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Forecast calls for 7 hurricanes

Researchers predict above-average season

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This year's hurricane season will be slightly more active than usual, Colorado State University researchers announced Wednesday in their annual preseason prediction.

The Colorado State Tropical Meteorology Project researchers predict there will be 14 named storms from June 1 to Nov. 30, with seven of the storms becoming hurricanes and three of the hurricanes to reach "major" status, with

sustained winds of at least 111 mph.

Sea surface temperatures are near normal overall, though they are slightly cooler than normal in the eastern tropical Atlantic, according to a news release. Colder-than-normal sea surface temperatures provide less fuel for tropical cyclone formation and intensification and are associated with a more stable atmosphere as well as drier air, both of which suppress organized thunderstorm activity necessary for hurricane development.

Researchers said there is a low likelihood of significant El

Niño conditions as a "primary factor" in their predictions for a slightly above-average number of storms. El Niño is the nickname for warmer than usual ocean water in the tropical Pacific, a phenomenon that tends to increase upper-level westerly winds across the Caribbean into the tropical Atlantic, tearing apart hurricanes as they try to form.

The Colorado State researchers base their forecasts on more than 60 years of historical data that include Atlantic sea surface

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Researchers anticipate 14 named storms in 2018 and a 39 percent chance of landfall on the East Coast. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Park is underway



Marty Shirley, left, the operations manager for the National Training Center in Clermont, South Lake Hospital's Director of Development Sheri Olson and NTC Director Kim Couch look at a rendering of South Lake Regional Park at its groundbreaking Friday morning. [ROXANNE BROWN / DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Officials break ground on facility that will feature multiple ballfields, courts and trails

By Roxanne Brown
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GROVELAND - With the first flip of dirt Friday

morning, the countdown started for what will one day be the largest multi-use park in all of Lake County.

Dozens of officials and community leaders turned out for the groundbreaking on South Lake Regional Park, which will occupy 141 acres on State Road 50 and Max Hooks Road in Groveland. The project, a joint effort between Lake County,

South Lake Chamber, and the cities of Clermont, Groveland, Mascotte and Montverde, has been on the drawing board more than 10 years. for more than 10 years.

"This is a destination in the making," said Bobby Bonilla, Lake County Parks and Trails Division manager.

County commissioners put the wheels in motion

in December 2016 when they approved the county's Parks and Recreation master Plan, which included three phases of engineering and design, along with \$18 million for the new park and \$2 million for associated road improvements.

When complete in about

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US sanctions take aim at Putin's allies in Russia

By Josh Lederman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The United States punished dozens of Russian oligarchs and government officials on Friday with sanctions that took direct aim at President Vladimir Putin's inner circle, as President Donald Trump's

administration tried to show he's not afraid to take tough action against Moscow.

Seven Russian tycoons, including aluminum magnate Oleg Deripaska, were targeted, along with 17 officials and a dozen Russian companies, the Treasury Department said. Senior Trump administration officials cast it as part

of a concerted, ongoing effort to push back on Putin, emphasizing that since Trump took office last year, the U.S. has punished 189 Russia-related people and entities with sanctions.

Rather than punishing Russia for one specific action, the new sanctions hit back at the Kremlin for its "ongoing

and increasingly brazen pattern" of bad behavior, said the officials, who weren't authorized to comment by name and briefed reporters on condition of anonymity. The officials ticked through a list of complaints about Russia's actions beyond its borders, including

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MARIOTTI JURORS GET SCIENCE LESSON

How do you feel about 'school guardian' program?

Lake County School District is asking the community to respond to a survey

Staff Report

TAVARES - The Lake County School District is asking the community to respond to a survey to determine how the public feels about the idea of implementing a "school guardian" program that arms school staffers.

Question 1 of the brief, two-question survey asks whether you are a parent, school employee, student or community member, and question 2 asks whether you support a program that would allow certain school personnel - such as administrators, ROTC instructors, current or former military service members, and former law enforcement officers - to voluntarily have access to a secured weapon on campus during school hours.

The program is a result of

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IN BRIEF

NORRISTOWN, PA. Cosby retrial jury won't hear why ex-DA dropped case

Jurors in Bill Cosby's sex assault retrial won't hear why the case was initially dropped four weeks after his accuser came forward in 2005.

Judge Steven O'Neill sided with prosecutors Friday in ruling that ex-District Attorney Bruce Castor's opinions are irrelevant.

O'Neill also barred mention of a 2015 election that Castor lost to current DA Kevin Steele, whose ads criticized him for not charging Cosby.

Opening statements in Cosby's retrial start Monday.

Castor wrote in a 2005 press release that the case was too flawed and that both Cosby and accuser Andrea Constand could be portrayed "in a less than flattering light."

MIAMI Miami chief: Car crashes intentionally into police station

Officials say a man has intentionally crashed his car into a Miami police station, but a motive remains unclear.

Miami Police Chief Jorge Colina told reporters that there was a weapon and a safe inside the vehicle and they called for a bomb squad investigation as a precaution.

Colina says the 36-year-old man breached the rear gate early Friday before regaining speed and crashing his car into a wall in the back of the station. The suspect was taken to a nearby hospital with minor injuries.

The police chief says he does not have a violent criminal record. He says relatives of the suspect told police that he had been acting bizarre in the last couple of days.

WASHINGTON GOP Rep. Farenthold resigns after sexual harassment claims

Texas Republican Rep. Blake Farenthold abruptly resigned Friday, four months after announcing he wouldn't seek re-election amid sexual harassment allegations.

"While I planned on serving out the remainder of my term in Congress, I know in my heart it's time for me to move along and look for new ways to serve," Farenthold said in a video statement, adding that his action was effective as of 5 p.m.

In December, Farenthold had posted another video denying a former aide's 2014 accusations, including that he'd subjected her to sexually suggestive comments and behavior and then fired her after she complained.

LOTTERY

Thursday, April 5
Fantasy 5: 7-17-19-22-27
Cash 4 Life: 3-10-21-24-59-1

Friday, April 6
Pick 4
Afternoon: 4-4-3-4
Evening: 9-8-7-0

Pick 3
Afternoon: 7-7-3
Evening: 5-0-4

7 killed, scores wounded in Gaza protest

By Fares Akram and Mohammed Daraghmeih
The Associated Press

KHUZAA, Gaza Strip — Thousands of Palestinians protested along Gaza's sealed border with Israel on Friday, engulfing the volatile area in black smoke from burning tires to try to block the view of Israeli snipers and cheering a Hamas strongman who pledged that the border fence will eventually fall.

Israeli troops opened fire from across the border, killing at least seven Palestinians and wounding 293 others — 25 of them seriously — in the second mass border protest in a week, Gaza health officials said. Hundreds more suffered other injuries, including tear gas inhalation, the officials said.

The deaths brought to at least 29 the number of Palestinians killed by Israeli fire since last week.

The latest casualties were bound to draw new criticism from rights groups that have branded Israel's open-fire orders on the border as unlawful, after Israel's defense minister warned that those approaching the fence were risking their lives.

The U.N. human rights office said Friday that it has indications that Israeli forces used "excessive force" against protesters last week, when 15 Palestinians were killed or later died of wounds sustained near the border.

An Israeli military spokesman defended the rules of engagement.

"If they are actively attacking the fence, if they are throwing a molotov cocktail that is within striking distance of Israeli troops or similar activities, then those persons, those rioters, become, may become, a target," said Lt. Col. Jonathan Conricus.

Friday's large crowds suggested that Hamas, the Islamic militant group



Palestinian protesters chant slogans next to burning tires during clashes with Israeli troops Friday along Gaza's border with Israel, east of Khan Younis, Gaza Strip. [ADEL HANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

that has ruled Gaza since a 2007 takeover, might be able to keep the momentum going in the next few weeks. Hamas has called for a series of protests until May 15, the anniversary of Israel's founding when Palestinians commemorate their mass uprooting during the 1948 war over Israel's creation.

Israel has alleged that Hamas is using the mass marches as a cover for attacking the border fence, and has vowed to prevent a breach at all costs.

The military said that on Friday, protesters hurled several explosive devices and firebombs, using the thick plumes of smoke from burning tires as a cover, and that several attempts to cross the fence were thwarted.

Gaza's shadowy Hamas strongman, Yehiyeh Sinwar, told a cheering crowd in one of the protest camps Friday that a border breach is coming.

The world should "wait for our great move, when we penetrate the borders and pray at Al-Aqsa," Sinwar said, referring to the major Muslim shrine in Jerusalem.

He was interrupted several times by the crowd, who

chanted, "We are going to Jerusalem, millions of martyrs!" and "God bless you Sinwar!"

The mass protests are perhaps Hamas' last chance to break a border blockade enforced by Israel and Egypt since 2007, without having to succumb to demands that it disarm. The blockade has made it increasingly difficult for Hamas to govern. It has also devastated Gaza's economy, made it virtually impossible for people to enter and exit the territory, and left residents with just a few hours of electricity a day.

Israel argues that Hamas could have ended the suffering of Gaza's 2 million people by disarming and renouncing violence.

Friday's marches began before Muslim noon prayers when thousands of Palestinians streamed to five tent encampments that organizers had set up several hundred meters (yards) from the border fence.

In one camp near the border community of Khuzaa, smaller groups of activists moved closer to the fence after the prayers. Demonstrators torched large piles of tires, engulfing the

area in black smoke meant to shield them from Israeli snipers; the faces of some of the activists were covered in black soot.

Israeli troops on the other side of the fence responded with live fire, tear gas, rubber-coated steel pellets and water cannons.

After the first tires started burning, several young men with gunshot wounds began arriving at a field clinic at the camp.

Mohammed Ashour, 20, who had been among the first to set tires on fire, was shot in the right arm.

"We came here because we want dignity," he said resting on a stretcher before paramedics transported him to the strip's main hospital.

Yehia Abu Daqqa, a 20-year-old student, said he had come to honor those killed in previous protests.

"Yes, there is fear," he said of the risks of advancing toward the fence. "We are here to tell the occupation that we are not weak."

The death toll since last week includes at least 22 civilians killed during the two Friday protests at the border, as well as one killed during a protest on Tuesday.

DATELINES

PLAINSBORO, N.J.



Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke speaks at an offshore wind energy forum Friday in Plainsboro, N.J. Zinke acknowledged there is "a lot of opposition" to President Donald Trump's plan to open most of the nation's coastline to oil and gas drilling. Zinke touted Trump's "all of the above" energy menu that calls for oil and gas as well as renewable energy projects but noted there is little to no infrastructure in many areas to support drilling. [WAYNE PARRY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SAO BERNARDO DO CAMPO, BRAZIL



Former Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva waves to supporters in front of the metal workers union headquarters Thursday in Sao Bernardo do Campo, Brazi. Da Silva defied an order to turn himself in to police on Friday as he hunkered down with supporters. He was scheduled to turn himself in and begin serving a sentence of 12 years and one month for a corruption conviction. [NELSON ANTOINE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



Supporters of former South Korean President Park Geun-hye display a portrait of her on a sign that says "Release" at a rally to call for her release Friday near the Seoul Central District Court in Seoul, South Korea. Park was convicted of an array of corruption charges and sentenced to 24 years in prison, a year after she was driven from office and arrested over a scandal that saw months of massive street rallies calling for her ouster. [AHN YOUNG-JOON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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BEST BETS

LAKE COUNTY FAIR: The fair continues today with a full lineup beginning at 8 a.m.
8 a.m. Steer Check In
9 a.m. Poultry Judging
1 p.m. Steer Record Book Financial Summary Due
2:30 p.m. Poultry Awards/Fire-fighter Show
3 p.m. Sea Lion Splash
5 p.m. Rabbit Show
6 p.m. Talent Show
6:30 p.m. Firefighter Show
7 p.m. Sea Lion Splash
8 p.m. Firefighter Show
8:30 p.m. Sea Lion Splash
FRUITLAND PARK DAY: Fruitland Park celebrates its residents from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at City Hall, 506 W. Berckman St. with a barbecue cook-off, parade, entertainment and games for the kids.

NEWS BRIEFS

PLANTATION School shooting hero blames sheriff, superintendent

A student credited with saving his classmates' lives by using his body to block a door during the Florida school shooting that killed 17 says the county sheriff and superintendent failed students and faculty.

An attorney for 15-year-old Anthony Borges read a statement from him during a news conference Friday evening. The teen specifically criticized Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel and Superintendent Robert Runcie for the deaths and injuries during the Feb. 14 massacre at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland.

Borges' statement says school officials allowed shooting suspect Nikolas Cruz to continue attending school even after realizing he was dangerous. The statement also refers to a school resource officer who waited outside the building during the shooting.

Borges was shot five times. He was released from a Fort Lauderdale hospital Wednesday morning.

HOMESTEAD Police: Teen fatally shoots girlfriend's parents

Authorities say a Florida teen fatally has shot his girlfriend's parents during an argument.

A Miami-Dade police news release says the shooting occurred Friday morning at a Homestead trailer park.

Police say the 19-year-old man shot his 17-year-old girlfriend's mother, 35-year-old Deborah Ramos-Arce and the mother's boyfriend, 31-year-old David Fluitt.

The release says a 911 caller said someone had been shot at the house, and both teens were there when police arrived. Officials say four children, ages 1 to 10, were in the home at the time of the shooting.

No charges were immediately reported.

MIAMI Man forgets gun in son's bag, goes to school to get it

Authorities in Miami say they arrested a man who put a gun in his 8-year-old son's backpack, forgot about it and went to the school to get it.

The Miami Herald reported Friday that 57-year-old Ramon Nuiry was charged with possessing a weapon on school grounds, improper exhibition of a weapon and possession of a concealed firearm.

The newspaper said Nuiry forgot he put his pistol in the boy's bag as he was taking him to school Thursday morning. He returned to Kendale Elementary, walked into the school and asked to see his son with his backpack.

An arrest report says a parent saw when he took the weapon out of the backpack and put it in his waistband. The parent notified school administrators and surveillance video captured the incident.

KISSIMMEE Video of mom terrified by Easter bunny upsets mom

A Florida mother says a day care center didn't have her permission to share a video on social media of her 2-year-old's terrified reaction

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Mariotti jurors get a lesson on flies

Entomologist says presence of certain flies puts Bea Montgomery's death at June 16

By Frank Stanfield
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TAVARES — There are about 90,000 species of flies in the world, and the ones found in Bernadine Montgomery's home came from Malaysia. In the final stages of development, the top of the insects' heads pop off when a "weird" balloon emerges. The speed of their life cycle depends largely on the temperature.

These are a few of the science lessons learned by jurors in David Mariotti's murder trial Friday that could help them decide if Mariotti killed the 84-year-old widow and left her body to decay on her couch.

THE TRIAL SO FAR

- Co-defendant Tracie Naffziger testified that Bea Montgomery was already dead when Mariotti brought her to the widow's house
- Under cross examination, Naffziger admitted she and Mariotti had been using a lot of drugs around that time
- An evidence technician testified she found Mariotti's and Naffziger's fingerprints in the house
- An entomologist testified that the flies and maggots he examined indicate Montgomery died about June 16

Prosecutors are trying to prove that Mariotti, who had been hired to do some chores for Montgomery, strangled the widow in her home in June 2016 and left her body covered on a sofa

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David Mariotti looks on during jury selection earlier this week at the Lake County Courthouse in Tavares. Mariotti is accused of killing 84-year-old Bernadine Montgomery. (PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT)

Mission accomplished



Kids swarm the new playground equipment at Cypress Ridge Elementary School on Friday in Clermont. (LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT)

Groveland's Cypress Ridge Elementary opens playground

Linda Florea
Correspondent

CLERMONT — Kids flooded the new playground at Cypress Ridge Elementary School in Groveland on Friday to be the first to play on a new playground and, according to the kids, it's a whopping success.

This is the first real playground in the memory of the school.

With a big grin and even larger bow in her hair, kindergartner Kayla

Tabone said the monkey bars were her favorite.

"I was the first one to go on them," she said.

The playground has been a year and a half in the making courtesy of some dedicated parents and donations from students, parents and local businesses.

Parent and PTO member Krista McCracken said they chose Cypress Ridge for their sons because of recommendations and its academic standards.

She didn't discover until he was enrolled that there was no playground equipment, only a few swings. She said her son has a sensory processing

disorder and it's important for him to have activities that make him able to focus.

McCracken said her family motto is "We can do hard things," so what started as a conversation with her husband began a quest.

McCracken went to the PTO and got their support as well as becoming a major sponsor, before making the rounds to local businesses for donations.

Her husband, Cody, talked with his business partners and was able to get Vac-Tron in Okahumpka as a major

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Villages residents still can't go home

By Austin L. Miller
Gatehouse Media

THE VILLAGES — Nearly two months after multiple holes suddenly opened between two homes in The Villages, the homeowners have not yet been given the green light to return and, by the looks of it, may be a while.

After holes emerged between the homes of Frank and Jan Neumann and their next door neighbor Doris Morrill the morning of Feb. 15, a total of seven people from four homes in the quiet, tight-knit neighborhood of McLawren Terrace were told to evacuate. The homes of Neumann and Morrill were temporarily condemned. The homes

are in the Marion County portion of the sprawling community.

At the time, the residents reported, they heard loud noises around 1 a.m. but didn't see anything. One woman later saw a crack in her home and a hole outside. By then, law enforcement officials were knocking on doors, advising residents to get out.

The residents later said that officials at The Villages classified the holes as a "catastrophic event" and "not sinkholes."

Marilyn Riccio, one of those who temporarily had to leave her home, said Thursday that geologists and engineers told her a collapsed storm drain was to blame. She said she is nervous because the

problem has not yet been solved.

"I won't feel safe until these two homes are either fixed or repaired," she said of the Neumann and Morrill properties.

Morrill's home initially had cracks on the side of the wall near the garage door. On Thursday, the cracks appeared to have grown larger.

Morrill, who is living close by temporarily, said by phone that the situation is nerve-racking.

"Emotionally, I can't live there. It's stressful," she said.

She said she is looking for a long-term rental as she does not know when she will be able to go home.

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Tempest in a Cup

Bra-less student forced to cover up at school

The Associated Press

BRADENTON — A South Florida high school student who didn't wear a bra one day this week says school administrators told her to cover her nipples because they were distracting her classmates.

The Bradenton Herald reported Friday that 17-year-old Lizzy Martinez decided not to wear a bra under her gray long-sleeve shirt on Monday, and school officials in Bradenton felt she became a target of other students' stares. The school is on Florida's Gulf Coast.

Martinez says the humiliation began when School Dean Violeta Velazquez called her into the office. Martinez felt like she was being bullied by fellow students, but Velazquez said there was a distraction that needed to be addressed.

"She told me that I needed to put a shirt on under my long-sleeve shirt to try to tighten my breasts — to constrict them," Martinez told the paper. "And then she asked me to move around."

Apparently the second shirt was not enough, Martinez said, because she was then sent to the nurse's office. The nurse handed Martinez four bandages, two to cover each nipple, leaving her in tears.

On Thursday afternoon, the school district acknowledged that Braden River school officials could have handled the situation better, but the district said it was only trying to enforce the district's dress code.

"This matter was brought to the attention of the Superintendent's Office for review," the district's general counsel, Mitchell Teitelbaum, said in a prepared statement. "It is undisputed that this matter should have been handled differently at the school level and corrective measures have been taken to prevent a re-occurrence in the way these matters will be addressed in the future."

Teitelbaum went on to say Martinez violated the dress code by dressing in a way that distracted other students, and that school officials were only trying to help her fix the violation.

"You are expected to dress appropriately for school and for the business of learning with proper attention given to personal cleanliness, grooming and neatness," the district's Code of Student Conduct states.

Funeral Services

Carolyn E. Williams



Carolyn E. Williams, 71, of Lake Panasoffkee passed away Wednesday, April 4, 2018. Mrs. Williams was born in Leesburg on September 9, 1946 to Theodore Lee and Pauline Grace (Phillips) Brown. She has lived in Sumter County most of her life. Carolyn is a retired hairdresser and realtor. She was an active member of the Village of Faith Baptist Church where she sang with the Praise Team. Survivors include her loving husband of 23 years, Mabry; children, Jenny Bruce of Nashville, TN, Gerald Putnam Williams of Oxford, Ricky & Tracy Williams of Ocklawaha

and Leigh Ann & Quinton Berry of Oxford; brothers, Kenneth Brown (Laurel) of Oxford and Al Brown (Althea) of West Palm Beach; grandchildren, Ethan, Colton, Tyler, McKinsey, Riley and Emily. Carolyn was preceded in death by her parents and son, Billy Bruce. Visitation will be 9:30-11:00am, Monday, April 9, 2018, with the service beginning at 11:00am in the Village of Faith Baptist Church, Wildwood. Interment will be in Pine Level Cemetery, Oxford. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the ALS Association, www.alsa.org. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting www.bankspageotheus.com. Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, Wildwood.

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BRIEFS

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Today's Services

GRAHAM - Martha I. Graham, A Funeral Service will be held today, 3:00 PM at Advancing The Kingdom Ministries Church, Eustis, FL.

PERRY - Christine H. Perry, A Funeral Service will be held today, 11:00 AM at Life Pointe Church, Eustis, FL.

WILLIAMS - Joseph H. Williams, A Memorial Service will be held today, 3:00 PM at Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL.

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to an Easter bunny's visit.

Cassandra Bryson tells WESH-TV that she signed a waiver that prohibits officials at the Kissimmee day care from taking photos or video of her child.

The video shows someone wearing an Easter bunny costume surprising toddlers at the classroom door. Bryson's daughter screams in horror, and moves chairs that blocked her path as she tries to walk away.

The day care owner told news outlets that she's still gathering information about the incident.

The video was featured on "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"

Bryson says she was hurt because a moment of distress for her daughter is bringing laughter to millions.

Hospital: Ex-spy improves, no longer on 'critical' list

By Jill Lawless and Nataliya Vasilyeva
The Associated Press

LONDON — The former Russian spy who was left fighting for his life after exposure to a rare nerve agent is no longer in critical condition, a British health official said Friday, a month after the mysterious poisoning in a quiet English city triggered a diplomatic crisis between Moscow and the West.

Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia, were found unconscious on a bench March 4 in Salisbury and were hospitalized for weeks in critical condition. British authorities blame Russia for what they say was poisoning with a military-grade Soviet-developed nerve agent called Novichok. Russia denies the accusation.

Dr. Christine Blanshard, the medical director at Salisbury District Hospital, said in a statement that 66-year-old Sergei Skripal "is responding well to treatment, improving rapidly and is no longer in a critical condition."

Yulia Skripal, 33, regained consciousness last week and is now in stable condition, she said.



Russian Ambassador to the United Nations Vassily Nebeniza holds up a British report on the Salisbury Incident as he speaks during a Security Council meeting on the situation between Britain and Russia on Thursday at United Nations headquarters. [MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Russian state television on Thursday played a recording of what they said was a phone call from Yulia to her cousin, Viktoria Skripal, in Russia. In it, Yulia said she would be discharged soon.

Blanshard said Friday that Yulia Skripal could "look forward to the day when she is well enough to leave the hospital," but called any speculation about her release date "just that — speculation."

Scientists said the Skripals' recovery was not unprecedented. Nerve agents work by blocking an enzyme in the body that lets nerves communicate with each other and

with the body's organs.

Alastair Hay, professor emeritus of Environmental Toxicology at the University of Leeds, said recovery can happen over time because "eventually the body will restore the enzyme to full capacity, and nerve function will be restored."

The Skripals' long-term prognosis is uncertain, however. Michelle Carlin, senior lecturer in forensic and analytical chemistry at Northumbria University, said there is limited knowledge about the long-term effects of Novichok poisoning, but "neurological damage has been reported in other

historic cases."

The poisoning has chilled relations between Russia and the West, producing a wave of diplomatic expulsions unseen even at the height of the Cold War.

Britain, along with the United States and at least two dozen other U.K. allies, have expelled more than 150 Russian diplomats. Russia has sent home the same number of those nations' envoys.

Russia has challenged Britain's allegation that Moscow was behind the attack. Scientists at the U.K.'s Porton Down defense laboratory identified the poison as Novichok but have not pinpointed where it was manufactured. The British government says the scientific findings and other intelligence points to Russia.

At a U.N. Security Council meeting called Thursday by Russia to discuss the Skripal poisonings, the Russian ambassador warned Britain that it was "playing with fire" and claimed that Russia was the victim of a hasty, sloppy and ill-intentioned defamation campaign by London and its allies.

HOLE

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"I have no idea when it will be fixed," she said.

On Thursday, the Neumanns made a trip from Piedmont, in Orange County, where they are currently staying, to their home on McLawren Terrace to check on things. A tour of the brick home showed visible cracks and noticeable shifts in walls, corners and tile work.

Frank Neumann said each time they visit, they

see more and more cracks throughout the home.

"We do notice it," he said, standing near the sliding glass door, which has a gap between the door and the tile floor.

He said his insurance company and engineers are awaiting test results. Even so, he added, he plans to check with the county to see if he can get an independent test and conclusion before deciding on the next step.

He said he thought the storm drain collapse started a "chain reaction" that led to the formation of seven sinkholes.

As for whether or not he wants to continue to live on McLawren Terrace, "I don't know," he said.

Mike Kouchak, a real estate investor and agent from Altamonte Springs, also was at the home. He said that when he heard about the holes, he came to the home but was unable to see the damage because the area was roped off.

Seeing the damage in and around the Neumann's property on Thursday, Kouchak said, it can be repaired, but will be costly.

"Anything is fixable," he said.

Kouchak said the first thing that needs to be done is to stabilize the home with a level slab, then fill the cracks and holes with cement and paint everything. He said the job could be done in about a month.

Preston Bowlin, emergency management director for Marion County, said he is scheduled to meet with officials from The Villages and the homeowners next week to talk about possible next steps.

PLAY

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sponsor. They applied for grants but were not successful.

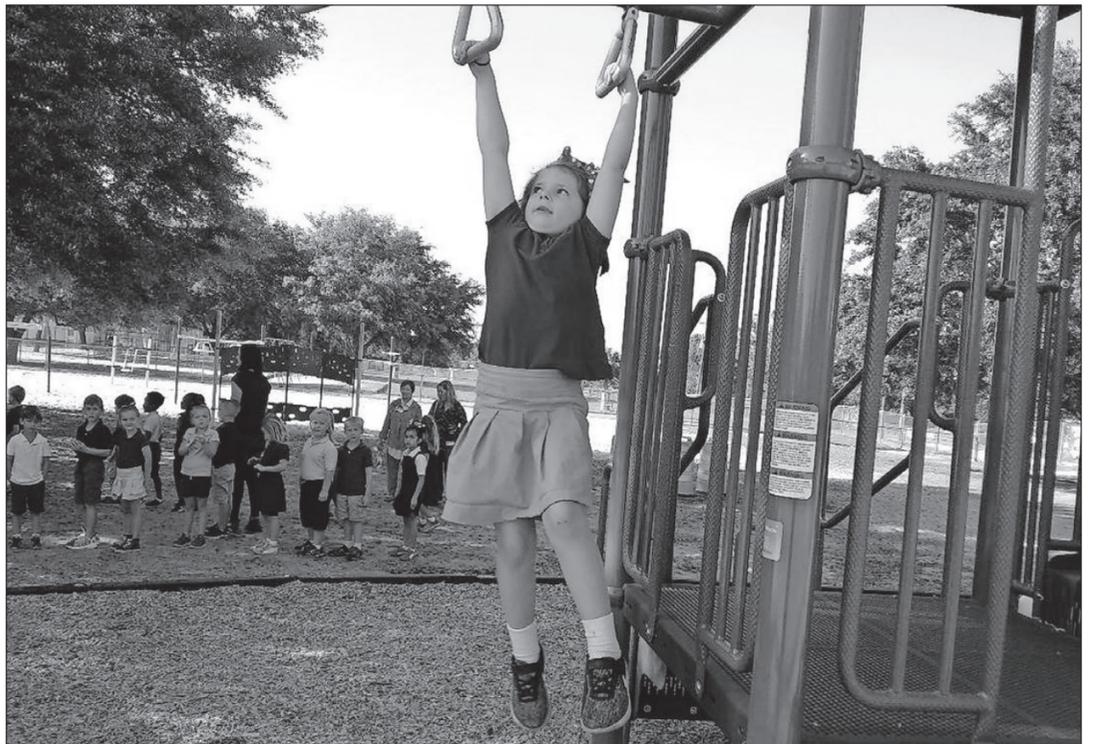
Becky Parks, the physical education teacher and 21-year veteran of Cypress Ridge, said she has been working with her students throughout her years to raise money for a fitness circuit where kids go from one station to the next with different exercises. Students raised money by collecting pledges for their fun

run, which has financed the fitness circuit and a portion of the money was used to complete the playground.

"I have completed the fitness circuit throughout the years, but not the big type of equipment like the playground," Parks said. "We're very thankful that she was able to do that for us."

A year and a half later, after donations from parents, fundraisers and support from businesses, the kids got their first chance to try out the new playground with cheers as the ribbon was cut.

The playground has been a year and a half in the making, courtesy of some dedicated parents and donations from students, parents and local businesses.



Kindergartner Kayla Tabone makes her way across the monkey bars at Cypress Ridge Elementary on Friday in Clermont. [LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT]

JURY

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for several days while he and accomplice Tracie Naffziger drove around in her car using her credit cards and buying drugs. Then they put her body in the trunk of her car, drove out to the Ocala National Forest and dumped it.

Dr. Leon Higley, a University of Nebraska entomologist, testified Montgomery died somewhere between late June 14 to June 18, but his best estimate is June 16, 2016. Her body was never found.

Defense attorneys will

present their own insect expert next week. He is expected to testify that, based on his examination of the insects, Montgomery died earlier than June 16. If true, that would clear Mariotti, who was in jail at the time.

A crime scene investigator from the Lake County Sheriff's Office collected flies in the various stages of their development at Montgomery's house in Palmora Park in Leesburg and sent information about them to Higley. The professor said the Malaysian flies are not normally found in the U.S., but Florida would be the logical spot.

Erica Robertson

testified Thursday that she killed some maggots outright by putting them into an alcohol solution. Others were put into an environment with food and allowed to mature. She called this "the maggot motel." Each of the three larvae stages and the times of maturity were noted.

Photos and other information, including a thermostat reading of 74 degrees in the house, were sent to Higley so he could calculate the time of death. Temperature is a key factor.

On cross-examination, Higley conceded that an infrared thermometer would have rendered a

more accurate reading, and that he usually asks CSI teams to take several temperature readings.

Assistant Public Defender Jamie Kane tried to get Higley to say that a photo of blood in a sliding door track showed insect material. He disagreed. Nor would he speculate about other possible colonies throughout the house.

Higley said he was not aware that there were attempts by the killer to use cleaning materials to clean up the crime scene and destroy evidence, though he didn't attach too much significance to that either.

Other witnesses called by prosecutors included a fingerprint expert, who

testified that Mariotti and his companion, Tracie Naffziger, were in the house and in Montgomery's car. Several other fingerprints were collected but not linked to specific people.

There was also a little jailhouse drama.

Gregory L. Robinson was called to testify that Mariotti asked him to write a letter to the State Attorney's Office claiming that someone else confessed to killing Montgomery. He did.

The first words out of his mouth, however, were, "Can I plead the Fifth? I don't want to be here."

Once Circuit Judge Don Briggs learned that

prosecutors were not going to ask him about his own, unrelated case, he told Robinson that he had no right against self-incrimination.

Prosecutors later said Robinson was afraid because Mariotti had threatened him in jail. Mariotti told his defense team they were not housed in the same part of the jail.

Robinson verified it was his signature on the letter, and the letter was admitted into evidence.

Prosecutors finished their case Friday and the defense expects to put on its case Monday. If found guilty, Mariotti will go in a second phase of the trial, where prosecutors seek the death penalty.

States could be unable to deny Trump troop request

By Andrew Selsky and Tom James
The Associated Press

SALEM, Ore. — President Donald Trump's plan to deploy National Guard troops to the border with Mexico has drawn resistance from some governors, most of them Democrats, but they could be powerless to deny the commander in chief's request for soldiers.

Governors have some leeway to say no presidents, but if Trump uses a federal law to order the deployment, the matter could be out of the governors' hands.

The statute known as "Title 10 duty status" establishes that National Guard personnel operate under the president's control and receive federal pay and benefits. It also forbids them from performing tasks of civilian law enforcement unless explicitly authorized, according to the Congressional Research Service.

Trump said Thursday that he wants to send 2,000 to 4,000 Guard members to the border to help federal officials fight illegal immigration and drug trafficking. Homeland Security Secretary Kirstjen Nielsen said on Twitter that she had a "productive conversation" about the deployment with governors of the Southwest border states.

On Friday, North Dakota's Republican governor joined leaders of some border states in saying he would send forces if asked.

The GOP governors of Arizona, New Mexico and Texas also back the plan. California's Democratic governor has been silent on the topic. It's unclear if Trump will ask for troops from states other than those along the border.

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Oregon Rep. Andy Olson shakes hands with Sgt. Cruz Bryan while formally welcoming back Oregon Army National Guard members during a demobilization ceremony of the Oregon National Guard's 162nd Infantry Regiment on June 13, 2015, in Albany, Ore. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders described the deployment as "a good first step." If the administration determines that more troops are needed, "we'll make that decision at that time."

North Dakota Gov. Doug Burgum said that if he's asked, he will contribute.

"We will answer the call," Burgum said. "From historic floods to more recent events, we North Dakotans know from experience how critical it is for states to support each other in times of need."

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval, also a Republican, on Friday became one of the latest leaders to oppose the plan. His spokeswoman, Mary-Sarah Kinner, said in an email that Sandoval does not believe the mission would be "an appropriate use" of the Nevada Guard.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has said she would deny Trump's request.

"As commander of Oregon's Guard, I'm deeply troubled by Trump's plan

to militarize our border," Brown tweeted.

Her spokesman, Bryan Hockaday, acknowledged she might not have a say if Trump uses the federal code.

Trump "can federalize the National Guard forces, and there's not much the governor can do to prevent that," Hockaday said.

However, another federal law called Title 32 says that command and control of National Guard personnel remain with their respective governors, even though the troops generally serve a federal purpose, the Congressional Research Service says.

While California Gov. Jerry Brown has not spoken publicly about Trump's plan, California National Guard spokesman Lt. Col. Tom Keegan said any request "will be promptly reviewed to determine how best we can assist our federal partners."

"We look forward to more detail, including funding, duration and end

state," Keegan said.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey, a Republican, said Friday that she will consult with the head of the Alabama Guard to see what resources are available.

If the deployment happens, it would not be the first time the National Guard has gone to the

U.S.-Mexico border.

Almost every U.S. state and territory contributed Guard members

to Operation Jump Start, announced by President George W. Bush in 2006. Around 30,000 Guard members eventually participated, according to a 2008 National Guard analysis, including more than 1,000 each from Kentucky, North Carolina, and South Carolina.

During Operation Phalanx, ordered by President Barack Obama in 2010, 1,200 Guard members deployed to the border, most of them from Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas.

In the mid-1980s, National Guard troops were deployed even farther south, in Honduras, where they carried out military maneuvers. The missions happened as Sandinista forces in neighboring Nicaragua battled Contra rebels who were backed by Washington and had clandestine bases in Honduras.

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FORECAST

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temperatures, sea level pressures, vertical wind shear levels (the change in wind direction and speed with height in the atmosphere), El Niño (warming of waters in the central and eastern tropical Pacific), and other factors.

So far, the 2018 hurricane season is exhibiting characteristics similar to 1960, 1967, 1996, 2006 and 2011, the experts said.

"The years 1960, 1967 and 2006 had near-average Atlantic hurricane activity, while 1996 and 2011 were both above-normal hurricane seasons," said Phil Klotzbach, research scientist in the Department of Atmospheric Science and lead author of the report.

The team predicts that 2018 hurricane activity will be about 135 percent of the average season.

By comparison, 2017's hurricane activity was about 245 percent of the average season. The 2017 season was most notable for Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.

The private weather forecasting service Accuweather last week also predicted a slightly above-average season.

Federal forecasters will release their official pre-season forecast next month.

The researchers put the probability of major hurricanes making landfall again this year at 63 percent for the entire U.S. coastline, compared with the average for the past century of 52 percent. The odds for a landfall on the U.S. East Coast, including Florida, is 39 percent, compared with the average for the last century of 31 percent.

The average season has about 12 named storms with about six hurricanes — with winds of 74 mph or higher — two them major.

Trump opts to skip correspondents' dinner

By Catherine Lucey
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump plans to skip the White House Correspondents' Association dinner, marking the second year he has shunned the glitzy gathering of Washington journalists he routinely assails as "fake news."

White House Correspondents' Association president Margaret Talev said in statement Friday that the "White House has informed us that the president does not plan to participate in this year's dinner but that he will actively encourage members of the executive branch to attend."

Trump had said he "probably won't do it" in an interview on the "Bernie and Sid" radio show on 77 WABC Radio taped Thursday and aired Friday. Calling the media "so bad" and "so fake," Trump said: "I want to get it straightened out with the press before I do it."

But the president, who has long had an adversarial relationship with the news media, did not elaborate on how he planned to do so. Since his campaign, he has ceaselessly blasted the "fake media" and "dishonest" reporters, singling out specific journalists and news outlets for criticism. He also has avoided holding a traditional news conference for over a year, though he often answers shouted questions from reporters.

True to form, Trump tweeted Friday: "So much of the media is dishonest and corrupt!"

Traditionally, the president and first lady attend the annual dinner, a fundraiser for college scholarships and a venue



In this March 20 photo, President Donald Trump speaks to the National Republican Congressional Committee March Dinner at the National Building Museum in Washington. [EVAN VUCCI/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

for reporting awards, which mixes politicians, journalists and celebrities. The televised event requires the president to smile through remarks by a comedian — who typically roasts the president — as well as deliver a humorous address, teasing the press and political opponents.

Though notoriously thin-skinned, Trump has subjected himself to ribbing before, including New York's Al Smith dinner during the 2016 campaign. But the correspondents' dinner would return him to the site of past humiliation: Trump attended in 2011 and was relentlessly mocked by President Barack Obama and comedian Seth Meyers.

He skipped it in 2016, which came amid the presidential campaign and was the last of the dinners

at which Obama was the honored guest. That didn't mean Trump wasn't the butt of jokes. At one point Obama told guests that Trump "has spent years meeting with leaders from around the world — Miss Sweden, Miss Argentina, Miss Azerbaijan."

This year, White House Press Secretary Sarah Sanders will attend the April 28 dinner and represent the administration at the head table. Cabinet members and staffers are also free to attend, a message that was welcomed by West Wing aides who were forced to sit out the celebrations last year.

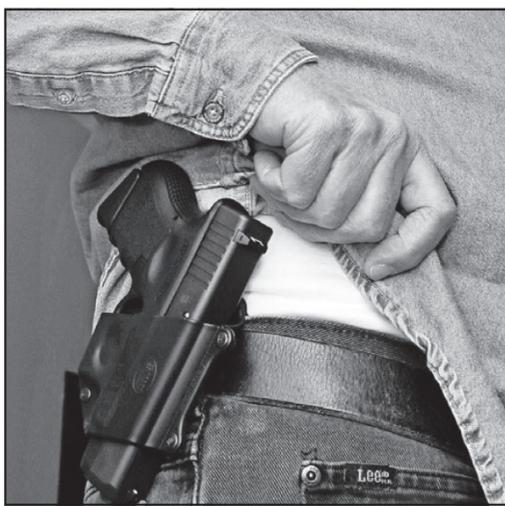
Trump did attend the annual Gridiron Club Dinner earlier this year, delivering a speech at the annual white-tie affair featuring journalists and officials. At that event, Trump offered a series of

good-natured one-liners in his remarks.

Among his quips: "I was very excited to receive this invitation and ruin your evening in person. That's why I accepted."

But he drew a more mixed response at the Alfred E. Smith Memorial Foundation Dinner that benefits needy kids, also attended by Trump's Democratic presidential rival, Hillary Clinton.

Trump began innocently enough. He joked that Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., used to love Trump when he was a Democrat. He poked fun at plagiarism involving the first lady. But Trump's remarks soon devolved into bitterness and insults, with the soon-to-be-president earning boos as he accused Clinton of corruption and hating Catholics.



The Lake County School District is trying to gauge whether the community would be receptive to a "school guardian" program that allows trained, vetted teachers and school staff to have access to firearms. [GATEHOUSE MEDIA FILE]

SCHOOL

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a new school safety law that was passed in the aftermath of the February shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland that killed 17 people.

The survey link is available on the district web site (lake.k12.fl.us), Facebook page (facebook.com/LakeSchools) and Twitter page (twitter.com/LakeSchools). It closes at 5 p.m. April 20.

The survey has safeguards to make it difficult to take more than once.

Under the school guardian program, volunteers eligible to participate would:

- Hold a valid concealed carry license;
- Successfully complete 132 hours of firearm safety and proficiency training;
- Pass a psychological evaluation;

- Pass a drug test;
- Successfully complete ongoing firearms training at least annually; and
- Complete at least 12 hours of diversity training using a nationally recognized program.

The Lake County School Board has not made a decision about whether it will launch a guardian program in local schools. The survey is one of several steps it is taking to determine the appetite of school employees and the community for the program.

A survey of all district employees last month indicated a preference for having more school resource officers in the schools and a slight majority (53 percent) said they would support a staff member carrying a concealed firearm if they were ROTC instructors, former military or former law enforcement and received vetting and training through the school guardian program.

RUSSIA

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its annexation of Crimea, backing of separatist rebels in eastern Ukraine, support for Syrian President Bashar Assad, and cyber-hacking.

Above all else, Russia's attempts to subvert Western democracy prompted the U.S. sanctions, officials said, in a direct nod to concerns that the U.S. president has failed to challenge Putin for alleged interference in the 2016 election that brought Trump to power.

Deripaska, whose business conglomerate controls assets from agriculture to machinery, has been a prominent figure in special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation over his ties to former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort. The Treasury Department said Deripaska was accused of illegal wiretaps, extortion, racketeering, money laundering and even death threats against business rivals.

On the London Stock Exchange, global depository receipts of En+, an energy company majority-owned by Deripaska, dropped by 19 percent on news of the sanctions. Deripaska's conglomerate, Basic Element, said it regretted the sanctions and was analyzing them with its lawyers.

Putin's government dismissed the sanctions as "absurdity," arguing that the U.S. was punishing companies that have longstanding business ties to the U.S. The Russian Foreign Ministry said the U.S. was "striking at ordinary Americans" by jeopardizing "thousands of jobs."

"American democracy



Russia's President Vladimir Putin, left, and Russian metals magnate Oleg Deripaska, right, walking to attend the APEC Business Advisory Council dialogue Nov. 10 in Danang, Vietnam. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

is clearly degrading," the ministry said. "Of course, we will not leave the current and any new anti-Russian attack without a tough response."

To the dismay of Trump's critics and of Russia hawks, the president has continued to avoid directly criticizing Putin himself and recently invited the Russian leader to meet with him, possibly at the White House. Yet in recent weeks Trump's administration has rolled out a series of actions — including several economic and diplomatic steps — to increase pressure on Putin and those presumed to benefit from his power.

"Nobody has been tougher on Russia than I have," Trump said at a news conference on Tuesday.

Yet even as it rolled out the new penalties, Trump's administration left open the possibility of "a good relationship with Russia" in the future. And at the White House, spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders said discussions with Moscow about a Trump-Putin

summit would not be called off.

"Not at all," Sanders said. "We'll continue."

Those being punished aren't necessarily involved in the Russian actions in Syria, Ukraine or elsewhere that have drawn consternation from the West. But officials said the goal was to put pressure on Putin by showing that those who have benefited financially from his position of power are fair game.

The target list includes some who are closely tied to Putin himself, including top-tier officials involved in Kremlin decision-making and heads of the top state-controlled business entities. Yet others on the list are far from the Kremlin's orbit, including some who long have fallen out of favor or hold technical positions.

- Targets include:
- Kirill Shamalov, who is reportedly Putin's son-in-law, married to his daughter Katerina Tikhonova, although neither Putin nor the Kremlin have acknowledged that she is his daughter.
 - Igor Rotenberg, the

son of Arkady Rotenberg, a friend of Putin's since they were teenagers.

• Andrey Kostin, named among government officials, heads the nation's second-largest bank, VTB, which is controlled by the state.

• Alexei Miller, the long-time head of Gazprom, the state-controlled natural gas giant. Both Miller and Kostin are longtime key members of Putin's team.

A state-owned arms-dealing company, accused by the U.S. of selling to Assad, was also targeted, along with a subsidiary bank. Many other targets were associated with Russia's energy sector, including parts of Gazprom.

The sanctions freeze any assets that those targeted have in U.S. jurisdictions and bar Americans from doing business with them. But the administration said it would give guidance to Americans who may currently have business with them about how to wind down that business and avoid running afoul of the sanctions. Some, but not all, of the individuals sanctioned will also be prohibited from entering the United States.

It was not clear whether any of those hit have significant holdings in the U.S. that could be seized, and if they did previously, they may have already moved their money elsewhere in anticipation of the sanctions. In January, lists of Russian officials and oligarchs were published by the State Department and Treasury. The lists, required under a law passed last year, were informally seen as lists of potential future sanctions targets, even though the public version of the oligarchs list was merely a reprint of Forbes' list of billionaires in Russia.

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OUR OPINION

Cheers and Jeers

Cheer: Mount Dora police officer Andrew Rice, who was honored this week for saving a woman's life on Christmas Day.

According to reports, Rice was dispatched to U.S. Highway 441 and Morningside Drive for an accident and found that a car had veered off the road and hit a tree. The driver, Dawn Dyer, was not breathing.

Rice lifted Dyer out of the car, lay her on the ground and shocked Dyer using an automatic electronic defibrillator, and also performed CPR. Moments later, she began breathing on her own. She was taken to the hospital and has since made a full recovery.

"When he took me out (of the car), I was already dead," Dyer said this week when Rice was honored by the Mount Dora City Council, "so if it wasn't for him and who ever helped him, because I know that there were some bystanders, I wouldn't be here, I wouldn't, and I just have to tell him thank you."

We all thank him.

Cheer: Montverde Academy and its powerhouse boys basketball team, which won yet another national title last week in New York City.

Montverde's winning tradition is so deep, and so much is expected of this program, that winning has almost become routine. It is now a baked-in expectation at the beginning of every season.

And why not? This is a team that has won four titles since 2013, establishing a dynasty unrivaled in high school athletics at the moment. And along the way, the program has produced National Players of the Year Ben Simmons (who is in the running for Rookie of the Year in the NBA this season) and R.J. Barrett, and emerging NBA star Joel Embiid, among others.

Critics — and unfortunately there are plenty — will note that few of the kids who play at MVA are local kids, that they're a collection of all-stars from around the nation and around the globe. And they're right. MVA plays on a different level than most high school programs. But that shouldn't tarnish their accomplishment. To win the title, Montverde and coach Kevin Boyle had to play and beat the very best, and they do, with astounding regularity.

Congratulations to the Montverde Academy Eagles. You make us proud.

Cheer: Leesburg's Cordrayius Graham and Wildwood's Kari Niblack, who last week were honored as the state boys and girls basketball players of the year in their classifications.

It's really no surprise that the Leesburg boys and Wildwood girls teams won state titles this year (and last). The common denominators were Graham and Niblack, two dominating young athletes who shone brightest when the spotlight was harshest in the state basketball playoffs. Niblack scored 28 points to power Wildwood to a 54-45 win against Port St. Joe on Feb. 27 for the girls Class 1A title, and Graham tallied 23 points in Leesburg's 71-62 win against Tallahassee Rickards on March 8 for the boys Class 6A championship.

Their remarkable playoff and regular season performances did not go unnoticed by the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches, which named them the Class 1A and Class 6A Players of the Year.

Congratulations to two remarkable young people who represented Lake County well on and off the court.

ANOTHER OPINION



ANOTHER OPINION

Community colleges are delivering Trump's promises

"I don't know what that means, a community college," President Donald Trump said last week during a speech in northeastern Ohio. "Call it vocational and technical. People know what that means." The president made similar remarks in West Virginia two months ago, and then again in March at a White House forum on education. The results of the 2016 presidential election should have made one thing clear: Social and economic mobility are top of mind for Americans. So why does the president keep dumping on community colleges?

For people like me who work in them, his sentiments are particularly disheartening because they reveal a deep misunderstanding about the benefits that community colleges provide at a moment when they are desperately needed. So as our students return from spring break, perhaps Trump should come visit one of the nation's 1,100 community colleges to see for himself the value they provide our economy and our democracy.

In all his speeches, Trump repeats an anecdote about a classmate who was "not going to be Einstein academically," but could repair a motor while blindfolded. Even his concept of career education remains stuck in the industrial age. Artificial intelligence, automation and the rise of the gig economy are changing the nature of work and the skills needed to participate in this new economy. There are still good jobs for workers without bachelor's degrees, but those

jobs are shifting from blue-collar industries to skilled-services industries that demand at least some post-high-school education and training.

Community colleges are the most affordable option for securing such good-paying jobs. In addition, we offer opportunities to transfer to four-year institutions. Make no mistake, community college is college. We educate future welders and doctors. Mechanics and architects. Nurses and business leaders.

California Community Colleges has 114 campuses and 2.1 million students — an enrollment more than 2.5 times the size of the UC and Cal State systems combined. Some 40 percent of our students are the first in their family to attend college. They juggle their classes with job and family responsibilities. Many struggle with food and housing insecurity. Students in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program live in fear of deportation.

For many of these students, we are their path to the middle class. But we need the resources to serve all of them. Achievement gaps that fall along lines defined by race, ethnicity, age and region persist at unacceptable rates. Too many students take too long to earn their certificates or degrees, or to transfer. We also need to better serve working adults who cannot access one of our campuses because of work and family commitments.

In California, for instance, we are establishing a personalized and flexible online college to help these people gain skills

and short-term certificates to advance in the workplace.

For America to expand its economic prosperity, the White House needs to work to strengthen community colleges. Instead, the president proposed cuts to workforce training and education programs. (Congress, fortunately, rejected that in the recently enacted omnibus spending bill.) The White House could push for more need-based financial aid, but instead the executive branch is trying to roll back consumer protections for students harmed by for-profit colleges.

I'm optimistic about the future of community colleges and their power to transform students' lives, and the president should be too. Look at just a few recent achievements here in California. At Rio Hondo College in Whit-tier, students are enrolled in a cutting-edge certificate program to learn how to repair battery-powered Tesla cars. A team from Santa Rosa Junior College just won the National Collegiate Debate Championship, fending off UC Berkeley to become the first winners from a two-year college. And throughout our system, tens of thousands of students recently received acceptance letters for transfer to Cal State and UC schools to pursue their bachelor's degrees in the fall.

Spring is a nice time to visit campus, Mr. President.

Eloy Ortiz Oakley is chancellor of California Community Colleges, the largest system of public higher education in the country.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Baxley's utensil/assault weapon comparison is lame

Thank you, Daily Commercial editorial staff, for writing and putting into perspective a remarkable rebuttal to Representative Baxley's (R) lame utensil/assault weapon comparison that he has used repeatedly and inaccurately since becoming the NRA's point man in the Florida Legislature.

During a recent national radio program interview, Rep. Baxley consistently pushed for armed resistance in the first five minutes of a potential massacre. In that discussion he was soundly rebuked by a U.S. Representative stating that the NRA has infiltrated every state legislature and the U.S. Congress so that representatives and constituents can't even have a sane conversation. Why is the

NRA's solution always to add more firepower? And how is that a practical solution?

Sarah Brady, chair of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, believed that, "the populace in Florida is very much commonsense..." And this commonsense populace appears to have given Rep. Baxley a failing grade in protecting our schools. And that is exactly what he deserves.

Vicki Bush, Lady Lake

Hypocrisy of the Republican majority is phenomenal

The hypocrisy of the Republican majority in the House and Senate is just phenomenal. During the entire eight years of the Obama presidency, he could not get one budget significantly lower than this spending bill passed.

This bill comes on the heels of an enormous tax cut of \$1.5 trillion in which the CBO said confidently this would raise the deficit of this country by \$1.3 trillion. No Democratic President could have ever passed a tax cut of that size in a Republican Congress. Yet, this Congress gives this President a carte blanche raid on the U.S. Treasury.

Where is the money coming from? Not from U.S. taxes because they have been cut \$1.5 trillion with those making \$350,000 a year getting the lion's share of the tax cut. The Pentagon gets more money for military than it has ever asked for and at the same time, Federal funding is cut for the EPA, which guards and protects our air and water from chemical contamination. Zero dollars for climate change research which even the Pentagon recognized last year as a serious

security threat to the nation. Interior Department, which protects our public lands, forests and National Parks, received budget cuts even though many have such maintenance backlogs that facilities are being closed to the public because of safety concerns.

The President believes a wall will stop all illicit drugs and illegal immigration from coming into the country, both of which are utterly ignorant and arrogant beliefs of an autocrat president who aspires to become a dictator. All walls in history have been either breached or torn down by free people, from the Great Wall of China to the Roman Empire to the French Maginot line, which the Germans went around in WWI, to the wall erected by the communist regime of East Germany with barbed wire on top and machine gun turrets in

watchtowers. That wall kept in enslaved East Germans and kept out free West Germans until it was literally torn down with sledge hammers. The money is coming from us. We're paying for this wall, not Mexico. Our benefits, not "entitlements," that we've paid into and worked so hard for, are now very much at risk.

Today, we have a President who believes in American isolation and protectionism and a Republican Congress who refuses and fails to exercise its Constitutional authority to rein him in. Elections are coming fast — 2018 and then 2020 — and Trump will soon be relegated to the "dustbin of history." The sooner the better, before he bankrupts our country much like he did his businesses at least four times.

Alan Harris, Clermont

HAVE YOUR SAY

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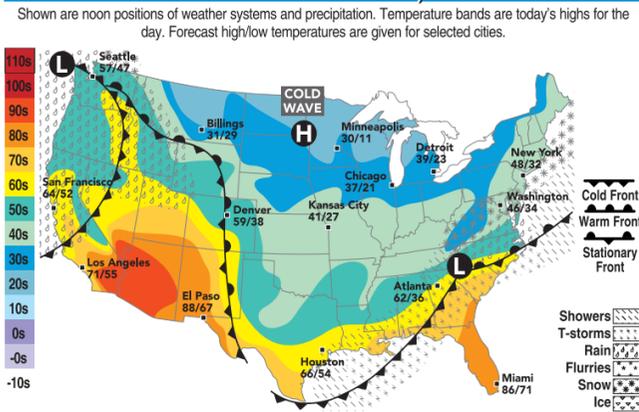
FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR LEESBURG

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH 83° LOW 64°	HIGH 75° LOW 61°	HIGH 82° LOW 67°	HIGH 75° LOW 58°	HIGH 78° LOW 55°

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NATIONAL WEATHER FOR APRIL 7, 2018



Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 91° in McAllen, TX Low -9° in Tioga, ND

UV INDEX TODAY



SOLAR TABLE

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

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

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sunday
Sunrise	7:11 a.m.	7:10 a.m.
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:49 p.m.
Moonrise	1:38 a.m.	2:26 a.m.
Moonsset	12:24 p.m.	1:14 p.m.

	Last	New	First	Full
	Apr 8	Apr 15	Apr 22	Apr 29

TIDES

Homosassa				Daytona Beach					
Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet	Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	11:53 am	0.6	6:47 am	0.2	Today	1:27 am	3.8	8:01 am	0.8
	10:05 pm	1.4	4:19 pm	0.3		1:45 pm	3.3	8:00 pm	0.9

NATIONAL CITIES

Today			Sunday			Today			Sunday			Today			Sunday				
City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W
Albany	42	24	pc	Albuquerque	82	59	pc	Albuquerque	77	48	s	Albuquerque	77	48	s	Albuquerque	77	48	s

PARK

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five to 10 years, the park will feature eight softball fields, four youth and two adult baseball fields, eight multi-purpose fields, two cricket fields, restroom and concession buildings, playgrounds, pavilions, volleyball, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, a boardwalk and nature trails, a canoe launch and fishing pier off Lake Douglas and a dog park.

Phase 1 will consist of two multi-purpose fields, one cricket field, four softball fields, four youth baseball fields, volleyball courts, a fishing pier, kayak and canoe launches.

"I quite honestly didn't think this day would come at times, but here we are and this is just a true joy for all of us," said County Commissioner Sean Parks. "We are in this together to try to provide that necessary infrastructure to support our quality of life we cherish so much in Lake County, and that's what this is about."

Bonilla said the build-out of the new park cannot come soon enough since there is a great demand for fields among the myriad teams, leagues and players in the south end of the county.

"As it is, we cannot keep up with the demands. If they would complete the park today, it would be full today," Bonilla said.

Officials say the park will also boost the area economically.

Lake County Sheriff Peyton Grinnell said parks not only keep youth off the street, but give families a place to go for quality time together.

South Lake Chamber President David Colby said the park has been a top priority of the

organization for many years.

"We believe it is important for local families that are realizing that we just don't have enough parks here to recreate. We also want to recognize that many local employers are looking for ways that they can retain and attract people to the area and we need amenities such as this," Colby said. "We also recognize when people are looking for a world class destination in a year-round outdoor climate they need outdoor facilities and this will provide us with that."

Funding for the park is coming mainly from proceeds of the county's penny sales tax, but according to Lake County spokeswoman Elisha Papapoda, officials are also looking for public-private partnership opportunities and contributions from neighboring cities to keep it moving forward.

Bonilla said somewhere down the line, the county also wants to get the Metropolitan Planning Organization and the Florida Department of Transportation involved in plans that would link the park to surrounding trail systems.

"One thing to keep in mind about this location is that the South Lake Trail is only a mile and a half away," Bonilla said.

Because of that, he said the county has developed conceptual plans that include a two-lane road with a 10-foot wide trail and a pedestrian overpass crossing State Road 50 and straight up to Max Hooks road.

"That's going to be in one of the recommendations in our Trails Master Plan that we will be asking to be considered as a priority project. It will connect the folks coming from the West Orange Trail to the South Lake Trail to the Hancock Trail and to this Regional Park here," Bonilla said.



South Lake Regional Park on State Road 50 in Groveland will feature baseball and softball fields, all-purpose fields, basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, and trails and boat launches on 141 acres. [SUBMITTED]



Dignitaries toss dirt during the ceremonial groundbreaking on South Lake Regional Park on Friday in Groveland. "We ... recognize when people are looking for a world class destination in a year-round outdoor climate they need outdoor facilities and this will provide us with that," said South Lake Chamber of Commerce President David Colby.

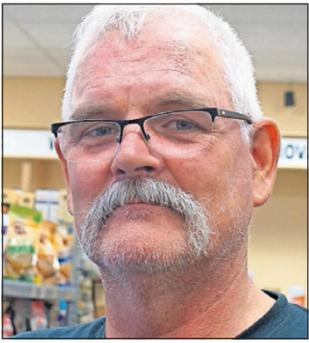
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CHAT WITH A VETERAN

TIM DEKORNE



Town: Clermont
Branch of service and rank: US Marine Corps, staff sergeant
Enlisted or drafted? Enlisted. I just wanted to be a Marine. I wanted to be the best, in the best.
What did you do in the service? Administration.
Why was it important? It was just part of the team. They needed us pay and records clerks. Everyone needed to get paid.
What is your most important memory from service? My strongest memory is squat thrusts in boot camp.
What did you like least about service? I loved it at the time. What I liked least was working in an office.
What do you want people to understand about war? If they're gonna send us, they should let us win. The politicians should keep their hands out of it.

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.
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

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 amvets-post2006@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.
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 patriotservicedogs.org.

MONDAY

CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS: From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Drop off and label "care package for our troops." Call 352-430-4355 or email veteransinfoandevents@gmail.com.
CHICKEN WINGS, PIZZA AND CORNHOLE: At 5 p.m. every Monday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.
DAR CLASS: From 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. the second, third and fourth Monday of the month at Cooper Memorial Library, 2525 Oakley Seaver Drive in Clermont. Daughters of the American Revolution help decode your documents and find your ancestors. Call 352-242-9805 for information.
REGULAR MEETING: At 6:45 p.m.

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'I know I can do this'



Buzz Mullins, 85, of Eustis, said he "was running hard with the wrong crowd," but the military turned his life around. [BOB SNOW/CORRESPONDENT]

Air Force guided Eustis veteran toward successful flight path

By Keith Oliver
Correspondent

EUSTIS — Buzz Mullins' story is one of persistence — and an all-boy thirst for speed and adventure.

The 85-year-old Eustis man alludes to too much adventure as a rowdy youth in Charlotte, North Carolina, where his overwhelmed mother gladly signed the papers for him to enlist in the Air Force at 17.

"I was running hard with the wrong crowd," Mullins said. "I distinctly remember my choices as being killed, go to jail or join the military."

"By the time I graduated boot camp in San Antonio, I was ready to learn," he emphasized.

Then, Mullins discovered

flying.

"I was a maintenance guy, a Wright 3350 engine mechanic on B-29s, the same model aircraft that dropped the atomic bomb to end World War II," he said. "Often my job was to taxi aircraft to the hangar."

"I went so fast on the tarmac that the tower would yell at me — and that was my first taste of wanting to be a pilot."

His four-year Air Force hitch was neatly divided into two years' training and two years' flying rescue missions out of Ernest Harmon Air Force Base in Stephenville, Newfoundland and Labrador.

"It was either doing that or going to Korea," he said, "and my orders were for Newfoundland."

Mullins said that "there wasn't much rescue to it. You've got about three minutes in the North Atlantic

— and then you're dead."

Once he witnessed a pilot "just fall apart when we lost our electrical and we were low on fuel over Greenland."

"He actually started bawling," Mullins said. "I looked over at him and thought to myself, 'I know I can do this.' I just felt comfortable in that kind of situation."

The aircraft landed safely, guided by a nearby SA-16.

When discharge day arrived for Mullins, he'd had "enough of cold weather" and pursued his dream of flying by moving to Miami and catching on with Eastern Airlines as a baggage handler.

An unlikely career climb to captain followed, punctuated by college and flight school on his own (with help from the G.I. Bill); hauling freight to places like South America with lesser-known, local outfits; and wearing out two particular advocates

who were assigned to the lofty perches of the Eastern "chain of command."

More than once, Mullins' uphill battle meant short-fuse phone calls: "If you can be here Monday morning, I have a seat for you in this class" or "the job is yours if you can get here in 48 hours."

Asked about blue skies, and sunrises seen aloft, Mullins minimizes such.

"No, what I really enjoyed was the action," he said. "Even when I soloed in that J3 Piper Cub, the best part was 'dogfighting' with my fellow students. We played chicken, chased buzzards and flew so low over the Everglades that we came back with saw grass stuck in our landing gear."

"It was stupid," Mullins said. "But I got serious when I got my first real flying job, especially when I started hauling passengers."

DAR to host special WWII-focused meeting

Staff Report

MOUNT DORA — The Ocklawaha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently hosted Bobbie Scofield as a guest speaker. She gave a program on DAR-supported schools and Box Tops for Education.

The group's next meeting will be April 14 and host local history buff Benjamin Mack-Jackson as the guest speaker and honor 96-year-old World War II veteran Priscilla "Pat" Gretchen with a Quilt of Valor.

Mack-Jackson is a Clermont teenager who has a passion for history. He has been interviewing surviving WWII veterans as part of the WWII Veteran's History Project.

After acquiring a few pieces of memorabilia, Mack-Jackson decided to showcase them on the road. He travels with more than 100 pieces, telling the history and stories behind them to schools, veterans organizations and seminars.

Getchell, of Umatilla, is a WWII WAVES veteran who trained Navy pilots during the war by using the military's earliest flight instrument trainer. At her duty station at Naval Air Station Kaneohe, Hawaii,



Bobbie Scofield, Regent Pam Beightol and Vice Regent Gayle Everett are pictured at a recent meeting for the Ocklawaha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. [SUBMITTED]

Getchell developed a Control Operator's School curriculum and procedures. She was the first WAVE CPO on the base, making

that rank after only three years of service.

Social hour begins at 10 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:30 St. Edwards

Episcopal Church, 460 Grandview St. in Mount Dora. For details, call June Perry at 352-589-5855 or email spooker15@aol.com.

Gathering Places for Spiritual Worship

CLERMONT

Liberty Baptist Church
 11043 True Life Way, Clermont
 352-394-0708
 Senior Pastor Chris Johnson
 Sun. Svc. 10:40am
 Unashamed Students Service 6:00pm
 Sun. Bible Fellowship 9:30am
 Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm,
 Groups for all ages, Nursery provided
 Biblical Counseling Ministry
 Auditorium Equipped Hearing Loop
www.lbcclermont.org

EUSTIS

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
 317 S. Mary Street, Eustis
 (corner Mary St. & Lemon Ave.)
 352-357-4358
 Sunday Traditional Eucharist Service 8:00am
 Sunday Family Eucharist Service 10:30am
 with Childcare Available
 Adult Sunday School 9:15am
 Children's Chapel Service 10:30am
 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service Thursday 10:00am
www.stthomaseustis.com

**Unitarian Universalist
 Congregation of Lake County**
 1235 Mt. Homer Road, Eustis, 32726
 352-805-8451
 Sunday Services:
 9:30 am Adult Discussion Group
 11:00 am Celebration of Life
www.lakecountyuu.net
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FRUITLAND PARK

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 2201 Spring Lake Road, Fruitland Park
 352-787-1500
 Saturday: 4:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist
 Sunday Services: 8 a.m. (w/o music);
 10 a.m. (w/choir)
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study;
 11:30 a.m. Healing Service
www.holytrinityfp.com
 On CR466A: go east 2.3 miles past Colony Plaza;
 left on Poinsettia to Spring Lake Rd.
 On US441/27: go south .4 mile past Phillips Buick;
 turn right on Spring Lake Rd.

**Community United Methodist
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 309 College Ave., Fruitland Park
 (Intersection of 466A & College Ave.)
 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

LIFE Church Assembly of God
 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

LaVida Spanish Ministry
 un ministerio de
Life Church Assembly of God
 04001 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park
 352-787-7962 or 321-947-2644
 Pastor Rick Orisini
 Es Domingo et al 4:00 PM
www.LifeChurchAG.net/Lavida

Trinity Assembly of God
 200 Urick Street, Fruitland Park
 352-787-0996
 Pastor Chuck Padgett
 Sunday School 9:00 am
 Sunday Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 pm
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm
www.trinityaogfp.org

GROVELAND

South Lake Christian Church
 19455 Villa City Road, Groveland, FL 34736
 352-429-3400
 Traditional Service 8:45AM
 Coffee, Donuts and Fellowship 9:45AM
 Bible School 10:15
 Contemporary Service 11:00AM
Slcc.church

LEESBURG

Bethany Lutheran Church
 1334 Griffin Road, Leesburg
 352-787-7275
 Sunday Service 10:30am
 Wednesday Bible Study 10:00am
 Sunday Bible Study 9:15am
 Thursday Bible Study 5:30pm

Central Baptist Church est.1883
 104 Perkins St. Leesburg,
 Corner of Perkins & Main St. in Downtown Leesburg
 352-787-3966
 Pastor Jay Williams
 Service Times: Sunday 10:30am & 6:00pm
 Wednesday Bible Study and Kids Awana 6:30
 Facebook centralbaptistchurchleesburg
www.centralbaptistchurch.info

Christ United Methodist Church
 1313 Griffin Road
 352-365-0622
 Pastor Priscilla Scherrah
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 Sunday School 9:30am
 Wednesday Bible Study (September-May) 10:00am
www.christumcleesburg.com

Community Wesleyan Church
 335 Tomato Hill Rd., Leesburg
 (turn at Race Trac corner)
 727-224-4180
 Sunday 10:30am
 Wednesday 6:00pm
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 352-323-1588
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 Worship Service 10:30am
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 Wednesday Praise & Prayer 6:30pm
 Wednesday EPIC Youth & Children Ministry 6:30pm
www.excitingEBC.com

First Baptist Leesburg
 220 N. 13th St., Leesburg
 352-787-1005
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 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm
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 Sunday service 8:00am & 9:00am
www.villagepark.org
www.fbcleesburg.org

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 Sunday School 8:45am
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 Sunday Worship Service 9:30am
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 Service Time 9 am & 11 am
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 508 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg
 352-326-4109
 Worship Service 9:30am
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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
 8:00am & 10:00am
 Thursday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service
 10:00am
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St. Philip Lutheran Church
 1050 Boyd Drive, Mt. Dora
 352-383-5402
 Pastor Rev. Dr. Johan Bergh
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 Gathering 10:45am
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Corpus Christi Episcopal Church
 3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka
 352-787-8430
 Sunday Holy Eucharist Service 10:00am
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 Thursday Morning Prayer 9:30am
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 Corner of Old 441 & SR 19, Tavares
 352-343-2761
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 Sunday Services
 8:30 am & 11:00 am – Traditional service in the
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 9:45 am –Adult Small Group
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 Tavares, FL 32778
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 Sunday Service 10:30
www.UnityTavares.org

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 9050 Citron Street, Yalaha
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 Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:30-7:30
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REFLECTIONS

Experiencing grief sets you apart from others



Rick Reed

Do I have the opportunity to experience unparalleled spiritual growth because of my loss of Nancy? A year ago I would have said, "Not a chance." But now, with more than a year behind me, I think, "I can," which is a line from the play I recently completed.

I've been reading GriefShare, a daily devotion specifically for widows and widowers. I began reading several months after Nancy's passing and for the most part they are spot on.

On day 264 the devo began: "Many people become wiser, more humane, more compassionate, and more fully human after experiencing grief. In this way, grief sets you apart. People who have gone through it are different."

Early on in my grief process I couldn't look at something like this without saying, "No way."

Early on the lessons were gentle, kind, compassionate. They helped me a lot by reading things like "Understanding Your Grief," "Grief Lasts Longer Than Expected," and "He Will Carry You."

I read about denial and joy returning and doubting my faith, all things I have experienced. And I have certainly been set apart through grief. The big question is what do I do with it? Have I truly become wiser, more humane, more compassionate and more fully human?

My day job is as an aftercare person with Beyers Funeral Home. I'm the director of life, which is intended for widow and widowers. We offer it to all widows and widowers. For seven years I served as a married man, just like my predecessor. We aren't a counseling service but can direct folks to where they can go. Instead, we're a social network with luncheons and trips. Our intent is to get folks out and about and begin life after.

David, my predecessor left big shoes to fill and I've tried to do the best I can. But now, as a widower myself I understand so much more fully about what takes place inside a widow or widower, the fears, doubts and memories that flood the brain and heart.

It's easy to say folks grieve at their own pace but it's another thing going through it.

Our luncheons and trips are meant to be fun. It's also a time you can be with folks who know exactly what you been through, maybe a little different, but share the pain. It's a time to get on with our lives, one baby step at a time.

I believe I have been set apart through grief.

One woman said, "It will change you. You will do a 180-degree turn. When you go to a funeral home, from then on you will know what those people are going through; you'll know what you can do to help them."

"Before that, I would go shake hands, go to the line and say, 'I'm sorry.' And I didn't understand. But after you've lost a loved one, you have a totally different concept of what they're going through. I think you can be a better minister, and I think God gives you some of these things to use in your own personal ministry. So it will change you."

While all of us experience change throughout our lives there is One who doesn't.

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever," according to Hebrews 13:8.

It is the one constant we can cling to. Let the Lord be the anchor for your soul.

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Stereotypical nuns

Cute mascot? Beloved grandmother? Sister Jean reveals deeper stereotypes

By Sarah Pulliam Bailey
The Washington Post

At 98 years old, Sister Jean Dolores Schmidt has become the international star of March Madness. Fans of Loyola Chicago's men's basketball team, which lost in anational semifinal to Michigan this weekend, can snatch up socks, bobbleheads and T-shirts with her face on it. All of a sudden, she said, she began hearing from people all over the world, including long-lost friends she hadn't heard from in years.

"It all happened so fast," she said. "It was like a big balloon burst in the world."

Leading players in prayer from her wheelchair as chaplain for the No. 11-seeded Ramblers, Sister Jean has garnered attention during the team's Cinderella-like run through the tournament to the Final Four.

"A number of people have said it's what the country needed because it's such a mess," she said of her fame. "Some people have told me that their faith has been restored."

How does she feel about seeing herself go viral?

"I don't know if you saw on Facebook or Twitter the picture of me dunking the basketball into the basket," she said. "Someone said to me, do you find that offensive? No, I find it a fun thing. . . . I've seen other things go viral. It's bringing a lot of people happiness."

Many Americans have a soft spot for Catholic sisters, said the Rev. James Martin, a priest and editor at large at America, a Jesuit magazine.

"On the one hand, it's terrific that people are touched by her," Martin said. "But it's irksome people are surprised that a sister could be so much fun."

Some expect people to be more self-centered as they get older, but Sister Jean defies caricatures about age and about her role as a sister, said Michael Garanzini, who hired Sister Jean when he was president of Loyola Chicago.

Garanzini gave her an apartment in a freshman and sophomore residence hall and said she served as his unofficial informant, keeping him in the loop on what students were thinking. She was very popular with the students and would talk with them in her office in the student union building.



Sister Jean Dolores-Schmidt, the Loyola Ramblers Chaplain, holds up number one as fans chant inside the Gentile Arena on March 25 in Chicago. [TYLER LARIVIERE/CHICAGO SUN-TIMES VIA AP]

"There's as much as the grandmotherly as there's the strict disciplinarian in our images of nuns," he said. "We have activists, pacifists, prayerful — it's a very broad stereotype."

Catholic orders across the country have been grappling with the number of women becoming religious sisters plummeting in recent decades. There were about 181,000 religious sisters in the United States at their peak, in 1965, according to the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate at Georgetown University. In 2014, there were about 49,000 sisters.

While nuns and sisters are both called "sister," the Catholic Church distinguishes

between the two. Nuns typically reside and do their work and ministry within a monastery while sisters live under an order or congregation of sisters and tend to do their ministry out in the world.

In the 1960s, the Second Vatican Council, intended to address the church's relationship in the modern world, set off a series of reforms in the Catholic Church, including encouraging sisters to go into the world and help the needy. They began to modernize their habits and shortened their skirts, which Sister Jean said she welcomed. She became a sister in 1937, and around 1967, she said, she was given the choice of whether to wear a habit.

"Taking off the habit and putting on contemporary clothes makes us more available and gives people freedom to talk a little more," said Sister Jean, who is now often seen wearing her Loyola jacket and a maroon and gold scarf.

Nuns who wear traditional habits are sometimes portrayed in Hollywood or media outlets as "cute" when doing normal activities, like going to baseball games or eating at McDonald's, said Gail DeGeorge, editor of Global Sisters Report, a project of National Catholic Reporter. By contrast, the image of tall basketball players leaning down to embrace a tiny woman in a wheelchair is striking for a lot of people.

CALENDAR

TODAY

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

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.

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 fpcustis.com.

MONDAY

OUR FATHER'S HANDS CRAFT GROUP: From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday at New Life Baptist Church, 35300

Radio Road in Leesburg. Most items created are donated to charity. Call 352-728-0004 for information.

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

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

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 TO WEDNESDAY

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.

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 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.

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at American Legion Post 18, 401 E. Atlantic Highway in Wildwood. Looking for new members. Call 352-748-7009 for information.
AUXILIARY MEETING: At 6 p.m. the second Monday of every month at John Gella Memorial Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Call 352-787-2338 for information.

TUESDAY

BINGO: At 1:01 p.m. every Tuesday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.
TACO TUESDAY: At 5 p.m. every Tuesday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Call 352-323-8750, email amvetspost2006@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

WEDNESDAY

BINGO: From 6 to 8 p.m. every Wednesday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Sign in at the door. Connect with members and see what the post is all about. Call 352-323-8750, and ask for an AMVET officer or auxiliary officer.
WACKY WEDNESDAY: From 4 to 7 p.m. every Wednesday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT: At 5 p.m. every Friday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers

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FRIDAY FISH FRY: From 5 to 7 p.m. every Friday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Non-members must sign in with a sponsor. Wear red to honor those deployed. Call Post Commander or Vice at 352-323-8750, email veteransInfoandEvents@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.
MONTHLY FISH FRY: From 4 to 7 p.m. the second Friday of the month at the American Legion John Gella Memorial Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

MILITARY MEMORABILIA SHOW: From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Renningers Flea Market and Antique Center, 20651 Highway 441 in Mount Dora. Military collectibles from all countries and time periods bought, sold and traded. Call Greg Spaulding at 407-462-2163 or John Anderson at 407-376-2614.

STEAK NIGHT AND BAKE SALE: At 4 p.m. the second Saturday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Guests must sign in with a sponsor. Call 352-323-8750, email amvetspost2006@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

SUBMARINE VETERANS MEETING: At 1 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the grand hall at American Legion Post 347, 699 W. Lady Lake Blvd in Lady Lake. Call 352-461-1690.
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
AMERICAN LEGION POST 330 MEETING: At 7 p.m. every third Thursday of the month at Mid-Florida Lakes, 200 Forest Drive in Leesburg. Call

352-217-2757.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

LITE BITES AND MEAT SHOOT: At 5 p.m. every third Friday at John Gella Memorial Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Light supper, bake sale and fun game of meat shoots. Call 352-787-2338 for information.
HOAGIE NIGHT: At 4 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Call 352-323-8750, email amvetspost2006@gmail.com or go to amvets2006.com.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

EARTH DAY PLANTING: At 9 a.m. at PEAR Park WCA, 4800 University Ave. in Leesburg. Assist with restoration of native plant communities. Refreshments courtesy of Daughters of the American Revolution. Call Justin Pouliot at 352-516-7011 for information.
VETERANS MEETING: At 2 p.m. the third Saturday of the month at the Silver Oaks Room Saddlebrook Recreation Center, 3010

Saddlebrook Lane in The Villages. Korean War and Service Veterans Chapter 169. For all veterans who served in Korea. Call 352-748-7009.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

VETERANS MEETING: At 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Leesburg Senior Center, 1211 Penn St. Korean War & Service Veterans Chapter 169. Call 352-748-7009.
SATURDAY, APRIL 28
SPAGHETTI DINNER: At 5 p.m. the fourth Saturday of the month at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Guests must sign in with a sponsor. Call 352-323-8750 or go to amvets2006.com.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

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.

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information.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

CHRISTIAN BREAK-FAST CLUB: At 8:30 a.m. every Friday at Perkins Restaurant, 27811 S. Highway 27 in Leesburg.

Interdenominational and all welcome. Call Dan or Lynda Rushing at 352-530-2518.

SIDE BY SIDE CONCERT: At 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Mount Dora, 222 W. 6th Ave. Carolyn Cutler and Rick Robinson perform Broadway, pop and standards. Cost is \$15. Call 352-383-4089 for tickets.
 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.
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 Shalom 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 bethsholom-florida.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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

PAWS OF PRAISE: At 9:30 a.m. every second and fourth Saturday at Bark Park, 6085 County Road 44 in Wildwood. Community gathering for humans and canine companions. Contact Michael Beck at 352-203-7258.
RUMMAGE SALE: From 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Calvary Chapel Leesburg, 1601 W. Main St. Call 352-460-7595 for information.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

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.
PROPHECY CONFERENCE: At 10:30 a.m. at New Life Baptist Church, 35300 Radio Road in Leesburg. With speaker Herb Rogers. Call 352-728-0004 for information.
MONDAY, APRIL 16 TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18
SENIOR FEST TWO: 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS MEETING: At 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of every month at Trinity Lutheran Church, 17330 US Highway 27 in Summerfield. Non-profit organization that provides support for families grieving from the death of a child. Central Florida Chapter. Email tcarlyon@aol.com for information.
THURSDAY, APRIL 19
DISCUSSION GROUP: At 1 p.m. at Sumter County Administration and Library Building, 7375 Powell Road in Wildwood. Rabbi Karen Allen of Congregation Beth Shalom with roundtable series on current Torah Portion. Go to bethsholom-florida.org.

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FSU's Blackman keeps learning

Quarterback is adjusting to Willie Taggart's offense

By Joe Reedy
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State quarterback James Blackman has done plenty of on-the-job learning during his first year on campus.

When Deondre Francois suffered a season-ending knee injury in last year's opener, Blackman became the first true freshman quarterback for the Seminoles since 1985. He started the final 12 games in a season in which Florida State went from playoff contender

to narrowly keeping its 41-year bowl streak alive.

After last year's crash course in college quarterbacking, Blackman's matriculation is continuing during spring practices with new coach Willie Taggart and an offense that stresses speed.

Blackman though has not been fazed trying to learn Taggart's up-tempo system, which is more of a spread offense compared to the pro-style set the Seminoles employed under Jimbo Fisher.

"I am more comfortable in the pocket now because I know what type of pressure to expect from the defense. That is helping me to be more

relaxed," Blackman said.

Blackman said that even though there are some similarities between the two offenses, the play-calling is simpler. Fisher's play calls were often three words compared to Taggart's one-word calls.

Blackman also noticed a greater balance between run and pass plays, but the quarterback must make more reads at the line.

"I think the transition is going well and executing the plays," he said. "The tempo helps keep the defense off balance. Often they don't know

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Florida State quarterback James Blackman (1) passes in the first half of the Independence Bowl against Southern Mississippi on Dec. 27, 2017, in Shreveport, La. [AP PHOTO / GERALD HERBERT, FILE]

Star-studded leaderboard



Patrick Reed putts on the sixth hole during the second round at the Masters on Friday in Augusta, Ga. Reed shot a 6-under 66 to take a two-shot lead at the halfway point of the tournament. [AP PHOTO / DAVID GOLDMAN]

Reed takes lead as Masters takes shape without Tiger in mix

By Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The Masters is living up to its hype with some of the biggest names and hottest games in contention going into the weekend.

Except for two guys who generated so much of the buzz.

Tiger Woods hit another shot into Rae's Creek, didn't make a birdie until the 13th hole and wound up with a 3-over 75, leaving him 13 shots behind Patrick Reed. Woods was more concerned with sticking around for the

weekend than chasing a green jacket.

Phil Mickelson matched his worst score ever at Augusta National with a 79 to make the cut on the number, leaving him 14 shots behind.

Even without them, the show is just getting started.

Reed, who has never seriously contended on a big stage outside of the Ryder Cup, had birdies on half of the holes he played Friday. That was more than enough to atone for the few times he got out of position, and his 6-under 66 put him atop the leaderboard for

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Jordan Spieth reacts to a bad tee shot on the fourth hole during the second round of the Masters on Friday in Augusta, Ga. Spieth, the first-round leader after a 66, shot a 74 to fall five shots behind. [CURTIS COMPTON / ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION VIA AP]

Truex, Harvick know how to get to the front at Texas

By Stephen Hawkins
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Martin Truex Jr. and Kevin Harvick certainly know their way to the front at 1.5-mile tracks like the one at Texas Motor Speedway.

Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Truex has won five of the last eight races on 1.5-mile tracks since the middle of last season.

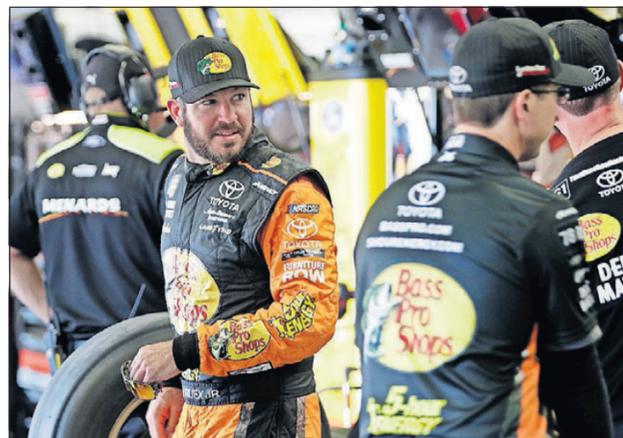
When Harvick was asked Friday if his team was at the point it can challenge Truex on such tracks, the Stewart-Haas driver responded: "That seems like a self-answering question."

That's because Harvick has won the other three in his Ford, including Texas last fall. He won at Atlanta and Las Vegas in the only two races on 1.5-mile tracks so far this year as part of his three-race winning streak.

"We are better than Truex," Harvick said.

After the Easter weekend break, the Cup schedule resumes with Truex's race at Texas, where in November Harvick went around Truex for the lead with 10 laps to go and kept his Ford in front the rest of the way. That 1-2 finish locked both drivers into

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Martin Truex Jr., left, talks with members of his team in the garage after a practice session Friday in Fort Worth, Texas. [TONY GUTIERREZ / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



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A ROUNDUP OF THE DAY'S MLB ACTION

Tavares' Kilfoyle 2nd at state weightlifting

Staff Report

Tavares High School's Christian Kilfoyle placed second at the Class 1A boys weightlifting state championships on Friday at Arnold High School in Panama City Beach.

Kilfoyle was the only area athlete to earn points in the state meet, earning Tavares five points in the 119-pound division with a 225-pound bench press and a 215-pound clean and jerk for a 440-pound total. Labelle's Santiago won the title in the weight class with a 205-pound bench press and a 250-pound clean and jerk for a 455-pound total.

The five points from Kilfoyle gave Tavares a tie for 13th place in the state meet. Baker County easily won the title with 34 points, followed by Labelle, Bradford County and Madison County with 13 points each.

Tavares' Gabriel Albright was 13th in the 119-pound division and Eustis' Garrett Snyder was 17th.

Tavares' Kaleb Leafers placed eighth in the 129-pound division with a 410-pound total.

In the 139-pound weight class, Umatilla's Henry Johnson placed 11th with a 410-pound total.

In the 154-pound division Umatilla's Enrique Toledo was 16th (450-pound total) and Tavares' Zachary Money was 17th despite not counting a clean and jerk.

Tavares' Andrew Todtenhagen was tied for 17th in the 169-pound division with a 515-pound total.

In the 183-pound division, South Sumter's Roy Perez placed 16th with a

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Yankees OR Tampa Bay at 8 a.m.
 ESPN2 — Formula One, Bahrain Grand Prix, practice, at Sakhir, Bahrain 11 a.m.
 ESPN2 — Formula One, Bahrain Grand Prix, qualifying, at Sakhir, Bahrain Noon
 FS1 — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, My Bariatric Solutions 300, qualifying, at Fort Worth, Texas 1:30 p.m.
 FS1 — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, O'Reilly Auto Parts 500, final practice, at Fort Worth, Texas 3 p.m.
 FOX — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, My Bariatric Solutions 300, at Fort Worth, Texas 9:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — IndyCar, Desert Diamond West Valley Casino Phoenix Grand Prix, at Avondale, Ariz.

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
 8 p.m.
 FS1 — UFC 223, prelims, at Brooklyn, N.Y.

MOTOR SPORTS

10 p.m.
 FS1 — AMA Monster Energy Supercross, at Seattle

NBA BASKETBALL

3:30 p.m.
 NBA — Denver at L.A. Clippers
 8:30 p.m.
 ABC — Oklahoma City at Houston

NHL HOCKEY

3 p.m.
 NBC — N.Y. Rangers at Philadelphia
 7 p.m.
 SUN — Tampa Bay at Carolina

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Florida at Alabama
 3 p.m.
 ESPN — Arizona at Oregon
 ESPN2 — Tennessee at Auburn

DRAG RACING

8 p.m.
 FS2 — NHRA, Denso Spark Plugs Four-Wide Nationals, qualifying, at Las Vegas
 12:20 p.m.
 FS2 — Bundesliga, Hamburg vs. Schalke
 12:30 p.m.
 NBC — Premier League, Manchester City vs. Manchester United
 5 p.m.
 ESPN — MLS, Los Angeles FC at Atlanta United

GOLF

3 p.m.
 CBS — The Masters, third round, at Augusta, Ga.

MLB BASEBALL

1 p.m.
 MLB — Baltimore at N.Y.

TODAY'S LOCAL SCHEDULE

Have a local sporting event you would like to have included in our schedule? Email details to Sports Editor Paul Jenkins at paul.jenkins@dailycommercial.com.
HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WEIGHTLIFTING
 Class 2A state championships at Panama City Beach, 11:30 a.m.
SOFTBALL
 Eustis at Kissimmee Klassic Montverde Academy at Kissimmee Klassic The Villages at Doc 4 Life Tournament

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

LSSC baseball romps past Florida State College

Angel Padilla went 4-for-5 with three runs and two RBIs and Connor Andrews went 3-for-6 with two runs and four RBIs to lift Lake-Sumter State College to a 14-5 win over Florida State College on Friday in Jacksonville.

Jarrett Backus added three hits, two runs and an RBI, Collin Teegarden had two hits, a run and an RBI, and Conor McCormack had two hits, a run and an RBI for LSSC.
 Kyle Wiseman picked up his second win of the season, holding Florida State College to one run and three hits over five innings of work.
 The Lakehawks improve to 14-25-1 overall and 6-9 in Mid-Florida Conference play. Florida State College drops to 14-21 overall and 4-11 in the conference.

LSSC softball splits doubleheader

Lake-Sumter State College rebounded from a 12-1 loss in five innings to take a 4-3 win in the second game of a doubleheader on Thursday against Daytona State College.

The win in game two assured the Lakehawks of their first winning season since 1999 and their first 30-win season since 1998.
 LSSC scored all of its runs in the second game in the fourth inning with the big hit coming on a two-run double by Brooke Ferguson.
 Starter Jasmine McQuaig and reliever Abbey Primavera along with an error-free defense helped give LSSC the win.
 Lake-Sumter improves to 30-23 overall and 9-9 in Mid-Florida Conference play.

GOLF

THE MASTERS

Thursday's leaders at Augusta National Golf Club, Augusta, Ga.; **Purse:** TBA (\$11 million in 2017). **Va.:** 7,435; **Par:** 72 (36-36) (a-denotes amateur)

First Round	Score
Jordan Spieth	34-32-66
Tony Finau	33-35-68
Matt Kuchar	37-31-68
Henrik Stenson	34-35-69
Adam Hadwin	35-34-69
Charley Hoffman	35-34-69
Patrick Reed	35-34-69
Haotong Li	35-34-69
Rory McIlroy	35-34-69
Rafa Cabrera Bello	37-32-69
Bernd Wiesberger	37-33-70
Zach Johnson	36-34-70
Marc Leishman	33-37-70
Rickie Fowler	37-33-70
Phil Mickelson	36-34-70
Satoshi Kodaira	35-36-71
Vijay Singh	35-36-71
Cameron Smith	37-34-71
Xander Schauffele	35-36-71
Louis Oosthuizen	38-33-71
Francesco Molinari	37-35-72
Kyle Stanley	36-36-72
Tommy Fleetwood	36-36-72
a-Doug Ghim	37-33-72
Fred Couples	37-35-72
Charl Schwartzel	37-35-72
Kevin Kisner	37-35-72
Justin Rose	39-34-73
Tom Potter, Jr.	39-34-73
Brian Harman	39-34-73
Daniel Berger	38-35-73
Pat Perez	38-35-73
Jason Dufner	37-36-73
Hideki Matsuyama	37-36-73
Branden Grace	38-35-73
Tiger Woods	37-36-73
Bubba Watson	37-36-73
Jimmy Walker	40-33-73
Russell Henley	37-36-73
Thomas Pieters	38-35-73
Dustin Johnson	38-35-73
Wesley Bryan	37-37-74
Austin Cook	38-36-74
Ryan Moore	38-36-74
Jose Maria Olazabal	38-36-74
Bryson DeChambeau	38-36-74
Paul Casey	38-36-74
Martin Kaymer	38-36-74
Justin Thomas	37-37-74
Sandy Lyle	36-38-74
Ian Poulter	38-36-74
Bernhard Langer	37-37-74
Tyrrell Hatton	36-38-74
Alex Noron	39-35-74
Matthew Fitzpatrick	38-37-75
Danny Willett	41-34-75
Jason Day	40-35-75
Si Woo Kim	38-37-75
Patrick Cantlay	40-35-75
Jon Rahm	36-39-75
Adam Scott	37-38-75
Brendan Steele	38-38-76
Mike Weir	40-36-76
Patton Kizzire	38-38-76
a-Doc Redman	37-39-76
Billy Horschel	39-37-76
Chez Reavie	37-39-76
Angel Cabrera	40-36-76
a-Joaquin Niemann	40-36-76
Larry Mize	39-37-76
Yuta Ikeda	39-38-76
Webb Simpson	37-38-76
Jhonattan Vegas	39-38-77
Kevin Chappell	39-38-77
Dylan Frittelli	38-39-77
Shubhankar Sharma	38-39-77
Yusaku Miyazato	36-41-77
Mark O'Meara	40-38-78
Trevor Immelman	37-41-78
Ross Fisher	39-39-78
Gary Woodland	42-36-78
Ian Woosnam	38-41-79
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	40-39-79
a-Yuxin Lin	39-40-79
a-Matt Parziale	40-41-81
Sergio Garcia	38-43-81
a-Harry Ellis	41-45-86

Thursday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Columbus 4, OT
 Nashville 4, Washington 3
 Philadelphia 4, Carolina 3
 New Jersey 2, Toronto 1
 N.Y. Islanders 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Montreal 4, Detroit 3
 Florida 3, Boston 2
 Winnipeg 2, Calgary 1
 Edmonton 4, Vegas 3
 Vancouver 4, Arizona 3, OT
 San Jose 4, Colorado 2
 Los Angeles 5, Minnesota 4, OT

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

x-Winnipeg	81	51	20	10	112	273	217
x-Minnesota	81	44	26	11	99	247	229
Colorado	81	42	30	9	93	252	235
St. Louis	80	43	31	6	92	220	216
Dallas	80	41	31	8	90	228	218
Chicago	80	33	37	10	76	227	248

Pacific Division	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
y-Vegas	81	51	23	7	109	271	221
x-San Jose	81	45	26	10	100	249	223
x-Los Angeles	81	45	28	8	98	237	199
x-Anaheim	80	42	25	13	97	227	213
Chicago	81	36	35	10	82	211	247
Edmonton	81	35	40	6	76	231	261
Vancouver	81	31	40	10	72	216	261
Arizona	81	29	40	12	70	208	253

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

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

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	
New York City FC	4	0	1	13	10	4
Columbus	3	1	1	10	9	5
Atlanta United FC	3	1	0	9	8	6
New England	2	1	1	7	6	5
New York Red Bulls	2	2	0	6	10	5
Montreal	2	2	0	6	6	5
Philadelphia	1	1	1	4	2	3
Orlando City	1	2	1	4	6	8
Toronto FC	1	2	0	3	3	4
D.C. United	0	3	2	2	5	10
Chicago	0	2	1	1	6	8

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	
Sporting Kansas City	3	1	1	10	10	9
Vancouver	3	1	1	10	7	7
Los Angeles Galaxy	2	1	1	7	7	6
Los Angeles FC	2	1	0	6	9	5
Minnesota United	2	3	0	6	6	9
FC Dallas	1	0	2	5	5	2
Colorado	1	1	1	4	6	4
Houston	1	2	1	4	7	6
Real Salt Lake	1	2	1	4	4	9
San Jose	1	2	0	3	6	7
Portland	0	2	2	2	4	9
Seattle	0	3	0	0	5	

Friday's Game
 Montreal at New England, late
Today's Games
 Houston at New York, 3 p.m.
 Los Angeles FC at Atlanta United FC, 5 p.m.
 San Jose at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
 D.C. United at Toronto FC, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
 Columbus at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Portland at Orlando City, 4 p.m.
 Sporting Kansas City at LA Galaxy, 9 p.m.

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	
North Carolina	2	0	0	6	2	0
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	1
Portland	1	1	0	3	3	3
Washington	1	1	0	3	3	2
Houston	0	0	2	2	1	1
Utah	0	0	2	2	1	1
Chicago	0	1	1	1	3	4
Orlando	0	1	1	1	1	3
Sky Blue FC	0	1	0	0	1	0

Saturday, April 14
 Chicago at Utah, 3:30 p.m.
 North Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Sunday, April 15
 Seattle at Sky Blue FC, 5 p.m.
 Orlando at Portland, 6 p.m.

2018 U.S. MEN'S SOCCER RESULTS/SCHEDULE
 All times Eastern
(Won 1, Lost 0, Tied 1)
Sunday, Jan. 28 — United States 0, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Tuesday, March 27 — United States 1, Paraguay 0
Saturday, June 9 — vs. France at Lyon, France (tentative)

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE QUARTERFINALS
 (Home teams listed first)
 All times Eastern
First Leg
April 3
 Juventus (Italy) 0, Real Madrid (Spain) 3
 Sevilla (Spain) 1, Bayern Munich (Germany) 2
Wednesday
 Barcelona (Spain) 4, Roma (Italy) 1
 Liverpool (England) 3, Manchester City (England) 0
Second Leg
Tuesday
 Roma (Italy) vs. Barcelona (Spain), 2:45 p.m.
 Manchester City (England) vs. Liverpool (England), 2:45 p.m.
April 11
 Bayern Munich (Germany) vs. Sevilla (Spain), 2:45 p.m.
 Real Madrid (Spain) vs. Juventus (Italy), 2:45 p.m.

ODDS

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Washington	-154	NY Mets	+144
Arizona	-106	at St. Louis	-104
at San Francisco	Off	Los Angeles	Off
Chicago	-135	at Milwaukee	+125
at Philadelphia	-155	Miami	+145
at Pittsburgh	-130	Cincinnati	+120
at Colorado	-150	Atlanta	+140

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at New York	-231	Baltimore	+211
at Boston	-165	Tampa Bay	+155
Detroit	-109	at Chicago	-101
at Minnesota	-152	Seattle	+142
at Cleveland	-205	Kansas City	+185
Toronto	-133	at Texas	+123
at Los Angeles	-125	Oakland	+115

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG	LINE
at LA Clippers	1	223	Denver	
Milwaukee	9½	21½	at New York	
Brooklyn	5	216	at Chicago	
at Golden State	7	224	New Orleans	
at Houston	6½	219	Oklahoma City	
at San Antonio	Off	Off	Portland	

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Philadelphia	-235	NY Rangers	+215
at Detroit	-131	NY Islanders	+121
at Washington	Off	New Jersey	Off
at Florida	Off	Buffalo	Off
at Toronto	Off	Montreal	Off
at Boston	Off	Ottawa	Off

at Winnipeg	Off	Chicago	Off
at Carolina	Off	Tampa Bay	Off
at Nashville	Off	Columbus	Off
at Arizona	Off	Anaheim	Off
at Colorado	-124	St. Louis	+114
at Edmonton	-185	Vancouver	+170
at Calgary	Off	Las Vegas	Off
at Los Angeles	Off	Dallas	Off
at San Jose	Off	Minnesota	Off

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Boston 3B Michael Chavis (Portland-EL) and Cleveland LHP Alsis Herrera (Lynchburg-Carolina) 80 games, Arizona RHP Luis Diaz (DSL Diamondbacks) 72 games and San Francisco SS CJ Hinojosa (San Jose-Cal) 50 games for violations of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.
American League
 BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Assigned RHP Michael Kelly outright to Norfolk (IL).
 CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned OF Tyler Naquin to Columbus (IL). Reinstated OF Michael Brantley from the 10-day DL.
 DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Johnny Barbato to Toledo (IL).
 HOUSTON ASTROS — Sent RHP James Hoyt to Fresno (PCL) and 1B Yuli Gurriel to Corpus Christi (TL) for rehab assignments.
 MINNESOTA TWINS — Sent RHP Phil Hughes to Fort Myers (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent RHP Ryan Dullo and 3B Renato Nunez to Nashville (PCL) for rehab assignments.
 SEATTLE MARINERS — Sent OF Ben Gamel to Modesto (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
 TEXAS RANGERS — Traded C Brett Nicholas to San Diego for a player to be named or cash.
 Sent RHP Tony Barnette to Frisco (TL) for a rehab assignment. Named Neil Leibman chief operating officer.
National League
 ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Designated OF Jeremy Hazelbaker for assignment. Claimed RHP Troy Scribner off waivers from the L.A. Angels and optioned him to Reno (PCL).
 ATLANTA BRAVES — Assigned RHP Miguel Socolovich outright to Gwinnett (IL). Sent 3B Johan Camargo to Florida (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
 COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent RHP Carlos Estevez to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
 LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated RHP Zach Neal for assignment.
 MIAMI MARLINS — Placed OF Garrett Cooper on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Braxton Lee from New Orleans (PCL).
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed RHP Corey Knebel on the 10-day DL. Recalled RHP Adrian Houser from Biloxi (SL).
 NEW YORK METS — Sent 1B Dominic Smith to Las Vegas (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES — Optioned C Brett Nicholas to El Paso (PCL). Sent OF Franchy Cordero to El Paso for a rehab assignment.

American Association
 CHICAGO DOGS — Signed INFs Michael Baca and Craig Maddox.
 KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed INF Jason Rogers.
 LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Traded RHP Michael Wagner to Chicago for a player to be named.
Can-Am League
 NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Rony Cabrera.
 OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF Jordan Caillouet and RHP Ryan Leach.
 ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed LHP Marc Huberman.
 TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF Kevin Cornelius.
Frontier League

SPORTS TICKER

IN BRIEF

James in US Olympic basketball team pool

LeBron James is putting himself in position to play in a fourth Olympics, and Kevin Durant and Chris Paul a third.

The NBA stars were among the headline names on the list of 35 players chosen Friday for USA Basketball's national team pool of players for 2018-20.

Stephen Curry, Russell Westbrook, James Harden, Kyrie Irving and Anthony Davis also were on the list of players the Americans can choose from if they qualify for the 2019 Basketball World Cup and 2020 Olympics.

The remainder of the list: Golden State's Klay Thompson and Draymond Green; Toronto's DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry; Washington's John Wall and Bradley Beal; Portland's Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum; the Clippers' DeAndre Jordan and Tobias Harris; Detroit's Blake Griffin and Andre Drummond; Indiana's Victor Oladipo and Myles Turner; Cleveland's Kevin Love; Minnesota's Jimmy Butler; New Orleans' DeMarcus Cousins; San Antonio's Kawhi Leonard; Oklahoma City's Paul George; Houston's Eric Gordon; Boston's Gordon Hayward; the Lakers' Isaiah Thomas; Charlotte's Kemba Walker; Dallas' Harrison Barnes; Memphis' Mike Conley Jr.; Milwaukee's Khris Middleton; and Phoenix's Devin Booker.

ATLANTA Georgia Tech gives Johnson 2-year extension

Georgia Tech has given coach Paul Johnson a two-year contract extension through the 2022 season.

Johnson's Yellow Jackets finished 5-6 in 2017 and failed to land a bowl bid for the second time in three seasons.

The 60-year-old Johnson is 75-54 at Georgia Tech, including a 46-34 record in Atlantic Coast Conference games. Known for his spread option offense, Johnson has led the Yellow Jackets to three ACC championship game appearances. NCAA sanctions forced Georgia Tech to vacate its 2009 ACC championship.

Georgia Tech has finished first or second in the ACC's Coastal Division in six of Johnson's 10 seasons.

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA Skorean league delays games over pollution

South Korea's rapidly worsening air pollution has forced the country's professional baseball league to postpone three games.

The Korea Baseball Organization on Friday postponed the games in capital Seoul and the nearby cities of Suwon and Incheon after the government issued alerts over high fine dust levels in the metropolitan area.

It's the first time the league postponed games because of air pollution since the country began professional baseball in 1982. AKBO official said the games will be rescheduled later in the season. She didn't want to be named, citing officerules.

The Associated Press



Minnesota Twins relief pitcher Fernando Rodney stands on the mound during a snow squall in the ninth inning against the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh on Wednesday. [GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Early season question: Baseballs or snowballs?

By Ben Walker
The Associated Press

Steady and sure-handed, Minnesota Twins second baseman Brian Dozier is a confident mitt man.

But the Gold Glover didn't feel that way this week, standing in the snow globe of PNC Park in Pittsburgh.

"I always want the ball to hit to me, but that was the one time where I was hoping it wouldn't be hit my way," Dozier said. "It would have been very tough trying to catch a popup in those conditions."

From Yankee Stadium to Great American Ball Park to Comerica Park, the big winner so far this season is the wintry mix. Nine games already postponed amid a chilly spring, several others held in frosty settings.

It was 27 degrees at Coors Field in Denver on Friday, when snow and sleet caused a one-hour delay and brought out ski masks for the Rockies' home opener against Atlanta.

Cleveland also opened in bitter and blustery conditions, beating Kansas City 3-2.

"I think my lipstick was frozen," longtime Indians fan Rita Hoppert said. "All wins are nice wins. It got really cold."

No luck at AT&T Park in San Francisco, either. Despite a more seasonable climate, the Giants were rained out at home for the first time since 2006.

Bundled-up players and fans might not catch a break anytime soon. The weekend forecast in New York, Washington and several other spots is for weather better suited for throwing snowballs than pitching baseballs.

At Target Field in Minneapolis, there's an outside chance Seattle and Minnesota could play the coldest game on record in big league history. The current mark is a first-pitch temperature of 23 degrees when Colorado hosted Atlanta in 2013.

Mariners manager Scott Servais said the heated benches and hot air blowers will help.

"Mind over matter. If you don't mind, it shouldn't matter," he said.

Maybe, said Boston outfielder Mookie Betts.

It was barely above freezing at Fenway Park as he tried to limber up before Thursday's home opener against Tampa Bay.

"It's cold. You keep trying to play mind tricks, but it's

"Mind over matter. If you don't mind, it shouldn't matter."

Mariners manager Scott Servais on playing games in frigid temperatures



Snow covers the field before the scheduled New York Yankees' home opener against the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium on Monday in New York. The game was postponed due to weather. [SETH WENIG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

still 40 degrees. No matter how much you say 'mind over matter,' it still matters," Betts said.

Some have wondered why Major League Baseball doesn't start the season only in places such as California, Texas and the South, and domed stadiums.

It's not that easy, Commissioner Rob Manfred explained a few years ago.

"Making those warm weather schedules work is more difficult as a political matter than you might imagine," Manfred said in 2015. "The warm weather cities don't want all those early dates when kids aren't out of school."

Red Sox manager Alex Cora wore three layers and a jacket for the home opener, which the AL East champions won 3-2 in 12 innings.

"It's funny because it's cold in April, but it's never cold in October. And the weather is still cold in October. But it's something about it in October we don't care. And in April we do," he said.

"Where are we shooting to go? It's going to be cold in October. This is a dress rehearsal," Cora said.

The season began on March 29 and marked the earliest start date in the majors, excluding special openers in international sites such as Japan and Australia.

As part of the labor agreement between players and owners, this season will span 187 days, instead of 183. That will allow for extra days off and more room to reschedule makeups. It also sets up for Game 7 of the World Series, if needed, to be played in October, rather than November.

White Sox general manager Rick Hahn admits it's tough to see games played in flurries and frigid conditions. Chicago has preemptively moved up Monday night's game against Tampa Bay to an afternoon start because of the expected chill.

Hahn said the additional four days off will benefit teams later in the spring and summer.

"It's a part of the price to pay for that, I think," he said. "Unless you're going to push back the postseason, which I think is distasteful to a lot of people, or shorten the season, which is probably a long shot, I would say there's probably not much we can do."

As in, no going back to a 154-game schedule or adding in a bunch of doubleheaders.

MLB has tried to adjust the schedule in the past to have teams with warmer climates and indoor parks play first. A lot of them did open at home this year, including the Los Angeles Dodgers, Arizona, San Diego, Miami, Atlanta and more.

But some openers are bound to be in New York, Kansas City and Detroit. The Tigers are playing their first 25 games in Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Comerica Park.

"You're not going to get me to criticize Major League Baseball. I've already seen my face enough on TV," said Detroit manager Ron Gardenhire, who was ejected on opening day.

"I'm not a schedule-maker. I just let them do their thing," he said. "We've always said it would be nice to start down South for the first week and play in better weather areas. Eventually, you're going to have a home opener soon. Our folks don't want to wait."

McGregor posts \$50,000 bond, released

By Dan Gelston
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Cocksure and uncouth, Conor McGregor was never afraid to defy authority.

He dressed in fur coats and swung chairs at news conferences, reaped the riches of his dalliance with boxing, and demanded his boss cut him an ownership stake in the MMA promotion that made him one of the sport's most notorious names.

What McGregor wanted, McGregor got — in cash, championships, and living his best luxe life.

After one more decisive victory in New York, McGregor scaled the UFC octagon and draped two championship belts over his shoulder while a sold-out crowd roared in approval.

In the underbelly of a New York arena 17 months later, McGregor went wild, using a dolly, chairs and guard rails as weapons, not his fists. Fueled by revenge and running with a pack of his "hoodlums," McGregor's antics landed him in jail — and injured two fighters on Saturday's UFC 223 card.

Quiet and humbled, McGregor couldn't talk his way out of trouble in a New York courtroom.

McGregor was arraigned Friday on charges of felony criminal mischief charges and misdemeanor assault, menacing and reckless endangerment charges following a backstage melee he sparked at a UFC event in New York City.

He spoke only to acknowledge that he understood the conditions of his release, saying, "Yes, your honor."

McGregor was released on \$50,000 bond.

Video footage appeared to show the promotion's most bankable star throwing a hand truck at a bus full of fighters on Thursday after a news conference for UFC 223 at Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

McGregor was trying to get at UFC 223 main event fighter Khabib Nurmagomedov because the Russian had been involved in a hotel altercation with fellow fighter Artem Lobov. McGregor tried to stick up for Lobov, a close friend, and apparently loaded a private jet with his best buds and flew to New York to rumble.

UFC President Dana White said Friday he spoke to McGregor via text and the brawler said the confrontation "had to be done."

"It was probably the worst conversation we ever had," White told FS1's "First Things First" on Friday. "We talked yesterday before he turned himself in."

"It's not that I don't think he understood what happened. He justified it. It was justified to him."

NHL contenders hope late-signing prospects are playoff ready

By Stephen Whyno
The Associated Press

The ink was barely dry on his contract when Ryan Donato played his first professional game.

Three days after his junior season at Harvard ended, Donato joined the Boston Bruins' lineup in the middle of a playoff chase in a top-six role with a spot on the power play.

No pressure, kid.

"I definitely had to learn quickly," Donato said. "Every game is important, so it had to click right away. I really didn't have a choice."

Such is the task for Donato and a handful of other young prospects joining contenders in the eleventh hour of the NHL season. It has become common for teams with no postseason hopes to sign players out of school and play them late in the regular season like Vancouver did with Brock Boeser and Arizona with Clayton Keller a year ago.

This season, some top teams are taking the chance, too.

Just as the Bruins added Donato, Minnesota signed Jordan Greenway after his season at Boston University, Anaheim signed Troy Terry after the University of Denver was out of the NCAA Tournament and Nashville brought over Eeli Tolvanen from Europe after a full year in the Kontinental Hockey League — young talent added for the playoffs without the teams giving up anything, though coaches must now integrate a new player late in the season.

"It's tough if the kids aren't good," Wild coach Bruce Boudreau said. "With our team right



Buffalo Sabres center Jack Eichel (15) and Nashville Predators right wing Eeli Tolvanen (11) reach for the puck in the first period of an NHL game on March 31 in Nashville, Tenn. [AP PHOTO / MARK HUMPHREY, FILE]

now in the midst of this race, every little defensive situation has got to be done right."

Every shift is magnified this time of year, adding to the burden of trying to learn a team's system. Donato, Greenway and Terry went right from college to the NHL, and Tolvanen had to adjust on the fly from the wider, European ice as Nashville tries to shore up home ice throughout the playoffs.

"It's kind of tough to come in the middle of the season and just jump in and you don't know all the guys," Tolvanen said. "You have to do it at some point, so I think it's a pretty good spot that I came a couple games before the playoffs."

Tolvanen benefited from two rounds of KHL playoffs with Jokerit and carried that intensity across the pond, while Terry and Greenway got a taste of playoff action in the NCAA Tournament. Donato's season playing for his dad and former NHL forward Ted ended, and

he suddenly had to ramp things up to carry a big load for Boston amid injuries to Rick Nash and others.

Donato knew he couldn't take a shift or a game off and has stepped up with seven points in his first nine games. Coach Bruce Cassidy wasn't worried about getting the soon-to-be 22-year-old up to speed as much as seeing if Donato could handle the size, speed and pace of the NHL.

"Most of these kids that come in are offensive-minded guys, so are they going to be able to make their plays and handle a man's game?" Cassidy said. "And he's shown he's able to do that."

Donato certainly had a body of work coming in, including leading the United States and tying for the tournament lead with five goals at the Olympics without NHL players. The other three young, late-season additions — all of whom also stood out at the Olympics — are being eased in.

TAVARES

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505-pound total and Tavares Nikolas Gonzalez was 17th despite not counting

a clean and jerk.

Mount Dora's Brandon Tector was 19th in the 199-pound division without a counting clean and jerk.

The state meet continues Saturday with the Class 2A competition getting underway at 11:30 a.m.

FSU

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what we are lining up in so that allows us to hit them fast."

The 6-foot-5, 174-pound sophomore — who threw for 2,230 yards, 19 touchdowns and 11 interceptions last season — also came into the spring more confident after the Seminoles closed the year with four straight wins. He threw 10 touchdowns during the winning streak, including four in the Independence Bowl win over Southern Mississippi. The last two wins occurred after Fisher resigned to go to Texas A&M.

"He's done pretty good and is keeping a level head right now," offensive lineman Derrick Kelly said. "It tells a good amount about him. He's still there. He's still that type of quarterback."

Taggart, who was hired on Dec. 5, has also been pleased with how Blackman has been managing the offense.

"He's making quick, good decisions," Taggart said. "He's become a really good leader and again just continue to be more efficient with the offense and taking what the defense gives us."

Even if Blackman performs well the rest of the spring, including the April 14 Garnet and Gold game, he will go into preseason drills knowing there will be a three-way competition for the starting spot.

Redshirt freshman Bailey Hockman has been getting equal snaps while Francois is expected to be 100 percent by August.

Florida State could go into the season as the only Power Five program to have two quarterbacks that have started 10 or more games.

Taggart said he has seen improvement from all three but doesn't expect to have any indication about who will be the starter on Sept. 3 against Virginia Tech until preseason camp.

"I think those guys will have a better understanding of what we're doing offensively, and what we expect out of them," he said. "As they go through the summer time training with each other, and coming into training camp, I think that's when we'll see more separation between each other."

Francois says he is ahead of schedule seven months after surgery to repair a torn patellar tendon in his left knee. He is limited though during practices, only taking part in individual and non-contact drills.

NASCAR

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championship chase in the season finale at Homestead, another 1.5-mile track where Truex won.

Truex has led lap after lap at Texas, just never the last one. He has six straight top-10 finishes in the Lone Star State.

Before getting passed down the stretch last fall as Harvick went on to win for the first time in his 30 starts at Texas, Truex had led 107 laps in his Furniture Row Racing Toyota. Truex has led 363 laps in Texas the past two years, at least 49 in each of the four races in that span.

In the spring race five years ago in Texas, Kyle Busch regained the lead on pit road during a late caution and held on after the final restart to leave Truex as the runner-up after he had led 142 laps.

"For whatever reason, we've haven't been able to just put it all together, and this place has been tough to finally get that first win at," said Truex, who will make his 26th start at Texas this weekend. "I feel good going there."

Truex had five consecutive top-five finishes, including a win in California, before the first break of the season after what was a much busier-than-usual offseason as a first-time Cup champion.

"For sure, it's definitely been a good start to the year," Truex said. "Getting that first win out of the way it was big, I think, for all of us. Just kind of confirm that we're in a good place and the things we're working on and doing are working. ... This year, I think everybody's looking at us and trying to compare themselves to us, and knowing that we've been the car the beat, and I think that's an enviable position to be in."

Truex is currently second in points behind Kyle Busch.

MASTERS

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the first time in a major.

"I kept myself out of trouble and allowed my putter to do the work," Reed said.

He was two shots ahead of Marc Leishman, who boldly took on a high risk when he hooked a hooded 5-iron around the trees and barely over the water on the par-5 15th to about 6 feet for an eagle.

Reed was at 9-under 135.

Right behind? Five major champions, for starters.

Henrik Stenson (70) was four shots behind. Rory McIlroy (71) is off to his best 36-hole start in seven years and is looking as poised as ever to capture the fourth leg of the career Grand Slam. Jordan Spieth lost his two-shot lead on the first hole and was on the verge of getting left behind until he made a key par putt to close out the front nine with a 40, and then salvaged a 74 to join McIlroy just five shots behind.

Looming was Dustin Johnson, the No. 1 player in the world, who made a 45-foot par putt on the 16th to atone for several birdie putts in the 10-foot range he missed. Johnson had a 68 and was six shots behind, along with PGA champion Justin Thomas, who had a 67.

Eleven of the 17 players still under par at the halfway point can be found among the top 20 in the world.

Reed, who led Augusta State to a pair of NCAA titles, opened with a 25-foot birdie putt and zoomed into the lead after two more short birdie putts. He ran off three straight birdies again at the end of the front nine, holing a 15-foot birdie at No. 9 to stretch his lead.

He is the only player in the field to make birdie on every par 5 both rounds.

"The par 5s are huge around here to be able to pick up ground on," Reed said. "You're not going to shoot a low score if you don't."

For everyone else, it was about jockeying for position.

Spieth was happy to be near the top after the way he started — a tee shot into the trees on the right and a three putts for a double bogey, and then a drive



Tiger Woods tips his hat on the 18th green during the second round at the Masters on Friday in Augusta, Ga. Woods had a round of 75. [AP PHOTO S/ DAVID J. PHILLIP]



Rory McIlroy, of Northern Ireland, hits from some pine needles on the seventh hole during the second round at the Masters on Friday in Augusta, Ga. McIlroy is bidding to complete a career grand slam and is tied for fourth after two rounds.

to the left and three more putts for a bogey. Just like that he was behind, and it kept getting worse. He made bogey from the middle of the fairway on No. 7. He three-putted from long range on the par-5 eighth.

And he was headed for a 41 on the front nine until he made a 10-foot par putt.

"I'm still in this golf tournament," Spieth said. "With the way the back nine was playing today, the wheels could have

come off there. But I made some nice par saves and was able to grind out some phenomenal second-shot iron shots and good two-putt birdies."

Mickelson won the Mexico Championship last month, and at age 47 and with three green jackets, there was talk he could become the oldest Masters champion. Those hopes faded when he bounced around in the trees at No. 9 and made triple bogey and hit into Rae's Creek on No. 12 for a double bogey.

He bogeyed his final hole for a 79, the second time in three years he posted that number.

Woods made bogey on the opening hole with a sand wedge from the fairway. He really came undone when his second shot to the fifth bounded over the green and into a grove of magnolia trees. He took a penalty drop to clear room through the branches, put that in the bunker and made double bogey.

Very little went right except for a pair of birdies on the par 5s on the back nine. Looking at the white leaderboards only made him feel worse. The cut is for the top 50 and ties and anyone within 10 shots of the lead. Woods kept seeing Reed make birdies, and he knew he was well outside the 10 shots.

"I was hoping to keep it within 10. I didn't know what my position was, but I think I'm in," he said after his round. He was tied for 40th.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Boston	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-6	1-0	5-1	
New York	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	L-1	2-1	2-2	
Toronto	4	3	.571	2	—	4-3	L-1	4-3	0-0	
Baltimore	2	5	.286	4	2	2-5	W-1	1-2	1-3	
Tampa Bay	1	6	.143	5	3	1-6	L-6	1-3	0-3	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Minnesota	4	2	.667	—	—	4-2	W-2	1-0	3-2	
Chicago	3	3	.500	1	½	3-3	L-1	0-1	3-2	
Cleveland	3	4	.429	1½	1	3-4	W-1	1-0	2-4	
Detroit	2	4	.333	2	1½	2-4	W-1	1-4	1-0	
Kansas City	1	4	.200	2½	2	1-4	L-1	0-2	1-2	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Houston	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-5	3-0	3-1	
Los Angeles	5	2	.714	1	—	5-2	W-2	2-1	3-1	
Seattle	3	3	.500	2½	½	3-3	L-2	2-1	1-2	
Oakland	3	5	.375	3½	1½	3-5	L-1	3-5	0-0	
Texas	3	5	.375	3½	1½	3-5	W-1	1-3	2-2	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
New York	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-3	4-1	1-0	
Atlanta	5	2	.714	½	—	5-2	W-3	4-2	1-0	
Washington	4	3	.571	1½	—	4-3	L-3	0-1	4-2	
Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3	1½	2-4	W-1	1-0	1-4	
Miami	2	5	.286	3½	2	2-5	L-3	2-4	0-1	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Pittsburgh	5	1	.833	—	—	5-1	W-1	2-1	3-0	
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1½	—	4-3	L-2	1-3	3-0	
Chicago	3	3	.500	2	½	3-3	W-1	0-0	3-3	
St. Louis	3	4	.429	2½	1	3-4	L-1	0-1	3-3	
Cincinnati	1	4	.200	3½	2	1-4	L-1	1-3	0-1	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Arizona	6	1	.857	—	—	6-1	W-4	5-1	1-0	
Colorado	4	4	.500	2½	½	4-4	L-1	0-1	4-3	
San Francisco	3	3	.500	2½	½	3-3	W-1	1-1	2-2	
Los Angeles	2	5	.286	4	2	2-5	L-3	2-2	0-3	
San Diego	1	6	.143	5	3	1-6	L-2	1-6	0-0	

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Indians 3, Royals 2: Michael Brantley singled home two runs in his first at-bat this season and Carlos Carrasco worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth, leading Cleveland to a win in its chilly home opener over Kansas City. Brantley missed Cleveland's first six games while on the disabled list recovering from offseason ankle surgery. But just hours after being activated, the two-time All-Star delivered in the first inning against Danny Duffy (0-2), who managed to hang around until the sixth.

Braves 8, Rockies 3: Brandon McCarthy pitched six solid innings and delivered a two-run double that chased German Marquez in the fifth inning of Atlanta's win over Colorado that marked the second-coldest game in Coors Field history. It was 27 degrees when the Rockies' home opener began after an hour-long delay caused by sleet and snow.

LATE
 Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees
 Toronto at Texas
 San Diego at Houston
 Oakland at L.A. Angels
 Atlanta at Colorado
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, p.p.d.

BOX SCORES

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2

KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Jay Iff	3	1	2	0	1	1	.333
Merrifield 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	.263
Moustakas 3b	3	0	0	1	2	2	.211
Duda dh	4	0	1	1	0	2	.214
Cuthbert 1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	.286
Soler rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Gordon cf	4	0	1	0	2	1	.167
Escobar ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	.176
Butera c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.250
TOTALS	31	2	7	2	3	9	

CLEVELAND	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Lindor ss	3	1	0	0	1	1	.172
Kipnis 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.154
Ramirez 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	.077
Encarnacion dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	.174
Brantley lf	4	0	1	2	0	1	.250
Guyer rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.214
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.192
Gomes c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.118
Davis cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.200
TOTALS	30	3	4	3	4	3	

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E—Cuthbert (1). LOB—Kansas City 6, Cleveland 7. 2B—Merrifield (1), Guyer (2), Davis (1). RBIs—Moustakas (2), Duda (6), Ramirez (3), Brantley (2). SB—Ramirez (1). S—Merrifield.

Runners left in scoring position—Kansas City 3 (Cuthbert 3); Cleveland 4 (Encarnacion 2, Gomes 2). RISP—Kansas City 1 for 7; Cleveland 2 for 10.

Runners moved up—Moustakas, Lindor. GDP—Cuthbert, Escobar.

DP—Cleveland 2 (Lindor, Kipnis, Alonso), (Lindor, Kipnis, Alonso).

KANSAS CITY IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Duffy, L, 0-2 5.2 3 3 3 3 3 99 7.45
 Keller 1.1 1 0 0 1 0 18 0.00
 Hill 1 0 0 0 0 0 11 3.86

CLEVELAND IP H R ER BB SO NP ERA
 Carrasco, W, 2-0 6 5 2 2 1 4 92 5.40
 Goody, H, 1 1 1 0 0 0 1 14 0.00
 Miller, H, 2 1 1 0 0 1 3 23 0.00
 Allen, S, 2-2 1 0 0 0 1 1 14 0.00

Inherited runners-scored—Keller 1-0, WP—Duffy.

Umpires—Home, Roberto Ortiz; First, Will Little; Second, Ted Barrett; Third, Lance Barksdale.

T—2:41. A—34,720 (35,225).

Minnesota, 4; Gattis, Houston, 7; Goodwin, Washington, 7; 6
TRIPLES: Castellanos, Detroit, 2; Fisher, Houston, 2; Sanchez, Chicago, 2; 11 tied at 1.
HOME RUNS: Davidson, Chicago, 4; Dozier, Minnesota, 4; Anderson, Chicago, 3; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 3; Jones, Baltimore, 3; Sano, Minnesota, 3; Stanton, New York, 3; 18 tied at 2.
STOLEN BASES: Anderson, Chicago, 4; Gordon, Seattle, 3; Pillar, Toronto, 3; Betts, Boston, 2; Buxton, Minnesota, 2; Davis, Cleveland, 2; Lindor, Cleveland, 2; Ramirez, Boston, 2; 17 tied at 1.
PITCHING: Carrasco, Cleveland, 2-0; Hatcher, Oakland, 2-0; Severino, New York, 2-0; 22 tied at 1.
ERA: Berrios, Minnesota, 0.00; Chirinos, Tampa Bay, 0.00; Junis, Kansas City, 0.00; Price, Boston, 0.00; Bundy, Baltimore, 0.69; Sale, Boston, 0.82; Gibson, Minnesota, 0.87; Fulmer, Detroit, 1.13; Manaea, Oakland, 1.15; Cole, Houston, 1.29.
STRIKEOUTS: Hamels, Texas, 18; Bundy, Baltimore, 15; Sale, Boston, 15; Tanaka, New York, 15; Archer, Tampa Bay, 14; Happ, Toronto, 14; Kluber, Cleveland, 14; Severino, New York, 14; Verlander, Houston, 14; Richards, Los Angeles, 13.

NL LEADERS
RUNS: Eaton, Washington, 10; Freeman, Atlanta, 9; Blackmon, Colorado, 8; Harrison, Pittsburgh, 8; Harper, Washington, 7; Owings, Arizona, 7.
RBI: Freeman, Atlanta, 9; Harper, Washington, 9; Polanco, Pittsburgh, 9; Tucker, Atlanta, 8; Ahmed, Arizona, 7; Cespedes, New

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	TEAM REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
New York	Matz (L)	1:05p	0-1	6.75	0-1	0-1	14.0	2.57		
Washington	Gonzalez (L)	1:05p	1-0	1.50	1-0	3-0	20.0	2.25		
Arizona	Greinke (R)	2:15p	0-0	1.59	0-1	1-0	7.0	1.29		
St. Louis	Wacha (R)	2:15p	0-1	7.71	0-1	1-0	6.0	0.00		
Los Angeles	Hill (L)	4:05p	1-0	0.00	1-0	2-0	16.2	1.62		
San Francisco	Stratton (R)	4:05p	0-1	5.06	0-1	0-1	4.1	6.23		
Chicago	Darvish (R)	4:05p	0-0	10.39	1-0	0-1	5.0	5.40		
Milwaukee	Davies (R)	4:05p	0-1	9.53	0-1	2-2	32.0	3.66		
Miami	Peters (L)	6:05p	1-0	0.00	1-0	0-0	13.0	1.38		
Philadelphia	Velasquez (R)	6:05p	0-1	13.50	0-1	1-1	13.2	3.29		
Cincinnati	Romano (R)	7:05p	0-1	4.50	0-1	1-2	19.2	2.29		
Pittsburgh	Kuhl (R)	7:05p	1-0	6.35	1-0	1-1	11.2	3.09		
Atlanta	Newcomb (L)	8:10p	0-1	10.39	0-1	0-0	10.2	5.91		
Colorado	Betts (R)	8:10p	1-0	3.60	1-0	0-1	12.0	3.75		

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	TEAM REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
Baltimore	Tillman (R)	1:05p	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-2	7.0	19.29		
New York	Gray (R)	1:05p	0-0	2.25	0-1	1-1	9.2	4.66		
Tampa Bay	Faria (R)	1:05p	0-0	2.25	0-1	1-0	9.0	1.00		
Boston	Porcello (R)	1:05p	1-0	1.69	1-0	2-4	36.2	3.93		
Seattle	Leake (R)	2:10p	1-0	2.57	1-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
Minnesota	Berrios (R)	2:10p	1-0	0.00	1-0	1-0	8.0	2.25		
Detroit	Fulmer (R)	2:10p	0-1	1.13	0-1	1-1	21.0	4.71		
Chicago	Giolitto (R)	2:10p	0-0	4.50	1-0	1-0	7.0	0.00		
Kansas City	Kennedy (R)	4:10p	0-0	1.50	0-1	0-1	7.2	10.57		
Cleveland	Bauer (R)	4:10p	0-0	3.60	0-1	1-1	13.1	2.70		
Toronto	Stroman (R)	8:05p	0-0	7.20	1-0	0-1	4.0	15.75		
Texas	Minor (L)	8:05p	0-1	3.86	0-1	0-0	2.0	0.00		
Oakland	Triggs (R)	9:07p	0-0	1.80	1-0	2-0	11.2	0.77		
Los Angeles	Ramirez (R)	9:07p	0-1	7.71	0-1	1-0	10.2	0.84		

INTERLEAGUE										
TEAM	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	TEAM REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
San Diego	Mitchell (R)	7:10p	0-1	9.00	0-1	0-0	3.0	3.00		
Houston	Cole (R)	7:10p	1-0	1.29	1-0	1-1	13.0	2.77		

KEY: TEAM REC—Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.
 VS OPP—Pitcher's record versus this opponent.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

American League
 Boston 3, Tampa Bay 2, 12 innings
 Texas 6, Oakland 3
 Detroit 9, Chicago White Sox 7, 10 innings
 Minnesota 4, Seattle 2
 Baltimore 5, N.Y. Yankees 2

National League
 N.Y. Mets 8, Washington 2
 Philadelphia 5, Miami 0
 Colorado 3, San Diego 1
 Pittsburgh 5, Cincinnati 2
 Arizona 3, St. Louis 1
 Chicago Cubs 8, Milwaukee 0

SUNDAY'S GAMES
American League
 Baltimore at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 1:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Cleveland, 1:10 p.m.
 Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
 Seattle at Minnesota, 2:10 p.m.
 Toronto at Texas, 3:05 p.m.
 Oakland at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.

National League
 Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35 p.m.
 Miami at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 2:10 p.m.
 Arizona at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
 Atlanta at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, 8:08 p.m.

Interleague
 San Diego at Houston, 2:10 p.m.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

1964: Shea Stadium in New York opened for the first regular season game. The Mets lost to the Pittsburgh Pirates, 4-3.

1969: Dodgers relief pitcher Bill Singer was credited with the first official save. Los Angeles beat Cincinnati, 3-2. The game started with Cincinnati's Pete Rose hitting Don Drysdale's first pitch for a home run. Drysdale threw his next pitch to Bobby Tolan and Tolan hit it for a home run. After the first two pitches, Drysdale settled down and threw a shutout.

1970: Three weeks after moving from Seattle to Milwaukee, the former Pilots played their first game as the Brewers and lost 12-0 to the visiting California Angels.

1973: Cleveland set an attendance record for day games and opening-day games by attracting 74,420 fans. The Indians beat the Detroit Tigers, 2-1.

1977: The expansion Toronto Blue Jays began their major league odyssey with a 9-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox at Toronto's Exhibition Stadium. Al Woods, pinch hitting for Steve Bowling in the fifth inning, became the 11th pinch hitter with a home run in his first at-bat.

1979: Ken Forsch of the Houston Astros pitched a no-hitter against Atlanta to duplicate the no-hitter tossed by his brother Bob of the Cardinals against the Phillies on April 16, 1978. They are the first brothers to pitch no-hitters.

1984: Detroit's Jack Morris pitched a no-hitter against the Chicago White Sox despite giving up six walks. It was the first Tigers no-hitter since Jim Bunning's in 1958.



Grounds crew members use blowers to clear snow as it falls on Coors Field before Colorado hosts Atlanta on Friday in Denver. [DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

TOP TEN

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Player	G	AB	R	Pct.
Correa Hou	6	19	7	.474
Cano Sea	6	23	6	.435
Altuve Hou	7	29	7	.414
MChapman Oak	8	30	5	.400
DGordon Sea	6	25	4	.400
YSanchez ChW	6	20	3	.400
Gregorius NYY	7	23	7	.391
Castellanos Det	6	26	8	.385
Smoak Tor	7	26	5	.385
Simmons LAA	7	29	5	.379

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Player	G	AB	R	Pct.
Eaton Was	6	22	10	.455
RFlaherty Atl	6	23	6	.435
Genn				

BUSINESS



StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD	
Vol. (in mil.)	3,287	2,333	DOW	24434.40	23738.20	23932.76	-572.46	-2.34%	-3.18%
Pvs. Volume	3,155	2,104	DOW Trans.	10403.33	10036.54	10146.37	-307.29	-2.94%	-4.39%
Advanced	597	606	DOW Util.	699.09	689.92	691.59	-4.84	-0.69%	-4.39%
Declined	2266	2233	NYSE Comp.	12552.47	12263.93	12349.11	-222.83	-1.77%	-3.59%
New Highs	29	39	NASDAQ	7066.64	6877.76	6915.11	-161.44	-2.28%	+0.17%
New Lows	49	53	S&P 500	2656.88	2586.27	2604.47	-58.37	-2.19%	-2.59%
			S&P 400	1887.90	1840.22	1854.08	-37.24	-1.97%	-2.45%
			Wilshire 5000	27577.42	26866.49	27049.45	-569.21	-2.06%	-2.68%
			Russell 2000	1541.07	1502.63	1513.30	-29.63	-1.92%	-1.45%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	32.55	32.55	40.76	35.63	-51	-1.4	▼	▼	▼	-8.4	-8.2	13	2.00f
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	78.81	151.72	111.91	-4.48	-3.8	▼	▼	▼	+12.3	-18.3	21	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	75.51	75.51	102.39	91.91	-2.29	-2.4	▼	▼	▼	-7.5	+22.9	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	38.20	38.20	62.02	46.47	-1.19	-2.5	▼	▼	▼	-9.5	+20.2	12	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	20.66	20.66	26.94	25.09	-37	-1.5	▼	▼	▼	...	+24.0	26	...
CocaCola Co	KO	42.19	42.19	48.62	43.92	-48	-1.1	▲	▼	▲	-4.3	+7.8	81	1.56f
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	32.74	32.74	44.00	34.12	-48	-1.4	▲	▼	▼	-14.5	-5.6	16	0.76f
Darden Rest	DRI	76.27	76.27	100.11	86.86	+19	+0.2	▲	▲	▲	-9.5	+7.5	19	2.52
Disney	DIS	96.20	96.20	116.10	100.35	-176	-1.7	▼	▼	▼	-6.7	-8.2	14	1.68f
Gen Electric	GE	12.73	12.73	30.54	13.06	-37	-2.8	▼	▼	▼	-25.3	-52.8	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	43.84	43.84	60.69	45.47	+04	+0.1	▲	▼	▼	-23.3	-18.7	12	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	106.18	106.18	164.69	161.04	-3.29	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	+13.7	+52.8	28	2.28
Home Depot	HD	144.25	144.25	207.61	174.45	-4.68	-2.6	▼	▼	▼	-8.0	+24.7	24	4.12f
IBM	IBM	139.13	139.13	172.56	150.57	-3.46	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	-1.9	-7.4	11	6.00
Lowes Cos	LOW	70.76	70.76	108.98	88.24	-51	-0.6	▲	▲	▲	-5.1	+10.7	20	1.64
NY Times	NYT	14.15	14.15	25.70	23.60	+55	+2.4	▼	▼	▼	+27.6	+61.2	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	128.31	128.31	164.71	162.75	-1.25	-0.8	▼	▲	▼	+4.2	+28.6	24	4.44f
PepsiCo	PEP	105.94	105.94	122.51	109.30	-1.27	-1.1	▲	▼	▼	-8.9	+1.7	22	3.22
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	51.96	73.37	65.98	-2.56	-3.7	▼	▼	▼	+2.2	+27.7	16	1.60
WalMart Strs	WMT	72.73	72.73	109.98	86.69	-1.12	-1.3	▼	▼	▼	-12.2	+25.4	19	2.08f
Xerox Corp	XRJ	26.64	26.64	37.42	27.98	-30	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	-4.0	+1.6	35	1.00

MARKET WATCH

Dow	23,932.76	▼ 572.46
Nasdaq	6,915.11	▼ 161.44
S&P	2,604.47	▼ 58.37
Russell	1,513.30	▼ 29.63
NYSE	12,349.11	▼ 222.83

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,331.90	▲ 7.60
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Oil	62.06	▼ 1.48

MARKET MOVERS

- **Synchrony Financial Inc.:** Down 99 cents to \$33.81 — Financial companies declined Friday as interest rates turned lower.
- **Lockheed Martin Corp.:** Down \$11.99 to \$334.66 — Another increase in trade tensions between the U.S. and China sent the market, and industrial companies, downward on Friday.

BRIEF CASE

CHICAGO Powell says Fed expects to stick with gradual hikes

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell on Friday painted a mostly sunny view of the U.S. economy and said the Fed remains committed to raising its key interest rate gradually unless events change. He said it was too soon to determine how a trade fight with China could affect the U.S. economy.

In his first speech as Fed leader, Powell noted that the central bank raised its key rate by a quarter-point at its March meeting, just the sixth increase since late 2015. He depicted that rate hike as “another step in the ongoing process of gradually scaling back” the ultra-low rates it employed to lift the economy out of the Great Recession.

This “patient approach has paid dividends and contributed to the strong economy we have today,” Powell said in remarks to the Economic Club of Chicago.

WASHINGTON US consumer debt rose 3.3 percent in February

US consumers increased their debt by just 3.3 percent in February, the weakest monthly change in nearly seven years despite an otherwise healthy economy.

The Federal Reserve said Friday that consumer borrowing rose \$10.6 billion in March to nearly \$3.9 trillion. The gains have slowed sharply from a 10.3 percent jump in debt levels in November. February’s increase was the smallest since August 2011, when consumer credit levels declined.

The relatively modest bump in consumer borrowing suggests that some Americans may be reluctant to boost their spending, even though the unemployment rate has held at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent for the past six months.



President Donald Trump waves as he boards Air Force One for a trip to White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., for an event on tax policy, Thursday at Andrews Air Force Base, Md. [EVAN VUCCI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Unconcerned

Amazon ignores Trump’s attacks as it molds a business empire

By Richard Lardner
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Online retail giant Amazon is ignoring Donald Trump’s barrage of taunts and threats, focusing instead on expanding its reach into a swath of industries that the president’s broadsides haven’t come close to hitting.

Trump has hurled one charge after another at the company over the last week. He’s assailed Amazon’s contract with the U.S. Postal Service as a “scam,” accused the company of not paying enough taxes, and declared that its large lobbying operation gives it an unfair advantage. Much of this isn’t new for Trump, who suggested during the presidential campaign that Amazon could face antitrust scrutiny if he were elected.

Trump’s attacks have targeted what Amazon is best known for: rapidly shipping just about any product you can imagine to your door. But the company CEO Jeff Bezos founded more than two decades ago is now a sprawling empire that sells groceries in brick-and-mortar stores, hosts the online services of other companies and federal offices in a network of data centers, and even recently branched into health care.

Amazon relies on a nearly 30-member in-house lobbying team that’s four times as large as it was three years ago as well as outside firms to influence the lawmakers and federal regulators who can help determine its success. The outside roster includes a retired congressman from Washington state who was a senior member of the powerful House Appropriations Committee when he stepped down.

“Amazon is just not on an even playing field,” Trump told reporters Thursday aboard Air Force One. “They have a tremendous lobbying effort, in addition to having The Washington Post, which is as far as I’m concerned another lobbyist. But

they have a big lobbying effort, one of the biggest, frankly, one of the biggest.”

Overall, Amazon spent \$15.6 million on lobbying in 2017. That’s less than Boeing, Comcast and AT&T spent during the same period, according to the political money website Open Secrets.

Amazon does not own the Post. Bezos does. He and the newspaper have previously declared that Bezos isn’t involved in any journalistic decisions.

Trump’s charge that Amazon pays “little or no taxes” may have merit. Matthew Gardner, a senior fellow at the left-leaning Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, said in February that Amazon “has built its business model on tax avoidance.” Amazon reported \$5.6 billion of U.S. profits in 2017 “and didn’t pay a dime of federal income taxes on it,” according to Gardner.

The company declined to comment on Trump’s remarks or its lobbying operations.

Amazon has grown rapidly since it launched in 1995 as a site that sold books. It has changed the way people buy paper towels, diapers or just about anything else. And its ambitions go far beyond online shopping; its Alexa voice assistant is in tablets, cars and its Echo devices; it runs the Whole Foods grocery chain; the company produces movies and TV shows and it designs its own brands of furniture and clothing.

The company is in the midst of launching an independent business with JPMorgan Chase and Berkshire Hathaway that is seeking to lower health care costs for employees at the three companies. Given the three players’ outside influence the alliance has the potential to shake up how Americans shop for health care and the initiative sent a shudder through the industry when it was announced in January.

Amazon Web Services is angling for a much larger share of the federal government’s market for cloud computing, which allows massive amounts of data to be stored and

managed on remote servers. The CIA signed a \$600 million deal with Amazon in 2013 to build a system to share secure data across the U.S. intelligence community.

A partner of Amazon Web Services, the Virginia-based Rean Cloud LLC, in February scored what appeared to be a lucrative cloud computing contract from the Pentagon. But the contract, initially projected to be worth as much as \$950 million, was scaled back to \$65 million after Amazon’s competitors complained about the award.

Lobbying disclosure records filed with the House and Senate show Amazon is engaged on a wide variety of other issues, from trade to transportation to telecommunications. The company also lobbied lawmakers and federal agencies on the testing and operation of unmanned aerial vehicles. Amazon has been exploring the use of drones for deliveries, but current federal rules restrict flying beyond the operator’s line of sight.

The \$15.6 million Amazon spent on lobbying last year was \$2.6 million more than in 2016, according to the disclosure records. The bulk of the money — \$12.8 million — went for Amazon’s in-house lobbying team. The nearly 30-member unit is led by Brian Huseman, who worked previously as chief of staff at the Federal Trade Commission and a Justice Department trial attorney.

As most large corporations do, Amazon also employs outside lobbying firms — as many as 14 in 2017.

In Amazon’s corner is former Washington congressman Norm Dicks of the firm Van Ness Feldman. Dicks was serving as the top Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee when he ended his 36-year congressional career in 2013. He represented the company on information technology matters and “issues related to cloud computing usage by the federal government,” according to the records, which show Van Ness Feldman earned \$160,000 from Amazon last year.

Stocks dive as US talks more tariffs

By Marley Jay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks ended the week the way they began it: tumbling as investors worry that tariffs and harsh words between the U.S. and China will touch off a trade war that derails the global economy. The latest drop came as the White House proposed tripling the amount of goods from China that will be subject to tariffs.

The stock market changed direction again and again this week as investors tried to get a sense of whether the trade dispute between the world’s two largest economies will escalate. On Friday technology companies, banks, industrial and health care stocks sank. The market didn’t get any help from a March jobs report that was weaker than expected.

With administration officials sounding conciliatory one day and hostile the next and the president quick to fire off yet another tweet, investors simply don’t know what the U.S. wants to achieve in its talks with China, said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management.

“The process itself seems to be quite chaotic,” she said. “We’re not quite sure what the long-term strategy is.”

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 572.46 points, or 2.3 percent, to 23,932.76. It’s down 10 percent from its record high in late January.

The S&P 500, which many index funds track, lost 58.37 points, or 2.2 percent, to 2,604.47. The Nasdaq composite slid 161.44 points, or 2.3 percent, to 6,915.11. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks dipped 29.63 points, or 1.9 percent, to 1,513.30.

President Donald Trump’s administration spent the past few days reassuring investors that it’s not rushing into a trade war, and China’s government has done the same. But late Thursday, Trump ordered the U.S. Trade Representative to consider tariffs on another \$100 billion in Chinese imports. China said it would “counterattack with great strength” if that happens.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION

File No. 35-2018-CP-000338-A000-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-A000-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/ Kimberly Behn
KIMBERLY BEHN
1531 NE 59th Place
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/s/ Michael Guenther
MICHAEL GUENTHER
1502 Sherwood Lakes Blvd.
Lakeland, FL 33809

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

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 COMMITMENT OF MINOR CHILDREN

THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
LEGAL PUBLICATION

TO: DARRYLE SHULER (FATHER)
DOB: 08/19/1995
ADDRESS/WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

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 hereto;

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable Judge, Michael G. Takac, at the Lake County Courthouse, located at 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Lake County, Florida, on MAY 23 2018, AT 9:00 A.M., (DST) for a TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS ADVISORY HEARING. You must appear on the date and at time specified.

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THIS/THESE CHILDREN. IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED, YOU MAY LOSE ALL LEGAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION ATTACHED TO THIS NOTICE.

NOTICE TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A DISABILITY WHO NEEDS ANY ACCOMMODATION IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING, YOU ARE ENTITLED, AT NO COST TO YOU, TO THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE ADA COORDINATOR AT THE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT ADMINISTRATOR, 550 WEST MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FL 32778, TELEPHONE: 352-742-4221, WITHIN 2 WORKING DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE; IF YOU ARE HEARING OR VOICE IMPAIRED, 352-742-3890. FLORIDA RELAY SERVICE 711.

WITNESS my hand as the Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 22 day of March, 2018.

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Clerk of Court

By: /s/ Kathy Fetzer
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J. S. P. 12/15/2016
Minor Child

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THE STATE OF FLORIDA:
LEGAL PUBLICATION

TO: RHETTA PEREZ (MOTHER)
DOB: 08/19/1995
ADDRESS/WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN

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WITNESS my hand as the Clerk of said Court and the Seal thereof, this 22 day of March, 2018.

NEIL KELLY
Clerk of Court

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Deputy Clerk

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

CASE NO.: 35-2017-CA-001924-A000-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

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Foreclosure dated March 6, 2018, entered in Civil Case No.: 35-2017-CA-001924-A000-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 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:
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Suite 400
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION

CASE NO.: 35-2017-CA-001607-A000-XX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY,
Plaintiff,

v.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE WILEY TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1995; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE WILEY TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1995; ET AL., Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order dated April 3, 2018, entered in Civil Case # 35-2017-CA-001607-A000-XX of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff and UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE WILEY TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1995; UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE WILEY TRUST UNDER AGREEMENT DATED NOVEMBER 27, 1995; ET AL. are defendant(s). The Clerk of Court, will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Judicial Center (JC), Lobby, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, AT 11:00 AM on MAY 22 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 175, HIGHLAND LAKES, PHASE 1A, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 31, PAGES 53 THROUGH 59, INCLUSIVE, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

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AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Judicial Center, P.O. Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 2531604, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

DATED at Lake County, Florida, this 3 day of April, 2018.

NEIL KELLY
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

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Lake County, Florida

/s/ D. Davis
Deputy Clerk of Court

Submitted By:
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF: Kelley Kronenberg, 8201 Peters Road, Suite 4000, Plantation, FL 33324

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

CASE NO: 35-2017-CA-001473
DIVISION: CIRCUIT CIVIL

QUICKEN LOANS INC.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

SAMUEL A. WINTERSTEEN; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF SAMUEL A. WINTERSTEEN; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2,
Defendant(s).

CLERK'S NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, in accordance with the Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered on April 3, 2018 in the above-styled cause, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash on MAY 22 2018 at 11:00 a.m., at the Lake County Courthouse, 1st Floor,

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550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778.

LOT 151, HOLIDAY HAVEN CAMPSITES, UNIT 3, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 21, PAGES 57 AND 58, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Property Address: 55735 SAM STREET, ASTOR, FL 32102

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Dated: April 3, 2018.

NEIL KELLY, CLERK
LAKE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT

(Court Seal)

By: D. Davis
Deputy Clerk

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Lake County Laurie Crews (352) 253-0900 x100

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 2018 - 15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA, VACATING THE VISTA MANOR PLAT RECORDED AT PLAT BOOK 63, PAGE 27, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY OVER PROPERTY LOCATED NORTH OF LAKE STREET AND WEST OF MAXWELL ROAD AND OWNED BY VISTA OAKS UMATILLA DEVELOPMENT INC; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND RECORDING.

The proposed resolution for vacating Vista Manor Plat will be considered at the following meetings:
Umatilla Planning & Zoning meeting on April 10, 2018, and Umatilla City Council meeting on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
The meetings will be held in the City Council Chambers at 1 S. Central Avenue, Umatilla, Florida.
The proposed resolution may be inspected by the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday at City Hall. For further information call (352) 669-3125.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to

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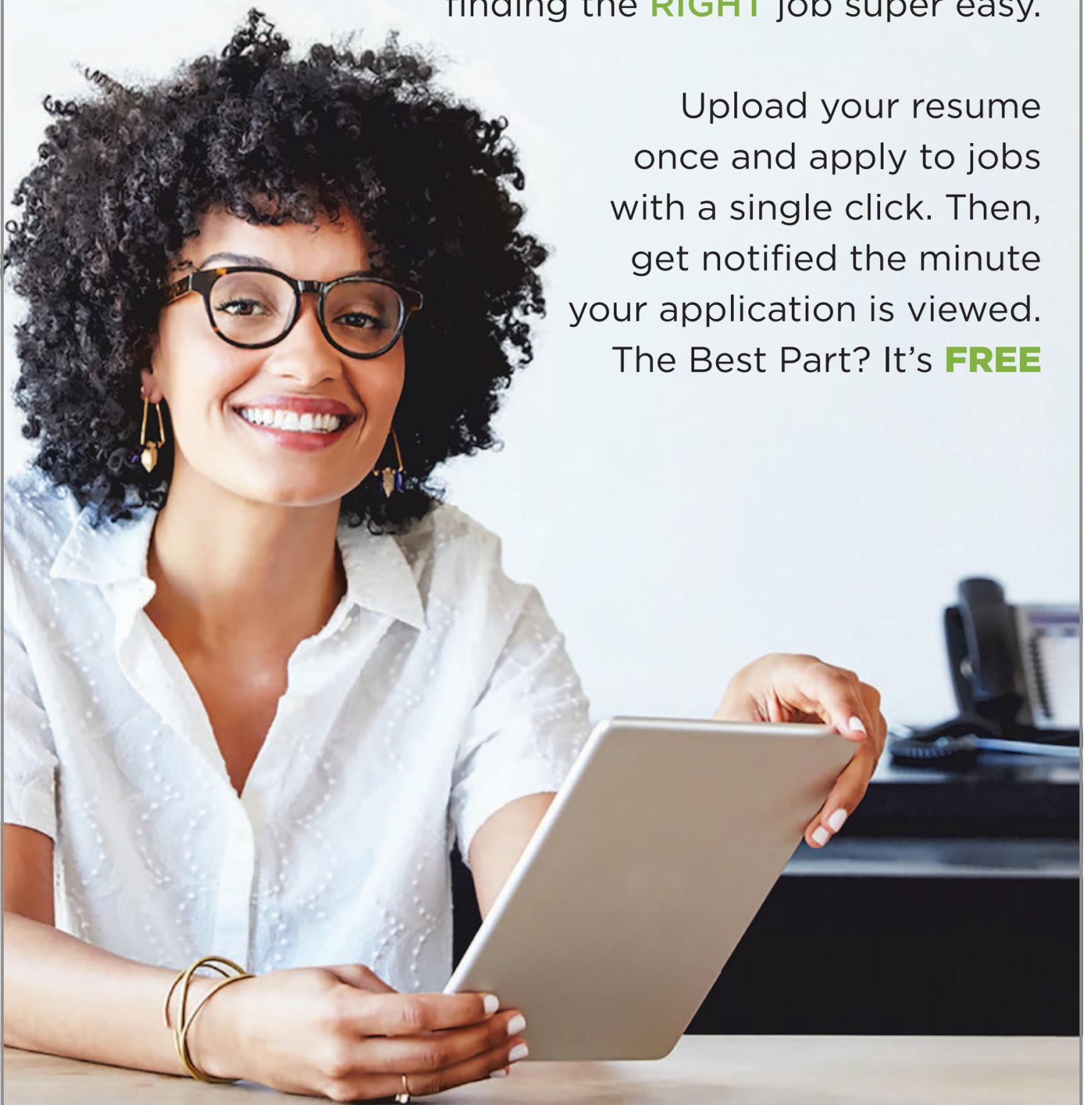
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March 28, 2018
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A copy of the agenda may be obtained at <http://www.regionalwater.org/mydocs/MiscDocuments/IN VITEBBQ2018.pdf>.

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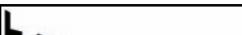
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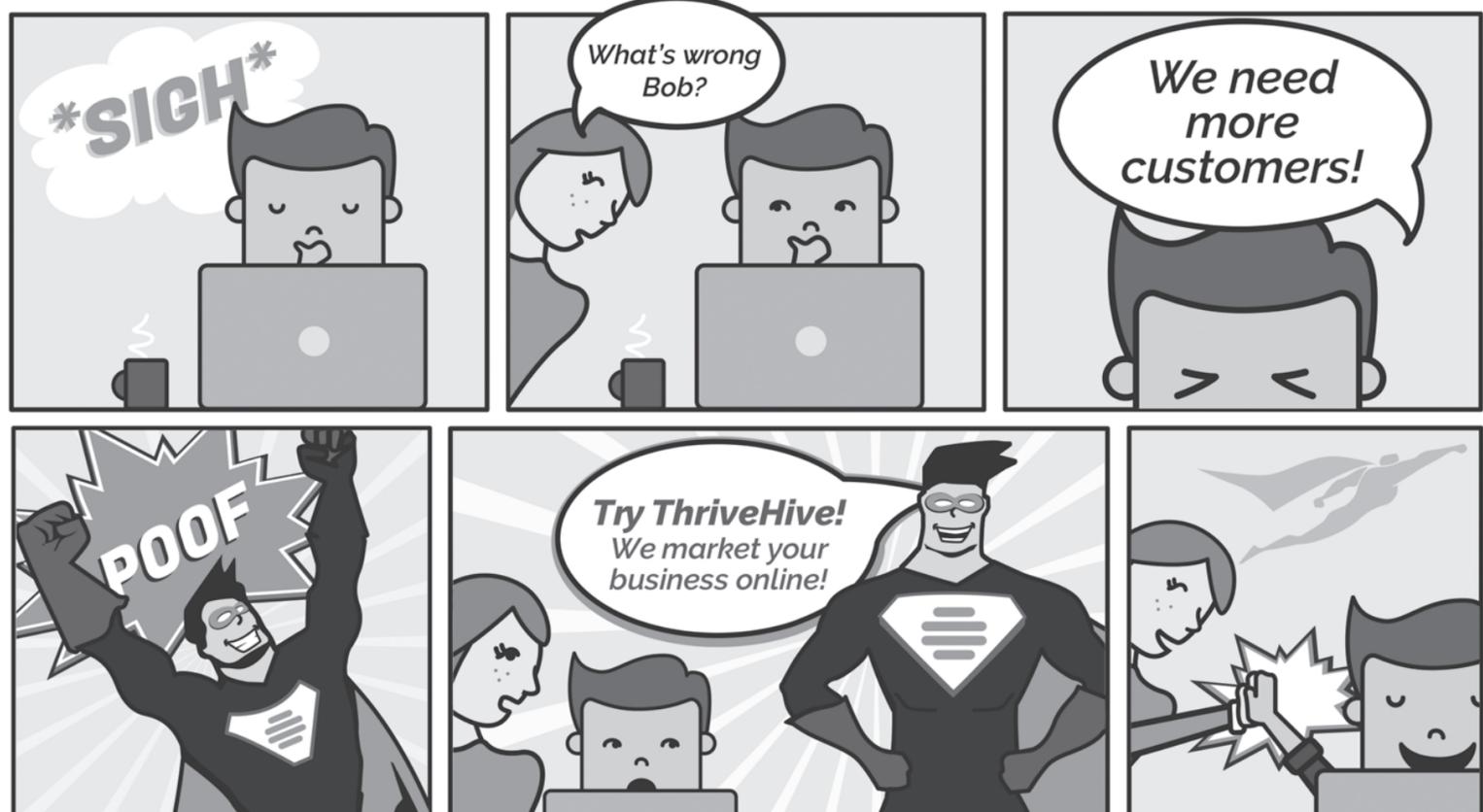
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- Eliminate or reduce moisture in and around the home, which termites need to thrive.
- Routinely inspect the foundation of a home for signs of mud tubes, uneven or bubbling paint and wood that sounds hollow when tapped.
- Maintain an 18-inch gap between soil and wood portions of your home.
- Store firewood at least 20 feet from the house.

GARDENING

STAY ON TREND

Follow these suggestions from Wave Petunias to keep your garden on trend this year.

- Because spring days — especially mornings — can still be cold, you'll want to start your garden off with a hardier flower like pansies that can withstand the cooler mornings and warm afternoons.
- In preparing for the summer's hottest days, plant flowers that love the heat and are easy to maintain.

OUTDOOR LIVING

CREATE AN OASIS

If you are interested in creating an inviting outdoor space, consider these tips from RealCedar.com:

- Make your space more season-proof by adding a roof, awning or pergola for weather protection.
- Incorporate cooking into your outdoor haven.

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It's time to tidy up, weed and prune before you plant

By Betty Montgomery
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Now that the days are getting longer and the temperature is warming up a little, it is time to start thinking about tidying up your garden and getting it ready to plant. Garden centers are starting to bring in wonderful perennials, shrubs, and trees that are looking for new homes. Removing dead wood from shrubs and leaves from those corners where the wind has taken them, is a task that needs to be done. Planning and preparing is the key to a successful garden.

I try to get beds ready before plants arrive. I spend time during the late fall and winter deciding what is lacking or needed in the garden. Then I like to get the soil turned and amended. I use a product called Gardener's Choice, rich dirt that is mainly composted leaves, which is a great additive. Plants and vegetables need good soil in order to produce dazzling flowers and tasty vegetables.

I talked with my friend Michael Dirr, author and plant expert, who told me he is "like a squirrel when working in the garden. Racing from one area to the next, never quite completing the entire task. Unfortunately, the body quits before the finish line."

I told him I felt the same way. I started out the morning with a goal of going from bed to bed cleaning and pruning each area, but then got sidetracked getting a bed ready for some perennials that needed to get planted.

I also worked on a small



Cutting a stray branch that has developed on the Harry Lauder's Walking Stick bush. [BETTY MONTGOMERY]

hedge of boxwoods around a fountain that looked frazzled. It always amazes me how a little shaping, plus weeding and putting down pine needles can make a bed look better. This made a big difference to the entrance of the garden.

I am planning on cutting back some dead limbs and branches in different plants in the garden this week and finishing the task of going from bed to bed, cleaning and pruning. It is easier to cut back and clean up before the old growth gets tangled up in the newly developing leaves.

This is a good time of year to give bushes and trees a light sprinkling of a balanced fertilizer. I use a mixture of cottonseed meal, dehydrated cow manure, and a dash of Epsom salt. This is a slow release mixture and

will not burn the plants. I do not fertilize spring blooming shrubbery until after they bloom. Fertilizing azaleas at this time of year will put the plants energy into new growth and may result in more leaves and less flowers.

Also, if you are not sure when to prune, a good rule to follow for almost any shrubbery is to prune plants after they bloom. Many plants bloom on old wood and if you prune shortly after they bloom, you will not be cutting off the buds that will start forming for the following year's flowers. This may sound tricky to some, but it is quite easy to remember. BUT, if I am doing major pruning, and not concerned about the flowers, I prune in February before the plant starts sending out new growth. Sometimes a plant has to be

pruned hard, and it could interfere with the blooms.

There are some plants that flower on new wood; lavender, caryopteris, buddleia, Artemisia, to name a few. These are pruned in the spring after the danger of a hard frost. This will encourage the plant to put out new flowering branches.

Most evergreens do not require pruning, just a little shaping. However, you can prune evergreen shrubs just before new growth starts to form. Do this after the risk of a late freeze has passed.

Enjoy these warm days and cherish being outside and accomplishing some needed tasks. Take a small area and get it all cleaned up so that you can see that you have achieved your goal. When I do this, it helps encourage me to keep working. Happy gardening, everyone!

AROUND THE HOUSE

Turn a vacant home into income



Don Magruder

The internet has turned vacation home rentals into a new haven for scammers, crooks and thieves as slick websites and

false reviews have taken the place of checking licenses and real references by legitimate real estate offices. The Uber mentality when it comes to short-term vacation home rentals is probably not the best approach when you arrive in Lake or Sumter counties and find out that the home you thought you had rented doesn't exist or wasn't even available for rent by the internet company

that took your payment. "Before renting a property from an internet broker, please verify who you are renting from by checking their license on MyFlorida.com, because we have some brokers in this area who are renting properties without a license or a license that has been expired for two years," said Brian Feldman, director of property management for RE/MAX Premier Realty.

There have been winter residents show up for homes this year where none were available, Feldman said, and their vacations were ruined. In these cases, the unscrupulous broker had a website that looked professional and legitimate, complete with pictures and reviews, but they there were not licensed. A great tool for

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FROM THE EXTENSION

Spring has arrived and that means berry season



Mia Wilchcombe

Now that spring has arrived, many are wondering what local fruits are in season. In Florida, it's berry season. This is different from the northern states where berry season is in the summer. Strawberry season comes to an end in April whereas blueberries and peaches are ready for harvest in April and May. There are not many local blackberries, but they are ready in May.

It's great to buy fruit in season. They tend to be cheaper and it's a great way to add variety to your diet. Eating a variety of fruit can provide many nutrients that are vital for the health and maintenance of our bodies. Most fruits are naturally low in fat, sodium and calories. They do not contain cholesterol.

Fruits are great sources of fiber. Dietary fiber from fruits helps reduce blood cholesterol levels and may lower risk of heart disease. Fiber is important for proper bowel function. It helps reduce constipation. Fiber-containing foods such as fruits help provide a feeling of fullness with fewer calories. Whole or cut-up fruit contain sources of dietary fiber whereas fruit juices contain little or no fiber.

People who eat fruits and vegetables as part of an overall healthy diet have a reduced risk of developing some chronic diseases and cancers. This is due to the antioxidants found in fruit. Throughout our lives, our bodies produce free radicals which can result

in cellular damage. Many forms of cancer are thought to be a result of interactions between free radicals and DNA — this causes mutations. Antioxidants found in the food we consume can help to remove free radicals from our bodies.

According to the Department of Agriculture analysis from 2010 on the antioxidant values found in fruits and vegetables, blueberry was a top performer. The report showed that blueberries had some of the highest antioxidant values of commonly consumed fresh fruits. In addition, blueberries are a great source of vitamin C, iron, potassium and folic acid. Best of all, blueberries contain only 80 calories per cup.

Most fruits are available all year long, but there are many benefits to eating local fruit in season. The crops are picked at their peak so they tend to be fresher and tastier. The shorter time between farms and consumers means less nutrients are lost. It allows the consumers to get to know the farmers and gain insight into the production of the crops. Eating local means more money stays within the local community, which helps to strengthen the economic base of the community.

Lake County is home to a lot of farms that allow visitors to buy and pick their own locally grown produce. Go to https://www.visit-lakefl.com/pdfs/brochures/upick_brochure.pdf to find a list of U-pick operations. If you would like to know more, join Extension Agents Dr. Juanita Popenoe and Mia Wilchcombe on April 21 for the Local Fruit in Season Program at the Lake County Extension Center. Come learn about growing techniques for berries and peaches, harvesting,



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and healthy nutritional practices. The preregistration cost is \$10 to attend. Register online by April 18 at

<http://UFRootsUp.eventbrite.com> or call 352-343-4101 ext. 2719. The class will cost \$15 at the door.

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MAGRUDER

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homeowners and renters is real estate property management services, and dealing with a licensed, legitimate real estate professional is paramount. For the potential renter, a licensed professional will ensure the home is in good shape and that the property is clean with all the necessary amenities. Plus, if there is a problem or maintenance issue a real estate property management firm has a team that can handle these problems so that vacation time is not ruined. Renting from a single homeowner on a website

can be tricky, especially if the homeowner is out of town. A legitimate property management company can be trusted with deposits, and you will hear from them with all the details to make your stay comfortable.

For the homeowner renting the property, the property management professional will ensure that only high-quality, vetted renters are being placed in their home. "A short-term rental is not a motel," said Feldman. He also says that a substantial security deposit and vetting process ensures the home will not be destroyed. The property manager removes the owner from the process of collecting money, maintenance calls and issues

with housekeeping. The owner is only involved when the issue becomes larger than typical daily maintenance items. Most importantly, a property manager can properly market the home across the internet to legitimate real estate sites that can be trusted.

According to Feldman, it is not uncommon to rent a two- or three-bedroom home in The Villages area during February and March for \$3,000 to \$4,000 per month, depending on the location. Outside the primary winter season, short-term monthly rentals are normally well over \$1,200.

"We have residents go visit a family member during this time to pay for their vacation later in the

year, and it is not uncommon for winter residents who cannot come down for the season to call us to rent their home while they are not here," said Feldman.

Rental demand in the local area generally remains strong throughout the year and Feldman encourages secondary homeowners to turn their vacant home into income.

There are some hurdles to overcome when deciding to offer a home for short-term rentals. Valuables and sentimental items should be removed. Plus, expect the typical breakage and damage around the home as if you were living there. Good upfront planning, vetting and security deposits will normally keep problems

down to a minimum. Hiring the right property management company can eliminate headaches and make the process seamless. Understand, nothing beats checking licenses and old-fashioned references when making these decisions.

Utilizing real estate property management services is a great way to supplement your income or help pay for a secondary home, and using a licensed, local property manager is the best way to rent a home from far away.

Don Magruder is the CEO of Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply Inc. He is also the host of the Around the House radio show heard every Monday at noon on My790AM WLBE in Leesburg.

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Winter is done; your plants may not be

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

One of my most memorable gaffes in the garden was the time I sprayed a Japanese cedar with horticultural oil. That would take care of the mites, I thought. Instead, it nearly took care of the tree. The oil stripped the cedar's needles of their waxy coating just in time for some freezing weather. The entire foliage turned brown, and I spent the winter looking at a 12-foot evergreen that appeared dead. My urge was to rip it out.

A gardening friend told me to wait to see whether it re-foliated. And lo, by the following May it was verdant with fresh growth. It is now 40 feet high and looking as hearty as its two companions.

The moral is that plants that seem dead may not be. In early spring, this misdiagnosis enters peak season. It is the time of year when trees and shrubs look their most winter-battered and when the gardener is most eager to see everything lush and healthy.

This spring will be worse than most, especially for broadleaf evergreens. Evergreens need to be fully hydrated before the ground freezes to minimize wilting and leaf scorch when frigid temperatures and winds arrive. But plants in the Mid-Atlantic entered winter in near-drought conditions and then had to endure a prolonged freeze at the end of the year.

The result is already evident — a great deal of browning and scorching on such popular plants as azaleas, cherry laurels and camellias.

David Yost, a horticulturist at Merrifield Garden Center in Fair Oaks, Va.,



Some holly varieties took the brunt of a cold, dry winter. The leaves will drop naturally, and new ones will grow. [DAVID YOST/MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER]

is already fielding questions from customers and expects a lot more. "When the temperatures get warmer and people are out and become aware of this damage, we'll see many more" anxious inquiries, he said.

With woody plants that appear dead, there is a quick way to gauge their vitality: If you scrape the bark, either with your thumbnail or a blade, a green layer beneath suggests all is well. (If one branch tests brown, check others.) But even if it looks dead, give it a while before reaching for the shovel.

In the garden, false death comes in a number of forms, but the general advice is the same: Wait a few weeks and see what happens. By late May, you will know what is alive and what isn't.

I compared notes with Yost and several other plant experts, and the one abiding piece of advice is this: Wait.

Yost tells the story of his own winter-burned camellia

where all the leaves turned brown and began to fall. He had already ordered a replacement plant when he noticed that the "dead" plant was producing new growth. This wasn't until late May. By the end of summer, the camellia was fully foliated.

"Our message," he said, "is basically do nothing."

Unlike hibernating deciduous plants, conifers and broadleaf evergreens must endure the full brunt of winter; this includes desiccation caused by frozen soil, de-icing-salt injury, wind burn, sun scorch and the general damage to tissue from hard freezes. The damage can be particularly conspicuous on broadleaf evergreens, and expect to see various degrees of injury on azaleas, rhododendrons, some hollies, aucubas, cherry laurels, nandinas and camellias, to name the most obvious.

The damage ranges from brown edges to entire leaf browning and stem dieback.

and further stress them.

Some small trees and shrubs are prone to damage to their branches after a harsh winter, but because the roots are more protected than the top growth, many plants will re-sprout from the ground. This may mess up their shape and diminish their presence for a year or two, but the plant should come back strongly and successfully from an established root system, especially with some gentle shaping from the gardener.

In the Mid-Atlantic, the obvious candidates for this type of injury are hydrangeas, fig trees and buddleias. You could add some crape myrtles, loropetalum and vitex to the list. A damaged fig will regrow as a multi-branched, large shrub and will take two or three years before it fruits again. The crape myrtle and buddleia should flower this summer.

Most mophead and lacecap hydrangeas that are top-killed won't flower this year. The exception will be popular new varieties that have been bred to bloom on new growth, but even with those the display will be diminished. Allow them to re-sprout from the ground. Pay attention to frosts next spring after they have sprouted and cover them at night if needed.

Rosemary, lavender and culinary sages are vulnerable to the type of winter we just had. I have seen lavender plants in protected urban locations looking fine and others beaten and ragged, but I think most will come back if their owners resist the urge to tidy them by cutting them back. Wait until you see new growth next month, then trim back dead wood. Avoid a hard pruning and leave emerging shoots to develop.

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"JUST READ ONE THAT WILL KEEP YOU AWAKE THIS TIME, DAD."

FAMILY CIRCUS



"I'm having trouble with eagles in school — one plus one eagles two, two plus two eagles four ..."

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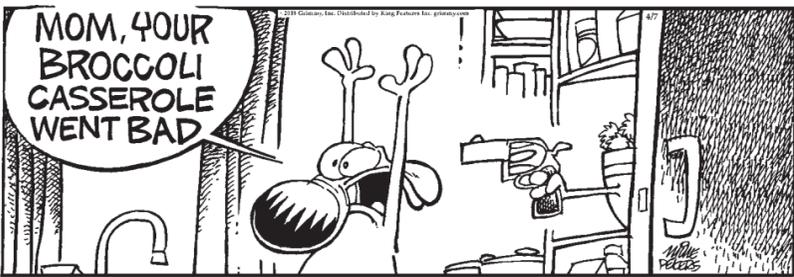


"HOW COME HE GETS TO BRING AN OWL?"

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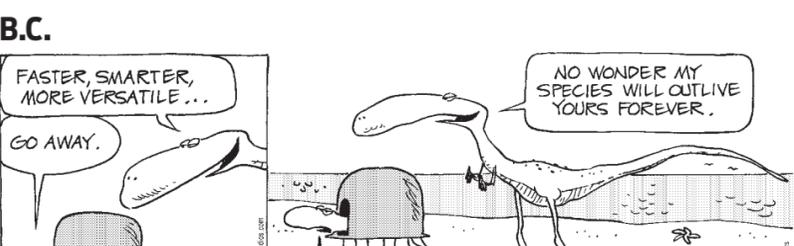
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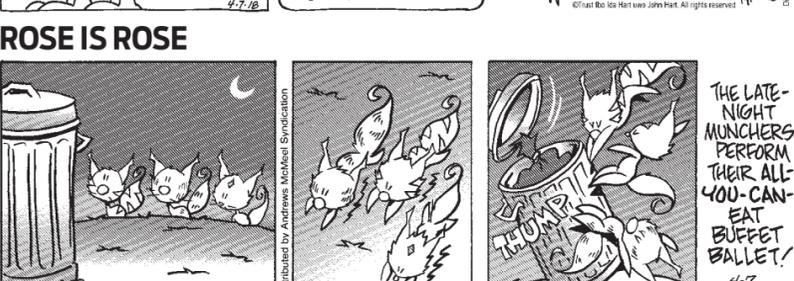
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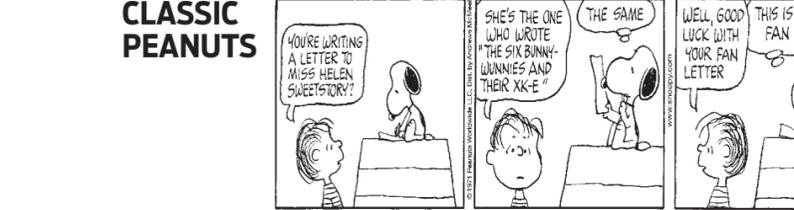
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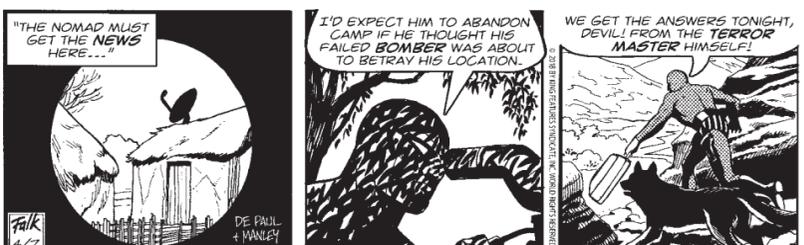
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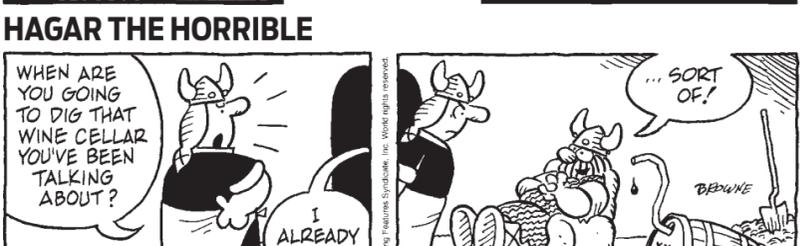
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DIVERSIONS

29-year-old virgin fears she's waited too long for Mr. Right

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 29-year-old female and still a virgin. This decision is mostly based on my religious beliefs, but also because I haven't met the right guy. I have been struggling with this for several years because it seems my religious views and that of society are at odds. Rather than feel proud of my virginity, I feel ashamed.

At this point, I'm worried that if I tell a guy I'm a virgin, I'll be rejected. Throughout my teens and 20s, I believed that waiting for Mr. Right was the best route for me. Now that I'm older, it has become a constant weight on my shoulders. Our society places so much emphasis on sex. At 29, it seems I have failed in some way.

I met a guy recently and we both expressed that we had feelings for each other. I later found out that he had a girlfriend and two small children. I haven't seen him again, but I can't stop thinking about him. I thought he was

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY



a nice guy, but I feel so disappointed.

I'm concerned about my future. I'm afraid I won't meet the right guy and that I'll make a bad decision with the wrong guy. Any advice or words of encouragement would be greatly appreciated. -- **WAITING IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR WAITING: All single people face the dilemma you are facing at one point or another. Too often, they make painful mistakes that they later regret. You, however, dodged a bullet. Virginity is a gift that can be given only once. Rather than feel disappointed, be glad you didn't waste it on a man who is already in a relationship and has two children to support.

You say you are religious. If that's true, have enough faith to believe

you WILL meet the "right guy" at the right time. You might benefit by talking to your spiritual adviser about how to find a life partner whose values mirror your own. If that's not possible, some sessions with a psychologist may help you to regain confidence in your judgment.

DEAR ABBY: Several members of our family, when they come to our home for a visit, immediately take over the seating in the living room and begin to knit, crochet, etc. It's annoying and off-putting. It makes me feel excluded.

When it's just family, I put aside my feelings and focus on other family members. However, we recently hosted a gathering that included neighbors and friends. Those relatives sat in a little huddle, in the middle of the room, talking only among themselves. I was embarrassed. Several people commented to me about the "sewing circle."

I had hoped that since this wasn't just a

family gathering, they would have had enough manners to leave their needles at home and socialize with the other guests. I'm so mad I'm on the verge of no longer inviting them, but I don't really want to do that.

Any suggestions? -- **FUMING IN NEW ENGLAND**
DEAR FUMING: I agree that the "sewing circle's" behavior was rude. Your relatives should have made the effort to mingle and converse with the other guests, if only for a little while. If you haven't told them how their behavior reflected on them, you should. At least they would then understand why they may no longer be invited when you entertain.

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» BRIDGE

Choosing the best line of play

North dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 NT	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦	Pass	6♦	

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Many players don't like to be bothered with percentages in bridge. But the plain fact is that these individuals often employ percentages anyway — whether they're aware of it or not.

Consider this deal where South is in six diamonds. He starts with 11 sure tricks and has three ways of trying for a 12th. He can attempt a spade finesse, a club finesse or play for a 3-3 heart division. Furthermore, he should try to arrange his plays so that if the first attempt fails, he still has other options available before he is actually defeated.

Thus, if he tries the spade finesse

and it loses, he could then try the club finesse. Or he could reverse the order of the finesses. Another possibility, after winning the first heart and drawing trumps, would be to play two more rounds of hearts to see whether the suit is divided evenly.

By far the best method of play — after winning the heart lead with the ace and drawing trumps — is to start by cashing the king of spades and then lead a spade to the jack. Let's assume the finesse loses to the queen and a heart is returned to dummy's king. You now cash the ace of spades, discarding a heart, and then ruff a heart.

In the actual hand, the hearts turn out to be divided 3-3 and you score the rest of the tricks, discarding a club on the fourth heart. Of course, if the hearts did not divide 3-3, you'd still have the club finesse to fall back on.

Obviously, three shots at the contract are better than two, and that is why the recommended approach — whether or not you acknowledge the terminology — is the percentage play.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 2018:

This year you become more conscious of your work and of your interactions with the public. You could become involved in a political campaign or some other project that you feel connected to. Your imagination carries you through a difficult period. If you are single, you easily could meet someone from your outside activities. Take your time getting to know this person before committing. If you are attached, the two of you devote more time to each other. You also might opt to become involved in a mutual activity or pastime together. **CAPRICORN** gives you good feedback!

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) You might be experiencing a lot of tension. You want to greet a dynamic idea, yet a side of you refuses to embrace outside-the-box thinking. If nothing less, you might be giving off mixed vibes. Let others make a decision without you.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) You seem to internalize your issues. You might wonder how others are able to detach from situations so easily. Exercise patience

with someone who can't see the forest for the trees. This person can't seem to break past self-imposed barriers.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) Defer to others. Make it your pleasure to let them take the lead, whether or not you want to play a strong role. Give yourself some time off from all the action. You have an unusually fiery temperament, and could become triggered easily.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) A positive attitude takes you far, and allows a loved one to share more with you. Your bond with this person helps you gain a new perspective and grasp a better understanding of your changeability. Learn how to use your moods as an asset.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) Communication seems to be full of mixed messages right now. Stop and make time for a favorite person during the day. You never have a bad time with this person. You have a special bond that exists between you, and it will kick in immediately.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) Look at what is happening within your immediate environment. Slow down,

JACQUELINE BIGAR

BIGAR'S STARS



and use your creativity to let go of a problem. A partner does everything in his or her power to help you relax. Your fiery side makes for a fun happening that involves a lot of activity.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) Confusion surrounds you. You might need to think through a decision involving your family or home. Curb a need to say too much. Avoid a situation that weighs you down. Investigate what is going on with a child's anger. Express understanding.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) You are likely to have a worthwhile conversation with a loved one. Do not shy away from others, even if you would prefer to say little about what is going on. Know that you don't need to share personal details with a friend if you don't want to.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) Your finances could

go askew all of a sudden. You enjoy spending money and indulging in the good life. In the long run, it would be best not to be so excessive. Consider putting yourself on a reasonable budget, then try to maintain it.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) You have an unusual amount of energy. Decide your plans by making sure that you're content with your company. You see a personal matter in a different light because of your ability to understand others and their motives.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) Make an effort to come to terms with a boss or older friend. You often see issues from a different point of view. Good luck surrounds this person right now. You'll notice a change in how this person presents him- or herself. Clear out what no longer works.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) You could be overwhelmed by what is happening. Friends seem to surround you. As is to be expected, each person has his or her own agenda, no matter what is going on. Be open to a friend who suddenly wants to adjust the plans of a get-together.

» CRYPTOQUOTE

A XYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-7 CRYPTOQUOTE
M RMP VA KHPNXB R MSHB
P V RNBUMSHB; QNB HWWVWB
MWH IVTNUNVPMT MPF MWH
UQH ZVWUMTB VA FNBDVIHWC.
— EMRHB EVCDH

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I WANTED TO GIVE OUR COMMUNITY PERMISSION TO DREAM, TO PLAN FOR HEALTHY AIR, HEALTHY JOBS, HEALTHY CHILDREN, AND SAFE STREETS. — MAJORA CARTER

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS SATURDAY, APRIL 7, the 97th day of 2018. There are 268 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On April 7, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You

have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly. So you could have a beginning of a disintegration that would have the most profound influences." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)

ON THIS DATE: In 1978, President Jimmy Carter announced he was deferring development of the neutron bomb, a high-radiation weapon.

In 1983, space shuttle astronauts Story Musgrave and Don Peterson went on the first U.S. spacewalk in almost a decade as they worked in the

open cargo bay of Challenger for nearly four hours.

In 1994, civil war erupted in Rwanda, a day after a mysterious plane crash claimed the lives of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi; in the months that followed, hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates were slaughtered by Hutu extremists.

WORD SCRIMMAGE™

BY JUDD HAMBRICK

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1st Letter + 3 PTS	1st DOWN
D ₃ R ₂ A ₂ N ₂ B ₆ O ₂ E ₁	
2nd Down + 30 PTS	2nd DOWN
H ₇ E ₁ E ₁ S ₂ S ₂ C ₆ L ₂	
3rd Down + 40 PTS	3rd DOWN
O ₂ L ₂ T ₂ P ₆ R ₂ R ₂ Y ₇	
4th Down	4th DOWN
A ₂ E ₁ C ₆ J ₈ U ₃ U ₃ I ₂	
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN	JUDD'S TOTAL = 211
AVERAGE GAME 130-140 PTS	FOUR PLAY TOTAL
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.	
4-7-18	JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

S ₂ A ₂ L ₂ A ₂ B ₆ L ₂ E ₁	1st DOWN = 137
S ₂ I ₂ M ₆ O ₂ O ₂ N ₂	2nd DOWN = 66
V ₇ O ₂ L ₂ V ₇ A ₂	3rd DOWN = 60
R ₂ E ₁ G ₃ I ₂ M ₆ E ₁ N ₂	4th DOWN = 137
AVERAGE GAME 255-265 PTS	JUDD'S TOTAL = 400
4-6-18	

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

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION	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.
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The best and worst paint colors for every room



A classic white kitchen with marble island.

By Home Advisor

Colors have a proven psychological effect on our moods. And the colors we choose for our homes have a proven influence on our overall quality of life. Using color psychology, we can create a home that relaxes, energizes and focuses us where and when we need it most. It just takes knowing which colors to use in which room — and which colors to avoid.

BEDROOMS

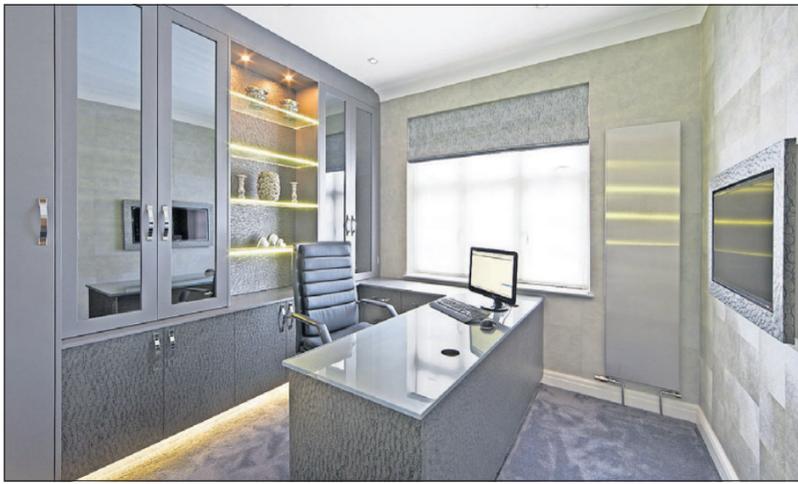
For the bedroom, it's best to choose peaceful, relaxing colors that will help you get a good night's sleep.

BEST: Blues and green

The color blue evokes a sense of calm. In fact, all shades of blue are said to bring down a person's blood pressure, respiration rate and anxiety levels. And light greens are said to make people feel serene, comforted and refreshed. Interestingly, the color green is also said to stimulate fertility.

WORST: Dark purple, orange and yellow

Dark purple is said to stimulate vivid dreams and nightmares. This is especially true for deep, dark mauve and eggplant shades. If purple is your color of choice, consider a soft lavender. This will bring the bedroom a sense of calm, the same way blue does. Bold orange is said to make people feel excited or energized — making it a better match for an exercise room than the bedroom. And yellows can make people feel



A beautiful office in a luxury house decorated in tones of gray with generous use of gray mock-snakeskin leather. The display cabinet is lit with LED lights together with the base of the cupboards. The surface of the desk is a large piece of glass.

hungry, which is undesirable in the one room dedicated to sleep.

KITCHEN

The kitchen is a place for happiness and community. Choose a color that will inspire you to cook for and spend quality time with loved ones.

BEST: Yellow, earth tones, white

Yellow kitchens tend to make people feel happy, optimistic and inspired. What's more, yellow is said to activate the metabolism and make people feel hungry. Rich browns emulate the color of the earth, which can be associated with the fresh food we eat. And crisp whites will help give your kitchen a clean, airy feel.

WORST: Bright orange, red

Experts warn: Stay away from bright orange and red if you're



Greens evoke a sense of calm in the bedroom.

watching your weight. These colors are said to stimulate appetite.

BATHROOMS

Your bathroom is a place for self-care and self-love. Go with colors that make you feel relaxed, refreshed and confident.

BEST: Light green, light blue and blush

The calming effect of light green and blue make them great choices for the bedroom as well as the bathroom. And blush pinks are not only flattering to all skin tones, but they are also said to make people feel warmer after stepping out of the tub.

WORST: Neon, dark purples, blues and reds

Neon colors, such as hot pink and lime green, are too bold for the bathroom; they won't stand the test of time. And dark purples, blues and reds are considered oppressive colors. They will make a small bathroom feel even smaller.

OFFICE

The office is meant to make you feel productive and undistracted. Here, you want to choose colors that put you in the zone.

BEST: Gray and green

Gray tones are detached and steady, which may help you feel less distracted and more organized. And green is considered to be a color of concentration, as well as one of the best colors to look at over a long period of time. As a bonus, green represent tranquility — something you want to feel when your work becomes frustrating.

WORST: Red

Red is said to be physically stimulating and anger-enhancing. For most of us, that's the opposite of how we want to feel when we're trying to get some work done.

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How to get rid of 'screen burn' on window glass

By Jeanne Huber
The Washington Post

Q: Two or three windows in my townhouse appear to have the screen etched onto the outside, yet I can't feel anything there. I've tried using regular glass cleaner, but nothing comes off. The windows were installed in 1998 and are welded-vinyl windows, double hung. What could this be, and how do I clean it?

A: Several window-cleaning experts looked at the picture you sent and concluded that you're dealing with corrosion that started on aluminum window screens and then got plastered onto the glass by wind and rain. Window washers call it screen burn.

Aluminum doesn't rust, but when exposed to the weather it does corrode, forming a light-colored, crusty oxide. The deposits move from the screen to the glass and build up when the windows aren't washed for several years and the screens are left in place year-round. The glass may seem smooth, but it's actually getting etched.

"Glass is porous on a microscopic level, so stains like that can be embedded in the glass without (anyone being able to feel them)," Jacob Wallace, who staffs the help desk for ABC Window Cleaning Supply in Littleton, Colorado, wrote (window-cleaning-supply.com), in response to an email asking about suitable cleaning products.

Forces of weather can create a distinct screen pattern even when screens are a typical distance from the glass, said Dan Diggs, owner of Window Genie, a window-cleaning company based in Bethesda, Maryland (bethesda.windowgenie.com).

Unfortunately, these deposits do not come off with standard window cleaner, as you have discovered. They are sometimes impossible to remove, which means the only cure then is to replace the glass. Before you resort to that, though, there are a few strategies to try.

Always test a small area, maybe an inch in diameter, to make sure you aren't scratching the glass. Wash the window first so whatever you're scrubbing with doesn't pick up grit, and leave water

on the glass to act as a lubricant when you rub. Inspect the results of your test patch when the sun is shining on the window, because that's when any scratches would be most visible.

When Diggs faces windows with screen burn, he begins by trying to scrape off the residue with a sharp, single-edge razor blade. When that's not enough, he turns to an industrial diamond polish.

Diamond Magic (\$13.99 for a 16-ounce container at diamondmagic.com). It's a slurry, rubbed on by hand with a soft, clean rag. Cleaning with a razor or the abrasive often goes slowly, so Window Genie charges an extra \$3 on top of its typical fee of about \$10 to clean a double-hung window inside and out, Diggs said. But that \$3 only goes so far. If a customer wants the cleaners to keep rubbing past what they'd normally do, they keep at it - if the customer is willing to pay by the hour. "It requires a fair amount of elbow grease," Diggs said.

A different abrasive that some window cleaners swear by is Restoro (\$9.99 for an eight-ounce container at restorowindowcleaner.com). John Koontz, whose company makes Restoro, said this is a superfine scrubbing powder - silicon dioxide screened through 325 mesh, which has openings of 0.0017 inch. It's marketed as a cleaner for all sorts of surfaces, but Koontz said he has used it successfully on windows with screen burn. He recommends mixing the powder with water to create a paste and then rubbing it onto the glass with a terry-cloth washcloth. "It doesn't magically take it off," he said. "It requires a little effort."

Wallace, at the window-cleaning-supply company, also endorses starting by trying to scrub off the oxidation, although he recommends using steel wool or a white scrub pad.

When scrubbing isn't enough, Wallace recommends using a stain remover that consists of a mild acid and a very fine abrasive, such as his company's Water Stain Remover (\$15.84 for a 32-ounce bottle). And if that still isn't enough, he recommends hiring a professional to use a more powerful acid, such as Crystal Clear 550.

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