, repeatedly refused to address allegations they were part of the cell — clearly having a future trial in mind. They complained that they could “disappear” after Britain reportedly revoked their citizenship.

They were captured in January in eastern Syria by the Kurdish-led, U.S.-backed Syrian Democratic Forces amid the collapse of IS.

Their detention has set off a debate in the U.S. and Europe over how to prosecute their citizens who joined IS — as the Kurds pressure the West to take them back to relieve overcrowding in prisons.

The two said the killings of the captives were a mistake

— but for tactical reasons. Many in IS “would have disagreed” with the killings “on the grounds that there is probably more benefit in them being political prisoners,” Kotey said.

“I didn’t see any benefit (in killing them). It was something that was regrettable.” He also blamed Western governments for failing to negotiate, noting that some hostages were released for ransoms.

Elsheikh said the killings were a “mistake” and might not have been justified. But, he said, they were in retaliation for killings of civilians by the U.S.-led coalition fighting IS. He said the militants shouldn’t have initially threatened to kill the hostages because then they had to go ahead with it or else “your credibility may go.”

The beheadings, often carried out on camera, horrified the world soon after IS took over much of Iraq and Syria in 2014. The group also committed widescale atrocities including massacring thousands of Iraqi troops and civilians and taking sex slaves.

The first victim was American journalist James Foley, followed by fellow Americans Steven Sotloff and Peter Kassig, British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning and Japanese journalists Haruna Yukawa and Kenji Goto.

The leader of the cell, Mohammed Emwazi, was dubbed “Jihadi John” in the British media after he appeared, masked, in the videos, sometimes performing the butchery. He was killed in a U.S.-led coalition drone strike in 2015 in the Syrian city of Raqqa, the de facto IS capital. Another member, Aine Lesley Davis, was arrested in Turkey and convicted there in 2017, sentenced to seven years in prison.

Elsheikh, whose family came to Britain from Sudan when he was a child, was a mechanic from White City in west London.

He traveled to Syria in 2012, initially joining al-Qaida’s branch before moving on to IS, according to the U.S. State Department’s listing of the two men for terrorism sanctions. It said he “earned a reputation for waterboarding, mock executions and crucifixions while serving as an (IS) jailer.”

Kotey, who is of Ghanaian and Greek-Cypriot descent and converted to Islam in his 20s, is from London’s Paddington neighborhood.

Serving in the IS cell as a guard, he “likely engaged in the group’s executions and exceptionally cruel torture methods,” the State Department said. It also said he was an IS recruiter who brought other Britons into the group.

Elsheikh and Kotey spoke to the AP at a Kurdish security building in the town of Kobani, where they were brought, initially in handcuffs and face covers that were removed. They appeared to speak openly with no signs of duress and were friendly with SDF security who came in and out of the room.

They were both initially confrontational but over the interview became more conversational. Kotey often cracked jokes — when asked whether IS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi was alive, he joked that some people thought Elvis never died and Tupac Shakur is still alive. Elsheikh was straightlaced and reserved, referring more often to Islamic texts.

They were unrepentant about belonging to IS — though they said they did not agree with everything it did. Kotey said he did not think suicide bombings were permissible in Islam. Elsheikh said IS’s killing of a captured Jordanian pilot by burning him alive in a cage was “atrocious.”

But they seemed dismissive of the idea that IS was egregious in brutality.

“I am not here to justify or shun every act IS did,” Elsheikh said, arguing that nationals of a country can’t

be held responsible for crimes by the state.

They scoffed at the idea that that they were a cell and refused to comment whether they had worked as jailors, had ever seen any hostages or knew Emwazi.

They depicted the allegations as created by media and foreign intelligence — “so the world can say this is the bad guy and kill the bad guy,” Elsheikh said.

“No fair trial, when I am ‘the Beatle’ in the media. No fair trial,” he added.

They said they had been questioned repeatedly by U.S. military officials and the FBI — daily interrogations for a month, then frequent ones for weeks after.

The U.S. has been pressing for the home countries of foreign jihadis in Iraq and Syria to take their nationals for trial. Britain’s defense secretary has said they should not be allowed back into the country. Former captives of the cell and families of its victims have called on Elsheikh and Kotey to be given a fair trial, whether in the United States or Britain, arguing that locking them away in a facility like Guantanamo Bay would only fuel further radicalism.

Kurdish officials complain they are being left to deal with the IS legacy, including overburdened prisons full of militants, including foreign fighters whose home countries don’t want to take them back.

Elsheikh and Kotey are held in an undisclosed location. Kotey said he shares a cell with 70 others, all but four of them Syrians, and that they are sleeping like “sardines, literally head to toe, head to toe.” Despite the overcrowding, he said, they get fresh air, play games and have classes.

Kotey said the U.S. and Britain were not upholding their own laws of due process. “Where are they now or are they just applicable when they suit you?” he said. “It just looks very hypocritical, double standards.”

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BEST BETS FOR TODAY

EASTER EGG EXTRAVAGANZA:

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Leesburg. With games, prizes, egg hunt and Easter Bunny. Kids should bring baskets. Free. Go to leesburg-partnership.com.

CYCLE AND SEEK SCAVENGER HUNT:

At 12 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 330 3rd St. in Clermont. Teams of two to four encouraged. For all ages. With after-party and giant egg drop. Kids should bring baskets to catch eggs. Free. Go to ClermontFL.gov/events or call 352-708-5975 to register.

EASTER EGG HUNT: From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly St. in Mount Dora. With Easter Bunny visits, free book, face painting, balloon artist, PAWS Therapy Dogs kissing booth and treats. Free. Call 352-735-7180 for information.

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The Mount Dora Christian Academy Distinguished Speaker Series features College Football Hall of Famer Lou Holtz at 7 p.m. at the Mount Dora Christian Academy gymnasium. Cost: \$10 to \$20 with special VIP seats available. Details: mountdoralive.com.

IN BRIEF

FOUNTAIN Authorities: Man dies in residential fire

Authorities said a man died in a residential fire in Florida.

The News Herald of Panama City reported that emergency crews responded to a call of a fire early Thursday and found the man inside the home.

Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford said deputies pulled the man out of his house with third-degree burns all over his body. The sheriff said the man was pronounced dead at the scene.

Further details have not been released.

ISLAMORADA Keys resort reopens 6 months after Irma

Another major Florida Keys resort has reopened after being heavily damaged by September's Hurricane Irma.

Islamorada's iconic Cheeca Lodge Resort & Spa resumed operations Friday, more than six months after Irma's storm surge devastated the resort's lobby and landscaping and destroyed a 525-foot-long oceanside dock. Many of the 27-acre hotel's 214 guestrooms suffered water intrusion.

Resort officials said they've done about \$25 million worth of work, including some renovation projects beyond storm repairs.

With Cheeca's reopening, tourism officials say 80 percent of the Florida Keys' lodging properties can host visitors. In Key West, more than 92 percent of accommodations are open.

Cheeca officials said they didn't lay off pre-storm employees during the closure and that they assisted with the property's recovery.

ORLANDO UCF to get first new president in almost 3 decades

The University of Central Florida will be getting a new president for the first time in 26 years.

The state Board of Governors approved the promotion of Provost Dale Whittaker on Thursday. He will replace John Hitt, who is retiring June 30.

The Orlando Sentinel reported the board approved Whittaker's appointment unanimously. The 56-year-old academic has been provost since 2014 after being vice provost at Purdue University in Indiana.

As president, Whittaker will be paid \$506,000 annually, receive an \$800 per month car allowance and will be eligible for bonuses based on graduation and retention rates and donations.

UCF is one of the nation's largest schools, with 66,000 students.

Leesburg man killed in shooting

Joshua Brown was found in Eustis Friday morning

By Frank Stanfield
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EUSTIS — Police are investigating an early-morning shooting in Eustis that left one man dead Friday.

A caller told police shots were fired near the intersection of Glover Street and Orange Avenue about 4:30 a.m. Officers arrived to find a man lying behind a car dead. He was identified as Joshua

Brown, 29, of Leesburg.

At the scene Friday morning, about 20 markers indicated the location of shell casings and other evidence. A semi-automatic rifle was also at the scene.

The woman who reported the crime said she heard arguing, then a gunshot at 4:30 a.m.

"My daughter told me to look out the window," said the woman, who does not want to be identified. "I heard the first round, then boom, boom, boom, boom." She said she

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Crime scene investigators look over the body of a man who was killed on Glover Street in Eustis on Friday. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Perfect day for pickleball



A player hits the ball over the net as his partner looks on during a game of pickleball on the courts at Donnelly Park in downtown Mount Dora on Friday. [WHITNEY LEHNECKER PHOTOS/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

People gathered at Donnelly Park to compete in games

With the bright blue skies and mild temperatures Friday morning, a group of about 20 people gathered at the pickleball courts in Donnelly Park to compete in a few friendly games. Regardless of skill level, players were seen enjoying their time on the court. Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and ping pong that can be played as doubles or singles. According to weather.com, temperatures today are expected to be in the high 70s with cloudy skies across Lake County.



A woman serves the ball during a game of pickleball.

A group of men touch paddles after a game.

[WHITNEY LEHNECKER/DAILY COMMERCIAL]



FWC investigation brings area arrests, citations

By Frank Stanfield
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TAVARES — After 18 months of digging by an undercover agent, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission scored dozens of arrests and citations Thursday for violations of game and fish laws.

"Our regional law enforcement officers identified suspicious behavior in the Lake County area pertaining to the illegal commercialization and exploitation of fish and wildlife," said Maj. Grant Burton in a press release.

Charges include the illegal taking of fish and wildlife, sale and purchase of illegally harvested wildlife and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

FWC spokesman Rob Klepper described the offenders as a "loose network."

"We don't consider it an organized ring," he said.

Besides those arrested in Lake County, others were issued citations in Palm Beach, Polk and Orange counties.

"Wildlife conservation laws are in place to protect and manage the long-term sustainability of Florida's natural resources for use by the public," Burton said.

"We take our wildlife laws very seriously," Klepper said.

Florida statutes contain some stiff penalties for violations.

Those arrested include: Jatindra Chatterpaul Bhowani, 56, five counts of unlawful possession of illegally harvested deer with intent to sell, a third-degree felony, and unlawful sale of alligator, a third-degree felony.

Christopher Jack Judy, 39, possession of firearm by a convicted felon, a second-degree felony; unlawful possession of an alligator, third-degree felony, unlawful sale of an alligator, first-degree misdemeanor.

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Audit questions Medicaid anti-fraud efforts

By Christine Sexton
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida's Medicaid program has been rapped by auditors who questioned what the state got for millions of dollars spent with a company whose lobbyists included two former Republican House speakers and a former top health care regulator.

State auditors additionally raised questions about

how aggressive the Agency for Health Care Administration has been in trying to clamp down on fraud. The newly released audit said the agency's Office of Medicaid Program Integrity never forwarded leads regarding potential fraudulent activity to 11 HMOs under contract with the state.

The audit released this week by the state auditor general questioned why Florida spent more than

\$5.5 million on an advanced data analytics system and renewed the vendor's contract five times despite the company's inability to include data on the majority of people enrolled in the Medicaid program.

Between 2014 and 2017, when SAS Institute was working for the state, the company listed a cadre of well-connected Tallahassee lobbyists, including former Agency for Health Care

Administration Secretary and Medicaid Director Tom Arnold and former House speakers Dean Cannon and Larry Cretul.

Despite the audit findings, AHCA spokeswoman Mallory McManus said in a prepared statement that the agency believes "Florida has the best Medicaid Program Integrity unit in the nation. Combatting and reporting

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Funeral Services

Richard Brillhart



Richard "Dick" Brillhart, age 91 of Wildwood passed away Thursday, March 22, 2018. He was born in Akron, Ohio and came to Florida in 1959. Mr. Brillhart was a retired Branch Manager for Lawyers Title Insurance Company. He was a WW II U.S. Marine Corp Veteran stationed on the USS Alabama serving in the Philippine's and Japan. He was also a member of the VFW, American Legion, the Alabama Crewman's Association and was an avid handball player. Mr. Brillhart was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Summerfield, Florida. Mr. Brillhart was preceded

in death by his first wife: Mary Dee Brillhart and his daughter: Melinda D. Woods. Surviving are his wife Clare Brillhart, Wildwood, FL.; Son: Richard Brillhart, Bristol, VA.; Step Daughter: Joan L. Carruthers, Winter Springs, FL; Step Son James Carruthers, Jr. Richmond, VA. and 5 Grandchildren. Memorial Services for Mr. Richard "Dick" Brillhart will be held 11:00 A.M. Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL Online condolences may be left at www.BeyersFuneralHome.com

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Thomas E. McFall



Thomas E. McFall, 77, of Leesburg, Florida passed away on Wednesday, March 28, 2018. He was born on April 8, 1940 in Poteau, Oklahoma. He was a proud veteran of The United States Navy. Tom was an avid sports fan. His favorite teams include The Denver Broncos, The Cleveland Indians and The Chicago Cubs. He was a Banker for 40 years in the Denver area. He is survived by

his loving wife of 50 years Judith McFall (nee Edwards); sons Stephen Patrick McFall (Holli) and Michael Thomas McFall (Jason Posey); grandchildren Evan Thomas McFall and Megan Rose McFall; brother in-law David Edwards (Carol); several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his brother Bobby Joe McFall; parents Stephen and Mary McFall. A visitation will be held on Monday, April 2, 2018 from 10-11:30 am, located at Page-Theus Funeral Home, 914 W. Main Street, Leesburg, FL 34748. Online condolences may be sent at pagetheusfuneralhome.com. Arrangements under the care of Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

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Today's Services

BOWERS - Richard Bowers, A Service will be held today, 11:00 AM at Baker Street Church of God in Christ, Leesburg, FL.



SHOOTING

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saw the man run, then fall. "I never saw who was shooting," she said. A rifle, apparently an AR-15, was lying on the ground near the intersection. The witness doesn't believe it belonged to the

victim, but investigators say they aren't yet sure if it was used in the shooting. Detectives spent much of the day Friday canvassing the neighborhood looking for witnesses who might have seen or heard something that could help them identify the shooter. Late Friday, they did not have a suspect. Police met with grief-stricken family members

down the road at Glover and McDonald streets. One woman, in particular, was inconsolable, weeping loudly and at one point falling to her knees. "He didn't deserve what happened to him," said Dericka Brown, who said she was the victim's sister. "He's been a good person," she said. "He wanted to do better. He

called me yesterday and said he wanted to go to church with me Sunday." Valerie Brown described herself as "aunt/mom." "I raised him," she said. She said he worked at Popeye's fried chicken in Leesburg, is not married, but "has a child on the way." "He'll never get to see his child," she said. Brown was facing

charges in a violent crime that occurred on Oct. 6. Court records were not accessible for the details, but the Clerk of Court website indicates he was charged with aggravated battery with great bodily harm with a firearm, shooting at an occupied vehicle, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and robbery with a firearm.

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Bibi S. Latiff, 49, two counts of attempt to take a deer at night with a gun and light, first-degree misdemeanor, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, two counts of selling illegally harvested deer meat, third-degree felonies; and illegal sale

of alligator. Willie Antonio Neal, 40, possession of a firearm by convicted felon, taking an alligator, five counts of attempting to take a deer with a light and gun, four counts of selling illegally harvested deer meat; sale of alligator meat, two counts of possessing deer meat with intent to sell, third-degree felonies, intentional wounding of a threatened species, a third-degree felony;

two counts of taking an alligator; two counts of possession of an alligator, unlawful possession of an alligator; the taking of a wild turkey, a third-degree felony; sale of wild turkey meat, first-degree misdemeanor. Warren A. Turner, 54, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, attempting to take a deer with gun and light. Charles Brian Walker, 37, four counts of taking

fish and wildlife while privilege suspended, first-degree misdemeanor; three counts of sale of captured wild turtles without a license, second-degree misdemeanor; two counts of possession of a designated species of special concern, second-degree misdemeanor; sale of freshwater eels without a commercial license, second-degree misdemeanor. Francisco Ursua Yapp III, 42, four counts of salt

water product without a license, second-degree misdemeanor; two counts of purchase of freshwater fish without a license, second-degree misdemeanor; unlawful purchase of native redfish, second-degree misdemeanor; four counts of illegal possession of deer meat with intent to sell; possession of snook during closed season, second-degree misdemeanor; over-the-bag limit of snook, first-degree

misdemeanor; attempting to take a deer with gun and light, illegal possession of wild turkey with intent to sell, and possession of alligator. Second-degree felonies are punishable by fines of up to \$10,000 and 15 years in prison, third-degree felonies up to \$5,000 and five years in prison, first-degree misdemeanors up to \$1,000 and a year in jail, and second-degree \$500 and 60 days in jail.

AUDIT

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fraud and abuse is one of our agency's top priorities, and we work every day with our health plans, and other stakeholders to ensure this activity is properly reported and dealt with." According to the audit, the state contracted with SAS Institute in 2014 to develop and maintain an advanced data analytics system.

Though what is known as managed-care "encounter data" was available, the state did not require SAS Institute to include it in the

advanced analytics until 2015. Even then, AHCA staff told auditors that SAS Institute had been unable to process the Medicaid managed-care encounter data due to differences in how managed-care plans coded the data compared to claims data from the traditional fee-for-service payment system. As a result, the data wasn't included in the SAS Institute's analyses until January 2017, six months before the contract expired. Lawmakers in 2011 passed a major overhaul of the Medicaid system that requires most beneficiaries to enroll in managed-care plans, moving away from the fee-for-service model.

Only about 20 percent of 3.9 million Medicaid beneficiaries are outside of the managed care system, according to enrollment reports. AHCA ultimately withheld \$1.4 million in payments from SAS Institute for its performance, a move made possible under a change the state made to the contract in 2016, which McManus says, underscored the state's commitment to combating fraud and abuse. The audit noted AHCA renewed the contract five times, despite never conducting a cost-benefit analysis. The audit recommended that agency officials "document consideration of the cost effectiveness of

applicable contracts. We also recommend that, prior to contracting for similar services in the future, agency management establish and clearly identify vendor performance benchmarks." The Office of Medicaid Program Integrity is responsible for overseeing Medicaid provider activities to minimize fraud and abusive behavior, to recover Medicaid overpayments and to impose sanctions when appropriate. The office conducts audits of Medicaid providers to look at issues such as possible fraud and overpayments. The audits are based, in part, on analyses of Medicaid data. But the audit said the

Office of Medicaid Program Integrity did not refer leads or referrals about possible wrongdoing to managed-care organizations for investigation. The audit said the "effective use of Medicaid managed care encounter data to identify and timely communicate to the (managed care organizations) leads related to possible acts of fraud, abuse, or overpayment in the Medicaid program could allow the (managed care organizations) to more quickly stop or prevent unallowable payments to providers and provides greater assurance and further serves to demonstrate that the Agency is overseeing

Medicaid provider activities in accordance with state law." McManus, the AHCA spokeswoman, downplayed the auditor general's finding, calling it "technical." "Historically, our agency has not distinguished between fee-for-service claims and encounter data claims when we make referrals, but this does not mean that our agency is not referring fraud and abuse to the managed care plans," she said, adding that the agency made 180 referrals to plans for follow-ups. "In the future, in response to the audit we will make the distinction, but this is a very technical finding."

Weekly roundup: Taking odds on a special session

By Dara Kam
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Tallahassee touts, who've barely had time to get their pollen sprayed off their luxury SUVs since the Legislature folded up its tent three weeks ago, may want to bide their time before booking luxury vacations. Capitol insiders heaved a collective groan Thursday after legislative leaders revealed they're in the midst of behind-the-scenes talks that could lead to a special session before mid-summer. Sen. Bill Galvano and Rep. Jose Oliva, Republicans who will take over as the leaders of their chambers later this year, have resuscitated persistently elusive gambling issues as they explore a deal with the Seminole Tribe. In the waning days of the 2018 session, Galvano and Oliva scrambled to reach consensus on byzantine gambling legislation that addressed a panoply of issues, including blackjack, roulette, craps and slot machines. But a school-safety

measure prompted by the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland eclipsed the gambling proposal, along with much other business, as the regular session drew to a close in early March. The main reason for the revived interest in gambling issues, according to the GOP leaders, is a \$400 million ante; that's about how much the Seminoles currently pay the state for the "exclusive" right to run banked table games, such as blackjack, at most of the tribe's casinos and to operate slots outside of Miami-Dade and Broward counties. After a protracted legal battle, a federal judge sided with the tribe in a clash over whether lucrative "designated player games," operated by many of the state's pari-mutuel facilities, breached the exclusivity guarantee granted to the Seminoles. The state and the tribe reached a temporary settlement, in which the Seminoles agreed to keep making the payments until Saturday. The weekend deadline sparked the push for the

latest round of negotiations, Galvano and House Speaker Richard Corcoran said Thursday. The designated player games are just part of the gambling puzzle. The tribe and the gambling industry in general are awaiting the outcome of litigation over controversial electronic games found in bars, strip malls and restaurants. Critics and a Tallahassee judge contend the "pre-reveal" games are unregulated slot machines. The tribe also is paying close attention to so-called "internet cafes," which the Seminoles' lawyer, Barry Richard, claims are hosting illegal slot machines. The Seminoles won't reduce or stop payments to the state unless the disputed games have caused a "material economic impact" or "they feel they're paying more money for the exclusivity than they're getting value for," Richard said. "They (the Seminoles) have an increasing number of businesses that are coming in and that are blatantly violating their exclusivity," he said in an interview. "They're easy things

to fix. ... The Legislature hasn't fixed those things. I don't think it's the tribe's purpose to punish the state of Florida, but I think they want to get a fair value for their money." Lawmakers like Galvano, who's been a chief legislative gambling negotiator for years, are eager for the cash-related certainty a new compact with the Seminoles would provide. "The goal would be to have stability, and to know what to expect in terms of revenue share from the tribe and not be left in this ambiguous state where the tribe can stop paying, legally or not, and point to unresolved issues as the basis for their cessation," Galvano, R-Bradenton, said. But not all legislators are convinced of the urgency a special session implies. According to Sen. Audrey Gibson, a Jacksonville Democrat who will take over as the Senate minority leader after the November elections, Galvano and other lawmakers had plenty of notice that the Seminoles' payments could come to a halt.

IN BRIEF

ORLANDO Officer sentenced for firing into wrong house

A police officer who fired into a house after being sent to a wrong address will not have to serve any jail time. Local media reported that Ocoee officer Carlos Anglero was sentenced Thursday to three years of probation and 100 hours of community service on his January conviction of shooting into a building. A dispatcher sent officers to the wrong address

at 1 a.m. on Feb. 6, 2016, for a domestic disturbance. They pounded on the door but the homeowner said they didn't announce themselves as police. Another officer saw him inside with a gun and opened fire. Anglero then fired. No one was hit. Anglero blamed the dispatcher and said he had no regrets. MIAMI
Congressional candidate calls residents 'uneducated'

A congressional candidate is getting some unwanted attention after saying most people in her district "are uneducated." Miami Beach City Commissioner Kristen Rosen Gonzalez made the comment during a Tuesday night candidate forum. She said "out of 740,000 people living in the district, only about 190,000 have college degrees, 90,000 have graduate degrees. But the vast majority of people in this district are uneducated." The Miami Herald

reported that Rosen Gonzalez, a community college English professor, said she meant to say "undereducated" for the current job market. She blamed the paper for the controversy, saying it had taken the quote out-of-context on its opinion page's Twitter account. The paper's opinion editor said the quote was accurate. Gonzalez is one of eight Democrats running to replace retiring Republican U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.

Poll: 50 years after MLK, civil rights goals not met

By Jesse J. Holland and Emily Swanson
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Fifty years after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., only 1 in 10 African Americans think the United States has achieved all or most of the goals of the civil rights movement he led, according to a new poll by the Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Three-quarters of African Americans said there has been little or no progress on fair treatment by police, and more than half answered the same about fair coverage by the media, political representation or equal economic opportunities.

Currently, things are steadily “going on a quick downward spiral,” said Stephanie Sutton, 42, a Silver Spring, Maryland, housewife who is black. “Inequality touches everything, from work, police, schools, education, income, houses.”

Even when it comes to voting rights — the high point for perceived progress for all of Americans in the poll — just 34 percent of blacks said there has been a lot of progress



In this Jan. 17, 2013 photo, two women look at the portrait of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. following a service celebrating King's birthday in Atlanta. (DAVID GOLDMAN/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO)

made toward equality. Another 29 percent said there has been at least some progress.

“We’re going backward to where we’re starting to see more black males mostly getting assaulted by police officers unjustly and stuff like that,” said Kyla Marshall, 28, of Lansing, Michigan, a state government worker who is black.

Americans overall were only slightly more optimistic. More than half said major progress has been made toward equal voting rights for African Americans, but just a quarter said there has been a lot of progress in achieving equal treatment by police or the

criminal justice system. Among whites, 64 percent think there’s been a lot of progress and another 25 percent think there’s been minor progress on voting rights, while 28 percent think there’s been a lot of progress and 31 percent partial progress toward equality in the criminal justice system.

The poll found that 30 percent of American adults — 35 percent of whites and just 8 percent of blacks — said all or most of the goals of the 1960s civil rights movement have been achieved. Most of the remainder said partial progress has been achieved.

“I think the civil rights

movement was phenomenal in forcing banks, political systems and educational systems” to change, said Grant Jay Walters, 53, of Hamburg, New York, who is white. “I think it absolutely achieved its goals. I do not think the civil rights movement can go in and change the hearts of men. There’s still a lot of racism in the communities and I’m not sure how you can ever make that go away.”

The poll was taken about six weeks ahead of the 50th anniversary of King’s death.

King was shot and killed April 4, 1968, outside his second-floor room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, by segregationist James Earl Ray. King has since been acknowledged as an American hero for his quest for freedom, justice, equality and peace among all races.

The poll found only one area — voting rights — where a majority said a lot of progress has been made for racial equality since the civil rights movement. In total, 57 percent of Americans said there has been major progress on equal voting rights, though just 39 percent said there has

been major progress on political representation for African Americans.

Close to half said there has been major progress on reducing segregation in public life — 47 percent — and equal access to good education — 48 percent. About a third said there has been at least some progress in those areas.

On the lowest end of the spectrum, just 23 percent said there has been a great deal of progress in fair treatment of blacks by police or the criminal justice system, and nearly half said there has been little to no progress in either of those areas.

Whites were more likely than blacks to think there has been progress in every area asked about in the poll.

Blacks are “claiming racism but I don’t see it myself,” said Tommy Romero, 47, of New Iberia, Louisiana, who is white. “They’re claiming it but it’s all about what they feel about the past, slavery and everything else. That’s how I feel.”

Romero said that things overall have gotten much better considering the racism of the past, especially in the South.

“Things were terrible

back then,” he said. “The way minorities were treated, drinking at separate fountains, eating at separate restaurants, and sitting on certain parts of the bus, stuff like that, police beating on them, that just made no sense.”

In general, 54 percent of Republicans and just 14 percent of Democrats think most or all of the goals of the civil rights movement have been achieved. That ranged from 76 percent of Republicans and 46 percent of Democrats saying there has been a lot of progress on voting rights, to 43 percent of Republicans and 9 percent of Democrats saying there has been a lot of progress on fair treatment by police.

Just over half of all Americans — including 79 percent of blacks and 44 percent of whites — said African Americans continue to face disadvantages to getting ahead in the United States. That’s compared with 22 percent who said blacks actually have advantages and 26 percent who said their race makes no difference in getting ahead.

AP-NORC/MTV Poll: Young people run from Trump

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A majority of young people believe President Donald Trump is racist, dishonest and “mentally unfit” for office, according to a new survey that finds the nation’s youngest potential voters are more concerned about the Republican’s performance in the White House than older Americans.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and MTV found that just 33 percent of Americans

between the ages of 15 and 34 approve of Trump’s job performance.

That’s 9 points lower than all adults, who were asked the same question on a separate AP-NORC survey taken this month.

“Trump doesn’t care about us,” said 27-year-old Nicole Martin, an African-American graduate student in Missoula, Montana. “I’m not going to say he’s unfit like he has schizophrenia. I do kind of think he’s twisted in the head. He just comes off as disgusting to me.”

The survey is the first in

a series of polls designed to highlight the voices of the youngest generation of voters. The respondents, all of whom will be old enough to vote when Trump seeks re-election in 2020, represent the most diverse generation in American history.

They would occupy the largest share of the electorate — if they vote at the same rate as older Americans. But history suggests they are also the least likely to vote this fall. In the 2014 midterm elections, for example, only about 20

percent of 18-29-year-olds cast ballots.

Asked if she will vote this fall, when the president’s party, but not the president himself, will be on the ballot, Martin said: “I haven’t really thought about it.”

Still, there are signs that seven months before the midterm elections, young people appear to be more engaged in politics. Nearly half of younger Americans, 47 percent, say they’re personally paying closer attention to politics since Trump’s election; 2 in 10

say they’re engaging in political activism more than before.

High school students led massive protests nationwide last weekend that called for gun control in the wake of the recent school shooting in Parkland, Florida, that left 17 dead, and the poll found that young people are more focused about guns than any other issue. Twenty-one percent say the nation’s gun laws are their top concern, while 15 percent cited the economy and 8 percent said social inequality.

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BIKEFEST

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Colt Ford will be the headliner on April 29 at Bikefest.

trucks to storm Leesburg and get the party started.

The Big Rig Convoy, featuring an estimated 100 trucks, will ride under police escort from Wildwood to Leesburg, then roll through the city before returning to Wildwood for the 75 Chrome Shop's 29th Annual Truck Show.

"Many of the rigs are valued at \$500,000 or more and will surely provide a sight like no other," said Dave Farkus, owner of 75 Chrome Shop.

The convoy is one of several new wrinkles you'll find at Bikesfest this year. Here is a look at some others:

The Craft Beer Pub

Bikes, music and beer are staples of this event, and this year, Bikefest is tapping (pardon the pun) into the craft beer craze by offering a dedicated area to showcase some of Florida's best craft beer labels.

The Craft Beer Pub will be at the venue dubbed 1st Street Station on Canal Street, next to the Swamp stage. It will feature 20 taps behind 30 to 40 feet of bar with products from 19 brewers, including Wolf Branch in Eustis.

"It's a big undertaking," said Joe Shipes, chief executive officer of the Leesburg Partnership, which runs Bikefest. "You can't imagine the logistics of trying to sell that much product."

"This is not a blow-and-go. This is the sort of place where you enjoy a beer and hang out for a while."

Grease & Gears Garage

If you love tinkering

with motorcycles, you'll love Grease & Gears Garage, where some of the industry's best mechanics and craftsmen show you how they transform bikes into works of art in a stage show that is part workshop and part performance art. The guys will be mic'd up and will interact with the audience as they work their creative magic.

Daisy Duke contest

If you're at all familiar with Bikefest, then you know about the many hot body contests that occur through the weekend. Sunday has traditionally been a day of rest from that sort of thing, but this year the Daisy Duke contest will take to the Main Stage at the downtown square, sandwiched between some top country performers, including Colt Ford.

VIP tent

The Bikefest VIP tent has traditionally been reserved for members of the Leesburg Partnership, Chamber of Commerce members and Bikefest sponsors. This year, the Partnership is making 200 tickets available to the public as well, for \$75 apiece.

The VIP tent, located next to the Main Stage downtown, features air conditioned bathrooms and catered food. Tickets go on sale next week at the Partnership. Got to www.leesburgbikefest.com.



Bikers roll down Main Street during Bikefest in 2015. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE PHOTOS]

WEATHER

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of people can evacuate Florida in a fairly orderly fashion — even if not ordered to — because they have the time and the state has the infrastructure to allow it.

Here is the state of the social science: Too many people evacuated when they could have "sheltered

in place." And, instead of celebrating the "dodging of the bullet," some Floridians complained that they went to all the work of preparation, and "now Publix won't take the food back," said Leslie Chapman-Henderson of the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes.

So, members of the "weather enterprise" who met in Orlando for the 38th National Hurricane Conference asked, how can forecasters, government

WIDOW

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was killed by police after opening fire in the name of the Islamic State group.

Relying heavily on an alleged confession from Salman, federal prosecutors charged that she and Mateen had scouted out potential targets together and that she gave him the "green light to commit terrorism."

But the defense portrayed her as an easily manipulated woman with a low IQ and argued that she signed a false confession because she was tired after a long interrogation.

In a blow to the government's case, the FBI itself found that receipts and cellphone signals showed the couple were nowhere near the Pulse on the day Salman said they were.

Also, prosecutors introduced no online posts, texts or any other evidence that Salman supported ISIS, and were hard-pressed to counter the defense's portrayal of her as a simple, sweet mother who loves her 5-year-old son, romance novels and the cartoon character Hello Kitty.

After the verdict, prosecutors said they were

disappointed and took no questions.

The jurors said little as they left court.

"Noor Salman should never have been on trial," said Ahmed Bedier, a civil rights advocate and the president of United Voices of America. "Let this verdict serve as a message to law enforcement and prosecutors who railroad and persecute innocent people on little evidence, the people of this great nation will not allow it."

Some veteran attorneys said the government made a mistake in not recording the alleged confession. The jury was given only a written statement.

"The FBI needs to start recording their statements. It's a terrible practice. But it's the FBI's policy not to record," Markus said. "Even local police agencies now record statements and are required to do so. Jurors in today's age want to hear the recording, they want to see the evidence."

Miami defense attorney David Weinstein said: "As much as we don't want to admit it, this is the age of the cellphone. It's ingrained in the minds of jurors, if it's not recorded, it didn't happen."

Christine Leinonen, an attorney and former state trooper whose only son



Susan Adieh, left, cousin, and other family members of Noor Salman receive hugs from friends Friday after a jury found Salman not guilty on all charges at the Orlando Federal Courthouse in Orlando, Fla. The widow of the gunman who slaughtered 49 people at a gay Orlando nightclub was acquitted Friday of helping her husband plan the attack and lying to the FBI. [RED HUBER/ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

was killed in the nightclub massacre, told The Orlando Sentinel that she was disappointed but not shocked by the verdict. She said Salman's alleged confession was "clearly coerced" and added: "Cops screwed up their own cases."

Prosecutors had also accused Salman of falsely claiming that her husband didn't use the internet in their home, that he had deactivated his Facebook account years earlier, that he had one gun when he had three, and that he wasn't radicalized.

But the defense said that Salman, who was born in California to Palestinian parents, was abused and cheated on

by her husband and that he concealed much of his life from her. Her attorneys argued there was no way she knew her husband would attack the nightclub because even he didn't know it until moments before.

According to prosecutors, Mateen intended to attack Disney World's shopping and entertainment complex by hiding a gun in a stroller but became spooked by police and chose a new target.

Lush reported from St. Petersburg, Florida.

This story has been corrected to show that Bedier is with United Voices of America.

GAS

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are still being reviewed.

Any change is likely to set up a lengthy legal showdown with California, which currently has the power to set its own pollution and gas mileage standards and doesn't want them to change. About a dozen other states follow California's rules, and together they account for more than one-third of the vehicles sold in the US. Currently the federal and California standards are the same.

Automakers have lobbied to revisit the requirements, saying they'll have trouble reaching them because people are buying bigger vehicles due to low gas prices. They say the standards will cost the

industry billions of dollars and raise vehicle prices due to the cost of developing technology needed to raise mileage.

When the standards were first proposed, the government predicted two-thirds of new vehicles sold would be cars, with the rest trucks and SUVs, said Gloria Bergquist of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers. Now the reverse is true, she said.

Still, environmental groups say the standards save money at the pump, and the technology is available for the industry to comply.

They also say burning more gasoline will put people's health at risk.

"The American public overwhelmingly supports strong vehicle standards because they cut the cost of driving, reduce air pollution,

and combat climate change," said Luke Tonachel, director of the Natural Resources Defense Council's Clean Vehicles and Fuels Project.

The EPA and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are involved in setting the standards, which would cover the years 2022 through 2025.

Some conservative groups are pressing EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to revoke a waiver that allows California to set its own rules.

They say California shouldn't be allowed to set policy for the rest of the nation. Pruitt has publicly questioned the veracity of evidence compiled by climate scientists, including those in his own agency, that global warming is overwhelmingly caused by man-made carbon

emissions from burning fossil fuels.

If the waiver is revoked, California Attorney General Xavier Becerra says the state will resist. "What we're doing to protect California's environment isn't just good for our communities — it's good for the country," he said in a statement. "We're not looking to pick a fight with the Trump administration, but when they threaten our values, we're ready."

Getting rid of the waiver or having two gas mileage and pollution requirements presents a huge dilemma for automakers: while they would like to avoid fines for failing to meet the standards, they also want the expense of building two versions of cars and trucks, one for the California-led states and another for the rest of the country.

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are unique weather systems that are sensitive to nearby high and low pressure areas and wind shear. Each scenario is different. This is why forecasters tend to err on the side of caution.

"Subtle changes in a hurricane make big differences on the ground," Graham said. "A bigger hurricane can spread out those impacts — more storm surge, more rain. I could go on."

Namely, the size, barometric pressure, forward speed, wind speed, alignment of thunderstorm and tornado cells in a storm and the angle of collision with a coastline, and the impact area's built environment, all play key roles in how much devastation a hurricane causes.

Although Irma's direct death toll (four) in Florida was low and the cost of damages (\$65 billion) was high, the "where" and "how" of Irma's progress resulted in relief for millions and misery for millions more.

Realizing too late

For the lucky ones, said Chapman-Henderson, the "That-Wasn't-So-Bad" reaction is cause for concern.

A few days before Irma's impact, and with Texas' Hurricane Harvey fresh on their minds, tens of thousands of Manatee, Sarasota and Charlotte residents boarded up

and headed for Georgia and South Carolina after seeing predictions of 135 mph winds and 10- to 15-foot storm surges.

Those failed to materialize — thanks to Irma's rapid weakening after making landfall and its veer to the east just before hitting the Collier County coast.

That sent the eye of the storm inland far enough that it missed Sarasota County, and, with maximum winds of about 76 mph, resulted in minimal property damage, aside from power failures that in some cases lasted for weeks.

"We are only as good as the last one," Chapman-Henderson said, using the devastating cyclones Irene (2011) and Sandy (2012) on the eastern seaboard as examples. She spoke with storm survivors who fully prepared for Irene, and then "nothing happened," even though it was the ninth-costliest storm in history.

"And the next one came along, Sandy, and there was horrible loss of life (233 direct deaths). People evacuated in the middle of it. Their kids were swept away. Later on they said, 'I'd done it all before and nothing happened. This time, I realized I was too late.'"

After Hurricane Katrina (2005) on the upper Gulf Coast, she heard similar stories. Longtime residents who lived through

Hurricane Camille in 1969 thought nothing could be worse than that. But some of them lost everything and some wound up in trees hanging on for dear life," Chapman-Henderson said. More than 1,800 died, many from drowning.

"The weather has served up a very complex problem for us. We have moved past 'hurricane amnesia.' That was two years ago. Now, we will have some hysteria. Some of the Irma evacuations that were unnecessary were driven by Hurricane Harvey and the fear (from its 50 inches of rain). Some good behavior was driven by Harvey, as well.

"But beyond that, we are going to be dealing with how to reach people and make sure they understand to forget Irma, forget Charley: Every storm has its own story to tell. You have to still prepare. You can't use that past experience."

She suggests that instead of holding hurricane parties during storms, survivors who escape with little damage should hold parties afterward.

"I am very concerned about Irma. I was in Tampa after Irma, and people were like, 'Wow, I did all this stuff, and I didn't need to.' Instead of, 'Fantastic! I dodged the bullet.' And maybe that is that post-landfall dearth of the right information."

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OUR OPINION

Opiate limits need follow-up

Opiates are dangerous, contributing to nearly 6,000 deaths each year in Florida — a number that is on the rise. People who start with prescription pain medication can graduate to street drugs like heroin or the ultra-powerful narcotic fentanyl. And the epidemic's reach extends past those taking the drugs: Florida officials blame opiates for the dramatic increase in the number of children in state care because their parents are too disabled by addiction to care for them.

Opiates are also useful. Doctors wrote 3.6 million prescriptions for the painkillers in 2016, easing the pain of broken limbs, infected teeth, surgical incisions and cancer, among other conditions. For some patients with intractable pain, the relief they get from opioid painkillers is the only thing making their lives bearable.

So who is more important? The people struggling with addiction, and their suffering families? Or those who legitimately need the relief of reliable pain control?

Striking that balance has been terribly difficult for lawmakers. In the session that just ended, they opted on the side of fighting addiction — passing opioid-prescription measures that are the most stringent in the nation, according to information gathered by the state Legislature.

One part of the legislation makes obvious sense. For the first time, all doctors prescribing controlled substances (including non-opiate drugs, such as the class of stimulants used to treat attention-deficit disorders) are required to consult the state's prescription-monitoring database before prescribing controlled drugs. This could cut down on doctor-shopping behavior and help the state keep watch for a resurgence of the so-called "pill mills" that earned Florida a national reputation as a pipeline for controlled pharmaceuticals.

But the other measure in the new law might be overkill. Prescriptions for designated opiates will be limited to a three-day supply for most patients, or seven days' worth when doctors deem them "medically necessary." It also excludes several classes of patients, including those suffering from cancer, terminal illness, those with serious traumatic injuries and those under a regime of "palliative care," including those in hospice.

Only one other state, Kentucky, has a three-day prescribing limit, according to a National Conference of State Legislatures' survey in late 2017. And Kentucky's other restrictions aren't as harsh as Florida's. The caps in the new law are less than half of the seven-day limit recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

That pushes the nation's third-largest state into unknown territory. Does Florida's new law provide enough leeway to ensure that patients suffering from legitimate, sometimes maddening pain have whatever relief high-powered painkillers can provide? Only time will tell; doctors told the Legislature that they fear the answer is "no."

State officials shouldn't just assume the physicians are wrong. Instead, they should keep close track as the new law is implemented, watching to ensure the right balance was struck.

They should also monitor prescribing patterns to see how doctors' behavior changes: Are they more likely to deny access to truly needed pain relief because they are afraid of new state sanctions?

Without good data on the impacts of this law, lawmakers are shooting in the dark and can only hope they've struck the right balance.

ANOTHER OPINION



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Running marathons can improve lives

The article on March 29, "Marathon Man," struck a nerve.

Years ago, our daughter, Sarah, decided that she had gained too much weight before the birth of our granddaughter in 2008, so she was determined to try and "pare" back. Her plan was to take up running and, like Ed Ganley, she found that she really enjoyed it. She ran a number of 5Ks, 10Ks and half-marathons, and we were so privileged to be in Atlanta when she ran her first full marathon several years ago. What an exciting moment when she crossed the finish line! She has subsequently run a number of marathons, although nowhere near Mr. Ganley's number. She also completed the "Goofy Challenge" at the Disney Marathon Weekend a few years ago with a 10K on Friday, a half-marathon on Saturday and the full marathon on Sunday.

Over the last few years she has been competing in the triathlon competitions and holds her own in her age group.

Your article provided a "feel good" moment as, like our daughter, Mr. Ganley has obviously improved his life and the lives of his loved ones through his determination. I

don't know exactly where our daughter found her inspiration (although her Mom and I were not sedentary), but I must applaud all who make such a determination and follow wherever it leads.

Daniel Andrews, The Villages

Balanced budget amendment

Reports are surfacing that the GOP is considering introducing legislation to add a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution in advance of the 2018 midterms after the tax cuts and the Omnibus bill.

This won't pass, but it is intended to create a false sense of urgency about how Social Security and Medicare are bankrupting the country. The cry will be that the U.S. needs to cut these programs in order to maintain solvency. In the case of Social Security, that argument is factually false. Under current payroll tax rates and expected benefit payouts, Social Security is funded for many more years. And a two-percent Social Security payroll tax increase would fund the program indefinitely even under the most pessimistic assumptions. Medicare is more challenging, but still manageable.

If you care about seniors, or your parents and

grandparents, and don't want to have them living with you or having their medical expenses bankrupt you, then legislation should be stopped in its tracks. The balanced budget amendment is just a red herring issue.

Alan Harris, Clermont

Recent opinion column misleading

In your recent opinion column, you state that when President George W. Bush took office in 2001 the national debt was a staggering \$5.8 trillion and now that President Donald J. Trump is in office it is \$21 trillion.

It never mentions that when President Bush left office in 2009 the debt was approximately \$10 trillion which included war funding, an increase of \$4.2 trillion in eight years. When Obama left office the debt had increased to \$20 trillion, an increase of \$10 trillion in eight years. Obama was responsible for more debt during his term than the entire country had accumulated since its inception.

Not one word of this reckless, irresponsible fiscal incompetence was mentioned in your column.

David J. Hovevar, Yalaha

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ANOTHER OPINION

'I'm authentically sorry for the Facebook unpleasantness. Well, kinda'



Carl Hiaasen

Rejected first draft of Mark Zuckerberg's belated apology for the mass data invasion that affected at least 50 million Facebook users:

To all devoted members of the worldwide Facebook family, I want to say how sorry I am that some of your personal information got mined, tracked and re-deployed by Cambridge Analytica during the last U.S. election cycle.

Most CEOs would immediately accept full blame for such a scandal, and promise it will never happen again. But I'm not like traditional CEOs. I'm way, way cooler.

I don't wear pinstriped suits and neckties, or carry a calfskin briefcase. I wear blue jeans and carry a cup of coffee in a flimsy biodegradable cup.

And my generation of aloof tech billionaires doesn't believe in shoveling BS at our customers and shareholders. So here's the hard truth about the Facebook data breach:

We weren't prepared for it, we really didn't do much to try to stop it, we covered it up for a couple years and, yeah, something just like it is bound to happen again.

But, folks, let's be real. All that stolen information that went from Cambridge to the Trump campaign didn't come from us. It came from you!

And, yes, I'm including Johnny K., from you-know-where, Missouri. Forty-six years old. Five-eleven, a buck eighty-five, according to your last driver's license.

Clearly a hard-working, responsible guy. Local eight-to-five at the local Amazon fulfillment center. Wife and two happy kids who, judging by those Halloween costumes, are seriously into the "Transformer" movies.

Johnny, I know you just purchased an extended warranty to cover the power train

on your F-150 — very smart move. Same goes for that new home alarm system with the camera in the doorbell.

But, Johnny, here's what happened that put you in the middle of this political data-mining mess.

Remember that zinger you posted when your sister Mary Ellen signed up as a volunteer for Hillary Clinton's campaign?

How you said you were going to buy her an orange jumpsuit for when she went door-to-door?

Just a joke, obviously. A harmless little dig.

But it was enough for the sneaky braniacs who are good at this kind of stuff to identify you as a potential Trump voter and start swamping you with campaign messages.

Now, I don't know how you actually voted in the election, Johnny. Could I find out? Probably. OK, sure I could find out.

But do I really care? Nope. On behalf of Facebook, and all social media companies, let me say that

we and our advertisers welcome all your posts.

The more detailed and personal, the better.

We're proud that customers like you feel comfortable enough on our poorly guarded platform to share basically every aspect of your lives — your dreams, desires, disappointments, and especially your strawberry cheesecake recipes.

Because without this avalanche of mundane content, without this naive mass impulse to expose your inner selves online, my company would go broke. So keep the hits coming, everybody.

We love it, your Facebook "friends" love it, even that guy you haven't seen since 1992 who says you still owe him a hundred bucks for a lid of Jamaican weed — he's glad you're out there, too. How else could he track you down?

But, people, don't blame us when your personal information gets into the wrong hands. Did you seriously think this was a corporate priority?

I do regret that so many millions of Facebook users were caught off-guard by the Russian trolls, fake news sites, political data thieves, blah, blah, blah.

Lots of customers are mad, our stock price is diving, and apparently I might have to fly to Washington and testify. For that I'll probably need to lose the jeans.

Yet this crisis will pass. To all who are concerned, I authentically hear you. We want your trust back.

So get on your Facebook page right now and check out our upgraded privacy settings, keeping in mind that no such thing as privacy exists anymore.

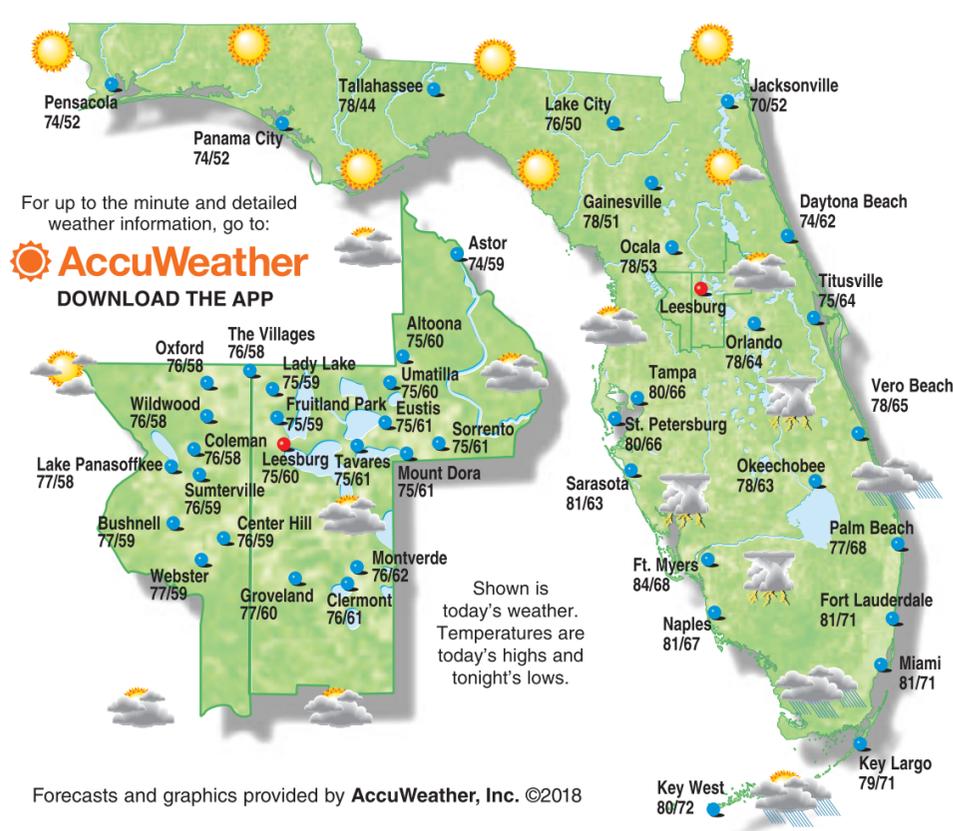
But the settings, seriously, are way cooler than before. I mean, we totally outdid ourselves.

Now, can somebody please get me another coffee?

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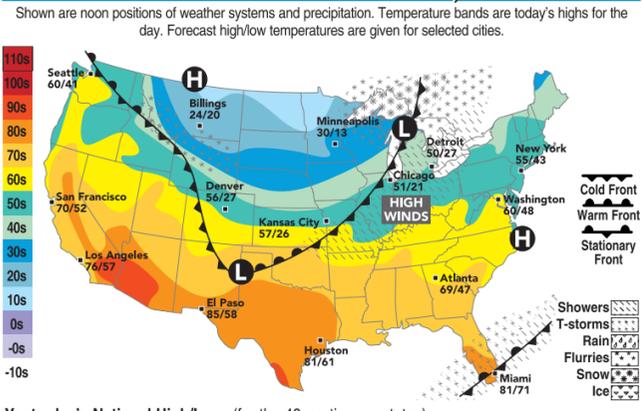
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SOLUNAR TABLE

The solunar 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 12:22 p.m.	6:10 a.m.	-----	6:34 p.m.
Sun. 12:47 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	1:11 p.m.	7:23 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sunday	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise	7:19 a.m.	7:18 a.m.				
Sunset	7:45 p.m.	7:46 p.m.	Mar 31	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 22
Moonrise	8:08 p.m.	9:07 p.m.				
Moonsset	7:36 a.m.	8:14 a.m.				

TIDES

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Homosassa				
Today	6:32 am	1.1	1:06 am	0.0
	6:30 pm	1.1	1:43 pm	0.1
Daytona Beach				
Today	8:44 am	4.5	2:31 am	-0.7
	9:09 pm	4.6	2:49 pm	-0.6

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	54	40	s	44	28	pc	Cheyenne	41	23	sn	54	33	pc	Great Falls	25	13	c	45	18	sf
Albuquerque	74	51	pc	77	50	s	Chicago	51	21	sh	39	24	pc	Greensboro, NC	65	46	s	71	51	pc
Anchorage	37	21	s	41	23	s	Cincinnati	60	34	c	48	29	c	Hartford	58	39	s	55	30	pc
Asheville	64	42	pc	70	51	pc	Cleveland	53	29	sh	40	27	c	Honolulu	82	69	sh	82	72	pc
Atlanta	69	47	s	76	55	s	Columbia, SC	72	45	s	79	54	s	Houston	81	61	s	81	64	pc
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Boston	53	40	s	54	33	pc	Duluth	24	8	sn	29	9	pc	Memphis	71	53	pc	58	44	t
Buffalo	50	28	pc	34	28	c	El Paso	85	58	pc	86	61	s	Milwaukee	49	20	sh	38	25	pc
Burlington, VT	51	37	s	42	26	c	Fargo	17	4	c	25	8	pc	Minneapolis	30	13	c	36	23	pc
Charleston, SC	69	46	s	75	55	pc	Fairbanks	30	22	pc	34	10	pc	Nashville	70	48	pc	58	43	r
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Charlotte, NC	68	46	s	76	56	pc	Grand Rapids	47	23	sh	36	22	c	New York City	55	43	s	56	35	pc
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Providence	56	41	s	59	33	pc	Salt Lake City	71	47	c	70	51	s	San Antonio	81	62	s	82	65	pc
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What we know about cancer risk and coffee

By Marilyn Marchione
 The Associated Press

Trouble is brewing for coffee lovers in California, where a judge ruled that sellers must post scary warnings about cancer risks. But how frightened should we be of a daily cup of joe? Not very, some scientists and available evidence seem to suggest.

Scientific concerns about coffee have eased in recent years, and many studies even suggest it can help health.

“At the minimum, coffee is neutral. If anything, there is fairly good evidence of the benefit of coffee on cancer,” said Dr. Edward Giovannucci, a nutrition expert at the Harvard School of Public Health.

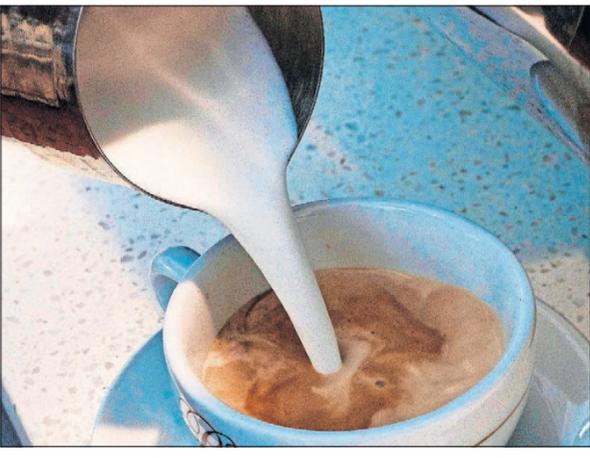
The World Health Organization’s cancer agency moved coffee off the “possible carcinogen” list two years ago, though it says evidence is insufficient to rule out any possible role.

The current flap isn’t about coffee itself, but a chemical called acrylamide (ah-KRILL-ah-mide) that’s made when the beans are roasted. Government agencies call it a probable or likely carcinogen, based on animal research, and a group sued to require coffee sellers to warn of that under a California law passed by voters in 1986.

The problem: No one knows what levels are safe or risky for people. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets acrylamide limits for drinking water, but there aren’t any for food.

“A cup of coffee a day, exposure probably is not that high,” and probably should not change your habit, said Dr. Bruce Y. Lee of Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. “If you drink a lot of cups a day, this is one of the reasons you might consider cutting that down.”

Here’s what’s known about the risks.



A barista pours steamed milk in coffee at a cafe in Los Angeles. Superior Court Judge Elihu Berle has ruled that California law requires coffee companies to carry an ominous cancer warning label because of a chemical produced in the roasting process.

The chemical

Start with the biggest known risk factor for cancer — smoking — which generates acrylamide. In the diet, French fries, potato chips, crackers, cookies, cereal and other high-carbohydrate foods contain it as a byproduct of roasting, baking, toasting or frying.

Food and Drug Administration tests of acrylamide levels found they ranged from 175 to 351 parts per billion (a measure of concentration for a contaminant) for six brands of coffee tested; the highest was for one type of decaf coffee crystals. By comparison, French fries at one fast food chain ranged from 117 to 313 parts per billion, depending on the location tested. Some commercial fries had more than 1,000.

Even some baby foods contain acrylamide, such as teething biscuits and crackers. One brand of organic sweet potatoes tested as having 121 parts per billion.

What’s the risk?

The “probable” or “likely” carcinogen label is based on studies of animals given high levels of acrylamide in drinking water. But people and

rodents absorb the chemical at different rates and metabolize it differently, so its relevance to human health is unknown.

A group of 23 scientists convened by the WHO’s cancer agency in 2016 looked at coffee — not acrylamide directly — and decided coffee was unlikely to cause breast, prostate or pancreatic cancer, and that it seemed to lower the risks for liver and uterine cancers. Evidence was inadequate to determine its effect on dozens of other cancer types.

The California law

Since 1986, businesses have been required to post warnings about chemicals known to cause cancer or other health risks — more than 900 substances are on the state’s list today — but what’s a “significant” risk is arguable.

Coffee sellers and other defendants in the lawsuit that spurred Thursday’s ruling have a couple weeks to challenge it or appeal.

The law “has potential to do much more harm than good to public health,” by confusing people into thinking risks from something like coffee are similar to those from smoking, Giovannucci said.



Thomas Bach, President of the International Olympic Committee, talks to The Associated Press on Friday about his visit to North Korea in the Koryo Hotel, Pyongyang, North Korea. [THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

IOC president meets NKorean leader Kim

The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach met with Kim Jong Un in Pyongyang on Friday and said the North Korean leader is committed to having his country participate in the 2020 Tokyo Summer Olympics and the Beijing Winter Games in 2022.

Bach told an Associated Press Television crew that the two had a 30-minute formal meeting followed by 45 minutes of casual discussions while watching a football match Friday afternoon at Pyongyang’s May Day Stadium.

He called the talks productive and said Kim expressed his appreciation for the IOC’s role in helping North Korea compete at the Pyeongchang Winter Olympics in South Korea last month.

“We had a very fruitful meeting where it became clear that the supreme leader has a clear vision of the role that sport can play in a society with regard to education, with regard to health,” Bach said. He added that Kim told him the North’s participation in the Pyeongchang games and marching together with South Korean athletes were an “important contribution to a peaceful dialogue.”

Bach arrived in Pyongyang on Thursday to discuss

development of sports in North Korea and the preparation of its athletes to qualify and participate in upcoming Olympics. He is the first foreign official to meet Kim since the North Korean leader returned earlier this week from a summit in Beijing with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

That was Kim’s first known trip abroad since he assumed power after the death of his father in late 2011. Kim is to meet with South Korean President Moon Jae-in on April 27.

Bach, who also met with North Korea’s sports minister, said he received a commitment from the county’s National Olympic Committee to participate in Tokyo in 2020 and Beijing in 2022, along with competing in the respective youth Olympic Games.

“This commitment has been fully supported by the supreme leader Kim Jong Un in a meeting we had this afternoon,” he said. “He explained that sport is a pillar in his policy for the future development of the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea.”

Both the North and South hailed the Pyeongchang games as a significant step toward easing tensions on the Korean Peninsula that reached dangerously high levels last year as the North stepped up its missile tests and detonated its largest nuclear device to date.

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CHAT WITH A VETERAN



JOHN DUMAS

Town: Clermont

Branch of service and rank: Army/ Army reserve, 1st lieutenant

Enlisted or drafted? I went in through ROTC in college. I think I was fascinated with the goal of being part of something that was larger than me, and of being able to serve my country.

What did you do in the service? I was trained as an infantry officer, then I went into the individual ready reserve.

Why was it important? If things get really bad, they can call you, and you come back.

What is your most important memory from service? The camaraderie with all the guys, and doing exciting things you wouldn't do in the regular world.

What did you like least about service? Hurry up and wait.

What do you want people to understand about war? It's hard to make a decision to go to war, but the people who actually fight, some of them never come back.

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.

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 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.

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

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Navy vet made his choice



John Fisher indicates a point on the Fulton, the submarine tender he served on in the Pacific Theater of Operations. [NANCY MERKLIN/SUBMITTED]

By Andy Fillmore
Gatehouse Media Florida

John Fisher had a choice to make as a high school sophomore in Saxton, Pennsylvania, during World War II.

Fisher, then 16, could turn left for a disciplinary visit to the principal's office because he was late for homeroom, or turn right and sign up for the military.

He turned right and tried to join the U.S. Navy, but was told to return when he turned 17.

Fisher moved to Akron, Ohio, where a sister lived, and took a job at a farm for about six months, until he turned 17. He joined the Navy on March 3, 1944.

He went to an abbreviated four-week boot camp. After a 15-day leave, he was put on a troop train bound for Mare Island Naval Shipyard in California to join the crew of the Fulton, a submarine tender loaded with torpedoes, which soon was headed for the Pacific Theater of

Operations.

The website HullNumber.com states the Fulton was 529 feet, 6 inches long, had a "flank speed" of 18 knots and sailed with 1,303 personnel.

According to U.S. Navy website www.history.navy.mil, the Fulton, AS-11, was commissioned in 1941. The tender was deployed right after the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, and sailed for the U.S. West Coast for an overhaul in March 1944. The Fulton sailed for Pearl Harbor in June 1944.

"We sailed out past the Golden Gate bridge and Alcatraz and everybody got seasick," Fisher said about heading out for the Pacific Theater.

The website indicates the Fulton served for a month tending submarines around Pearl Harbor, then sailed to Midway and then to Saipan by April 1945. The Fulton returned to Pearl Harbor and remained there until June 1945, then headed to Guam, where she "refitted

submarines for the last patrols of the war," the site states.

Fisher said the Fulton tended as many as 13 submarines at once while at Saipan in 1944. The Fulton carried torpedoes to supply to submarines and had a carpentry shop and machine shop, he said. He said sometimes crew members of submarines were taken aboard the Fulton for medical reasons.

Fisher said he helped paint camouflage designs on the side of the Fulton by hanging from a bosun's chair.

"After five or six hours, you got too tired to pull yourself up," he said, so fellow crew members would pull the painters back onto the ship.

He also recalled shipboard movies and the difficulties of sleeping in a hammock.

Fisher completed his World War II service in June 1946. He returned to Cove High School in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, at age 19 and graduated in 1947. He met

Ada Mae Bassler in high school and they married in 1947.

Fisher, now 91, grew up in Stonerstown, Pennsylvania, where his father worked for the railroad. Fisher can recall a time during the Great Depression when trucks drove around his neighborhood to distribute materials to people who "had absolutely nothing."

Fischer also worked with the railroad for a time, and refurbished old houses and converted them to rental units, which he maintained.

He said that he tried ultralight aircraft flying and hang gliding and that he and his wife took a trip to Hawaii, where they tried flying on a kite pulled by a boat. Fisher was seriously injured in the early 1990s while taking off with an ultra-light aircraft. The landing gear became entangled in brush and he required a 12-hour surgery as a result of the crash.

Ada Mae Fisher passed

See VET, B4

Patriot Service dogs showing off class of 2020

Mount Dora event slated for Sunday, April 8 at weekly market

Staff Report

MOUNT DORA — Patriot Service Dogs is a non-profit organization providing disabled veterans with fully trained service dogs at no cost.

This is possible because the group is a completely volunteer-driven organization.

Patriot Service Dogs will show off its class of 2020 from 8:30 to 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 8 at the Mount Dora Village Market in Sunset Park on West 4th Avenue.

Visitor will learn how to approach a service dog and why it takes two years for a pup to become a service dog. Donations will be accepted.

The group works to help individuals with mobility-related disabilities or PTSD who wish to gain independence through the assistance of a specially trained service dog. It also strives to educate and create awareness among the general public



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and the benefits that well-trained service dogs provide

to people with disabilities. To learn more, call

352-514-9903 or go to www.patriotservicedogs.org.

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Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study;
11:30 a.m. Healing Service
www.holytrinityfp.com
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Church office 352-787-1829
Community Christian Preschool
352-787-1830
Co-Pastors Rev. Debbie Allen &
Rev. Daryl Allen
Sunday Traditional Worship 8 am & 11 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am & 11 am
www.communityumcfp.com

Countryside Baptist Church
2805 Register Road, Fruitland Park
Pastor John W. Stricklen
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Service 10:30 am
Sunday & Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

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04001 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park
352-787-7962
Pastor Rick Welborne
Sunday Deaf Impaired 10:00am
Sunday Evening 6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer and Youth Service 7:00pm
Sunday School 9:00am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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352-787-0996
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South Lake Christian Church
19455 Villa City Road, Groveland, FL 34736
352-429-3400
Traditional Service 8:45AM
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Bethany Lutheran Church
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www.christumcleesburg.com

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Wednesday Praise & Prayer 6:30pm
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Sunday service 8:00am & 9:00am
www.villagepark.org
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200 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg
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Sunday School 8:45am
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352-787-3223
Sunday Worship Service 9:30am
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400 Executive Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748
352-315-1695
Pastor John Blake
Service Time 9 am & 11 am
www.goodnewschurch.org



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(352) 552-0052
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2100 Dr. M. L. Boulevard, Leesburg
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508 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg
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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00pm

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204 Lee Street, Leesburg
352-787-1981
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Sunday Holy Eucharist Services
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Thursday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
10:00am
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1330 Sunshine Avenue, Leesburg
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Sunday Masses 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am
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3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka
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Thursday Morning Prayer 9:30am
Sunday Evening Prayer with Eucharist 4:00pm
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Corner of Old 441 & SR 19, Tavares
352-343-2761
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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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www.fumctavares.com

Unity Tavares

1410 E Alfred St. (Old 441)
Tavares, FL 32778
352-508-8266
Sunday Meditation 10:00
Sunday Service 10:30
www.UnityTavares.org

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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

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Wildwood, FL 34785
(352) 330-0463
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REFLECTIONS

*God's grace
cleanses
when you
need it most*



Rick Reed

The next time you take a shower, I want you to think of the word "grace." I would like you to do this as you prepare for Easter Sunday.

You see some people treat God's grace like they're in the shower. They act as if His grace protects us as long as we're under the water but once we're out of the shower it's like we're out of God's protective grace.

I think that much of our religious thinking tends to support that. I used to think that way but now I think I have a better understanding of grace.

You see grace isn't what we do — it's what He did.

We're never more saved than when we were first saved. Consequently, we're never less saved, either — unless of course we reject His grace.

Consider this fact: Christ didn't die just for the sins you committed before you were saved — He died for all the sins you will commit before and after you are saved. More importantly — He died fully knowing what sins you commit today, tomorrow and in the future.

God's grace doesn't just cleanse me while I'm doing good and trying to be a good Christian, it cleanses me when I need it most — those times when I'm not trying at all.

I think that's what Paul told Titus when he wrote Titus 3:3-7: "For it wasn't that long ago that we behaved foolishly in our stubborn disobedience. We were easily led astray as slaves to worldly passions and pleasures. We wasted our lives in doing evil, and with hateful jealousy we hated others. When the extraordinary compassion of God our Savior and His overpowering love suddenly appeared in person, as the brightness of a dawning day, He came to save us. Not because of any virtuous deed that we have done but only because of his extravagant mercy. He saved us, resurrecting us through the washing of rebirth. We are made completely new by the Holy Spirit whom he splashed over us richly by Jesus, the Messiah, our Life Giver. So as a gift of His love, and since we are faultless — innocent before his face — we can now become heirs of all things, all because of an overflowing hope of eternal life."

It's not like being clean only when I'm under the shower and scrubbing with soap. It's being clean because I'm under the protective, forgiving, loving shower of God's grace — always.

Take a few moments and consider each word, "the extraordinary compassion of God our Savior," "His overpowering love," "His extravagant mercy," "We are made completely new," "we are faultless, innocent before his face," and finally, "because of an overflowing hope of eternal life." While some might want to use it as a license to sin, I see it as one more reason not to.

Paul added in the next verse: "How true and faithful is this message I want you to especially emphasize these truths, so that those who

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COMMENTARY

Losing our sacred spaces

The tragedy to communities when church buildings are demolished to make condos

By Duke Kwon
Special to The Washington Post

I walk by a brown brick church in my neighborhood every day. On Sunday, the aging but still impressive building will be empty on Easter for the first time in a hundred years. And soon, the building will be converted into luxury condos.

While the impact of gentrification on affordable housing in Washington, D.C., and other cities has been a topic of ongoing study and debate, still underappreciated is its impact on a different sort of "housing" — namely, houses of worship. The issue is on my radar because I am the pastor of a church that met in that building until November.

For four years, Grace Meridian Hill was the sole tenant of 3431 13th St. NW, Washington, D.C., a 100-year-old building formerly owned by Mount Rona Missionary Baptist Church. In 2014, our landlord sold the property to developers. We recently learned the groundbreaking is scheduled for this week.

Although we grieved the loss of our home, our greater concern and lament is for the neighborhood and city. Numerous church properties within a few blocks have been sold to developers in the past few years, including Southern Bethany Baptist Church, Iglesia Ni Cristo, and Meridian Hill Baptist Church.

Church-to-condo conversions are part of a growing trend nationwide. According to one survey, church redevelopment projects nearly tripled across the United States between 2010 and 2015. In 2014 and 2015, the D.C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs received 31 applications to renovate houses of worship for other uses.

Historic church buildings are becoming an endangered species. Sacred spaces are disappearing from our civic landscape. And I believe our city will be worse off.

A church building exists not simply for its worshipers,



A 100-year-old building formerly owned by Mount Rona Missionary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., was sold in 2014 to developers. [DUKE KWON]

but also for the common good. It is a local, identifiable and accessible "sanctuary" for neighbors in need of refuge from the storms of life. It is physical locale in which you can seek God when you feel lost and find a community when you feel lonely. It offers the weak and weary a literal door on which to knock when they need help with their electric bill. It sometimes serves as a polling place and an AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) or ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission) meeting place.

In 2009, Ram Cnaan, a professor at the University of Pennsylvania, estimated that urban congregations provide an average of \$476,663 worth of services to their local communities annually. Of course, that's if the worshiping communities are sacrificially committed to love their neighbors. But the civic value of churches and their buildings extends beyond economic terms. Church buildings are visible

emblems of Jesus' street-level proximity and daily accessibility. He has "moved into the neighborhood" (John 1:14, The Message).

Church buildings are public outposts of the presence of God in the city's commons.

So when cities watch passively as sacred spaces slowly disappear and as "third places" where neighbors can gather and true community can be forged are increasingly privatized, the entire community loses out.

What can be done? First, churches need to be convinced that buildings matter. Followers of Jesus need to recover a theology of place, space and parish that promotes the value of the built environment. This season of remembering Christ's bodily resurrection is a perfect time to reclaim the historic Christian belief that God cares about physical stuff — bodies and buildings (see 1 Corinthians 15:12-58).

We need a fresh vision of the gospel that compels us

to prioritize our neighbor's well-being. Jesus came not to be served but to serve and give his life for others — and Christians are called to be like him, joyfully and sacrificially devoting our possessions and property toward the benefit of the neighborhood.

Second, the city could create economic incentives for churches to sell their buildings to other churches or community-based nonprofits. Adjustments to zoning regulations could protect historic church buildings (and their wildly attractive footprint) from unfettered redevelopment. Neighbors could advocate for the preservation of houses of worship.

By God's grace, Grace Meridian Hill found a fantastic alternative only several blocks away, and we are flourishing in our new home. The point is that church buildings are slowly disappearing. And because they have great potential to serve the common good, we should all be concerned.

CALENDAR

TODAY

EASTER EGG HUNT: At 9 a.m. at North Lake Presbyterian Church, 975 Rolling Acres Road in Lady Lake. For ages one to 10. Bring a basket for collecting eggs. Call 352-753-8484 for information.

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.

EASTER EGG HUNT: At 10:30 a.m. at Welcome Home Christian Church, 335 Tomato Hill Road in Leesburg. With free food, games and petting zoo. Egg hunt for grades 6 and younger. Call Cheryl Dykstra at 352-406-9254 or go to welcomehomechristian.com.

PASSOVER SEDER DINNER: At 5:30 p.m. at Pennbrooke Fairways, 32900 Countryside Blvd. in Leesburg. With Rabbi Karen Allen of Congregation Beth Shalom. Cost is \$40, \$15 for ages 6 to 12 and free for ages

5 and under. Call Burt Kraft at 352-513-3517 for reservations. Go to bethsholomflorida.org for information.

SUNDAY

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.

EASTER SUNDAY: At 8:30, 10 and 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 117 S. Center St. in Eustis. The church sanctuary and fellowship hall will come alive with colorful bonnets. Call 352-357-2833 for information.

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 mercychurchfl.org.

SUNRISE SERVICE: At 7 a.m. at Grace Bible Baptist Church, 1703 Lewis Road in Leesburg. Followed by free breakfast, message and concert. No Sunday school or evening service. Call 352-326-5738 for information.

EASTER SERVICE: Cafe worship at 9 a.m. and sanctuary worship at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora, 222 W. 6th Ave. Orlando Brass Quintet

will provide special music at 11 a.m. Go to fpcmtdora.org or call 352-383-4089 for details.

EASTER CELEBRATION SERVICES: At 8, 9:30 and 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church of Mount Dora, 439 E. Fifth Ave. Everyone welcome to bring fresh flowers to place on the resurrection cross before the services. Call 352-383-2005 or go to mtdorafumc.org for details.

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. lanthe 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.

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.

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.

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

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SALUTE

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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.

WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION: At 10 p.m. at American Legion Post 347, 699 W. Lady Lake Drive in Lady Lake. For Villages Honor Flight's first flight of 2018. Public Welcome. Bring lawn chair and American Flag. With Village Cheerleaders and Twirlers,

Clown Alley 179 and Ralph DiNome and his Flashback band. Go to villageshonor-flight.org.

THURSDAY

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY – FLOTILLA 43 MEETING: At 7 p.m. the first Thursday of the month at Mid-Florida Lakes MHP, 200 Forest Drive in Leesburg. Promote recreational boating safety while receiving specialized training and making new friends. Call 407-761-8764 or email marty@ganii.com.

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 veteran-sinfoandevents@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.
LUNCHEON: From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at American Legion Post 18, 401 E. Atlantic Highway in Wildwood. Shepherd's pie, salad, bread and dessert. Donation is \$7.50. Open to the public. Call 352-748-7009 for information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

SAR MEETING: At 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month at American Legion John Gella Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Call Bob Beightol at 850-206-7344 for information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

PATRIOT SERVICE DOGS: From 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Village Market in downtown Mount Dora. Nonprofit provides disabled veterans with service dogs at no cost. Learn how to approach a service dog and why it takes two years for a pup to be trained. Go to patriotsservice-dogs.org.

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believe in God will be careful to devote themselves to doing good works. It is always beautiful and profitable for believers to do good works. This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress

these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.”
 Knowing Jesus knows – and forgives – my next sin, it makes me want to sin less, not more.

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

VET

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away in 1997. John said he traveled around the U.S. by train for about 18 months after she died.

The couple has two sons and a daughter. Nancy Merklin lives with her father in his home in southwest Marion County.

Merklin recalled that her mother dropped her books in front of her father in high

school to get his attention, but he just walked on by.

“My mother was devastated,” Merklin said, adding that Fisher soon, however, was passing notes to Ada Mae.

Fisher said he has attended reunions of sailors who served on the Fulton, held every two years, although he missed the last two. He was at the decommissioning ceremony for the Fulton at New London, Connecticut, and got an original coffee cup from the ship's galley. The HullNumber.com website indicates the Fulton was “sold for scrap” in 1991.

FAITH

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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.

SUMMER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION: At 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Oxford Assembly of God, U.S. Highway 301 in Oxford. Call 352-748-6124 or email

to oxfordassembly@embarq.com.

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.

HOLY HOUR AND HAPPY HOUR: At 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month at Chabad House Center for Jewish Life and Learning, 13030 County Road 103

in Oxford. Beginners Shabbat Service followed by cocktails and traditional dishes. RSVP to 352-330-4466 or info@jewishmarion.org. Go to ourchabad.org for information.

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY, APRIL 8

MARRIAGE CONFERENCE: At 3 p.m. at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County Road 452 in Leesburg. Together at the Lake with Dale and Jena Forehand of Stained Glass and Living Deeper Ministries. Cost is \$313 per couple. Call Jeff Yant at 352-483-9800.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

GROWING IN CHRIST CLASS: From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Fairway Christian Church Room C/D, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Lunch provided. Call

352-259-9305 to register.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

REAL MEN OF JESUS: From 6 to 9 p.m. the second Monday the month at The Cross Mount Dora, 18800 U.S. Highway 441. Service projects throughout the year. Email jgranger@ridgeoutdoors.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 9 TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

SENIOR FEST ONE: At 3 p.m. at Lake Yale Baptist Conference Center, 39034 County Road 452 in Leesburg. With preachers, music, seminars and activities for senior men and women. Go to lybcc.com/senior-fest for pricing and details.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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

SHABBAT EVENING SERVICE: At 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Sholom Synagogue, 315 N. 13th St. in Leesburg. Commemoration of Yom Hashoah, a Holocaust Remembrance Day, led by Rabbi Karen Allen. Refreshments at Oneg Shabbat following service. Go to bethsholomflorida.org.

MOVIE NIGHT AND DINNER: At 5:45 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church, 2727 S. Grove St. in Eustis. Choice of Coco, Justice League or Gifted. Children must be accompanied by adult and may bring mat for viewing movie. With spaghetti, salad, Italian bread and ice cream. Free. Call 352-389-5433 for information.



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Montverde to play for title

Eagles soar past Findlay Prep in semifinals

Staff Report

After a close call in its opening game at the Geico High School Nationals, the top-ranked Montverde Academy boys basketball team took no chances in the semifinals.

The Eagles took care of business from the start and rolled into the finals of the tournament with a 71-53 win over Findlay Prep on Friday in New York City.

The championship game

will be an all-Florida affair as Montverde will play for its fourth national title in the tournament on Saturday at noon against Fort Lauderdale Nova Southeastern University School. The game will be televised on ESPN2.

University School, the FHSAA Class 5A state champions, reached the finals by knocking off Virginia Oak Hill Academy 80-65 in Friday's first semifinal. University School (35-1) is seeded third in the tournament.

Montverde (34-0) got 22 points and 10 rebounds from R.J. Barrett in the semifinal as



the Duke signee became the tournament's all-time leading scorer. He eclipsed the mark held by former Montverde star Ben Simmons and did it in two fewer games.

Barrett, who has won

multiple national Player of the Year awards this season, also had three steals, three assists and a block while making 9-of-23 shots from the field.

Filip Petrusev added 21 points and seven rebounds for the Eagles and Michael Devoe had 11 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Montverde, which defeated Findlay Prep on a last-second 3-pointer in the final of the Montverde Academy Invitational Tournament in January, jumped on the Pilots from the start. The Eagles opened the game with a 19-2 run and maintained a cushion the rest

of the way.

Findlay Prep got as close as 25-18 in the second quarter and outscored Montverde 9-8 in the quarter. But the Eagles kept their distance and led at the half 30-19 and extended the lead to 55-42 after three quarters. Montverde outscored Findlay Prep 16-11 in the final quarter.

Reggie Chaney led the Pilots with 15 points and seven rebounds while Bol Bol added 12 points and six rebounds.

Montverde, which fell in the final last season and the semifinals the year before, is looking for its first title since winning three in a row from 2013-2015.

DAILY COMMERCIAL ALL-AREA GIRLS BASKETBALL

A lasting legacy



Wildwood High School's Kari Niblack led the Wildcats to back-to-back Class 1A state titles. Niblack is The Daily Commercial Girls Basketball Player of the Year. (PAUL RYAN PHOTOS / CORRESPONDENT)

Wildwood's Kari Niblack earns Player of the Year

By Frank Jolley
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WILDWOOD — Kari Niblack looked around the old Wildwood Middle School gym with a smile on her face.

Despite playing on the state's biggest stage in high school basketball three of the past four years with the Wildwood Middle High School girls basketball team, winning back-to-back state championships along the way, Niblack was thinking about the big picture.

"This is where it all started," Niblack said. "So

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Wildwood's Kari Niblack (23) looks to get past defenders during a Class 1A state semifinal game against Mayo Lafayette High School at the RP Funding Center in Lakeland on Feb. 26.

Girls Basketball All-Area Teams

Player of the Year: Kari Niblack, Wildwood

Coach of the Year: Richard Hampton, Wildwood

FIRST TEAM

Danasia Bogle, Wildwood
Ashtin Ingram, Wildwood
Lateisha Edwards, East Ridge
Alayna Mauger, Tavares
Nyla Brown, Eustis

SECOND TEAM

Bra'Niyah Dixon, Wildwood
Nikki Hall, The Villages
Breanna Jolley, The Villages
Nicole Workman, East Ridge
Megan Matheney, Umatilla

HONORABLE MENTION

East Ridge: Jaeda Logan; Eustis: Kaderia Walker; Tavares: Tamarra Williams, Davesha Barnes; South Lake: Abbygael Ouellette; Umatilla: Samantha Kling



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YOUR GUIDE TO TODAY'S FINAL FOUR MATCHUPS

NBA closing in on 3-point mark

By Tim Reynolds
The Associated Press

MIAMI — Another year. Another record. The NBA's 3-point craze is not slowing down.

Sometime this weekend, almost certainly during one of the nine games on Friday night's schedule, someone will connect from beyond the arc and take the NBA to yet another long-distance level.

For the sixth consecutive season, NBA teams will combine to set a leaguewide 3-point record. There have already been 23,635 3-pointers made this season, and the league is more than 8 percent ahead of the pace established last year, when the total across the NBA was 23,748.

So clearly, the reliance on the 3-pointer is not going to lessen anytime soon.

"I think it's a trend for a while — but at some point it has to peak," said Cleveland forward Kevin Love, one of the

See NBA, C3

Prepare to see a lot of 3's during Final Four

By Aaron Beard
The Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — These days, the Final Four is all about the 3.

Gone are the days when the long-range shot was the low-percentage bet in college basketball compared with layups and midrange jumper. Now — much like its

record usage in the NBA — it's an indispensable piece of the arsenal for any team with serious hopes of winning the national championship.

Look no further than the last four teams at the Alamodome still contending for the NCAA title. Villanova, Kansas, Michigan and Loyola-Chicago all can knock down 3s at high rates and won't

hesitate to launch them — which could mean a big leap from past Final Fours when 3s weren't quite so plentiful.

"It's a huge part of our offense, and the other teams as well," said the Wolverines' Moe Wagner, a 6-foot-11 forward who shoots just shy of 40 percent from behind the arc. "It's really a big part of college basketball to be honest

with you. There are no good teams out there anymore that can't shoot."

The 3-point production jumps out in each team's stats:

— Villanova (34-4) shoots 40 percent from behind the arc and has made 436 3s, putting the Wildcats six away from matching the NCAA Division I record set by VMI

in 2007 entering Saturday's national semifinal against fellow 1-seed Kansas.

— The Jayhawks (31-7) rank 11th nationally in 3-point percentage (.403) with an unusually guard-heavy lineup.

— Michigan (32-7) has five players shooting at least 37

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SPORTS ON TV

BASKETBALL
 10 a.m.
 ESPN2 — High school, Geico Nationals, Girls final, at Queens, N.Y.
 Noon
 ESPN — High school, Geico Nationals, Boys final, at Queens, N.Y.
 ESPN2 — 2018 Basketball Hall of Fame Class announcement, at Springfield, Mass.

BOXING
 5 p.m.
 SHO — Anthony Joshua vs. Joseph Parker, IBF/WBA/WBO heavyweight title unification, at Cardiff, Wales
 10 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Mark DeLuca vs. Rames Agaton, junior middleweights, at Quincy, Mass.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 6:09 p.m.
 TBS — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, first semifinal, Michigan vs. Loyola-Chicago, at San Antonio
 TNT — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, TeamCast, Michigan telecast, at San Antonio
 TRU — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, TeamCast, Loyola-Chicago telecast, at San Antonio
 8:49 p.m.
 TBS — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, second semifinal, Kansas vs. Villanova, at San Antonio
 TNT — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, TeamCast, Kansas telecast, at San Antonio
 TRU — NCAA Tournament, Final Four, TeamCast, Villanova telecast, at San Antonio

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
 5 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Alabama at Kentucky
 7 p.m.
 ESPN — Oklahoma at Baylor

GOLF
 2 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Houston Open, third round, at Humble, Texas
 3 p.m.
 NBC — PGA Tour, Houston Open, third round, at Humble, Texas
 5 p.m.
 GOLF — LPGA Tour, ANA Inspiration, third round, at Rancho Mirage, Calif.

HORSE RACING
 12:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Dubai World

LOCAL ROUNDUP

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Florida State College 10, Lake-Sumter 2
 Jarrett Backus belted a solo home run among his two hits, but Lake-Sumter State College couldn't generate much else on offense in a 10-2 loss to Florida State College on Friday at Lakehawk Field.
 Alan Alonso went 2-for-4 with a double for LSSC.
 Lake-Sumter falls to 13-22-1 overall and 5-6 in Mid-Florida Conference play.
 Florida State College improves to 13-18

Cup, at Dubai, United Arab Emirates
 6 p.m.
 NBCSN — Florida Derby, at Hallandale Beach, Fla.

MLB BASEBALL
 1 p.m.
 MLB — St. Louis at N.Y. Mets
 OR Pittsburgh at Detroit
 4 p.m.
 FS1 — Houston at Texas
 6 p.m.
 MLB — Boston at Tampa Bay
 8:30 p.m.
 FS1- Milwaukee at San Diego

NBA BASKETBALL
 3 p.m.
 NBA — Charlotte at Washington
 7:30 p.m.
 NBA — Toronto at Boston

SOCCER
 7:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool
 9:30 a.m.
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Schalke vs. Freiburg
 FS2 — Bundesliga, Bayer Leverkusen vs. Augsburg
 10 a.m.
 CNBC — Premier League, West Ham vs. Southampton
 NBCSN — Premier League, Manchester United vs. Swansea City
 12:30 p.m.
 FOX — Bundesliga, Bayern Munich vs. Borussia Dortmund
 NBC — Premier League, Everton vs. Manchester City
 2:30 p.m.
 FS2 — Bundesliga, Hertha Berlin vs. Wolfsburg
 3 p.m.
 FOX — MLS, Los Angeles FC at L.A. Galaxy
 3:30 p.m.
 LIFE - NWSL, Orlando at Washington
 8 p.m.
 ESPN2 — MLS, N.Y. City FC at San Jose

TENNIS
 1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — WTA Tour, Miami Open, women's final, at Key Biscayne

WINTER SPORTS
 9:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Curling: World Men's Championship, round robin, United States vs. Japan, at Las Vegas

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 3 p.m.
 CBSSN — WNIT, championship, Virginia Tech at Indiana

overall and 3-8 in conference play.
HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL
Mount Dora Christian 6, Trinity Christian 1
 Brighton Taylor pitched a three-hitter with 13 strikeouts and went 3-for-4 with three doubles to lead Mount Dora Christian to a 6-1 win over Trinity Christian on Thursday.
 Sebastian Ronan went 2-for-2 and Sam Brown went 2-for-3 for the Bulldogs.
 MDCA is 9-4 on the season and tied for first in the district.

most players born in Puerto Rico since 2011.
 Nineteen players on opening-day rosters were born on the island, an increase of three from last year, the commissioner's office said Friday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA TOURNAMENT
 All times Eastern
EAST REGIONAL
At TD Garden, Boston
Regional Semifinals
March 23
 Villanova 90, West Virginia 78
 Texas Tech 78, Purdue 65
Regional Championship
March 25
 Villanova 71, Texas Tech 59

SOUTH REGIONAL
At Philips Arena, Atlanta
Regional Semifinals
March 22
 Loyola of Chicago 69, Nevada 68
 Kansas State 61, Kentucky 58
Regional Championship
March 24
 Loyola of Chicago 78, Kansas State 62

MIDWEST REGIONAL
At CenturyLink Center Omaha, Neb.
Regional Semifinals
March 23
 Kansas 80, Clemson 76
 Duke 69, Syracuse 65
Regional Championship
March 25
 Kansas 85, Duke 81, OT

WEST REGIONAL
At STAPLES Center, Los Angeles
Regional Semifinals
March 22
 Michigan 99, Texas A&M 72
 Florida State 75, Gonzaga 60
Regional Championship
March 24
 Michigan 58, Florida State 54

FINAL FOUR
At The Alamodome, San Antonio
National Semifinals
Today
 Loyola of Chicago (32-5) vs. Michigan (32-7), 6:09 p.m.
 Villanova (34-4) vs. Kansas (31-7), 8:49 p.m.
National Championship
Monday
 Semifinal winners, 9:20 p.m.

NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT
Championship
Thursday
 Penn State 82, Utah 66

COLLEGE BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL
Championship Series (Best-of-3)
March 26
 San Francisco 72, North Texas 62
Wednesday
 North Texas 69, San Francisco 55
Friday
 San Francisco (22-16) at North Texas (19-18), late

COLLEGEINSIDER.COM TOURNAMENT
Semifinals
Wednesday
 UIC 67, Liberty 51
 Northern Colorado 99, Sam Houston State 80
Championship
Friday
 UIC (20-15) vs. Northern Colorado (25-12), late

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT
 All times Eastern
ALBANY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 24
At Albany, N.Y.
 South Carolina 79, Buffalo 63
 UConn 72, Duke 59
Regional Championship
March 26
 UConn 94, South Carolina 65

SPOKANE REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 24
At Spokane, Wash.
 Notre Dame 90, Texas A&M 84
 Oregon 83, Central Michigan 69
Regional Championship
March 26
 Notre Dame 84, Oregon 74

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 23
At Kansas City, Mo.
 Mississippi State 71, N.C. State 57
 UCLA 84, Texas 75
Regional Championship
March 25
 Mississippi State 89, UCLA 73

LEXINGTON REGIONAL
Regional Semifinals
March 23
At Lexington, Ky.
 Oregon State 72, Baylor 67
 Louisville 86, Stanford 59
Regional Championship
March 25
 Louisville 76, Oregon State 43

FINAL FOUR
At Columbus, Ohio
National Semifinals
Friday
 Mississippi St. (36-1) vs. Louisville (36-2), late
 UConn (36-0) vs. Notre Dame (33-3), late
National Championship
Sunday
 Semifinal winners, 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT
Semifinals
Wednesday
 Indiana 71, TCU 58
 Virginia Tech 64, West Virginia 61
Championship
Thursday
 Virginia Tech (23-13) vs. Indiana (22-14), 3 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL INVITATIONAL
Championship
Thursday
 Yale 54, Central Arkansas 50

PRO HOCKEY

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Boston	76	48	17	117	253	196
x-Tampa Bay	77	51	22	4	106	275
x-Toronto	77	46	24	7	99	261
Florida	76	39	29	8	86	231
Detroit	78	29	38	11	69	205
Montreal	77	28	37	12	68	196
Ottawa	77	27	39	11	65	210
Buffalo	77	24	41	12	60	180

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Washington	77	46	24	7	99	243
Pittsburgh	78	44	28	6	94	257
Columbus	78	44	29	5	93	227
Philadelphia	78	39	25	14	92	234
New Jersey	77	34	28	9	89	232
Carolina	77	34	32	11	79	215
N.Y. Rangers	77	33	35	9	75	223
N.Y. Islanders	77	32	35	10	74	246

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Nashville	77	50	16	111	250	196
x-Winnipeg	77	47	20	10	104	257
Minnesota	77	43	24	10	96	238

St. Louis	76	43	28	5	91	212
Colorado	77	41	28	8	90	241
Dallas	78	39	31	8	86	220
Chicago	78	32	36	10	74	223

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
x-Vegas	77	48	22	7	103	256
San Jose	78	44	24	10	98	241
Los Angeles	78	43	28	7	93	228
Anaheim	77	39	25	13	91	218
Calgary	78	35	33	10	80	206
Edmonton	78	34	38	6	74	225
Vancouver	78	29	40	9	67	203
Arizona	78	27	40	11	65	195

x-clinched playoff spot; 2 points for a win, 1 for OT loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 6, Buffalo 3
 Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
 Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 3, OT
 Ottawa 3, Florida 2, OT
 Nashville 5, San Jose 3
 Minnesota 5, Dallas 2
 Chicago 6, Winnipeg 2
 Columbus 5, Calgary 1
 Vancouver 2, Edmonton 1
 Los Angeles 4, Arizona 2
Friday's Games
 Carolina at Washington, late
 Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, late
 Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, late
 Chicago at Colorado, late
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, late
 St. Louis at Vegas, late
Today's Games
 Florida at Boston, 1 p.m.
 Ottawa at Detroit, 2 p.m.
 Columbus at Vancouver, 4 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
 Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Minnesota at Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Buffalo at Nashville, 8 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 9 p.m.
 Edmonton at Calgary, 10 p.m.
 San Jose at Vegas, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Boston at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
 Nashville at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
 New Jersey at Montreal, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
 Carolina at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Edmonton at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
 Washington at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
 Colorado at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Washington	Off	Off	Charlotte
Detroit	3/2	211	at New York
at Boston	Off	Off	Toronto
at Miami	7/2	212	Brooklyn
at Sacramento	Off	Off	Golden State

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Boston	-165	Florida	+155
at Detroit	Off	Ottawa	+203
Columbus	-223	at Vancouver	+202
at Pittsburgh	-280	Montreal	+250
at Carolina	Off	NY Rangers	Off
at Toronto	Off	Winnipeg	Off
at New Jersey	-225	NY Islanders	+205
at Nashville	-320	Buffalo	+290
Minnesota	-111	at Dallas	+191
St. Louis	-136	at Arizona	+126
at Calgary	Off	Edmonton	Off
at Vegas	Off	San Jose	Off

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PRO BASKETBALL

NBA
 All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

W	L	PCT.	GB
x-Toronto	55	20	.733
x-Boston	52	23	.693
x-Philadelphia	44	30	.595 10 1/2
New York	27	49	.355 28 1/2
Brooklyn	24	51	.320 31

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	41	34	.547
Miami	41	35	.539 1/2
Charlotte	34	42	.447 7 1/2
Orlando	22	52	.297 18 1/2
Atlanta	21	54	.280 20

CENTRAL DIVISION

W	L	PCT	GB
x-Cleveland	45	30	.600
x-Indiana	45	31	.592 1/2
Milwaukee	40	35	.533
Detroit	35	40	.467 10
Chicago	24	51	.320 21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

W	L	PCT	GB
z-Houston	61	14	.813
San Antonio	44	32	.579 17 1/2
New Orleans	43	32	.573 18
Dallas	23	52	.307 38
Memphis	21	54	.280 40

NORTHWEST DIVISION

W	L	PCT	GB
Portland	46	29	.613
Oklahoma City	44	32	.579 2 1/2
Minnesota	43	33	.566 3 1/2
Utah	42	33	.560 4
Denver	40	35	.533 6

PACIFIC DIVISION

W	L	PCT	GB
x-Golden State	54	21	.720
L.A. Clippers	41	34	.547 13
L.A. Lakers	33	41	.446 20 1/2
Sacramento	24	52	.316 30 1/2
Phoenix	19	57	.250 35 1/2

x-clinched playoff berth; y-won division; z-clinched conference

Thursday's Games
 Detroit 103, Washington 92
 Miami 103, Chicago 92
 San Antonio 103, Oklahoma City 99
 Indiana 106, Sacramento 103
 Milwaukee 116, Golden State 107
Friday's Games
 Chicago at Orlando, late
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, late
 Denver at Oklahoma City, late
 New Orleans at Cleveland, late
 Phoenix at Houston, late
 Minnesota at Dallas, late
 Memphis at Utah, late
 L.A. Clippers at Portland, late
 Milwaukee at L.A. Lakers, late
Today's Games
 Charlotte at Washington, 3 p.m.
 Detroit at New York, 5 p.m.
 Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
 Brooklyn at Miami, 8 p.m.
 Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Philadelphia at Charlotte, 1 p.m.
 Houston at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.
 Indiana at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.
 Washington at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
 Detroit at Brooklyn, 6 p.m.
 Oklahoma City at New Orleans, 6 p.m.
 Orlando at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
 Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
 Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Phoenix at Golden State, 8:30 p.m.
 Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.
 Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
 No games scheduled.

Friday's Game
 Real Salt Lake at Toronto FC, late
Today's Games
 New York at Orlando City, 1 p.m.
 Los Angeles FC at LA Galaxy, 3 p.m.

BASEBALL
 Vancouver at Columbus, 3 p.m.
 Portland at Chicago, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta United FC at Minnesota United, 8 p.m.
 New York City FC at San Jose, 8 p.m.
 D.C. United at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
 New England at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Montreal at Seattle, 10 p.m.

BASEBALL
 million (Masters 1000); Women, \$7.97 million (Premier); Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Men's Singles Semifinals
 John Isner (14), United States, def. Juan Martin del Potro (5), Argentina, 6-1, 7-6 (2).
Women's Doubles Semifinals
 Barbora Krejickova and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. Elise Mertens, Belgium, and Demi Schuurs, Netherlands, 4-6, 6-3, 11-9.

Thursday's Results
Men's Singles Quarterfinals
 Pablo Carreno Busta (16), Spain, def. Kevin Anderson (6), South Africa, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (6).
 Alexander Zverev (4), Germany, def. Borna Coric (29), Croatia, 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Singles Semifinals
 Sloane Stephens (13), United States, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.
 Jelena Ostapenko (6), Latvia, def. Danielle Collins, United States, 7-6 (1), 6-3.
Men's Doubles Semifinals
 Karen Khachanov and Andrey Rublev, Russia, def. Steve Johnson and Sam Querrey, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
 Bob and Mike Bryan (4), United States, def. Ben McLachlan, Japan, and Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 7-5, 6-4.

GOLF
PGA TOUR HOUSTON OPEN
 Friday's leaders at Golf Club of Houston, Humble, Texas; **Purse:** \$7 million. **Yardage:** 7,441; **Par:** 72
First Round
 Paul Dunne 32-32-64
 Lucas Glover 33-32-65
 Kevin Tway 32-33-65
 Beau Hossler 33-32-65
 Rickie Fowler 33-33-66
 Rod Pamplin 32-34-66
 Julian Suri 33-33-66
 Ryan Armour 34-32-66
 Sam Ryder 32-34-66
 Bud Cauley 33-34-67
 Keith Mitchell 33-34-67
 Matt Evers 34-33-67
 Greg Chalmers 33-34-67
 Pdraig Harrington 34-33-67
 Michael Thompson 33-34-67
 Brett Stegmaier 34-33-67
 Seamus Power 31-36-67
 Jason Kokrak 33-34-67



Villanova's Eric Paschall shoots during a practice session for the Final Four on Friday in San Antonio. (DAVID J. PHILLIP/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

FINAL FOUR

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percent from behind the arc.

— Loyola-Chicago (32-5) averages the fewest of the four (7.5) but has made 30 of 72 (.417) attempts in four NCAA games.

And don't forget, the only reason Loyola-Chicago and Michigan are even meeting in Saturday's first semifinal is because both made a miss-and-go-home 3 in the tournament.

The Ramblers got one just before the buzzer from Donte Ingram to beat Miami in the first round, while the Wolverines needed Jordan Poole to beat the horn to survive against Houston in the second.

Only one team — Oklahoma in 2016 — had averaged at least nine made 3s per game in the past eight Final Fours, but there are three this weekend alone: Villanova at 11.5, Kansas at 10.1 and Michigan at 9.0.

There was a common refrain among players Friday about their use of the 3.

"We just try to lean on the best shot," said

Loyola-Chicago freshman Lucas Williamson, who is shooting 42 percent on 3s. "We're not really banking on just winning the game by 3s."

Still, it's easy to see where some of that influence is coming from: the NBA.

As the quartet bring the potential for a 3-heavy weekend on college basketball's biggest stage, the NBA was set Friday night to set a league-wide record for made 3s for the sixth straight season. And the Golden State Warriors have spent the past three-plus seasons putting on a small-ball show full of 3-point barrages, winning two championships and playing for a third.

Now recruits watch Stephen Curry and James Harden repeatedly launching 3s and arrive in college looking to emulate that free-flowing style that is only growing in popularity. And in the college game, 3s are easier because the line is a good 3 feet closer to the basket than in the pros (though Associated Press All-American Devonte' Graham of Kansas spent time during Friday's open practice shooting corner 3s from out of bounds).

The influence of the pro game isn't lost on coaches.

"We all learn from those guys; they're the best — players and coaches," Villanova coach Jay Wright said. "And then I think the rules ... the emphasis on freedom of movement, lack of physicality is making that the evolution of the game — skill, perimeter shooting.

"And that's where I think this is going to continue to be a big part of the game. And then in college we all look and see who gets to the Final Four and what they're doing. And a lot of us emulate that."

Sometimes it's borne out of necessity — or in Kansas coach Bill Self's case, desperation.

The Jayhawks have long had inside-out post play to go with gritty defense. But this year's team didn't have a lot of size outside of 7-foot sophomore Udoka Azubuike, then lost 6-10 freshman Billy Preston to an NCAA eligibility issue that ended with him signing with a professional team in Bosnia without playing a game for the Jayhawks.

Instead, the offense is built around Graham, Mississippi State transfer Malik Newman, Svi Mykhailiuk and Lagerald Vick in a strong backcourt.

runs, as did the tutelage of Wildwood coach Richard Hampton.

"I don't think I would've accomplished what I have if Hamp weren't my coach," Niblack said. "He's been like a second father to me. He began pushing me in the sixth and seventh grades, telling me what he thought my potential was. He has always been there, always willing to stick around so I could get in some extra shooting after practice or anything else I needed to work on."

As dominant as Niblack became, she nearly became a "what if" story.

Initially, Niblack did not enjoy the physical aspect of the sport. Niblack's mother, a former college player, offered an option that initially seemed more appealing.

"When I was young, she wanted me to be cheerleader," Niblack said. "I was happy to be a girly girl instead of a basketball player. I was never really pressured to go in any direction — I could've played basketball or been a cheerleader or done anything else I wanted to do. It took some time, but after I adapted to all the contact, I found how much I really enjoyed playing basketball."

With Niblack in the paint, Wildwood enjoyed its most-successful era.

The Wildcats have been one of the winningest teams in the state, compiling a 115-30 record since Niblack's eighth-grade season. They reached three state title games in four years, winning twice.

Prior to Niblack's arrival, Wildwood appeared in two Final Fours and played in one championship game — a 73-59 loss to Keystone Heights in 1994.

Ironically, Hampton was coach for all five of

the Wildcats' Final Four appearances — a span of 24 years between the first trip to the Big Dance (1994) and the last (2018). He's seen the best the school has ever produced and said Niblack, without a doubt, ranks among the best.

"She's always been such a hard worker," Hampton said. "Kari will beat everyone to the gym and onto the floor for practices and she'll be the last to leave. She never stops working to get better. Now, for example, she's getting in some work with the football team on the track and in the weight room to get herself ready to play college basketball.

"Kari is an outstanding student athlete who has worked extremely for everything she's gotten, but has remained a humble, kind and caring young lady who takes great pride in representing the Wildwood community."

Her prep career complete, Niblack is ready to making an impact at the next level. She will leave her home on June 3 for Morgantown, West Virginia, home of West Virginia University.

It's another step up the ladder Niblack hopes will eventually land her an opportunity to play professional basketball. Regardless if those aspirations pan out, Niblack will be grateful for the opportunity.

"I look forward to a new beginning in college," Niblack said. "It's a chance to improve my basketball skills and get a college education. I'm truly blessed to have this chance and I want to advantage of it. I really want to be great one day, even if it's not on the basketball court.

"But, I'll never forget where everything started."

NBA

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many NBA big men who has no trouble making 3s, and that's a big reason why the totals are soaring. "Every position, 1 through 5, is now shooting 3s. You see that as such a weapon. It makes the game fun, makes it interesting. There's definitely a lot of spacing out there and it's wild to see."

Thing is, that peak isn't visible.

Out of 30 teams, 19 are either on pace to set — or have already set — franchise records for made 3s this season, and a couple others are within reasonable striking distance.

There are shooters now all over the league. Only four seasons ago, the total of NBA players who made at least 100 3s was 57. This year, that total is going to be close to doubled. Across the NBA this season, 91 percent of players have attempted at least one 3-pointer and 81 percent of players have made at least one.

Rookies are making them; Utah's Donovan Mitchell has 172 and is closing in on the record for a first-year player, that being 185 by Portland's Damian Lillard. Also making them are 7-footers; eight guys listed at 7-0 or better will likely get to the 100 mark by the end of the season.

And the league as a whole is actually getting better at them. Accuracy from 3-point range has gone up about 1.5 percent over the last three seasons, definitely one of the reasons why scoring per game is higher than it's been at any point in nearly 30 years.

"We all like to get out there, shoot a lot of 3s, spread the floor and try to move the ball as much as you can," Houston coach Mike D'Antoni



Boston's Jayson Tatum, rear, hugs Jaylen Brown after Brown made the winning 3-pointer against Utah on Wednesday in Salt Lake City. (RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

said. "Everybody is more or less the same... with the same outline. Just get it done in different ways."

The first season where the NBA combined to make 15,000 3-pointers was 2009-10, and that seems like ages ago. The 20,000 plateau was broken just two seasons ago, and barring something very unusual this season's total will top 25,000.

Love knew the 3-point pace was higher than ever. But he didn't think the record would be set this early, and that the previous mark would be obliterated.

"Wow. Wow. Wow," Love said, upon hearing the numbers. Wow is right.

The single-team mark is also about to fall, and then get left in the dust for good measure. Houston, which is quite obviously flourishing in D'Antoni's free-flowing system and has the league's best overall record, needs only 19 3s to set a season record and break the mark that the Rockets established... you guessed it, last season.

The Rockets average 15.5 3s per game, so it's not outside the realm of possibility that the team record also falls on Friday. It was only two years ago that Golden

State became the first team to make 1,000 3s in a season — and the Rockets are on pace to get near 1,300 this season.

"It's safe to say a Mike D'Antoni team will be the first team that averages 50 3s in a game," Miami coach Erik Spoelstra said. "We can laugh at that now. But it will happen, and his team will probably be the first to do it. His first team that allegedly changed the game only averaged 23 3s a game, that 2004-05 Suns team. And look where they are now, basically doubling that up almost."

He's exaggerating for effect, but only slightly.

That team in Phoenix averaged just under 25 3-point attempts per game. This season's Rockets are averaging nearly 43, and have gotten 50 or more attempts from deep up 12 times this season.

It works for them: Houston is 11-1 in those games. It's a statistically irrelevant sample size with which to draw a comparison, but the other teams to take at least 50 3s in a game this season — Brooklyn twice, Boston once — are 0-3.

"I'm sure there's a ceiling," Orlando coach Frank Vogel said. "I just don't know what it is."

Neither does anyone else.

GIRLS

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much behind-the-scenes stuff went on in this gym. Lots of blood, sweat and tears. The foundation for all those wins in the Woodshed (the Wildwood Middle High School gym) and everything we accomplished was laid on this floor.

"The state championships were just the final product."

And Niblack was at forefront of all the Wildcats' success. She began contributing as an eighth-grader and became a star in her freshman year, leading Wildwood to the Class 1A state championship game.

Over the years, she was a double-double machine for the Wildcats, averaging 18.8 points and 11 rebounds per game as a senior.

One of the most heavily recruited players in the state, the 6-foot-1 Niblack signed with West Virginia University in November.

Undoubtedly, Niblack will go down as one of the greatest girls basketball players ever produced by Lake and Sumter counties — and her on-court performance earned her the Daily Commercial girls basketball All-Area Player of the Year for the second year in a row.

Niblack has been the Wildcats' go-to player since her freshman season in 2014-15, when she led Wildwood to a 27-3 record. The Wildcats made the trip to the Final Four that year, but lost 49-36 to Freeport in the Class 1A state championship game.

The loss, while painful for the uber competitive Niblack, provided fuel for future Final Four

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FINAL FOUR
A look at Saturday's national semifinals



No. 3 MICHIGAN (32-7) vs. No. 11 LOYOLA-CHICAGO (32-5)
Saturday, 6:09 p.m. ET, TBS, Alamodome, San Antonio



Michigan guard Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman



No. 1 VILLANOVA (34-4) vs. No. 1 KANSAS (31-7)
Saturday, approx. 8:49 p.m. ET, TBS, Alamodome, San Antonio

SERIES HISTORY

Michigan leads 2-1, though Loyola-Chicago won the most recent meeting 112-100 in overtime on Feb. 1, 1969. The teams have met once in the NCAA Tournament, an 84-80 Michigan victory in the 1964 regional semifinals in Minneapolis.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Michigan (West regional champion)

First round Def. (14) Montana 61-47
Second round Def. (6) Houston 64-63
Regional semifinal Def. (7) Texas A&M 99-72
Regional final Def. (9) Florida State 58-54

Loyola-Chicago (South regional champion)

First round Def. (6) Miami 64-62
Second round Def. (3) Tennessee 63-62
Regional semifinal Def. (7) Nevada 69-68
Regional final Def. (9) Kansas State 78-62

PROJECTED STARTERS

Michigan	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
G Xavier Simpson	So.	6-0/185	7.5	3.3	3.7
G M.-Ali Abdur-Rahkman	Sr.	6-4/190	12.8	3.9	3.3
G Charles Matthews	Jr.	6-6/200	13.0	5.6	2.5
F Isaiah Livers	Fr.	6-7/230	3.6	2.3	0.4
F Moritz Wagner	Jr.	6-11/245	14.3	6.9	0.8

Loyola-Chicago	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
G Clayton Custer	Jr.	6-1/185	13.2	2.2	4.2
G Ben Richardson	Sr.	6-3/195	7.0	3.0	3.9
G Marques Townes	Jr.	6-4/210	11.2	3.9	2.5
F Donte Ingram	Sr.	6-6/215	11.3	6.3	1.5
C Cameron Krutwig	Fr.	6-9/260	10.3	6.1	1.8

PLAYERS TO WATCH

G Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman, Michigan: The senior is averaging 14 points, 4.3 rebounds and 3.5 assists during the NCAA Tournament, continuing his strong all-around play in the latter half of his final college season.



G Clayton Custer, Loyola-Chicago: The Missouri Valley's player of the year has helped Loyola roll up a 30-2 record when he's played (he missed five games). He sets everything up for a Ramblers team that shares the ball exceptionally well.



F Donte Ingram, Loyola-Chicago: The undersized power forward got the Ramblers' NCAA run started with a game-winning 3-pointer against Miami. If he can be effective against Michigan's stretch fours, it will be an asset for Loyola.



F Moritz Wagner, Michigan: It's a great sign for the Wolverines that they've reached the final weekend without Wagner — their leading scorer on the season — playing nowhere near his peak in the postseason. He could be a difference-maker in San Antonio.



KEY FOR MICHIGAN

Early blitz: At their best — like against Texas A&M in the regional semifinals — the Wolverines shoot opponents out of the game in the first 10 minutes with their dizzying assortment of perimeter options. Loyola-Chicago hasn't let anyone put them away in this tournament, and no one should want any part of the poised, patient, skillful Ramblers in a tight game. Michigan could make that moot before halftime.

KEY FOR LOYOLA-CHICAGO

Keep it moving: What's so appealing about the Ramblers? For those who stumble upon college basketball only in March, it's the double-digit seed and the nonagenarian nun who serves as the team chaplain. For those who watch a lot of the sport from mid-November until the first Monday in April? It's the spellbinding way the Ramblers keep passing to find good shots. It's why they've made it this far, and they need to keep it up to make it past Michigan.

NUMBERS OF NOTE

55: Years since Loyola-Chicago advanced to the Final Four. The Ramblers won the 1963 national title, defeating Cincinnati in overtime in Louisville to claim a championship in their only previous Final Four appearance.
8: All-time Final Four appearances for Michigan, including its second under coach John Beilein (2013 and 2018). The Wolverines are seeking their second national championship, with the first coming in 1989.

SERIES HISTORY

Tied 3-3, with Villanova beating the Jayhawks 64-59 in the 2016 NCAA Tournament regional finals en route to a national title. The only other tourney meeting between the schools was in the 2008 regional semifinals, when Kansas earned a 72-57 triumph during its national title run.

HOW THEY GOT HERE

Villanova (East Regional champion)

First round Def. (16) Radford 87-61
Second round Def. (9) Alabama 81-58
Regional semifinal Def. (5) West Virginia 90-78
Regional final Def. (3) Texas Tech 71-59

Kansas (Midwest Regional champion)

First round Def. (16) Penn 76-60
Second round Def. (8) Seton Hall 83-79
Regional semifinal Def. (5) Clemson 80-76
Regional final Def. (2) Duke 85-81 (OT)

PROJECTED STARTERS (*blocks)

Villanova	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
G Jalen Brunson	Jr.	6-3/190	19.2	3.1	4.6
G Phil Booth	Jr.	6-3/190	10.3	3.2	2.9
G/F Mikal Bridges	Jr.	6-7/210	17.8	5.4	1.9
F Eric Paschall	Jr.	6-9/255	10.3	5.3	2.2
F Omari Spellman	R-Fr.	6-9/245	10.8	7.8	1.5*

Kansas	Yr.	Ht./Wt.	Pts.	Reb.	Ast.
G Devonte' Graham	Sr.	6-2/185	17.2	4.1	7.3
G Malik Newman	So.	6-3/190	14.0	4.9	2.1
G Lagerald Vick	Jr.	6-5/175	12.2	4.9	2.2
F Svi Mykhailiuk	Sr.	6-8/205	14.7	4.0	2.7
C Udoka Azubuike	So.	7-0/280	13.1	7.1	1.7*

PLAYERS TO WATCH

C Udoka Azubuike, Kansas: The 7-footer is shooting 77.2 percent from the floor and averages 12 rebounds for every 40 minutes he's on the floor. He also averages just 23.5 minutes and is a 41.3 percent foul shooter.



F Mikal Bridges, Villanova: The Wildcats' leader in steals (58), 3-pointers made (99) and free throw shooting (84.8 percent) might get overshadowed a little by Jalen Brunson, but he's one of the most valuable players in the country.



G Jalen Brunson, Villanova: One-half of the exceptional point guard battle in this game, Brunson has scored in double figures in every game this season and is as tested in the crucible of the Final Four as any active player.



G Devonte' Graham, Kansas: In a league filled with stellar guards — West Virginia's Jevon Carter, Texas Tech's Keenan Evans, Oklahoma's Trae Young and others — Graham was the best of the bunch this season. He's averaging 16 points, 5.0 rebounds and 6.3 assists in the postseason.



KEY FOR KANSAS

Defensive rebounding: While Villanova isn't the greatest offensive rebounding team in the country, it also doesn't have to put that skill into practice as much as most. When Kansas has struggled this season, its inability to keep opponents off the offensive glass has often been a problem. After struggling to prevent second chances against Seton Hall and Clemson, the Jayhawks limited Duke to a .250 offensive rebounding percentage. Another outing like that would be a plus.

KEY FOR VILLANOVA

Back on track from the outside: The Wildcats made it through the East Regional final despite shooting 4 of 24 from 3-point range against Texas Tech. It was the second-fewest made threes on the season for Villanova, and only the fifth time the Wildcats have shot less than 30 percent from beyond the arc. Villanova could survive an off shooting night against a so-so offensive team. Kansas won't be as forgiving.



Villanova guard Jalen Brunson

[ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTOS]

Graham, Newman give Kansas a Batman-and-Robin backcourt

By Dave Skretta
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Kansas coach Bill Self spent most of this season bemoaning the fact that Devonte Graham, his All-American point guard, didn't have a consistent sidekick to take the pressure off him.

Malik Newman swooped in just in time for the NCAA Tournament.

The transfer from Mississippi State finally bought into what Self has been demanding of him all season, and the result has been the finest performances of his career. He dropped 28 points when the top-seeded Jayhawks needed him against Seton Hall,

had 17 points in a win over Clemson, then poured in 32 points — and all of their points in overtime — in an Elite Eight victory over Duke.

He's also turned up the intensity on defense, rebounded the ball better, and allowed Graham to do what he does best: Make plays without having to have the ball in his hands.

"I just felt like he was forcing defense to do too much," Self recalled, "but here of late, Devonte has a sidekick. Or you could even say Malik has a sidekick in Devonte, because Malik has been our best player for the last month."

All resulting in a Final Four trip and a date with Villanova tonight.

Of course, that raises another question: Who is Batman and who is Robin?

"I'm most definitely still Robin," Newman said with a smile. "This is Devonte's team. We know that, he knows that. I'm just trying to help as much as I can, just trying to take some pressure off."

"Coach was right about me throughout the season," Newman continued. "I'd have a good game, Svi (Mykhailiuk) would have a good game. But it was never consistent."

The irony of the superhero debate is that Graham had always played the role of Robin, the often-overlooked sidekick to Frank Mason III.



Kansas' Malik Newman, left, and Devonte' Graham give the Jayhawks a potent one-two punch. [AP PHOTO / ORLIN WAGNER, FILE]

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Baltimore	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
New York	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	1-0
Tampa Bay	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
Boston	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1
Toronto	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Cleveland	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1
Detroit	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0
Kansas City	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0
Minnesota	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Oakland	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
Seattle	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1
Texas	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
New York	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
Washington	1	0	1.000	—	—	0-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Miami	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0
Philadelphia	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1

CENTRAL DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Milwaukee	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0
St. Louis	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1

WEST DIVISION									
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Arizona	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	1-0	0-0
San Francisco	1	0	1.000	—	—	1-0	W-1	0-0	1-0
Colorado	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-0	0-1
Los Angeles	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0
San Diego	0	1	.000	1	1	0-1	L-1	0-1	0-0

ROUNDUP

Pirates 13, Tigers 10, 13 innings: Gregory Polanco hit a three-run homer in the 13th inning to lift the Pittsburgh to a victory over Detroit — about an hour after the Tigers spilled onto the field to celebrate what they thought was a game-winning hit of their own. Nicholas Castellanos was initially called safe at home in the bottom of the 10th for the Tigers, but a replay review took the run away and the teams played on. Polanco's drive to right-center on a 3-0 pitch from Alex Wilson (0-1) finally gave the Pirates a comfortable lead — or as comfortable as could be on a wacky day in which both teams scored four runs in the ninth. Detroit put two men on base in the 13th, but Steven Brault (1-0) was able to hold on and finish his third scoreless inning of relief.

Nationals 2, Reds 0: Max Scherzer struck out 10 in six innings and Washington, in its first game with Dave Martinez as a major league manager, began defense of their NL East title by opening with a win over Cincinnati. Nationals star Bryce Harper got two hits, but his string of five straight opening days with a home run came to an end. Scherzer posted his 65th career game with double-digit strikeouts. The only hitter who did real damage against him was Scooter Gennett, who finished 4 for 4 with a double.



Pittsburgh's Gregory Polanco is greeted by teammates Adam Frazier, center, and Josh Harrison, left, after they scored on Polanco's three-run home run during the 13th inning against Detroit on Friday in Detroit. [CARLOS OSORIO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

BOX SCORES

PIRATES 13, TIGERS 10									
PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.		
Frazier dh	7	2	3	0	0	3	.429		
Harrison 2b	5	3	2	0	2	1	.400		
Polanco rf	5	3	3	4	1	1	.600		
Bell 1b	6	1	3	3	0	0	.500		
Dickerson lf	6	1	1	1	0	1	.167		
Marte cf	5	1	2	0	1	2	.400		
Cervelli c	6	1	2	3	0	1	.333		
Moran 3b	6	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
Mercer ss	6	1	1	0	0	1	.167		
TOTALS	52	13	17	11	4	10			
DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.		
Martin cf	6	1	1	0	1	2	.167		
Candelario 3b	4	1	1	0	3	0	.250		
Cabrera 1b	6	1	2	2	1	1	.333		
Castellanos rf	6	2	2	1	1	1	.333		
Martinez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.000		
1-Jones pr-dh	2	1	2	0	1	0	1.000		
McCann c	6	1	2	2	1	1	.333		
Mahtook lf	7	1	1	0	2	2	.143		
Iglesias ss	6	2	1	1	2	1	.167		
Machado 2b	6	0	2	3	0	0	.333		
TOTALS	53	10	14	9	9	9			
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DETROIT 020 000 404 000 0-10 14 3									

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
MATCHUP	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS OPP	IP	ERA	
St. Louis	Wacha (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	1-0	9.0	0.00	
New York	deGrom (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	13.2	3.29	
Washington	Strasburg (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	12.0	4.50		
Cincinnati	Castillo (R)	2:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	11.0	4.09	
Chicago	Darvish (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	3.2	24.55		
Miami	Despaigne (R)	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Philadelphia	Velasquez (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	7.0	0.00		
Atlanta	McCarthy (R)	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	5.0	7.20		
Colorado	Marquez (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-3	33.1	4.59		
Arizona	Greinke (R)	8:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	38.0	4.03	
Milwaukee	Suter (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
San Diego	Perdomo (R)	8:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	12.0	3.75		
San Francisco	Holland (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
Los Angeles	Maeda (R)	9:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	3.0	12.00	

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
MATCHUP	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS OPP	IP	ERA	
Los Angeles	Shoemaker (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	10.0	3.60		
Oakland	Mengden (R)	4:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Houston	McCullers Jr. (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	10.2	4.22		
Texas	Moore (L)	4:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
New York	Sabathia (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-2	21.2	6.23		
Toronto	Estrada (R)	4:07p	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-1	29.1	6.60	
Cleveland	Carrasco (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	13.2	2.63		
Seattle	Paxton (L)	4:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Boston	Porcello (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-4	36.2	3.93		
Tampa Bay	TBD	6:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Minnesota	Gibson (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	9.0	13.00		
Baltimore	Cashner (R)	7:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	4.0	4.50	
Chicago	Giolito (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	13.1	1.35		
Kansas City	Kennedy (R)	7:15p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	20.0	7.65	

INTERLEAGUE									
MATCHUP	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS OPP	IP	ERA	
Pittsburgh	Williams (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	7.0	0.00		
Detroit	Fulmer (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE									
MATCHUP	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS OPP	IP	ERA	
St. Louis	Wacha (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	1-0	9.0	0.00	
New York	deGrom (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-0	13.2	3.29	
Washington	Strasburg (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	12.0	4.50		
Cincinnati	Castillo (R)	2:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	11.0	4.09	
Chicago	Darvish (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	3.2	24.55		
Miami	Despaigne (R)	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Philadelphia	Velasquez (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	7.0	0.00		
Atlanta	McCarthy (R)	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	5.0	7.20		
Colorado	Marquez (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-3	33.1	4.59		
Arizona	Greinke (R)	8:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-1	38.0	4.03	
Milwaukee	Suter (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
San Diego	Perdomo (R)	8:40p	0-0	0.00	0-0	12.0	3.75		
San Francisco	Holland (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
Los Angeles	Maeda (R)	9:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	3.0	12.00	

AMERICAN LEAGUE									
MATCHUP	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	2017 VS OPP	IP	ERA	
Los Angeles	Shoemaker (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	10.0	3.60		
Oakland	Mengden (R)	4:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Houston	McCullers Jr. (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	10.2	4.22		
Texas	Moore (L)	4:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
New York	Sabathia (L)	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-2	21.2	6.23		
Toronto	Estrada (R)	4:07p	0-0	0.00	0-0	3-1	29.1	6.60	
Cleveland	Carrasco (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	13.2	2.63		
Seattle	Paxton (L)	4:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Boston	Porcello (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	2-4	36.2	3.93		
Tampa Bay	TBD	6:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Minnesota	Gibson (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-1	9.0	13.00		
Baltimore	Cashner (R)	7:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-1	4.0	4.50	
Chicago	Giolito (R)	0-0	0.00	0-0	1-0	13.1	1.35		
Kansas City	Kennedy (R)	7:15p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-2	20.0	7.65	

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1968: Seattle, the American League's second

BUSINESS

WHAT TO WATCH FOR MONDAY

• Institute for Supply Management releases its manufacturing index for March.

BRIEFCASE

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA SKorea seeking clarity on Trump trade comments

South Korea is trying to find out what President Donald Trump meant when he made remarks linking the recently renegotiated South Korea-U.S. free trade agreement with talks on denuclearizing North Korea.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in's office said Friday that it is working through various channels to find out the President Trump's "true intentions" following his speech in Ohio, where he said he may hold up the free trade deal until after an agreement is reached with North Korea. Trump said the trade deal with South Korea, which is the first major trade agreement reached by his administration, is "a very strong card and I want to make sure everyone is treated fairly."

Trump did not explain what leverage he thought the U.S. would wield by holding up the trade deal with South Korea. His comments raised concern in South Korea since Seoul views the revamped bilateral free trade deal as separate from the North Korean issue.

Walmart reportedly eyes deal with insurer Humana

Walmart may be looking to dive deeper into the rapidly evolving health care market by acquiring the insurer Humana, according to The Wall Street Journal.

The newspaper said that the retail giant is in early talks with Humana, a major provider of Medicare Advantage coverage for people age 65 and older. Citing anonymous sources, the Journal said late Thursday that the companies are discussing a number of options, including an acquisition.

Walmart would not comment on what it called "rumors and speculation." Humana did not immediately return calls from The Associated Press.

There have been a number of major health care deals announced in recent months as health insurers, pharmacy benefit managers and retailers like the drug-store chain CVS Health try to get more involved in customer care and potentially corral costs.

PRAGUE Czechs extradite alleged Russian hacker to US

The Czech Republic extradited a Russian man to the U.S. to face charges of hacking computers at LinkedIn, Dropbox and other American companies, an official said Friday.

Yevgeniy Nikulin was flown to the U.S. overnight, Justice Ministry spokeswoman Tereza Schejbalova said.

Nikulin denies he's a hacker. His defense attorney claimed his case is politically motivated in the U.S.

The decision by Justice Minister Robert Pelikan was announced just minutes after the country's Constitutional Court released a statement that it rejected a last-minute appeal from the Nikulin as "groundless."

The Associated Press



Specialists Robert Tuccillo, center, and Matthew Greiner work at a post on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on March 5. [RICHARD DREW/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Rough quarter

Mutual fund review: Pain makes a comeback to start the year

By Stan Choe
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Brace yourself before checking how your funds performed in the first quarter, which officially ends Saturday. Many likely lost money.

After a years-long stretch when most mutual funds and exchange-traded funds powered higher quarter after quarter, investors are rediscovering the pain of volatility. The vast majority of funds have turned in losses for the first quarter after a rocky few weeks wiped out what had been the stock market's best start to a year in decades.

Less than 30 percent of all mutual funds delivered positive returns, according to data from Morningstar. Last year 97 percent of all funds made money.

Worries about rising inflation and the possibility of a more aggressive Federal Reserve initially threw the market off its long ride higher in February. In March, fear that the world's biggest economies were headed for a damaging trade war did further damage to fund performance.

The largest mutual fund by assets lost 0.6 percent for the quarter, for example. It's the first quarterly loss for Vanguard's Total Stock Market Index fund in two and a half years.

What's made the market's recent troubles even more

unsettling is that the parts of investors' portfolios that are supposed to be the safest have also been hit.

Bond funds have struggled, for example. The largest bond fund by assets, Vanguard's Total Bond Market Index fund, has lost 1.5 percent in the quarter.

Bond funds are usually a comforting cushion for investors when stocks falter. Eight of the last 10 times that Vanguard's behemoth stock fund has turned in a quarterly loss, the Vanguard Total Bond Market Index fund has offered positive returns.

Here's a look at some of the trends that shaped the quarter for fund investors:

- Tech stock funds were some of the best performers.

It may be surprising given how much they've slid in the last couple of weeks, but funds that focus on technology stocks and other fast-growing companies had some of the healthiest returns.

That's because they raced out to such big gains early in the year that they were able to absorb recent losses. Investors have been pouring into technology stocks for years in search of companies able to grow their revenue and profits almost regardless of the global economy's strength.

The average fund focusing on large-cap growth stocks surged to a 7.5 percent return in January alone, for example. But as the quarter drew to a close, Facebook had its worst week in nearly six years on worries that a scandal about its privacy

policies could scare away users and hurt its profits.

By the end of the quarter, the return for the average large-cap growth stock fund had trimmed to 2.3 percent.

- Many bond funds lost money.

Nearly three quarters of all taxable bond funds were down for the quarter.

Bond funds were hurt by some of the same worries that hit stocks in early February: that inflation is on the rise and the Federal Reserve may get more aggressive about raising interest rates to compensate.

Inflation is one of the biggest enemies for bond holders because it erodes the value of the fixed payments that bonds make: A \$1 interest payment buys much less when inflation is spiking higher.

And when interest rates are rising, prices fall for the bonds that are sitting in bond funds' portfolios because they suddenly look less attractive than newly issued bonds. The yield on the 10-year Treasury hit 2.74 percent on Thursday, up from 2.41 percent at the start of the quarter. Yields on shorter- and longer-term Treasuries also rose, which hurt prices for all kinds of bonds.

Even though interest rates are expected to keep climbing, many analysts say bonds can still be considered the safe part of an investor's portfolio. Particularly if a trade war does break out, investors may be grateful to hold bonds, which have historically been much steadier than stocks.

Facebook exec disavows his own provocative memo

By Barbara Ortutay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The author of a provocative Facebook memo declaring that growth is justified even if it costs lives says he doesn't actually agree with the memo and wrote it to provoke debate.

The 2016 internal memo, titled "The Ugly," was leaked to BuzzFeed this week. In it, Facebook executive Andrew Bosworth said "all the work we do in growth is justified," even if it costs people their lives because they are exposed to bullies or die in a terrorist attack coordinated through Facebook.

Bosworth, who goes by "Boz," has been at Facebook

since 2006 and serves as the company's vice president in charge of virtual- and augmented-reality efforts. Previously, he was vice president of ads and helped create Facebook features such as Messenger, its news feed and groups.

Bosworth tweeted Thursday that the memo was one of the most unpopular things he's written internally, and "the ensuing debate helped shape our tools for the better."

In a statement to BuzzFeed that Facebook confirmed, CEO Mark Zuckerberg called Bosworth a "talented leader who says many provocative things," but added the memo was something "that most people at Facebook including myself disagreed with strongly."

"We've never believed the ends justify the means," Zuckerberg said in the statement. "We recognize that connecting people isn't enough by itself. We also need to work to bring people closer together. We changed our whole mission and company focus to reflect this last year."

Facebook is grappling with an unprecedented crisis over allegations that Cambridge Analytica, a Trump-affiliated political consulting firm, obtained data of tens of millions of users without their permission with the intent of swaying elections. That followed a string of scandals, including revelations that Russia used its platform to meddle in U.S. elections.

Asian shares track Wall St. rallies

By Elaine Kurtenbach
The Associated Press

Shares rose in Asia on Friday after technology and consumer-focused stocks led an overnight rally on Wall Street, marking a dramatic end to the market's most volatile quarter in more than two years. Most world markets were closed for Good Friday.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's Nikkei 225 index added 1.4 percent to 21,454.30 and the Kospi in South Korea climbed 0.4 percent to 2,445.85. The Shanghai Composite index edged 0.3 percent higher to 3,168.90. Shares rose in Taiwan and Thailand.

WALL STREET'S SURGE: Banks and industrial stocks also lifted the market and recent laggards such as Facebook and Boeing rose. Even so, the solid gains didn't prevent the stock market's first quarterly loss since the third quarter of 2015. The S&P 500 rose 1.4 percent to 2,640.87. The Dow gained 1.1 percent to 24,103.11 and the Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks also picked up 1.1 percent, to 1,529.43. The Nasdaq added 1.6 percent to 7,063.44, closing the quarter with a gain of 2.3 percent. U.S. stock markets will be closed for the Good Friday holiday.

TECH FACTOR: Thursday's run-up in technology stocks signaled that investors believe the sector was oversold in recent weeks, said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management. "Volatility has ramped up, inflationary pressures are more prevalent, interest rates are on the cusp of change, so that presents a higher level of uncertainty and higher investor angst," he said.

JAPAN DATA: Data released Friday showed industrial production rebounded in February, gaining 4.1 in February from the month before, after a 6.8 drop in January.

ENERGY: Trading stopped for the long Easter weekend. On Thursday, benchmark U.S. crude rose 56 cents to \$64.94 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

World markets

How key international stock markets performed:

Market	Index	% Change	Previous Close	Today's Close
Amsterdam	AEX	0.5%	527.00	529.52
Milan	FTSE MIB	0.4%	22,331.36	22,411.15
Brussels	BEL20	0.1%	3,852.36	3,857.10
Paris	CAC40	0.7%	5,130.44	5,167.30
Frankfurt	DAX	1.3%	11,940.71	12,096.73
Sydney	ASX All Ordinaries	-0.5%	5,899.20	5,868.90
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	0.2%	30,022.53	30,093.38
Tokyo	Nikkei	0.6%	21,031.31	21,159.08
London	FTSE 100	0.2%	7,044.74	7,056.61
Zurich	Swiss Market Index	-0.2%	8,756.12	8,740.97

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Early Notice for Public Review of a Proposal to Support Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Date: March 31, 2018
Name of Responsible Entity: City of Umatilla
Address: 1 South Central Avenue
P. O. Box 2286
Umatilla, FL 32784-2286
Contact: Karen Howard, City Clerk
Telephone Number: (352) 669-3125

To: All Interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Umatilla has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG funds) #18DB-OM-06-45-02-N26 by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). The funding is provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and will be used in Service Area #1 to replace the existing potable water lines along Winogene Avenue between Owens Street on the north and West Ocala Street on the south. In Service Area #2, CDBG funds will be used to replace the potable water lines running along the entire length of Wafford Street. In Service Area #3, CDBG funds will be used to replace the potable water lines running along the entire length of Devault Street. In Service Area #4, CDBG funds will be used to install a fixed emergency electrical generator at the Cayman Circle/Bonaire Place Lift Station. As an Unmet Need, if funding is available, in Service Area #5 CDBG funds will be used to replace the potable water lines running along Winogene Avenue between Lake Street on the north and Owens Street on the south.

This notice is required by Section 2(a)(4) of Executive Order 11988 for Floodplain Management, and by Section 2(b) of Executive Order 11990 for the Protection of Wetlands, and is implemented by HUD Regulations found at 24 CFR 55.20(b) for the HUD action that is within and/or affects a floodplain and/or wetland.

Construction may be undertaken in the 100 year floodplain and/or wetlands. The City of Umatilla is interested in alternatives and public perceptions of possible adverse impacts that could result from the project as well as potential mitigation measures. Some of the activities being carried out in the Service Areas may be located within a floodplain and/or wetland area.

Activities:

Service Area #1 - Phase I, Winogene Avenue Water Line Replacement Service Area:

03J - Water Line Replacement Activity - this activity includes the replacement of the existing potable water lines in Winogene Avenue between Owens Street on the north and West Ocala Street on the south with new twelve-inch (12") C-900 PVC water lines. Approximately, two thousand forty linear feet (2,040') of replacement potable water lines will be installed.

Activity 03J Water Line Replacement CDBG Cost \$246,200.00 Local Match \$ 0.00

Service Area #1 is bound on the north by the Owens Street right-of-way, on the south by the West Ocala Street right-of-way, on the east by the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Winogene Avenue, on the west by the rear property line of the properties on the west side of Winogene Avenue.

None of the work in Service Area #1 will be carried out within a flood plain or wetland.

Service Area #2 - Wafford Street Water Line Replacement Service Area:

03J - Water Line Replacement Activity - this activity includes the replacement of the existing potable water lines in Wafford Street between State Road 19 on the west and the end of Wafford Street on the east with new twelve-inch (12") C-900 PVC water lines. Approximately, one thousand linear feet (1,000') of replacement potable water lines will be installed.

Activity 03J Water Line Replacement CDBG Cost \$121,800.00 Local Match \$ 0.00

Service Area #2 is bound on the east by the eastern end of Wafford Street, on the west by State Road 19 right-of-way, on the north by the rear property line of the properties located on the north side of Wafford Street, on the south by the rear property line of the properties on the south side of Wafford Street.

None of the work in Service Area #2 will be carried out within a flood plain or wetland.

Service Area #3 - Devault Street Water Line Replacement Service Area:

03J - Water Line Replacement Activity - this activity includes the replacement of the existing potable water lines in Devault Street between State Road 19 on the east and Golden Gem Drive on the west with new twelve-inch (12") C-900 PVC water lines. Approximately, one thousand six hundred forty linear feet (1,640') of replacement potable water lines will be installed.

Activity 03J Water Line Replacement CDBG Cost \$226,000.00 Local Match \$ 0.00

Service Area #3 is bound on the north by the rear property line of the prop-

erties located on the north side of Devault Street, on the south by the rear property line of the properties located on the south side of Devault Street, on the east by State Road 19 right-of-way, and on the west by the Golden Gem Drive right-of-way.

None of the work in Service Area #3 will be carried out within a flood plain. A small portion of the work, approximately 0.10 acre may be carried out within a wetland.

Service Area #4 - Cayman Circle/Bonaire Place Lift Station Emergency Generator Installation Service Area:

03J - Sewer Line Replacement Activity - this activity includes the installation of a fixed emergency electrical generator at the Cayman Circle/Bonaire Place Lift Station located on the northern end of Cayman Circle on the west side of the street next to the retention pond.

Activity 03J Sewer Line Replacement CDBG Cost \$50,000.00 Local Match \$ 0.00

Service Area #4 includes all of the housing units whose effluent flows through the Cayman Circle/Bonaire Place Lift Station. Service Area #4 is bound on the north by the rear property lines on the properties located on the north side of Cayman Circle, on the south by the Devault Street right-of-way, on the east by the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Cayman Circle, and on the west by Golden Gem Drive.

None of the work in Service Area #4 will be carried out within a flood plain or wetland.

Activity 016 Engineering CDBG Cost \$0.00 Local Match \$9,100.00

Activity 013 Administration CDBG Cost \$56,000.00 Local Match \$0.00

Total CDBG Cost - \$700,000.00
Total City's Local Match Claimed for Points from the City's Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund - \$9,100.00
Total CDBG, City's Local Match Claimed for Points - \$709,100.00

None of the primary activities in this project will be carried out within a flood zone. Approximately 0.10 acres of land located within a wetland may be included in the total construction area for this project.

No additional impervious area within a flood zone will be created in any of the Primary Service Areas included in this project.

Unmet Need:

Unmet Need #1:

Service Area #5 - Phase II, Winogene Avenue Water Line Replacement Service Area:

03J - Water Line Replacement Activity - The proposed activity, if funding is available, includes the replacement of the existing potable water lines in Winogene Avenue between Lake Street on the north and Owens Street on the south with new twelve-inch (12") C-900 PVC water lines. Approximately, five hundred sixty linear feet (560') of replacement potable water lines will be installed.

Activity 03J Water Line Replacement CDBG Cost \$63,887.00 Local Match \$0.00

Service Area #5 is bound on the north by the Lake Street right-of-way, on the south by the Owens Street right-of-way, on the east by the rear property line of the properties located on the east side of Winogene Avenue, on the west by the rear property line of the properties on the west side of Winogene Avenue.

None of the work in Service Area #5 will be carried out within a flood plain or wetland.

Written comments must be received by Karen Howard, City Clerk at the City of Umatilla, 1 South Central Avenue, P. O. Box 2286, Umatilla, FL 32784-2286 on or before April 16, 2018. Comments may also be submitted by email at khoward@umatillaf.org.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting: Karen Howard, City Clerk telephone number (352) 669-3125.

Mary C. Johnson, Mayor
Environmental Certifying Official
City of Umatilla
1 South Central Avenue
P. O. Box 2286
Umatilla, FL 32784-2286
Telephone number (352) 669-3125

Ad No: 10075124
March 31, 2018

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that CHARLES ROCKY FELICIANO, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of JAYSEZMOVE located at 3000 LAKE CENTER DR, APT 54, MOUNT DORA, FL 32757 in LAKE County intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Ad No: 10075275
March 31, 2018

FICTITIOUS NAME NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that JORDAN GREENWOOD, owner, desiring to engage in business under the fictitious name of J. GREENWOOD PHOTOGRAPHY located at 18999 S. OBRIEN RD, GROVELAND, FL 34736 in LAKE

County intends to register the said name with the Division of Corporations, Florida Department of State, pursuant to section 865.09 of the Florida Statutes.

Ad No: 10075284
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 35-2018-CP-000338-AXXX-XX

Division: SINGLETARY

IN RE: ESTATE OF

ERNEST HARRY GUENTHER, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the Estate of ERNEST HARRY GUENTHER, deceased, whose date of death was December 10, 2017; is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division; File Number 35-2018-CP000338-AXX-XX; the address of which is 550 West Main Street, Second Floor, Tavares, Florida 32778. The names and addresses of the co-personal representatives and the co-personal representatives' attorneys 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 this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (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 THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE 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.

THE DATE OF FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE IS: March 31, 2018.

Attorney For Personal Representative:
/s/ Regina S. Bushkin
REGINA S. BUSHKIN, ESQUIRE
Fla. Bar No. 959588

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/s/ Michael Guenther
MICHAEL GUENTHER
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Lakeland, FL 33809

Ad No: 10075280
March 31, 2018 &
April 07, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE TO.: 35-2017-CA-001166

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

JOHN WILEY AKA JOHN T. WILEY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE WILEY, UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST JERALD ERWIN WILEY, SHIRLEY M. WILEY, JOHN JAY HARSH, MIKE HARSH, SANDRA FOX, DIANA HARSH,

Defendant.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARJORIE WILEY
13413 MARYLAND AVENUE
ASTATULA FL 34708
(last known residence)

UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, CREDITORS AND OTHER PERSONS OR UNKNOWN SPOUSES CLAIMING BY THROUGH UNDER OR AGAINST JERALD ERWIN WILEY
1568 GROVE COURT
TAVARES, FL 32778
(last known residence)

MIKE HARSH
1951 ALLENDALE DRIVE
TOLEDO, OH 13611
(last known residence)

SANDRA FOX
4635 OAK MEADOW WAY
KNOXVILLE, TN 37918
(last known residence)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in LAKE County, Florida:

ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN, LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF FL, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN OR BOOK 1487 PAGE 364 ID#2920260100-00G-06302, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE EAST 100 FEET OF THE WEST 256 FEET OF LOT 63, BLOCK G OFFICIAL MAP OF ASTATULA, FILED IN PLAT BOOK 1 AT PAGE 12 LESS THE SOUTH 61.48 FT THEREOF AND ALL THAT CERTAIN PARCEL OF LAND IN LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF FL, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN OR BOOK 1487 PAGE 353 ID# 2920260100-00G-06302, BEING KNOWN AND DESIGNATED AS THE SOUTH 61.48 FT OF THE E 100 FT OF THE W 256 FT OF LOT 63 BLOCK G, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OF ASTATULA, FL AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1 PAGE 12 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FL AND THE NORTH 17 FT OF VACATED PORTION OF MD AVE. LYING SOUTH OF AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE EAST

100 FT OF THE W 256 FT OF LOT 63, BLOCK G, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MAP OF ASTATULA, FL AS RECORDED IN PLAT BK 1 PAGE 12 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FL.

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Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ SHARI DURHAM
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Submitted By:
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- 13 "Definitely!"
- 14 Portent
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- 21 Hotel feature
- 22 Boater's kin
- 25 "East of Eden" brother
- 26 "Toodle-oo!"
- 27 Source
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- 37 Come together
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- 39 Beatty and Buntline
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- 10 Return address name
- 16 Suggest
- 18 Caesar subject
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- 23 Straight
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CASE NUMBER: 2016 DP 146 (04)

IN THE INTEREST OF: J. S. P. 12/15/2016
Minor Child

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND PERMANENT

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COMMITMENT OF MINOR CHILDREN
THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
LEGAL PUBLICATION

TO: DARRYLE SHULER (FATHER)
DOB: 08/19/1995
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WHERE AS a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in this Court regarding the above-referenced children, a copy of which is attached

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By: /s/ Kathy Fetzer
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CASE NO. 35-2016-CA-001797-AXXX-XX

MIDFIRST BANK

Plaintiff,

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Dated at Tavares this 21 day of March, 2018.

Neil Kelly
Clerk of the Circuit Court

(Seal)

By: /s/ D. Davis
Deputy Clerk

Submitted By:
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Ad No: 10075030
March 24, 2018 &
March 31, 2018
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA
GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO.
35-2018-CA-000181-AXXX-XX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERT R. HEBERT, DECEASED.
et. al.
Defendant(s),

**NOTICE OF ACTION
- CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE**

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERT R. HEBERT, DECEASED.
whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF ALBERT R. HEBERT, DECEASED.
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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 123, THE PLANTATION AT LEESBURG, NOTTOWAY VILLAGE, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 46, PAGES 47 AND 48, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Lake County, Florida, this 22 day of March, 2018

NEIL KELLY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ D. Latourelle
DEPUTY CLERK

Submitted By:
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF
6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100
Boca Raton, FL 33487
PRIMARY EMAIL: mail@rasflaw.com
17-123634 - ADB

Ad No: 10075031
March 24, 2018 &
March 31, 2018

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

CASE NO.:
35-2017-CA-001924-AXXX-XX

FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.

REBECCA P. LAFORTY; STEPHEN H. LAFORTY; WOODRIDGE PHASE IIA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; WOODRIDGE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.; UNKNOWN TENANT(S) IN POSSESSION #1 and #2, and ALL OTHER UNKNOWN PARTIES, et al.,
Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Summary Judgment of Foreclosure dated March 6, 2018, entered in Civil Case No.: 35-2017-CA-001924-AXXX-XX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION ("FANNIE MAE"), A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, and REBECCA P. LAFORTY; STEPHEN H. LAFORTY; WOODRIDGE PHASE IIA HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION, INC.; WOODRIDGE MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC., are Defendants.

I will sell to the highest bidder for cash, on the first floor near the information desk, Lake County Courthouse, Lake County Judicial Center, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778 at 11:00 AM, on the day of **MAY 10, 2018**, the following described real property as set forth in said Final Summary Judgment, to wit:

LOT 19, WOODRIDGE, PHASE IIA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 38, PAGES 5 AND 6, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

A/K/A: 1111 WOODFLOWER WAY, CLERMONT, FL., 34714

If you are a person claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than 60 days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds. After 60 days, only the owner of record as of the date of the lis pendens may

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claim the surplus.
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court ON March 6, 2018.
NEIL KELLY
CLERK OF THE COURT
By: /s/ D. Davis
Deputy Clerk
(COURT SEAL)

Attorney for Plaintiff:
Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
Popkin & Rosaler, P.A.
1701 West Hillsboro Boulevard
Suite 400
Deerfield Beach, FL 33442
Telephone: (954) 360-9030
Facsimile: (954) 420-5187
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Ad No: 10075260
March 31, 2018 &
April 07, 2018

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Groveland proposes to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-04-12, amending sections in Chapter 153 of the Code of Ordinances to allow medical marijuana treatment facilities as a permitted use in the Central Business District, C-1 and C-2 zoning districts. The Local Planning Agency and City Council will hold a special public hearing meeting at the E. L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue, Groveland, Florida on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible to consider on first reading of Ordinance No. 2018-04-12. The title of the ordinance is as follows:

ORDINANCE 2018-04-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GROVELAND TO ALLOW MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT FACILITIES AS A PERMITTED USE IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, C-1 AND C-2 ZONING DISTRICTS; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Interested parties may appear at the 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.

Ad No: 10075296
March 31, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All interested persons are hereby required to file in the Estate of Bruce Gill, Deceased File Number: 2018-CP-000234 AX, in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, County Courthouse, P.O. Box 7800, Tavares, Florida 32778:

(1) all claims or demands against this estate within the later of three months after the time of the first publication of this notice or thirty days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on a creditor or claimant; and

(2) any objection by an interested person on whom notice was served that challenges the validity of the will, the qualifications of the personal representative, or the venue or the jurisdiction of the court, within the later of three months after the date of the first publication of this notice or thirty days after the date of service of a copy of this notice on the objecting person.

ANY CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

The date of the first publication of this Notice is March 24, 2018.

Personal Representative:
David E. Gill
D/o Thomas R. Conklin, Esq.
442 South Tamiami Trail
Osprey, FL 34229

Attorney for Personal Representative:
Thomas R. Conklin, Esq.
Telephone: (941) 366-2608
Florida Bar #938823

Ad No: 10075001
March 24, 2018 &
March 31, 2018

NOTICE Under Fictitious Name Statute Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statute

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute" Florida Statute 865.09, 2009, will register with the Division of Corporations, Department of State, State of Florida, upon receipt of proof of publication for this notice the Fictitious Name, to wit:

Miekkel Design

Intends to register said Fictitious Name located at the below address:

3948 Lake Eleanor Drive, Mount Dora, Lake County, FL 32757
That the interested owner in said business enterprise is:

Michael M. Richards
Dated in Lake County, Florida this 28th day of March, 2018.

Ad No: 10075178
March 29, 2018

NOTICE Under Fictitious Name Statute Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statute

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That the interested owner in said business enterprise is:

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GCCH Enterprises LLC
Dated in Lake County, Florida this 29th day of March, 2018.
Ad No: 10075258
March 31, 2018
PROBATE CITATION File No. 2018-13

**SURROGATE'S COURT
- ONTARIO COUNTY
CITATION**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God
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TO: Scott A. Forsyth, Esq., Guardian Ad Litem for unknowns

Michael McLaughlin (son of James F. McLaughlin) if living but if dead, his distributees, legal representatives, assigns, and all persons who by purchase, inheritance or otherwise have or claim to have an interest in the estate of James F. McLaughlin, deceased, derived through Michael McLaughlin, whose address is unknown to the petitioner.

A petition having been duly filed by Jeannine Manuse who is domiciled at 5596 E. Lake Road, Honeoye, NY 14471.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Ontario County, At 27 N. Main St., Canandaigua, NY 14424, on May 8, 2018 at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of James F. McLaughlin, a/k/a James Frederick McLaughlin admitting to probate a Will dated July 13th, 2017, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of James F. McLaughlin, deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that

[X] Letters Testamentary issue to Jeannine Manuse, to serve without bond.
[] Letters of Trusteeship issue to: [] Letters of Administration c.t.a. issue to (State any further relief requested)

March 28, 2018
HON. FREDERICK G. REED
Surrogate
Elizabeth Simpson
Chief Clerk

Dated, Attested and Sealed, Surrogate

Elizabeth Simpson
(Seal)

Attorney for Petitioner:
Derek G. Brocklebank, Esq.
Tel:(585) 394-3758
Address of Attorney:
51 North Main Street
Canandaigua, NY 14424

[Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear. If you fail to appear it will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you.]

Ad No: 10075282
March 31, 2018 & April 07, 2018 &
April 14, 2018 & April 21, 2018

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March 31, 2018

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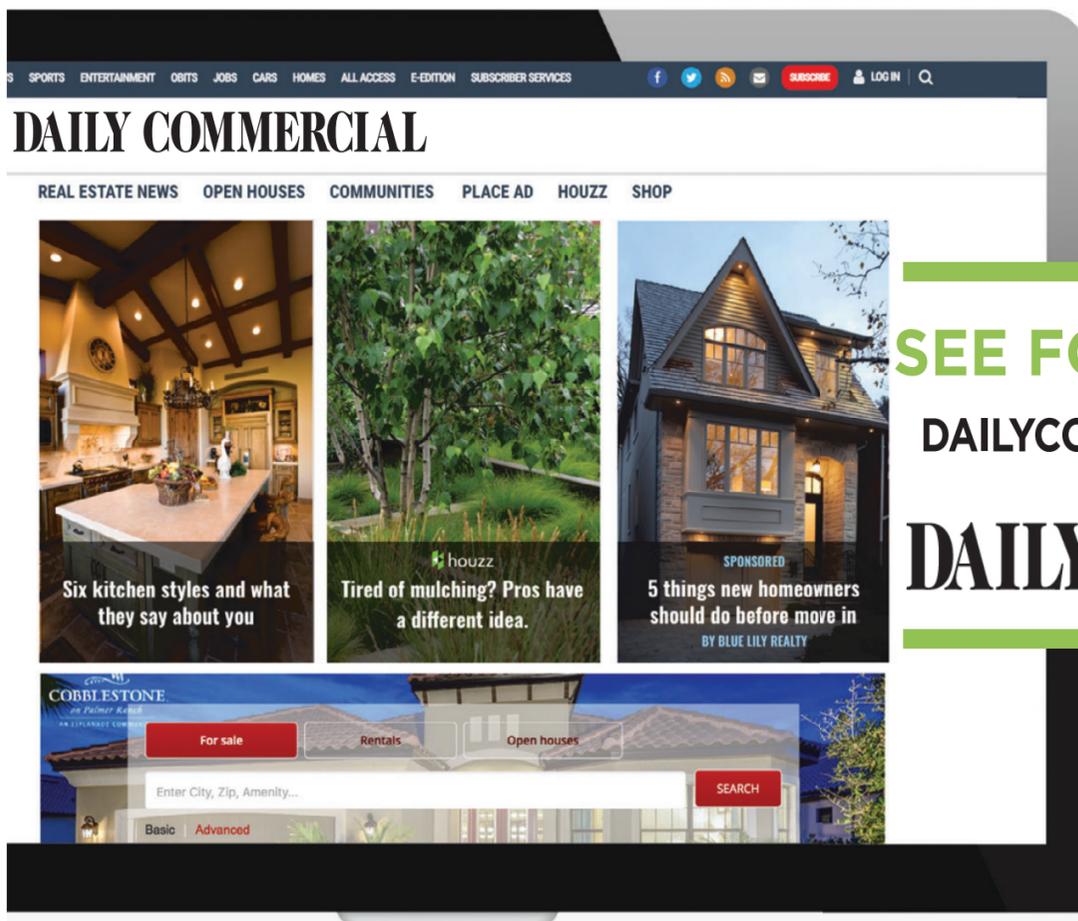
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TIP OF THE WEEK

RE-ROOF CHECKLIST

Consider the following before you re-roof, according to TAMKO Building Products Inc.:

- Determine layover or tear off. Although tearing off existing shingles is more expensive due to increased labor costs, there could be advantages.
- Research the warranty. It is important to understand the warranty.
- Assess ventilation needs. It is generally recommended to incorporate proper ventilation into the re-roof.

HARDSCAPES

ADD VALUE TO YOUR HOME

Outdoor hardscape projects add resale value to a home, according to a National Association of Realtors and National Association of Landscape Professionals report. Here are some ways they help, according to Versa-Lok:

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To wake up your lawn in the spring, the lawn experts at Lowe's have provided these steps.

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How to fix windows that drip water

By Laura Firszt
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When's the best time to spot a leaking window? In the middle of a rainstorm, of course. When's the worst time to fix a leaking window? Ditto. Don't panic, though. Get out your phone and take a picture of the mess instead. That way, if you need to call a pro to take of your problem, you'll have clear evidence as to the location and severity of the leak. And, as an informed consumer, do your homework by checking out these leaking window causes and cures.

1. Inspect the weep holes

Weep holes are openings built into the bottom of your metal or vinyl window frames, which are designed to drain off precipitation that collects in the window tracks. If your window is leaking because these holes have clogged up, breathe a sigh of relief. Clearing clogged weep holes is the simplest, lowest-cost fix for window leaks. Remove fallen leaves, twigs, insect corpses and other objects that may be blocking these openings. Then clean the holes out with a cotton swab or bit of wire (the slow way) or a spritz of compressed air (the shortcut). Clear weep holes are able to do their job properly and won't let the tracks overflow in heavy rain.

2. Look at your window seal

The glass of your window should be solidly sealed to a rubber or vinyl gasket within the frame. If the pane has loosened over the years, renew the seal, using transparent silicone caulk.

3. Check your window frame

If the frame is the cause of your leaking window, there are several possible repair scenarios, as follows:

- **Best-case scenario:** You'll find a gap in the caulk sealing the frame to the exterior wall, which is letting in drafts and possibly water as well. Apply some new, good-quality caulk for an easy and inexpensive repair. (TIPS: For proper adhesion, be sure to thoroughly remove any old flaking caulk and clean the window frame before you start. And take care you seal the top of the window — where precipitation can puddle — as well as the bottom and sides.)
- **Not-so-bad-case scenario:** It could be that the existing weatherstripping has worn out. Take down the operable part of the window (the portion that slides horizontally or vertically when you open it) first. Then remove the old weatherstripping, along with any traces of leftover adhesive, and replace it with a new

peel-and-stick version (available at most hardware and home stores).

- **Worst-case scenario:** You may discover that your wooden window frames have rotted and you will need to hire a pro to replace them. Or you might find that the frames were incorrectly installed in the first place; actually not such a bad scenario if they are still under warranty and if the original installer is still in business and if he's prepared to honor the warranty.

4. Consider other possible sources of leakage

Sometimes, water that appears to be the result of a leaking window is really coming from another source altogether. Make sure that the source of the leak is not actually your home's roof, exterior walls, or upstairs bathroom.

5. Minimize water damage

If heavy rain makes window repair impossible for the time being (or if you're waiting for a pro to arrive and fix the problem), meanwhile you can at least minimize water damage, which, unchecked, may lead to mold and rot. Place a rolled up towel or large rag in the area of the leak — to absorb the water — and change it regularly for a dry one. If at all possible, move carpeting, furniture, and other items away from the window area.

AROUND THE HOUSE

The four myths about blue-collar construction jobs



Don Magruder

There is a real disconnect in the media and political narratives being told every day and what is actually happening on jobsites around the country regarding blue-collar jobs and wages. First, there is a huge

shortage of labor in blue-collar industries and an immense tug-of-war for talent between construction, manufacturing, logistics and service industries. According to the United States Department of Labor, in December 2017 there were 5.8 million job openings with 924,000 of these jobs in the blue-collar areas of construction, manufacturing, logistics and wholesale. The first myth about blue-collar construction

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As the end of the school year approaches, graduating seniors who don't plan on going to college should not despair; there are good jobs in the construction industry available to you. All you must do is work hard, learn your craft, keep your background clean and remain drug-free. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

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FROM THE EXTENSION

4-H Day at the Capitol educates kids on state politics

More than 850 4-H members, volunteers and supporters met at the Capitol on Feb. 24 to educate Florida politicians on the importance of the 4-H program.

4-H supporters meandered around the Capitol wearing green polo shirts to represent the program. Thirty of those members and volunteers came from Lake County.

Throughout the day, participants heard from public officials, participated in educational workshops, took tours of the Capitol and local museums and witnessed political leaders taking action. The 4-H Day at the Capitol provided youth with an opportunity to learn more about the state government and experience political processes. 4-H youth were encouraged to schedule appointments with senators and representatives to talk about the influence 4-H has had on their lives.

4-H Day at the Capitol provided Lake County youth with an opportunity to practice citizenship. Lake County 4-H youth had four members that were able to speak with Senator Dennis Baxley.



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“The experiences I have gleaned from 4-H have helped me reach my full potential,” James told Senator Baxley. Richard expressed to Baxley, “I love 4-H. This excellent organization provides hands-on learning and programs that build life skills.”

On meeting Senator Baxley, Richard thought,

“It is amazing how accessible for discussions our elected officials are.” James’ reflection on meeting Senator Baxley was, “Amid the pomp and circumstance of the Capitol, speaking to Senator Baxley was like talking to your favorite grandfather. Baxley was jovial at times, yet, the senator offered sound advice. He told us to learn to be effective communicators, so many disputes and differences arise due to a lack thereof.”

4-H Day at the Capitol also brought an



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opportunity for 4-H youth to tour the Capitol and partake in local tours. 4-H youth from Southern Traditions 4-H Club enjoyed their experience of the museums and the Governor’s Mansion tour. Alexis Robbins said, “My favorite experience was touring the mansion because I get to see where Governor Scott goes home to every day.” Alexis also enjoyed all of the history that surrounded the mansion.

Savannah Tretter enjoyed visiting the museums while Abigail Northrup enjoyed seeing different types of artifacts. All the youth from Southern Traditions 4-H Club experienced an elevator ride which took them to the 22nd floor. The tours available to 4-H youth included a tour of the Governor’s Mansion, Old Farm Tour and an IMAX movie. Other opportunities that were available included

a 4-H Day at the Capitol Scavenger Hunt, a tour of the Museum of Florida History, the Tallahassee Museum, the Florida State University and the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University. This event provided lots of opportunities for 4-H participants.

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jobs is that only good job openings in America require a college degree — that is nonsense.

The second myth about blue-collar construction jobs is that illegal immigration is taking the good jobs and depressing wages. The Center for Migration Studies of New York estimates that 10.8 million people are in the United States illegally; however, that number is down by almost one million from 2010. Illegal immigration has been declining as the economies south of America have improved. In fact, the agricultural industry has two job openings for every job seeker. It is feared that fruits and vegetables will begin rotting on the vine because of the lack of immigrant labor.

The good blue-collar jobs are not being taken by illegal immigrants, and honestly America needs a guest worker program right now if it wishes to maintain any economic growth.

The third and most ludicrous myth about blue-collar construction jobs is that manufacturing and construction jobs are low wage, dead-end careers. Most skilled craftsmen can earn more in a year than people who have jobs with Master of Business Administration degrees. The real problem in the blue-collar industries is that many workers are being offered too much overtime because of the shortage of labor. Over the last few weeks, there have been stories of people leaving one company for another because they don’t want to work 60 hours a week. Wage rates for basic laborers have soared. If you work hard, learn your craft and keep your background clean, a person leaving high school can have a wonderful career and great life in the construction industry.

Just imagine having a job where you do something different or you build something neat every day.

The fourth and final myth about blue-collar construction jobs is

that you must know someone to get a good paying blue-collar job. Companies are begging for good people. Many are spending thousands of dollars on employment ads and recruiting services with little success. I guarantee someone with little or no experience who is drug-free, has a clean background and is willing to work hard can walk up to most construction jobsites with a hard hat and find work.

In some areas, jobsites are being fenced off with security to stop other contractors from stealing the labor they have on site.

What everyone misses about the construction industry in America is that projects can’t be built overseas. Homes, commercial buildings and factories must be planned, built and constructed in America. Construction is the ultimate manufacturing job that can never be outsourced overseas.

The Great Recession created a five-year gap of craftsmen and the industry is paying for it now.

The average

craftsman in the industry is over 45 years old and the talent on the bench is thin. This means that even if there is another bad recession the craftsmen in the industry will have work. This shortage in skilled craftspeople could last for a decade or more because the industry has been so slow to crank up its training programs.

As the end of the school year approaches, graduating seniors who don’t plan on going to college should not despair — there are good jobs available to you. All you must do is work hard, learn your craft, keep your background clean and remain drug-free.

In just a few years, you could have everything you’ve imagined, and more, because these opportunities are real, and the openings are available right now.

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On Gardening: Sarah Eve, stunning pink Virginia sweetspire

By Norman Winter
Tribune News Service

Sarah Eve is mesmerizing; it’s the first pink selection of Virginia sweetspire. It was introduced by Woodlanders, Inc. in Aiken South Carolina but discovered by Nancy Bissett of The Natives Inc. in central Florida and named for her daughter. Woodlanders describes the flowers as white but with pink pedicels making the long dangling racemes or blooms look pink.

We planted it a few years when I was with the Coastal Georgia Botanical Gardens in Savannah. We placed it close to the entrance of the shade garden, and it has been stellar. When in bloom you’ll know from a distance that you are looking at a Virginia sweetspire that is something special. It reaches 4 to 5 feet in height with an equal spread.

If you have never grown a Virginia

sweetspire also called Virginia willow, I would ask, why not? They are known botanically as *Itea virginica* and native from Texas to Illinois to Pennsylvania and southward to Florida. That is a vast area geographically, and they are cold hardy from zones 5-9. “Itea” is Greek for willow, and although it is not a willow, its graceful habit and sweetly fragrant flowers will make it a natural for your woodland gardens and paths.

To be honest I don’t think I have ever met a Virginia sweetspire selection or generic that I did not like. The award-winning Henry’s Garnet and Little Henry a compact version are both dazzling in the landscape with their fragrant white flowers hanging downward in spires and bringing in the pollinators. Reports say Longspires has the longest blooms and Saturnalia even more sensational in fall color.

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Spec houses are making a return

By Michele Lerner

Special to The Washington Post

Home buyers across the country are scrambling for properties, and real estate professionals are begging for more houses to be built to answer the high demand.

Under these conditions, you might suspect that developers would be more inclined to build a house even before a buyer has purchased it.

Indeed, some builders have increased their production of “speculative” or “spec” houses, which are fully or partially built without a purchase contract in place. Still, that’s not the case with others — the strategy around spec houses varies according to market conditions and builder preferences.

“A few years ago, it was too risky for builders to build spec houses, but right now, builders are extremely bullish on the housing market,” says Tim Costello, founder and chief executive of Builder Homesite Inc., the parent company of Builders Digital Experience and NewHomeSource.com, a builder-marketing business based in Austin. “They’re selling everything they can build and making lots of money, so their risk profile has changed.”

In different market cycles, spec homes — which are sometimes labeled “immediate delivery,” “move-in ready” or “immediate occupancy” houses — can be a burden on builders if they languish on the market, because they’ve paid to construct the house and continue to pay financing costs and utilities. When



Van Metre’s Pembroke model, a spec home; some builders have increased their production of “speculative” or “spec” houses, which are fully or partially built without a purchase contract in place. Still, that’s not the case with others — the strategy around spec houses varies according to market conditions and builder preferences.

[KATHERINE FREY/THE WASHINGTON POST]

builders are eager to sell a spec house, buyers occasionally get a bargain.

But in today’s hot housing market, this is rarely the case, with most houses selling fast.

“Right now, we’re seeing most of the builders in our area building houses as fast as the lots are developed,” said Lind Goodman, a sales manager for BSI Builder Services, a division of the Allen Tate Co. in Charlotte. “Resale inventory is so low, and builders can’t build houses as fast as they are selling, particularly at the lower-end prices.”

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Home buyers in a hurry to move are the most likely candidates for a spec house, but sometimes spec buyers are simply tired of competing for limited resale houses in their area.

“Buyers who choose

spec houses today are usually doing this because of timing,” Goodman said. “Sometimes they are relocating and want to move to their permanent home right away. Sometimes people put their house on the market, and it sells faster than they expected. They only want to move once rather than go into temporary housing while they wait for a house to be built.”

Although choosing personalized features is a pleasure for many buyers of new construction, Goodman said: “Lots of people like not having to pick everything, and they’re happy to go with the choices the builder has made for their house. They’re still getting a new house, and typically it has the most popular upgrades for that price and neighborhood.”

Regina and Ted Solomon and their three

children, ages 10, 13 and 15, recently moved into a spec house at Meadowbrook Farm in Leesburg, Virginia that was built by Van Metre Homes. They opted for a spec house because of its lot and location within the community. The Solomons, who’d already lived in the area, looked at resale houses two years ago and hadn’t found anything they liked. This time, Regina Solomon found a house when they weren’t seriously looking.

“I popped into Meadowbrook Farm on a whim and was immediately attracted to the house, and especially the lot, which is next to a common area where the kids can play,” Regina Solomon said. “If the house hadn’t been ready, I might not have been as willing to make a quick decision.”

She said she saw the house on a Tuesday, brought her family and bought it the following Saturday.

“The house just matched everything we wanted,” she said. “They did a great job putting in the finishes I would have chosen anyway. I actually think they chose a higher quality of items than I might have picked if I had to sit and choose everything with a price list in front of me.”

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Van Metre Homes, a Northern Virginia builder, has increased the number of spec houses it builds in response to the critical need for houses in Loudoun and Fairfax counties, said Brian Davidson, group president for the firm’s new homes division in Stone Ridge, Virginia. “Building more spec

homes allows us to reach people who would be looking at resales because they want to move quickly rather than wait six months or longer for a home to be built,” Davidson said. “We particularly want to have houses ready for the busy spring housing market and the fall housing market.”

About 37 percent of Van Metre’s sales last year were move-in ready houses, compared with 31 percent in 2016.

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau show that about 35 percent of newly built homes sold in December were completed when they were purchased, an increase over the 33 percent sold in December 2016. However, the definition of a “spec house” varies.

“Some builders start homes by pouring the foundation and then build very slowly while waiting for a buyer,” Costello said. “A true spec home is one that is built and can be moved into tomorrow.”

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in Washington tracks “spec houses” as all houses that are sold with the land and house, which includes homes under construction while under contract, as well as completed homes.

“The challenge for builders, even if they would like to build more spec homes, is that they face what we call the ‘five L’s’: Labor, lots, lending, lumber and local regulations,” said Robert Dietz, the NAHB’s chief economist. “Labor costs are higher, and it can be harder to find enough skilled laborers.

In addition, buildable lots are expensive, lending is tight, and lumber prices were up 30 percent in 2017 compared to 2016. Local regulatory costs for things like permits rose 29 percent between 2011 and 2016.”

Not all builders construct spec houses, Costello said, although some choose to do so for efficiency and to keep their crews working consistently.

“Some builders try to keep two or three spec houses available at all times to compete against the resale market,” Costello said. “Builders that offer customization build spec houses that can be personalized with the final finishes and then delivered in 60 days, as opposed to the six months that building a new home usually requires.”

Costello said a few builders, such as D.R. Horton Express, LGI Homes and Goodall Homes, consistently build spec houses as a business model.

“We try to start the same number of houses every week so we can communicate accurately to our customers when each house will be finished,” said Chris O’Neal, chief sales officer of Goodall Homes, which builds homes in the high-demand markets of Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee. “This even-flow process lets our trade partners and employees know that they will always have consistent work with us. That’s one reason we have been successful even in a tough labor market. We pay them weekly throughout the year.”

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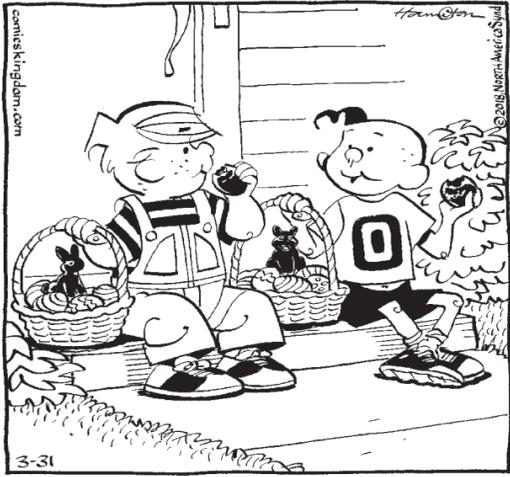
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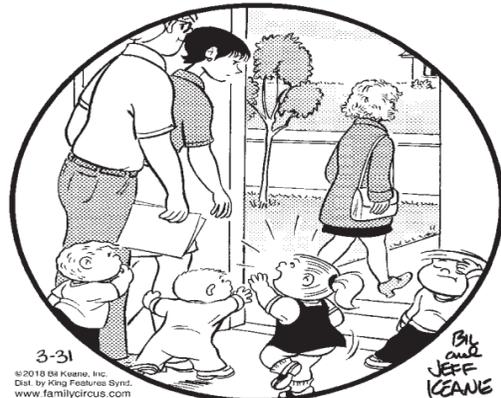
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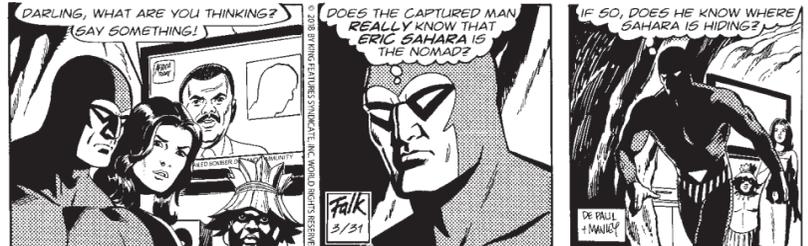
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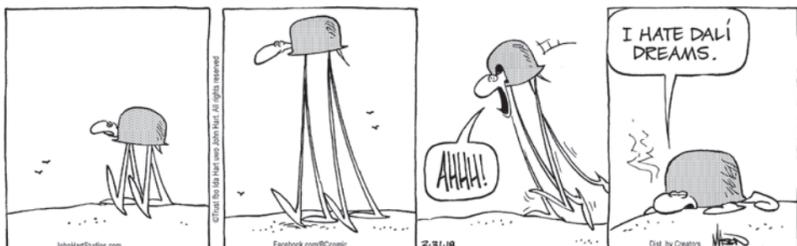
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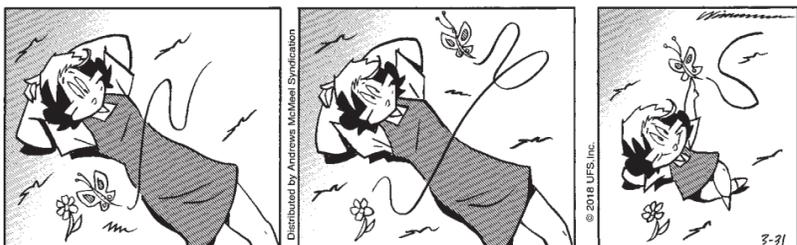
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DIVERSIONS

Past abuse undermines wife's focus on happy new marriage

DEAR ABBY: I'm 42 years old and in my second marriage. My first husband was very abusive. My second loves me, respects me, defends me and has brought out the best in me. But I don't feel like I do the same for him.

Things will get good in our relationship, and then I will lose perspective again, which causes conflict. How do I fix that? How do I find it again, and the sex drive I have lost? I'm so happy. He makes me just glow at times. -- **TRYING TO FIND MYSELF**

DEAR TRYING: The best place to find your perspective would be on the couch of a licensed mental health therapist. It appears you may have brought the baggage from your first marriage into this one. It's not unusual for people who have been in abusive relationships to have emotional scars. Start interviewing now, and

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY



don't stop until you find someone you are comfortable confiding in.

DEAR ABBY: I have a dear friend I met at work three years ago. She's African-American. We have lunch or coffee almost weekly. She always arrives late for our get-togethers, but lately it's become too much. She has made me wait 40 minutes to an hour rather than the usual 10 to 20 minutes. When I show my frustration, she says she is on BPT (Black People Time).

I have tried adopting her lifestyle of being late, but it makes me anxious because I am a very prompt person. I have heard comedians talk about BPT, but I know

not all black people do this because I work with others who are considerate of other people's time. Any suggestions? -- **LADY IN WAITING**

DEAR LADY IN WAITING: What your friend is doing is showing a lack of respect not only for your time but also for your feelings. The next time you arrange to see her, warn her that in the future you will wait no more than 15 minutes, and if she doesn't show up, you will leave. Then do it. If seeing you is important to her, she'll manage to get there. If not, you will know you need to make arrangements with other friends for coffee and lunch.

DEAR ABBY: I am a funeral director by trade, but a couple of years ago one of my good friends asked me to officiate at his wedding. I was happy to do it, and I have since been asked by several other friends to perform their wedding ceremo-

nies, too. I did three last year and have two scheduled for this year.

I am always happy to help, and I don't charge an honorarium. My question is: Am I required to give the couple a gift? I'd like to do what is appropriate.

-- **MARRYING & BURYING IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR M&B: No rule of etiquette requires you to give the couple a gift in addition to the services you are performing for free. If you would LIKE to give them something in addition, by all means do, but it shouldn't be expected.

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» BRIDGE

The recognition factor

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
4 ♠ Pass 4 NT Pass
5 ♥ Pass 5 NT Pass
6 ♣ Pass 6 ♥

Opening lead — queen of spades.

Assume you're declarer at six hearts and West leads the queen of spades, taken by dummy's ace. How would you continue?

When the deal occurred, declarer led a heart to the ace and cashed the A-K of clubs. He then returned to dummy with a trump and ruffed the nine of clubs, hoping the queen would fall. When it didn't, South next led a diamond to the ten, losing to the jack.

Declarer ruffed East's spade return and then played a diamond to the queen. East produced the king, and that was that. Down one.

There is no doubt that South was extremely unlucky. Had West held either diamond honor, or had the queen of clubs fallen in three rounds — about an 85 percent chance altogether — he would have made the contract. Nevertheless, the fact remains that he could have increased his chances substantially, and the oversight cost him the slam.

All declarer had to do to make the contract was to ruff dummy's six of spades at trick two and then proceed exactly as before, including a ruff of the third club in his hand. After the ten of diamonds lost to the jack, East would no longer have had the safe spade return available, as that would now have handed declarer a ruff-and-discard. The alternative — a diamond into the A-Q — would have been equally disastrous.

By ruffing the spade at trick two, declarer assures the slam whenever East has fewer than four clubs. He fails only if East began with four or more clubs including the queen, and the jack and king of diamonds.

The importance of the spade ruff is admittedly not easy to recognize at such an early stage, but since the ruff can do no harm and may do some good, it is clearly the right play.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018:

This year you could witness a new beginning in at least one area of your life. Your job or career will demand attention. You might feel a need to spend more time with your parents and/or loved ones. You value these people more the older you get. If you are single, you will meet someone in the second half of the year who could be significant to your life. If you are attached, the two of you might get along even better than usual. You understand where your sweetie comes from. Your interest in LIBRA grows, partially because he or she presents a different point of view from yours.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) Many of you get a kick out of April Fools' Day; however, there might be too much uproar happening now for you to focus on it. Your temper could flare, which will encourage someone you love to back off. Relax with this Full Moon, as it could be wacky.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) Venus, your ruling planet, moves into your

sign, which makes you more attractive and desirable. The amount of conflict around you could be disparaging, but not serious. You will be able to clear up a misunderstanding soon enough.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) Mischief suits you fine, but be careful about getting caught in the crossfire of an argument between friends. Lie low for now, and look for the positive energy around the issue at hand. You could be more upset about a problem than you realize.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) Your instincts to head home as soon as you see some disruption erupt might not be a bad idea. You won't be able to insulate yourself from all this energy, but you have a better chance of being more removed from it at home. Misunderstandings run rampant.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) You might be unusually difficult, as someone else's negative mood seems to put a damper on the moment. Understand that a friend could be distancing him- or herself because he or she doesn't feel up to snuff. Let go of judgments, and just do your thing.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT.

JACQUELINE BIGAR

BIGAR'S STARS



22) You might be concerned about a matter that is close to your heart. You detach sufficiently from the here and now, and are one of the most laid-back people around. A family member could be down, distant and/or difficult.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) You enjoy being the main focus, but make time to slow down, take a nap or do something just for you. Others might have some difficulty with the intensity of the Full Moon and the hassles that mark this particular lunar event, but not you.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) You might want to step back and watch others for now. You won't want to be in the middle of the fray, especially with all of the activity associated with this Full Moon. Communication contains some negativity.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-

DEC. 21) You always value the feedback of a friend, no matter what is going on. You no longer want to sustain the ups and downs of relating to this particular person. Make an extra effort to get in touch with another friend who needs some attention.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) You'll note an issue arising between family and your more public life. How you handle this matter could define today as well as a sustained period afterward. Avoid being argumentative, even if you are disappointed. Make a point to go out.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) Observe what is going on around you. Emphasize long-distance communication as well as a potential trip. Stay open to what is being offered. You are full of energy and ready for a change. Touch base with a loved one whom you don't often hear from.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) One-on-one relating draws positive results, especially from a partner or close loved one. Still, you might find yourself in an unusual interaction. Your focus needs to be on the other party for now. Use caution with spending or signing any money agreements.

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS SATURDAY, MARCH 31, the 90th day of 2018. There are 275 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY: On March 31, 1968, at the conclusion of a nationally broadcast address on Vietnam, President Lyndon B. Johnson stunned listeners by declaring,

"I shall not seek, and I will not accept, the nomination of my party for another term as your President."

ON THIS DATE: In 1889, French engineer Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1923, the first U.S. dance marathon, held in New York

City, ended with Alma Cummings, who had danced with six consecutive male partners, setting a world record of 27 hours on her feet.

In 1943, "Oklahoma!" the first musical play by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II, opened on Broadway.

In 1958, the Chuck Berry single "Johnny B. Goode" was first released on the Chess label.

In 1995, Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez, 23, was shot to death in Corpus Christi, Texas, by the founder of her fan club, Yolanda Saldivar, who was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

In 2005, Terri Schiavo, 41, died at a hospice in Pinellas Park, Florida, 13 days after her feeding tube was removed in a wrenching right-to-die dispute.

WORD SCRIMMAGE™

BY JUDD HAMBRICK © 2018 UFS / Dist. by Andrews McMeel Syndication for UFS

1st DOWN
A₂ O₂ W₇ N₂ Y₇ L₂ M₆ 1st Down + 40 PTS

2nd DOWN
K₂ T₂ C₆ T₂ I₂ H₇ E₁ 2nd Down + 50 PTS

3rd DOWN
Y₇ L₂ S₂ A₂ A₂ G₃ S₂ 3rd Down + 60 PTS

4th DOWN
H₇ R₂ M₆ A₂ A₂ C₆ R₂ 4th Down + 50 PTS

FOUR PLAY TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 421 AVERAGE GAME 270-280 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.

3-31-18 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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

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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Gear and gadgets for cleaning a dirty dog

By Kim Cook
The Associated Press

Those of us with outdoor-loving pets know the downside to all that free-wheeling frolic: muddy paws, tangled fur, and often much worse.

Animal behavior experts have many theories on why some dogs roll in noxious odors. Some researchers posit that getting one's neck into a smell is an instinctive way to bring info about potential food back to the pack. Others think that rolling in rankness may simply be a dog's version of teenagers dousing themselves with body spray.

"Perfume or aftershave is used not just to make us more attractive to others, but because we like the smell too," says Patricia McConnell, animal behaviorist and author of "The Other End of the Leash" (Ballantine, 2002).

Alexandra Horowitz, in her book "Being a Dog: Following the Dog Into a World of Smell" (Scribner, 2016), points to a scent-oriented olfactory lobe in dogs' brains that lights up when potent smells are nearby. Dogs, she suggests, don't really differentiate between "good" or "bad" odors. To them, every smell — even rotten squirrel — is just more information.

Luckily, whether you're dealing with sand, mud or something more, there's a lot of good gear on the



This photo provided by Bissell shows the BarkBath Portable Dog Bath. Less water used and less mess to contend with make the BarkBath appealing to those with minimal space and/or pets who are bath-averse. The system, similar to a carpet shampooer, can also be used to simply suction water off a soggy dog. [BISELL VIA AP]

market to help you get Fido clean and fresh-smelling.

If wrangling your pet into the bathtub is nigh on impossible, consider Bissell's Bark Bath portable system. Sort of a wet vac for dogs, the kit comes with a low-suds shampoo. Fill the reservoir with whatever temperature water your pet prefers, and then use the handheld wand to alternately squirt on the water/shampoo mixture and to vacuum up water and residue. One touted feature: Whereas in a traditional tub you'd use about 19 gallons of water to bathe a Labrador-size dog, with the Bark Bath you'll only use 40 ounces.

It can also be used just

as a vacuum to remove moisture if you're dealing with a soggy but not sludgy pet.

McConnell advises easing balky bathers in slowly. Start by lining the tub with treats and adding some to the inside of the tub. Turn the water on gently and reward your pet with a treat. Work your way up to the washing hose using the treats, and be patient. You may need several sessions before a fearful dog is comfortable with the bathing experience.

Don't use human shampoo on dogs; the pH level is much higher and too acidic for dogs' skin.

Just need to wash paws?

Consider this gadget from Paw Boss: a low-profile water tray equipped with nubby pads in a wash cup, into which you dip paws. City dwellers might appreciate being able to quickly rinse the street grit off their canines' feet. Bonus feature: vinyl skins for the unit, so you can customize to suit your decor. Options include faux wood, pop-art geometrics, bubbles and metallics.

Simpler still is Pet Product Innovations' Paw Plunger, a rugged mug with a handle and a soft membrane over the mouth, where you dip the paws. It comes with a lid so you can tote the mug on



This photo shows Paw Boss's mobile paw washing system. With two reservoirs for clean and dirty water it can be decorated with one of several fun vinyl skins to coordinate with home decor. [PAW BOSS/KEVIN SKIBINSKI VIA AP]

a walk and rinse off salt or dirt.

If you're nowhere near water and need a quick cleanup, consider a gentle wet wipe like Clean-Well's, which is steeped in thyme oil instead of the usual disinfecting wipe chemicals like triclosan, benzalkonium chloride or alcohol. Babyganics is another brand made with plant-based ingredients, and no artificial fragrances or dyes.

To deal with tangles and

simple hair mats, consider using any inexpensive yet sturdy wide-toothed comb; gently work your way from the back to the head, combing in the direction of the fur.

The FURminator tool, which gets under the top coat to remove loose hair, comes in both a long- and short-hair version.

For short curly coats, consider Conair's Top Paw, with boar bristles on one side and synthetic ones on the other.

Today's finest landscapes are positively wild

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

New gardening books still come thick and fast in the digital age. The titles tend to flock to topics that interest millennials and embrace such matters as caring for succulents and houseplants, growing edibles in urban spaces,

and planting gardens as ecological oases.

What you don't see so much anymore are photo-rich books that luxuriate in the images of top-tier private gardens. But at their best, such books get to the essential quality of garden-making. At its core, a garden is a place where we connect our

senses to beauty, which is to say, to pleasure. Or, to put it another way, gardens heighten the experience of living.

Such collections of personal Edens are welcome if they are correctly focused. They go wrong when they present trophy gardens built for wealthy people who don't know their hummus from their humus. On the page and in person, these flash gardens lack authenticity.

Claire Takacs is a garden photographer who understands this. Based in Australia and Britain, she has had the enviable task of photographing some of the finest private gardens on four continents. Sixty-nine are presented in her new book, "Dreamscapes: Inspiration and Beauty in Gardens Near and Far." Although I don't warm to every one of the featured spaces, they all are driven by the passions and skills of their owners, or of gardeners loyal to the original owner's ambitions, and that makes Takacs's book worthy of our attention.

Through her work, Takacs has a rare global perspective on the state of garden-making in the early 21st century. The viewer is drawn to the common elements that bind our contemporary

ambitions. As a rule, gardens everywhere are looser and more natural than ever. Perhaps because I love the extravagant use of perennials and grasses, I found myself drawn to gardens where the so-called New Perennial Movement, with its emphasis on using the right plant in the right spot, is fully expressed.

These gardens may be physically a world apart, but in their artful use of herbaceous plants, they are kindred spirits. At the grand neoclassical estate in Scotland named Hope-toun House, the owner has turned the old walled vegetable garden into a frothy incoming tide of perennials and grasses, including such beauties as Mexican feather grass, astilbes, echinops, echinaceas and joe-pye weed. (Those I discern from the pictures; readers may be frustrated by the lack of plant identification in the text.)

In Victoria, Australia, we see similar effects with a plant palette attuned to a hotter, drier climate. In eastern France, Monique and Thierry Dronet have spent decades turning an old quarry and conifer plantation into a constantly expanding, perennial-rich

landscape. While she was at the Dronets', Takacs favored the Bohemian Meadow, a field full of purple asters and grasses.

Some of the gardens are lower-key but no less naturalistic or reflective of gentle artistry. In the Welsh hills of Carmarthenshire, Julian and Fiona Wormald have spent 24 years creating a densely planted, multi-layered garden of bulbs, perennials and shrubs around their 17th-century Welsh longhouse.

At Bryan's Ground, a property in western England, David Wheeler and Simon Dorrell have softened the formality of an Arts and Crafts garden with mowed paths through meadowlike beds, including blocks of 20,000 blue Siberian irises.

Twenty-two of the featured gardens are in the United States, including Windcliff, the Indianola, Wash., garden of plantsman Dan Hinkley; Skylands, Martha Stewart's mossy, sylvan garden on Mount Desert Island, Maine; and Ferry Cove, the erstwhile Chesapeake Bay garden of the late landscape architect James van Sweden.

Like many garden photographers, Takacs

likes to take pictures when the sun is low in the sky, at dawn and dusk. This is when the flower heads of grasses, in particular, catch the light. Collectively, her images demonstrate just how important grasses have become in bringing life and sparkle to a garden. The gardens devoid of grasses seem duller for their absence, with the exception of those Takacs photographed in Japan, which have a separate quality about them.

A good example of this need for grass is the picture of a garden in Spain with blobs of clipped shrubbery and lavender. The seed heads of giant stipa grass grab the golden sunlight and elevate and lighten the scene.

One or two of the gardens point to what I see as a pitfall with ornamental grasses. If you plant them monolithically in huge blocks of the same variety, they lose the structural coherence and the piquancy that make them so valuable mixed with other plants.

I asked Takacs, via email, whether gardens were becoming globalized to the point of homogeneity. The answer was an emphatic no.

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