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Schools supt. unveils staff cuts

\$2.1 million in salary to be eliminated and put back in classrooms

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TAVARES — Lake County school officials plan to pare about \$2.1 million in payroll from non-teaching positions in a move designed to channel new money into public school classrooms.

Lake County Schools

Superintendent Diane Kornegay on Monday unveiled what she called phase II of the plan for the School Board. Phase I was a reorganization of school district administration, which Kornegay did last year, shortly after being appointed superintendent. That effort saved an estimated \$800,000.

The School Board also agreed in early February to eliminate about 100 unnecessary teacher positions,

saving about \$5.2 million in salaries in a move supported by the local teachers union.

The staffing plan Kornegay rolled out Monday eliminates a number of non-instructional positions in district offices, including some in administration and some in support services. Kornegay and other administrators said they focused on eliminating vacant positions and cutting

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Lake County Schools Superintendent Diane Kornegay on Monday unveiled what she called phase II of the plan for the School Board. Phase I was a reorganization of school district administration, which Kornegay did last year, shortly after being appointed superintendent. That effort saved an estimated \$800,000. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Life behind bars



David Mariotti, next to attorneys Jamie Kane, and John Spivey, was sentenced to life in prison Tuesday for the murder of Bernadine Montgomery. [TOM BENITEZ/CORRESPONDENT]

Mariotti jury narrowly chooses life over death for killer of Bernadine Montgomery

By Frank Stanfield
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TAVARES — David Mariotti will serve life behind bars for the strangulation murder of an elderly Leesburg widow, a jury decided Tuesday afternoon.

The jury, which last week convicted Mariotti of killing Bernadine Montgomery at her Palmora Park home in 2016, had to choose between life behind bars and death

for Mariotti, and voted for life. Death sentences must be agreed upon unanimously by juries in capital murder cases, but there was one holdout on Mariotti's jury.

"I've never had a 11-1 jury," said Executive Public Assistant Public Defender John Spivey. "This was a close call."

Police doing a well-being check at Montgomery's Palmora Park home on June 22, 2016, did not find her, but they did find evidence that she had been struck and dragged out of her house. They also found evidence that her body had been left on the couch for four days.

Detectives believe Mariotti, 36, strangled Montgomery when the 84-year-old caught him stealing from her. Her body was reportedly dumped in the Ocala National Forest, but despite extensive searches, detectives never found her remains.

"This is one of those cases that warrants the death penalty," Assistant State Attorney Rich Buxman told jurors in his closing argument Tuesday morning.

It's easy for jurors to forget about the victim when they hear all about the hard

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house he grew up in and on the family ranch that was built in 1927.

"For his whole life, Mr. Griffin lived in the same bedroom he was born in and that's where he died," said Pettis, who lives on the ranch in a house next door to Griffin's.

Up until his death, Griffin ran the family cattle business but is most well known for his stint as sheriff, a position he held from 1980-1988.

He joined the department in 1956, first hired as a deputy by the infamous Sheriff Willis McCall.

Pettis said during his reign as sheriff, Griffin became known for modernizing the department and bringing it back up to a professional standard

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In this Oct. 11, 1984, photo, Barbara Bush, wife of then-U.S. Vice-President George Bush, is photographed at the debate between Bush and Democrat Geraldine Ferraro. A family spokesman said Tuesday that former first lady Barbara Bush has died at the age of 92. [AP PHOTO/FILE]



Former first lady Barbara Bush, 92, dies

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Barbara Bush, the snowy-haired first lady whose plainspoken manner and utter lack of pretense made her more popular at times than her husband, President George H.W. Bush, died Tuesday, a family spokesman said. She was 92.

Mrs. Bush brought a

grandmotherly style to buttoned-down Washington, often appearing in her trademark fake pearl chokers and displaying no vanity about her white hair and wrinkles.

"What you see with me is what you get. I'm not running for president — George Bush is," she said at the 1988 Republican National Convention, where her husband,

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IN BRIEF

PORTEAGE, IND.
Chicago, surfers criticize US Steel spills settlement

A proposed federal settlement inadequately punishes U.S. Steel for chemical spills into Lake Michigan, according to Chicago officials and a surfing organization.

The deal calls for U.S. Steel to pay nearly \$900,000 in fines and penalties for spills at the Midwest Plant in Portage, Indiana, test for hexavalent chromium daily, create a preventative maintenance program and upgrade pollution monitoring.

The Chicago Law Department and the nonprofit Surfrider Foundation said in a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Monday that they'll oppose the deal in federal court if the EPA and the Department of Justice don't make significant changes.

FREMONT, CALIF.
Tesla shuts down assembly again to fix bottlenecks

Shares of Tesla Inc. traded lower Tuesday after reports that the company had shut down production of its Model 3 mass-market electric car again to solve manufacturing bottlenecks.

The automaker told employees this week there would be a four- or five-day production hiatus. The company says it warned of future production pauses when it shut down the line to improve automation in February.

The Associated Press

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Evening: 8-3-1
Pick 2
Afternoon: 2-1
Evening: 3-8

Trump: US and NKorea talking

President welcomes Japanese PM Abe to resort, says US and North Korea talking at 'extremely high levels'

By Jill Colvin
and Zeke Miller
The Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that the U.S. and North Korea are holding direct talks at "extremely high levels" in preparation for a potential summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

At his private Mar-a-Lago club with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Trump also confirmed that North and South Korea are working to negotiate an end to hostilities before next week's meeting between Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in. The meeting will be the third inter-Korean summit since the Koreas' 1945 division.

"They do have my blessing to discuss the end of the war," said Trump, who welcomed Abe to his Florida resort on Tuesday.

Trump is looking to hold his own summit with Kim in the next two months and said five



President Donald Trump and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shake hands during a meeting at Trump's private Mar-a-Lago club Tuesday in Palm Beach, Fla. [PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

locations are under consideration. The president would not disclose the sites but said the U.S. was not among them.

The proposed summit follows months of increasingly heated rhetoric over the North's nuclear weapons program.

"We have had direct talks at very high levels — extremely high levels — with North Korea," Trump said.

"We'll either have a very good meeting or we won't have a good meeting," he added. "And maybe we won't even have a meeting at all, depending on what's

going in. But I think that there's a great chance to solve a world problem."

The president did not answer shouted questions about whether he has spoken with Kim.

Kim's offer for a summit was initially conveyed to Trump by South Korea last month, and the president shocked many when it was announced that he had accepted. U.S. officials have indicated over the past two weeks that North Korea's government has communicated directly with Washington that it is ready

to discuss its nuclear weapons program.

Abe, who has voiced fears that short- and medium-range missiles that pose a threat to Japan might not be part of the U.S. negotiations, praised Trump on Tuesday for his bravery in agreeing to meet with the North Korean dictator.

"I'd like to commend Donald's courage in his decision to have the upcoming summit meeting with the North Korean leader," Abe said.

Trump took credit for the inter-Korean talks, saying, "Without us and without me, in particular, I guess you would have to say, they wouldn't be discussing anything."

North Korea has long sought a peace treaty with the U.S. to formally end the 1950-53 Korean War. But it is unusual for the North to seek to broach the issue directly with South Korea rather than with Washington. The armistice that ended the fighting was signed by the United Nations Command — the U.S.-led forces in the conflict — North Korea and China. South Korea was a member of the U.N. Command but was not a direct signatory.

DATELINES

REYKJAVIK, ICELAND



In this Aug. 23, 2003, photo, a whale is hauled on a fishing boat after it was killed in the Atlantic Ocean, off the west coast of Iceland. A whaling company in Iceland said Tuesday it is preparing its fleet to bring commercial hunting of fin whales back to the Nordic island nation after a two-year freeze. Whaling company Hvalur hf (Whale Inc.) said it is readying two vessels for the 100-day summer whaling season. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

PHOENIX



In this Jan. 10 photo, former Maricopa County Sheriff and U.S. Senate candidate Joe Arpaio speaks at his office in Fountain Hills, Ariz. A special prosecutor will be appointed in an appeal over the pardon of former metro Phoenix Sheriff Joe Arpaio's conviction for disobeying a court order because President Donald Trump's Justice Department is now refusing to handle the case, an appeals court ruled Tuesday. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

BERLIN



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, welcomes the Prime Minister of New Zealand Jacinda Ardern, left, for a meeting at the chancellery Tuesday in Berlin, Germany. Ardern says she can envision the United States re-joining the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal but not without renegotiation. U.S. President Donald Trump pulled the U.S. out of TPP negotiations but last week signaled he might reopen talks. [MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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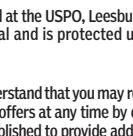
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NEWS BRIEFS

FRUITLAND PARK Convicted felon charged with auto theft ... again

A career criminal with a history of stealing cars was nabbed Tuesday while trying to spray paint a pickup truck he'd recently stolen, authorities say.

According to an arrest affidavit, deputies were on the lookout for a white 2001 GMC pickup truck that had been stolen from a home on South

County Road 25 when a deputy on patrol spotted it in a driveway on Pine Street in Fruitland Park on Tuesday. There was spray paint on the hood, the windows had been covered in tape and plastic in preparation for painting and a piece of a Chevrolet grill had been shoved into the front of the truck in an attempt to disguise it.

When deputies made contact with Jesse McParlin, 34, at the home, he walked out, turned around and put his hands behind his back without being asked to do so, the report states. He was charged with grand theft auto, the latest in a long line of arrests for McParlin.

He served 7 years in state prison from 2005 to 2012 for home invasion robbery, false imprisonment and aggravated battery.

More recently, McParlin has logged several arrests since December, 2016, for drug offenses and vehicle theft.

TAVARES Lake County Board budget workshop slated for April 24

The Lake County Board of County Commissioners' first budget workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m. April 24 inside their Board Chambers located at 315 W. Main St. in Tavares.

Offices to be discussed will include Building Services, Planning & Zoning, Code Enforcement and Parks and Trails.

Budget workshops will continue through June 19 on various topics related to governmental operations including Fire Rescue, the Lake County Animal Shelter, Solid Waste and more.

The public is invited to attend all sessions. They may also be viewed live at <http://lakecountyfl.boardsync.com/web/site.aspx>.

For more information, contact the Office of Management & Budget at 352-343-9452.

LEESBURG Concealed weapon sends man back to jail for 18th time

A Leesburg man with 17 felony convictions may be headed for an even dozen and a half after he was arrested Monday for carrying a concealed weapon illegally.

A Leesburg police officer reported that he started to follow Anthony L. Haynes' car on North 14th Street Monday night because he noticed the car had illegally tinted windows, but

when he pulled in behind him, he also caught a whiff of marijuana coming from the car.

According to an arrest report, the officer pulled Haynes over,

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Combee to run for Congress

Ex-lawmaker looking to replace Dennis Ross

By Jim Turner
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Neil Combee, who left his state House seat last year for a job in the Trump administration, became the latest candidate to jump into the contest to replace retiring Central Florida Congressman Dennis Ross.

Combee, a Polk County Republican, said Tuesday he is running in Congressional

District 15 to better support President Donald Trump's agenda. His announcement came a day after state Rep. Ross Spano, R-Dover, announced he would enter the contest in the Republican-leaning district, which is made up of parts of Polk, Hillsborough and Lake counties.

Combee, first elected to the Florida House in 2012, was named in November by Trump as state director of the federal Farm Service Agency.

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Neil Combee speaks during the Legislative Wrap-Up Breakfast at the Lake Mirror Auditorium in Lakeland on May 16. [PIERRE DUCHARME/GATEHOUSE MEDIA FLORIDA]

Wild West in southwest Florida



Visitors look at an installation inside the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art in St. Petersburg. [AP PHOTO/TAMARA LUSH]

Icons of American West on display in new museum — in St. Petersburg

By Tamara Lush
The Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — When you think of Florida, the colored stone walls of the Grand Canyon don't come to mind. Neither do cowboys, wolves or Native American silver-and-turquoise jewelry.

In downtown St. Petersburg, all of those icons of the American West are on display in a new museum.

It's called the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, and it opened this month. The 80,000-square-foot space is two blocks from the glittering blue waters of Tampa Bay. But at the museum's front door, visitors are transported west. For vacationers in the Gulf Coast

If you go

JAMES MUSEUM OF WESTERN & WILDLIFE ART: 150 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. Open daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and on Tuesdays until 8 p.m. Adults, \$20. Students, military, seniors \$15; children ages 7-18, \$10; kids 6 and under free.

city, it will be a fascinating cultural respite from sun, sand and palm trees.

The building

The entrance is through a sandstone sculptural exterior evoking mesas of the American Southwest.

That aesthetic — of cliffs and cave dwellings and vertical forms — runs throughout the museum. A two-story black granite waterfall is the centerpiece of the entrance.

A high ceiling and cubist angles frame a bank of windows at the entrance, allowing Florida's sun to shine through. Through the gift shop, a massive wooden bar that looks like something out of a Nevada saloon is the

centerpiece for the cafe. It's a 19th century antique in itself, from a hotel in San Francisco.

The art

There are 400 pieces on display, from large sculptures of Native Americans on horseback to pop-art conceptual paintings of the pioneer spirit.

It's unusually earthy and rustic fare, especially for a state that's known for beaches, alligators and sanitized theme parks. Even the gallery walls are painted in earthy, Southwestern colors.

All of the art was collected over decades by billionaire

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Judge backs allowing man to grow pot

By Dara Kam
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — For the second time in less than a week, a Tallahassee judge has given Tampa strip-club owner Joe Redner the go-ahead to grow his own pot, rejecting a request from state health officials to keep in place a stay blocking the cancer survivor from cultivating medical marijuana.

Leon County Circuit Judge Karen Gievers, ruling from the bench Tuesday, lifted an automatic stay that had been triggered last week when the Florida Department of Health appealed her decision allowing the 77-year-old Redner to grow his own cannabis for juicing.

Redner's doctor ordered a juicing treatment that uses live marijuana plants to prevent a relapse of stage 4 lung cancer, according to court documents. Emulsification, or juicing, of the "biomass of the marijuana plant" was determined to be "the most effective way" for Redner, a longtime vegan, "to get the benefit of medical marijuana," according to Gievers' decision last week.

The decision applied only to Redner but could open the door for more legal skirmishes over the state's medical-marijuana regulations and could signal how the judge will rule in a challenge to the state's prohibition on smokable pot as a treatment.

In the Redner case

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LakeXpress offering bus stops to Leesburg Bikefest



People board a shuttle bus on Main Street at the 21st annual Leesburg Bikefest on April 28, 2017. [PAUL RYAN/CORRESPONDENT]

Staff Report

LEESBURG — LakeXpress, Lake County's fixed route public transit service, is offering 160 special stops throughout Leesburg, Fruitland Park, The Villages, Mount Dora, Eustis and Tavares during the 22nd annual Leesburg Bikefest from April 27-29.

Lake County Public Transit, which operates LakeXpress, is encouraging Bikefest revelers to safely travel to and from the three-day festival via bus. Contained within a 30-block radius, Bikefest's streets are

pedestrian and bike-friendly and walkable within 10 minutes.

Passengers can catch the bus at any of the designated stops along the LakeXpress The Villages, Eustis, and Tavares/Mount Dora shuttles, as well as the Gator Harley Express Shuttle, which will run every 20 minutes from downtown Leesburg to Gator Harley Davidson, 1745 U.S. Highway 441. All shuttles will run until at least 3 a.m. A map and full schedule is available online at www.ridelakeexpress.com.

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McConnell thwarts bill to protect Mueller

By Mary Clare Jalonick
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell on Tuesday thwarted a bipartisan effort to protect special counsel Robert Mueller's job, saying he will not hold a floor vote on the legislation even if it is approved next week in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

McConnell said the bill is unnecessary because President Donald Trump will not fire Mueller.

"We'll not be having this on the floor of the Senate," McConnell said on Fox News.

His comments came amid widespread opposition to the bill among members of his caucus, with several GOP senators saying the bill is unconstitutional. Others said it's simply not good politics to try and tell Trump what to do, likening the legislation to "poking the bear."

The bipartisan legislation was introduced last week as Trump publicly criticized Mueller, who is investigating potential ties between Russia and Trump's 2016 campaign as well as possible obstruction of justice by the president. Trump, fuming about a raid of his personal lawyer's office by a different division of the FBI, said last week that the Mueller investigation is "an attack on our country" and is "corrupt."

Trump has also privately pondered firing Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who is overseeing Mueller's investigation.

Within a day of Trump's criticism, Republicans Thom Tillis of North Carolina and Lindsey Graham of South Carolina combined two bills they introduced last summer to protect special counsels. They introduced the new bill along with Democratic Sens. Chris Coons of Delaware and Cory Booker of New Jersey, and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley, a Republican, announced that his committee would vote on the bill.

The legislation would give any special counsel a 10-day window to seek expedited judicial review of a firing, and would put into law existing Justice Department regulations that require a firing to be for "good cause."

Democrats immediately jumped on the legislation, but many Republicans have been cool to it.

At least three of the 11 GOP members of the Judiciary panel have said they will vote against it and another five have said they have questions about its constitutionality. Grassley is one of those with concerns, but said he felt obligated to hold a vote.

Republicans off the committee had questions too

— and some acknowledged that it could be politically difficult.

South Dakota Sen. Mike Rounds said Tuesday that Trump that should make the decision on his own and be responsible for the consequences.

"I think having Congress tell him what we believe he should do in this case is simply poking the bear, and I'd just prefer not to do that," Rounds said.

Oklahoma Sen. Jim Lankford said the bill is a "political distraction."

"You create this whole constitutional political stir over something that is not going to happen," he said.

Others said there was little point.

"It's about as popular as cholera with the leader in the Senate and it's about as popular as malaria in the House," said Louisiana Sen. John Kennedy, a member of the Judiciary panel. "I think most people think we're picking an unnecessary fight with the president."

Coons bristled at the criticism that the legislation is unconstitutional, noting that several courts have upheld similar special counsel statutes.

"If I were convinced this were unconstitutional, I would not be moving it," said Coons, a lawyer.

At a September hearing on the two separate bills, before they were combined, scholars were divided on whether the bills were constitutional, with some voicing concerns that allowing the judicial branch that authority over an executive decision may not pass muster in the courts.

"I think it's probably unconstitutional and I don't think there's any realistic chance that the president will fire Mr. Mueller," Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Republican in the Senate and the former Texas attorney general, said Tuesday.

McConnell agreed, adding that Trump would never support the legislation.

"Just as a practical matter, even if we pass it, why would he sign it?" McConnell said in the Fox interview.

Republicans who have talked to the White House almost uniformly have held the line that Trump will not fire Mueller or Rosenstein — including Tillis and Graham, who say they are pushing the legislation because it would be good policy under any president.

"I don't think he's going to fire Mueller, but I think institutionally it would be nice to have some protections," Graham said Tuesday.

Tillis acknowledged last week that he had taken some "heat" from conservatives for the bill, but told

the Judiciary panel, "this is really an opportunity to take an ethical stand, and not do it when the situation benefits you."

Democrats said Republicans opposed to the legislation were simply protecting Trump.

Connecticut Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a member of the Judiciary Committee, said the argument over constitutionality is a "red herring used by some of my colleagues as a pretext for opposing the bill, when they really have other reasons." He gave no specifics.



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., joined from left by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., and Majority Whip John Cornyn, R-Texas, speaks to reporters Tuesday following a closed-door strategy session on Capitol Hill in Washington. [SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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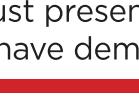
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GRiffin

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following years of turmoil that had preceded him.

In 2014, Griffin was interviewed for a "Living Legends of Lake County" series hosted by Tim Totten of the Eustis Historical Society.

In 2015 he was awarded the 1st Legacy Award from the Sheriff's Association for a case he worked on when he was a deputy sheriff in 1961. There has been a book published by Gilbert King about this case.

"I worked with and talked to this man every day for more than 27 years. He talked about his law enforcement career a lot," Pettis said.

Pettis said he believes Griffin was able to do



It was widely known that one of Griffin's favorite hangouts was The Mason Jar restaurant in Umatilla. On Tuesday, Keri Greer, the owner and manager there said the chair at the table Griffin sat in every time he came in (pictured) was tilted on its side and left vacant the entire day in his honor.

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On Tuesday, Keri Greer, the owner and manager there, said the chair where Griffin sat every time he visited was tilted on its side and left vacant the entire day in his honor.

"He came in every single day at 6 a.m. He was like clockwork," said Greer. "Actually, he would sit on the rocking chairs on the porch waiting for the opening server to open the door. When we came in, he'd be there."

Greer said Griffin would order a cup of coffee and one of two things — biscuits and gravy or raisin bran cereal.

A lot of times in the afternoons, exactly at 11 a.m., he would return for lunch, sometimes with his wife Peggy, said Greer.

His table 13 is designed so that everyone who sits there can write their names on it. Another unique thing: Griffin's old sheriff's badge is epoxied into it.

"Every single year, he would always get the girls Christmas cards with money in them for having served him all year, and his last birthday was held here. He's been a regular here for years and of course, he'll be missed," Greer said.

Michael Holland, director at Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services and former Eustis mayor, said he grew up with Griffin and admired what he'd been able to accomplish in his lifetime.

"He was an unbelievable and good-hearted man," Holland said.

It was also widely

MARIOTTI

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times in the defendant's life, he said. He listed four statutory aggravators, or justifications for a death penalty. One aggravator is if the victim is especially vulnerable. Montgomery was an 84-year-old widow with no family, who used a walker to get around.

Another aggravator listed by the state was that the murder was committed during a burglary. Yet another was the so-called "witness eliminator" aggravator.

"She was disabled but she was mentally sharp," Buxman said. She knew who he was. He had done work in her home. She could tell police who had stolen items from her house. That's why he came back to the house, picked up her body and dumped it in the woods, Buxman said.

The prosecutor went on the offensive to try to knock down defense attorneys' arguments that Mariotti was "under extreme mental or emotional disturbance."

He said the Public Defenders' expert psychological experts didn't even review police reports.

"The only difference on this day was that the defendant was in need of money to pay a bondsman to stay out of jail," Buxman said.

He also attacked the idea that Mariotti was unable to appreciate the effects of his conduct or conform to societal norms because of his horrible upbringing and head injuries. Even the

defense mental health experts acknowledged that he knows the difference between right and wrong, Buxman said.

Witnesses testified during the trial that Mariotti started smoking marijuana at age 10, got his first nose full of cocaine at 13 from his mother and then abused opiates, meth, heroin and tranquilizers indiscriminately.

Jurors also heard about Mariotti's wildly dysfunctional childhood.

Buxman conceded that his mother was "a mess" but said Mariotti was raised by his stable, loving grandparents until he was 13.

The death penalty is for the worst of the worst, and Mariotti's case does not qualify, Spivey argued. He said there was no justification for the murder. "All I ask for is a fair sentence for this impaired and imperfect man."

He held up a poster, "Four Goals Common Sense Sentencing." The goals were, "protect society, punish defendant, follow the law, ensure justice."

Sending him to prison for life takes care of the first two goals, said Spivey, and spending life in a room the size of a home bathroom is punishment.

He likened life in prison to Dante's description of an inscription atop the gate of hell in "The Divine Comedy": "Abandon hope all ye who enter."

"It's over. It's done," he said. Someone else controls every hour of your life, he said.

Mary Gillespie, Montgomery's neighbor in the quiet, established Palomora Park neighborhood, was satisfied with the life sentence.

"I think justice has been served. I feel like they got the right person. Bea has been vindicated."

Mariotti, who showed no emotion when the verdict was read, was also sentenced to life for the second count, burglary of an occupied dwelling.

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BUSH

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then vice president, was nominated to succeed Ronald Reagan.

The Bushes, who were married Jan. 6, 1945, had the longest marriage of any presidential couple in American history. And Mrs. Bush was one of only two first ladies who had a child who was elected president. The other was Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams and mother of John Quincy Adams.

"I had the best job in America," she wrote in a 1994 memoir describing her time in the White House. "Every single day was interesting, rewarding, and sometimes just plain fun."

On Sunday, family

spokesman Jim McGrath said the former first lady had decided to decline further medical treatment for health problems and focus instead on "comfort care" at home in Houston. She had been in the hospital recently for congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. In 2009, she had heart valve replacement surgery and had a long history of treatment for Graves' disease, a thyroid condition.

"My dear mother has passed on at age 92. Laura, Barbara, Jenna, and I are sad, but our souls are settled because we know hers was," George W. Bush said in a statement Tuesday. "Barbara Bush was a fabulous First Lady and a woman unlike any other who brought levity, love, and literacy to millions. To us, she was

so much more. Mom kept us on our toes and kept us laughing until the end. I'm a lucky man that Barbara Bush was my mother. Our family will miss her dearly, and we thank you all for your prayers and good wishes."

Funeral arrangements weren't immediately released.

The publisher's daughter and oilman's wife could be caustic in private, but her public image was that of a self-sacrificing, supportive spouse who referred to her husband as her "hero."

In the White House, "you need a friend, someone who loves you, who's going to say, 'You are great,'" Mrs. Bush said in a 1992 television interview.

Her uncoiffed, matronly appearance often provoked jokes that she looked more like the boyish president's

mother than his wife. Late-night comedians quipped that her bright white hair and pale features also imparted a resemblance to George Washington.

Eight years after leaving the nation's capital, Mrs. Bush stood with her husband as their son George W. was sworn in as president. They returned four years later when he won a second term. Unlike Mrs. Bush, Abigail Adams did not live to see her son's inauguration. She died in 1818, six years before John Quincy Adams was elected.

Mrs. Bush insisted she did not try to influence her

husband's politics.

"I don't fool around with his office," she said, "and he doesn't fool around with my household."

In 1984, her quick wit got her into trouble when she was quoted as referring to Geraldine Ferraro, the Democratic vice presidential nominee, as "that \$4 million — I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich."

"It was dumb of me. I shouldn't have said it," Mrs. Bush acknowledged in 1988. "It was not attractive, and I've been very shamed. I apologized to Mrs. Ferraro, and I would apologize again."

Daughter-in-law Laura Bush, wife of the 43rd president, said Mrs. Bush was "ferociously tart-tongued."

"She's never shied away from saying what she thinks. ... She's managed to insult nearly all of my friends with one or another perfectly timed acerbic comment," Laura Bush wrote in her 2010 book, "Spoken from the Heart."

Mrs. Bush raised five children: George W., Jeb, Neil, Marvin and Dorothy. A sixth child, 3-year-old daughter Robin, died of leukemia in 1953.

CUTS

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staff by attrition rather than laying off existing employees, although a handful of employees would still be affected.

The cuts include: \$136,000 from the superintendent's office; \$44,000 from the chief financial officer's office; about \$75,000 from the chief of staff; \$156,000 from the chief of technology; \$750,000 from operations; and \$991,000 from the chief of transformation.

Those cuts will be reflected in the 2018-19 school year budget.

Kornegay said she couldn't cut any more without affecting services to students and pushed back on public criticism that the School District administration is "top heavy."

"We're pretty skinny," she told the School Board. "For a district this size, that's growing, without now moving into services for students, we can't get much thinner. This whole perception of this top-heavy district, I

can tell you that does not exist. I would like to go on record that this is not a true statement.

"I think as we head into (20)18-19, we're certainly lean, but we're mean," she added. "We'll fight for our kids and we have great people in positions to do this work."

The district is in the midst of a cost-cutting strategy under Kornegay, who became superintendent last year. An audit showed years of overspending caused the district to dip into money meant for renovations and repairs and was in danger of falling under state financial oversight.

District administration also is in the midst of negotiating a new contract with teachers and hopes to free up enough money to give raises,

perhaps as early as next year.

School Board member Bill Mathias said Tuesday that he is enthusiastic about the savings Kornegay is proposing and, combined with an estimated \$14 million in debt being paid off by the district, he believes there will be enough money for teacher raises.

Stuart Klatte, the head of the teachers union, also applauded Kornegay's cost-cutting proposals.

"For years there's been talk about the administration being top heavy," he said. "This superintendent, Diane Kornegay, took it upon herself to streamline the district office. I think it's a step in the right direction, and we're encouraged by what they're doing."

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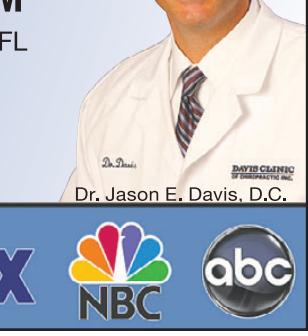
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Jury hears Cosby's testimony about accuser

The Associated Press

NORRISTOWN, Pa. — Jurors on Tuesday got a sense of Bill Cosby's view of consent from graphic deposition testimony in which the comedian described reaching an area "somewhere between permission and rejection" during what he claims was a prior sexual encounter with his chief accuser.

Cosby, 80, testified a dozen years ago as part of a lawsuit that Andrea Constand filed against him, and prosecutors won the right to introduce it at his sexual assault retrial on charges he drugged and

molested her at his suburban Philadelphia home in 2004.

In the deposition, Cosby described his attempt to obtain consent from Constand during a previous encounter.

"I'm giving Andrea time to say 'yes' or 'no' about an area that is right there in the question zone," Cosby testified.

He said he rubbed the skin above her trousers and "without talking I'm asking can I go farther."

"I don't hear her say anything. And I don't feel her say anything," Cosby said. "And so I continue and I go into the area that

is somewhere between permission and rejection. I am not stopped."

He then described the purported encounter in extremely graphic terms that had several jurors with their hands to their chins, some of them looking taken aback, pained or disgusted.

Constand has testified she rejected Cosby's prior advances.

Jurors also were expected to hear Cosby's description of the night Constand says he assaulted her as well as his explosive testimony about how he gave quaaludes to women before sex.

Judge Steven O'Neill ruled Tuesday that prosecutors could have the "Cosby Show" star's deposition testimony read into the record, handing the prosecution a key victory in its effort to portray the comedian as a serial predator.

The deposition was also included at Cosby's first trial, which ended with a hung jury last year.

Prosecutors used another of Cosby's statements — this one he gave to police in 2005 — to show how he described

the encounter for which he is facing aggravated indecent assault charges that could send him to prison for years.

Cosby said he gave Constand 1½ tablets of the cold and allergy medicine Benadryl to help her relax, then fondled her breasts and genitals, according to the transcript, which was read to the jury Tuesday morning.

Cosby said Constand never told him to stop.

"We are petting. I enjoyed it," the TV star said, according to the transcript. "And then I stopped and I went up to bed. We stopped and then we talked."

Constand says Cosby knocked her out with the pills and then sexually assaulted her, penetrating her with his fingers and guiding her hand to his penis. Cosby told police he didn't remember whether Constand touched his genitals.

The jury was expected to hear later about Cosby's acknowledged use of quaaludes, a popular party drug in the 1970s that was banned in the U.S. in 1982, to help get women to have sex with him.



Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson, center, walks toward a meeting with Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and other officials Monday at Philadelphia City Hall. [AP PHOTO/JACQUELINE LARMA]

Starbucks to close stores for bias training

By Alexandra Olson
and Joseph Pisani

The Associated Press

nearly 175,000 workers.

The announcement Tuesday comes after the arrests sparked protests and calls for a boycott on social media. A video shows police talking with two black men seated at a table. After a few minutes, officers handcuff the men and lead them outside as other customers say they weren't doing anything wrong. Philadelphia-area media said the two were waiting for a friend.

Starbucks, which was once ridiculed for urging its employees to write "Race Together" on coffee cups to start a national conversation on race relations, has found itself through the looking glass: under fire for its treatment of black people.

The company reacted from a high level: Starbucks CEO Kevin Johnson called the arrests "reprehensible" and said he wanted to apologize to the two men face-to-face. The company and a lawyer for the two men said they did meet, and Johnson delivered the apology. Starbucks also said the employee who called police no longer works at the store, but declined to give details.

Johnson had also promised to revamp store management training to include "unconscious-bias" education. Starbucks said its U.S.-company-owned stores and corporate offices will be closed on the afternoon of May 29 for the training, which will eventually be incorporated into the instruction process for all newly hired employees.

The episode highlights the risks large corporations run when they tie their brands so closely to social messaging. In 2015, then-CEO Howard Schultz shrugged off the "Race Together" fiasco as a well-intentioned mistake and pressed on with his public efforts to engage in the debate over race in America. Johnson was scrambling to keep the Philadelphia incident from shattering the message Schultz was going for: Starbucks is a corporation that stands for something beyond profit.

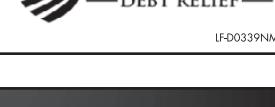
"The more your brand is trying to connect emotionally to people, the more hurt people feel when these kinds of things happen," said Jacinta Gauda, the head of the Gauda Group, a New York strategic communications firm affiliated with the Grayling network. "They are breaking a promise. That's what makes it hurt deeper."

Beyond racial relations, Starbucks has staked much of its brand on its dual promise of providing good customer service and treating its employees well, said John Gordon, a restaurant industry analyst with Pacific Management Consulting Group. The Seattle-based company has a reputation for well-managed stores, "a point of difference that allows them to sell primarily drinks and coffees that have a higher cost," he said.

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OUR OPINION

Congressional retirements mean room for fresh ideas

Congressman Dennis Ross announced last week that he was joining the ranks of lawmakers headed toward the exit on Capitol Hill. The Lakeland Republican, first elected in 2010, is among at least 38 GOP lawmakers in the House who have said they won't seek re-election this year.

We want to express our appreciation for Ross' work in Washington for Polk County and the 15th Congressional District, which also encompasses parts of Hillsborough and Polk counties. We especially commend his staunch advocacy for the citrus industry, and for his efforts to combat the Obama administration's regulatory overreach, especially in the health insurance and financial services industries. We also applaud Ross' work to overhaul our seriously outdated flood insurance program, which affects Floridians more than residents of any other state, and which is seriously in need of free-market reforms to reduce taxpayers' exposure.

But we have one more reason to be grateful for Ross' departure: the fact that he's leaving.

Nearly 40 Republicans indicating that they don't want to come back is newsworthy because, according to the Pew Research Center, that's the most GOP "retirements" since 1930.

What's not getting as much attention, however, is that about half as many Democrats are also jumping ship. According to Pew, 17 Democrats so far have announced that they, too, won't seek re-election this year.

Coupled with two resignations — one by a lawmaker from each party — after allegations of sexual harassment, that means 57 House members are stepping aside, Pew says.

That is 13 percent of the House, and, Pew reports, is the most since 1992 — when 65 lawmakers left.

Some of them might be back. Pew notes 20 of them left the House to seek a Senate seat. Still, the other 35 represent the most since 1996. That's still a historically significant number.

Our interest is not why they left — although some observers believe the Republicans are fleeing the Trump administration's controversies before the big, blue Democratic tidal wave drowns their careers on Nov. 6 and brings ashore a new Democratic House majority. Take these predictions with a grain of salt. After all, many of the same prognosticators guaranteed us Hillary Clinton would be president right now.

But whether or not that happens, we should welcome this bout of congressional churn.

That's not to say we want Congressman Ross or Rep. Tom Rooney, an Okeechobee Republican who represents southern Polk and who also has announced his retirement, to go home.

Yet like a farmer tilling dry, crusty soil to expose the earth to fresh rains and fertilizer, the departure of so many lawmakers all at once opens the hallowed halls of Congress to a host of people with new ideas and experiences.

Consider this observation by Pew: Michigan Democrat John Conyers, one resignation related to sexual misconduct allegations, had served 53 years in Congress. Another Michigan Democrat, Sander Levin, is leaving after 36 years. Two Republicans — Joe Barton and Lamar Smith, both from Texas — are exiting after 34 years and 32 years, respectively.

Congress itself is only 229 years old, and compared to them, people like Ross and Rooney, who has served 10 years, still seem wet behind the ears.

However the November elections turn out, the newcomers, hopefully, will spark new energy and outlooks on Capitol Hill. And we can credit folks like Dennis Ross and Tom Rooney who have recognized that a seat in Congress, unlike joining the federal judiciary, is not a lifetime appointment.

ANOTHER OPINION

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Starbucks, fire the employee who called police on black men

By Jenice Armstrong

That Starbucks employee who sicced police on those two black men in Philadelphia last week couldn't have been more wrong.

That was a racist act and, frankly, I'm infuriated. Non-paying customers use Starbucks' restrooms all the time without having purchased something. People also hang out in Starbucks for hours without having bought anything. They bring their laptops and park themselves in a spot. You see it all the time.

I don't do it. I can never forget I'm black long enough to risk hanging out like that. Call me hypervigilant if you want, but what happened Thursday afternoon to those two black men arrested while waiting for an acquaintance inside the Starbucks at the 18th and Spruce is proof that the old double standards still live.

Granted, we don't know all of the details about what took place before a Starbucks worker dialed 911 last week but witnesses say the men, whose names haven't been released, hadn't done anything to draw attention to themselves.

Reportedly, they were waiting on an acquaintance and had asked to use Starbucks' restroom but were denied access because they hadn't bought anything.

When store management asked them to leave, they refused. Around 4:40 p.m., at least six Philadelphia Police officers showed

up, and, after some back-and-forth, escorted the men out in handcuffs as if they'd each stolen an armload of overpriced Starbucks mugs.

Judging from a viral video of the episode, it was an appalling scene, one that was carried out in full view of customers. Kant Khatri was among those at the Starbucks that afternoon. He'd been studying for an actuarial exam when the officers came in.

"I've seen plenty of people of all races just sit there without buying anything and never saw a problem. One time, one of the baristas asked a man not to sleep there in a chair, but that's it. No police involvement," Khatri told me by Facebook Messenger. "I was shocked. Partly because it didn't make sense why that had to happen. But also because I know if they were two white guys, I don't think the same situation would have unfolded."

I don't think so, either. Nor do a whole lot of other folks, which is why people are so worked up about the Starbucks employee's decision to summon the police.

"I was just sitting there because I could, nursing the same cup of coffee that you do," said Melissa DePino, who shared video of the episode on her Twitter account. "I was working on the computer like people do at Starbucks."

"A lot of people stood up in there and expressed their anger and frustration

about what was happening," DePino told me. "It was really good to see. It needs to happen way more."

She's not lying about that. More people need to speak up, something made even more apparent Sunday afternoon.

Dozens had gathered outside the Starbucks near Rittenhouse Square to listen as Asa Khalif of Black Lives Matter Pennsylvania and others denounced the men's arrests. As he spoke, customers inside were sipping on lattes and working on their laptops as if the demonstrators, TV cameras, and police were miles away. At one point, Khalif and other protesters entered the Starbucks where they were met by Camille Hymes, a company vice president. One customer sitting at a table covered his head with a newspaper. Some others didn't appear especially fazed.

After the crowd left, I peeked inside and saw that some were still sitting where they had been, just hanging out, like people do in Starbucks.

But as I pointed out earlier, that's not illegal.

What happened to those two men was racist, and frankly I'm sick of it. Apologies aren't enough. Starbucks needs to make this right and do it quickly.

It can begin by firing the employee who called the police on the two black men.

Jenice Armstrong wrote this for *The Philadelphia Inquirer*.

ANOTHER OPINION

Paul Ryan is leaving, but his politics aren't

By Nancy Kaffer

You know what I'll always remember about Paul Ryan, the retiring speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

This little (and possibly fictitious) anecdote Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican, used to tell about a child living in poverty who got a free lunch at school, but wished his lunch came in a brown paper bag, because that would mean someone cared about him.

Children living at or below the poverty level qualify for free or reduced lunch at school, a federal program designed to ensure that children in this powerful and wealthy nation don't starve.

But to Ryan, speaking in 2016 at the Conservative Political Action Conference, this was evidence of how

flawed social safety net programs are: "The Left is making a big mistake here. What they're offering people is a full stomach and an empty soul."

After Ryan's speech was reported, a lot of folks pointed out that really, it's better to feed hungry kids than not. And that's a fine point to make.

But what's most noxious about this story is its underlying premise that the parents of children who qualify for free or reduced lunches don't care about their kids, a presumption so offensive it makes me see red. Because it seems to me that parents who apply for free or reduced lunches, ensuring that their children can eat even when there's no money for a nutritious home-packed lunch, are caring for their children in the best way that they can.

Reforming entitlements is

one of Ryan's most cherished political goals; most often, the reforms he proposes involve requiring Americans to pay more for less. And Ryan does not believe that work is done. Announcing his retirement this week, he said reform of the social safety net should remain a top priority, and credited himself for putting entitlement cuts on the board.

That entitlement cuts mean real pain for real people is something Ryan never seems to acknowledge. Hence his stories insinuating that parents living in poverty don't care for their children.

It's a constant, needling refrain that suggests people in poverty deserve to be there, that if they'd just get off drugs, stop living it up with fancy food or work up enough gumption to find a job, there'd be no problem. Pragmatists may

protest that punitive measures like drug-testing welfare recipients or requiring parents who care for small children to perform volunteer aren't practical or cost-effective. But the underlying premise that folks who live in poverty aren't quite like those of us who don't too often goes unquestioned. That offers us an excuse to look past the complicated, structural roots of poverty, and past real solutions in favor of cheap-shot fixes.

Last month, a Michigan lawmaker introduced a bill that would require recipients of Medicaid to work 30 hours a week (nearly half of those enrolled in the Healthy Michigan expansion do work, and some portion of the remainder are stay-at-home parents, students, or living with chronic illness), enabled by a change to Medicaid rules

made by President Donald Trump's administration. Four years ago, the Legislature passed, and Gov. Rick Snyder signed, a law that would require welfare recipients to submit to suspicion-based drug testing. (None of the recipients tested positive.)

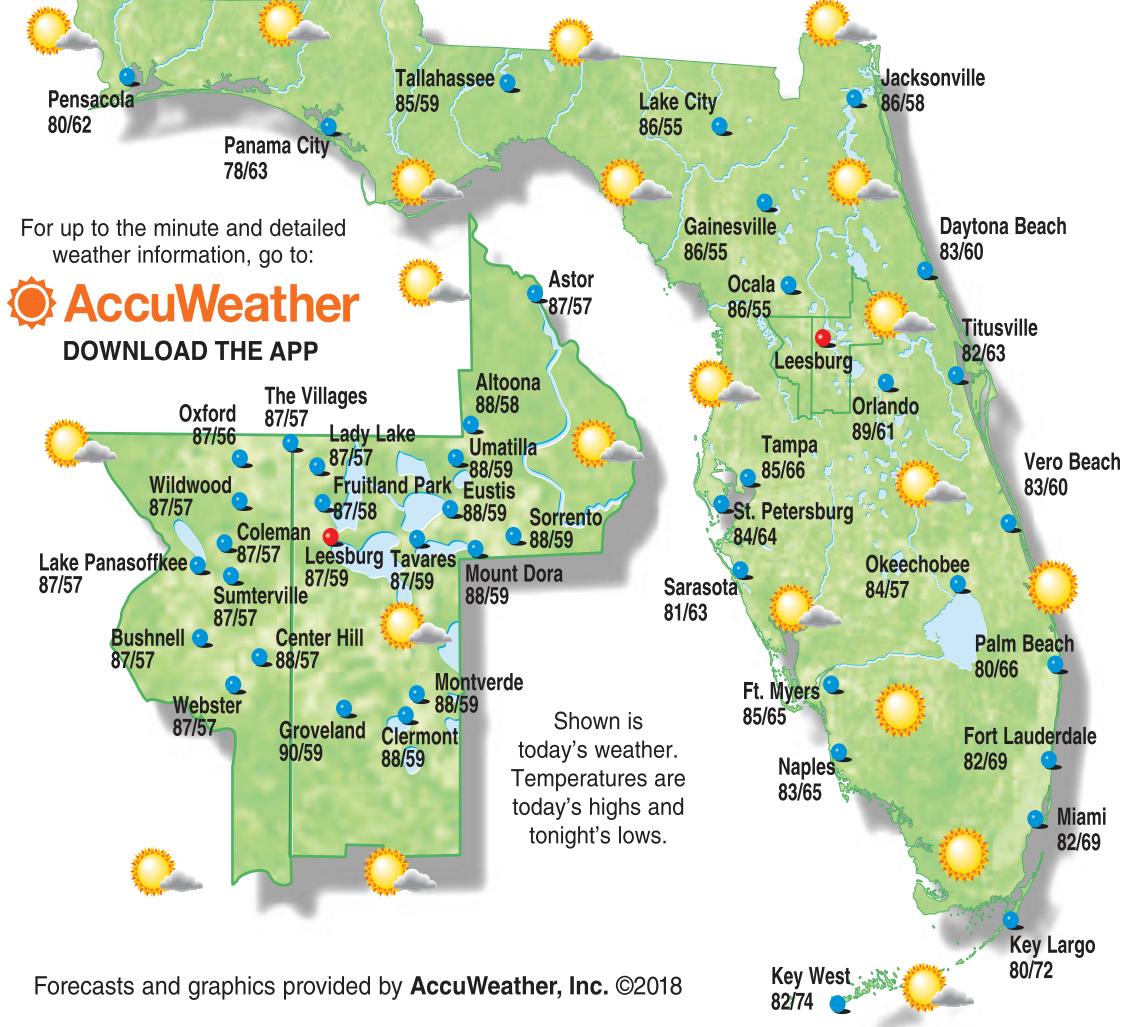
Proposals to require beneficiaries of the social-safety net to perform volunteer work or to stop folks on food stamps from buying seafood pop up with alarming regularity.

Poverty is not a moral failing. But the presumption that it drives bad policy. Ryan is leaving Congress, but the conditions he helped to create aren't likely to change.

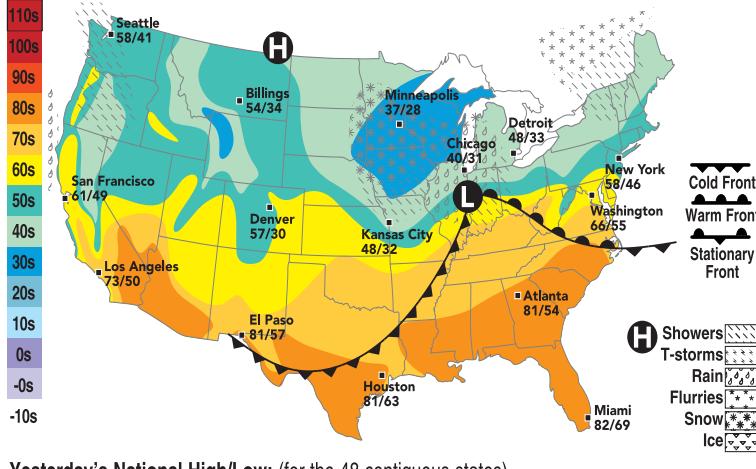
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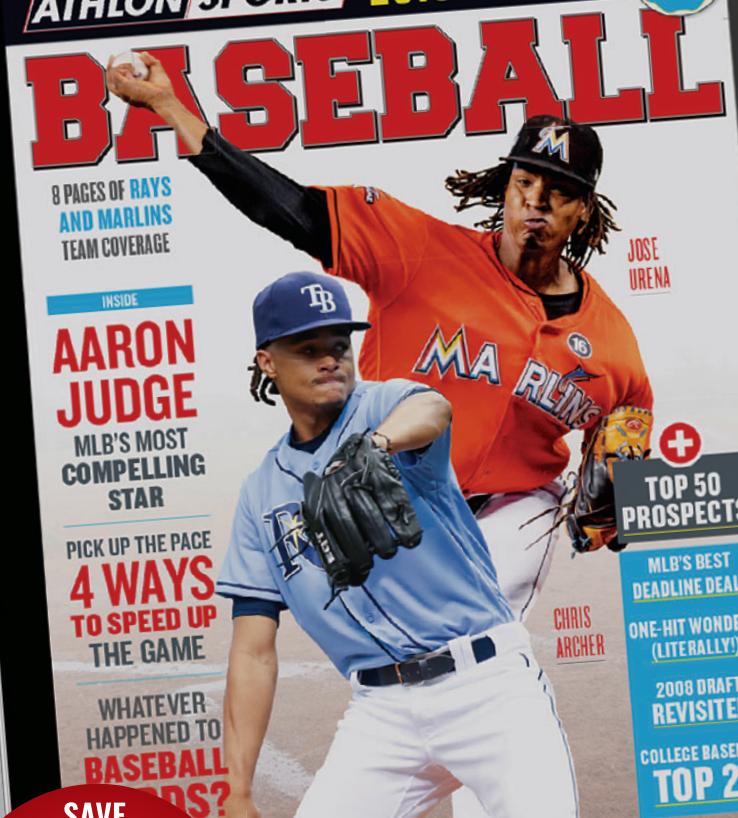
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FOOD WASTE

TEACH KIDS HOW TO HELP

Forty percent of all food in the U.S. goes to waste when tossed by restaurants, supermarkets and consumers, costing our economy \$1 trillion in the last two decades, while destroying 10 percent of global wilderness. Ways to encourage your children to help, according to the educational program "Speak Out. It's YOUR Earth!" include:

- Challenge your family to reduce food waste by 25 percent.
- Involve children in planning, shopping for, preparing and storing leftovers from a week's meals.
- Volunteer together at a food bank or soup kitchen.
- Don't overload children's plates with large portions.

HEALTHY WEIGHT

TIPS FOR EATING RIGHT

Registered dietitian Sharon Palmer offers some tips to achieve or maintain a healthy weight:

- Prioritize breakfast.
- Don't skip meals or snacks.
- Swap your nighttime snack for a more balanced choice.

TIP OF THE WEEK

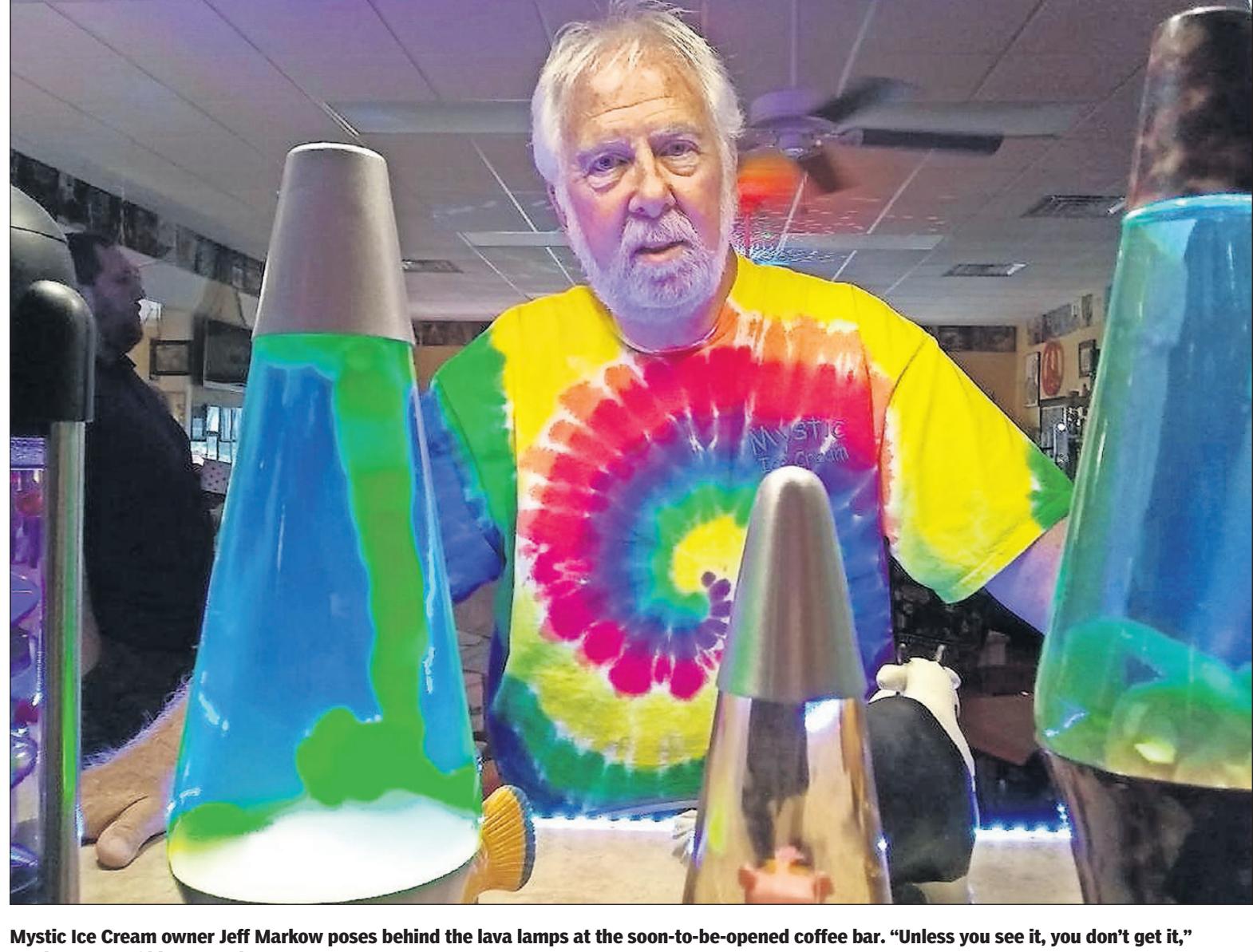
MIX UP MEAL ROUTINE

As seasons turn, you might crave different types of food. Eggland's Best says this is the perfect reason to think beyond the ordinary and experiment with combos that tantalize the taste buds. Chicken and waffles? Why of course! Watercress Confetti Quinoa for dinner? Yum. Pancakes instead of tortillas when making wraps? Sure!

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Blast from the past



Mystic Ice Cream owner Jeff Markow poses behind the lava lamps at the soon-to-be-opened coffee bar. "Unless you see it, you don't get it," Markow says of his unusual concept. [LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT]

Mystic Ice Cream offers retro frosty treats for adults

By Linda Florea
Correspondent

FRUITLAND PARK — Dig the tie-dye out of the closet and fire up the time machine.

Mystic Ice Cream offers homemade adult ice cream (alcoholic or non-alcoholic), an eclectic interior that evokes memories in the over-50 crowd and a culture that fosters an entire restaurant to become friends.

The Mystic motto: Peace, Love and Mystic Ice Cream.

"Unless you see it, you don't get it," said owner Jeff Markow. "We're only open four hours a night, six days a week, 24 hours a week — yet we see 200 people a night because it's a place to go."

Album covers line the walls, along with movie and music posters, photos, 45 rpm records and memorabilia. Trivia games, Magic 8-Ball, puzzles and toys are clustered in the center of the tables.

Markow opened Mystic Ice Cream eight years ago as a tribute to the film "Mystic Pizza." Although he had never owned a restaurant, he was fueled by a love of ice cream and a desire to provide a fun place for locals to go.

Markow comes up with the recipes and creative names and makes the ice



Mystic Ice Cream in Fruitland Park offers homemade adult ice cream (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) and an eclectic interior that will bring back memories in the over-50 crowd. [LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT]

cream on-site with flavors that change with the seasons. Mystic Ice Cream is a 21-and-older establishment. About half the 30 to 40 flavors are alcohol-infused. You can get ice cream or 32-ounce shakes — and if you can't finish, they'll give you a lid to write your name on and a freezer to stash your treats until you go home.

"What we do is we have events," he said. "Tonight (Wednesday) is Name That Tune. The place will be packed and there won't be a seat open. Tomorrow night is trivia. There won't be a seat

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A menu of the alcohol-infused ice creams at Mystic Ice Cream in Fruitland Park is pictured. "Unless you see it, you don't get it," said owner Jeff Markow. "We give you a good time." [LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT]

THE ROAMING GOURMET

Spice up rice with real butter and fresh herbs



Ze Carter

One of the reasons I am called The Roaming Gourmet is because I love traveling to scout awesome places to eat and recipes from people I meet.

This past weekend, I was out doing what my name implies and I had the opportunity to eat at a restaurant in Inverness.

I know it is not really local

but it actually isn't that far away, and it is a nice little country drive. Believe me, it was worth the trip because the end of this rainbow was sweet. The sweet ending I am referring to is Dillon's Cinnamon Sticks, 727 U.S. Highway 41 South in Inverness. This family-owned restaurant that was first opened by Ron Dillon's mother and father. Dillon is now the owner and operator.

There is a lot of history and a lot of love associated with this restaurant. The locals know it and are pleased that Dillon

See RICE, B3



On a recent trip to the Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City, Ze discovered a delicious rice recipe. — Ze Carter [BELLO]

Save your cash, and skip the fast-casual assembly line

By Becky Krystal
The Washington Post

Tell me if you've heard this one before.

Friday: "I'm going out to lunch again. Why don't I make my own grain bowl?"

Saturday: "People are going to be so jealous of my homemade lunch bowl."

Sunday night: "I still have time to do this!"

Monday: Swipes credit card for another \$12 at fast-casual XYZ.

Friends, the DIY lunch bowl no longer needs to be an aspiration. You, too, can save your single-serving \$12 and use your cold, hard cash — not to mention pantry ingredients — to stretch your budget into a week's worth of interesting, easy and satisfying midday meals.

Here's how, starting with a Mediterranean option, followed by a few other global combinations.

- Pick your genre. Grain or salad bowl? Make a pot of your grain of choice — brown rice, couscous, bulgur, etc. It will keep just fine in the refrigerator for several days. Ditto with mixed greens if that's more your style.

- Choose a protein. This would be a great time to pop an easy roast chicken in the oven; poaching a few boneless, skinless breasts works, too. Or

just pick up a rotisserie chicken at the grocery store. Lamb meatballs would be oh-so-classy. You can't go wrong with chickpeas — home-cooked, canned or even crispy — either. Soft-boiled eggs are always welcome, too.

- Get saucy. Now we're getting to the part of your personal assembly line where you just say "put it all on." Tzatziki is a natural fit; this recipe calls for parsley, but dill or mint also would be right at home. Or how about a tahini dressing? Make it even easier by snagging a squeeze bottle of tahini — no can, no stirring, just a fun shake. Harissa is one of the best spicy condiments going. If you prefer your zesty kick a little milder, a Greek vinaigrette might be the way to go. Of course, hummus is a wonderful option, too.

Adorn generously. This is the place to add some crunch. Think about staples with a good shelf life: Pita chips, banana peppers or pepperoncini, carrots and nuts. Pickled onions take very little effort and pay off in flavor and versatility.

Other garnishes to consider: Roasted red peppers (can't beat the convenience of jarred), fresh herbs and cheese, especially feta.

FLASH IN THE PAN

Fortune of reversal

Ancient 'backward' cooking technique makes for legendary asparagus

By Ari LeVaux
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The world's oldest surviving cookbook is a collection of Imperial Roman recipes, compiled around the 1st century AD. In the intervening millennia, the book, "Apicius De Re Coquinaria," has attracted plenty of interest from scholars, cooks and food nerds who've pored over each line of text and attempted to observe each word from every possible angle like it's "Finnegans Wake."

In the game of historical recipe re-enactment, a single mistranslated word can derail a dish. In "Apicius'" "Book III: The Gardener," for example, one particular asparagus recipe hinges on how the word "rursum" is translated. This is not just any recipe, but one that addresses a fundamental issue in asparagus cookery with an elegance rarely seen since.

Attempts to translate this work have been complicated by the fact that many of the recipes were written in vulgar Latin, an informal version of the language. "Rursum" is followed by "in calidam," which means "in boiling water." It's also at times written as "rurus in aquam calidam."

So, asparagus was cooked rursum/rurus in boiling water, and for centuries nobody knew what that meant. The riddle was finally cracked by Joseph Dommer Vehling in his 1936 translation of "Apicius" (Hill, Chicago):

"This word has caused us some reflection, but the ensuing discovery made it worthwhile. Rurus has escaped the attention of the other commentators. In this case rurus means backwards, being a contraction from revorsum, h.e. reversum."

OK, so we are now supposed to cook asparagus "backward" in boiling water, but I'm still a bit foggy on the details. Luckily, somehow, Vehling manages to gaze deeply enough between the lines of text to dredge out the answer:

"Apicius evidently has the right way of cooking the fine asparagus.



A mix of heavy cream, butter, garlic, lemon juice, nutmeg and salt will infuse the asparagus while it cooks.



Cooking the asparagus upright in boiling water will simultaneously soften the tougher end of the stalks without overcooking the tender heads.

[ARI LEVAUX PHOTOS]

The stalks, after being peeled and washed must be bunched together and tied according to sizes, and the bunches must be set into the boiling water 'backwards,' that is, they must stand upright with the heads protruding from the water. The heads will be made tender above the water line by rising steam and will be done simultaneously with the harder parts of the stalks. We admit, we have never seen a modern cook observe this method. They usually boil the tender heads to death while the lower stalks are still hard."

Here, Vehling and "Apicius" acknowledge

the culinary riddle that's wrapped in the botanical enigma that is asparagus: the fact that one end of the shoot needs less cooking than the other.

Asparagorum Reversum

This recipe is a direct riff on "Apicius" technique, with just a few modifications.

Rather than tie the asparagus with string, I bunch it into a narrow-mouthed pint jar like a bouquet of flowers, and immerse it backward "in calidam."

You want the boiling water level to be about 2 inches lower than the

top of the jar. And the jar should be filled with a mix of heavy cream and butter, a clove of garlic, a squeeze of lemon, a pinch of nutmeg and salt.

With this recipe, there is no reason to break or trim the ends. It doesn't really matter how tough they are going in, because they soften plenty as they cook, with their cut ends against the hot glass at the bottom of the jar of simmering cream. The asparagus tips, meanwhile, dangle far above in the gentle steam, warming more than cooking.

When the butt ends are soft enough — about 20 minutes — I cook the tips by covering the pot with a tight lid, checking obsessively until they are perfect.

Alternatively, simply cook the asparagus bouquet until the tips droop over like a fistful of wilted dandelions, and call it good.

Or give the tips nothing but gentle steam, and eat them warm and raw. The heat is enough to volatilize a range of flavors, from musky to minty, and the crunch is still audible.

MYSTIC

From Page B1

open, and people will be standing. There's a need to have something to do that doesn't cost a lot of money and a good time is promoted. We

give you a good time."

The shop has more than doubled in size over the years, and a coffee bar with cappuccinos, espressos, lattes and frozen drinks will be open soon, he said.

Jo Spada, a new resident of Leesburg, and her daughter Shaun Antler, visiting from Sault St.

Marie in Ontario, said they were lost when they found Mystic and decided to stop in because it was Name That Tune night.

"The selection is great, but the best thing is the customer service because they had to explain everything to us," Antler said.

They left with several takeout flavors and were

hoping to come back later.

Mystic Ice Cream, 1217 W. Miller Street (County Road 466A) in Fruitland Park is open from 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. Catering is available.

For a full list of nightly events and information go to mysticicecream.com or Facebook.

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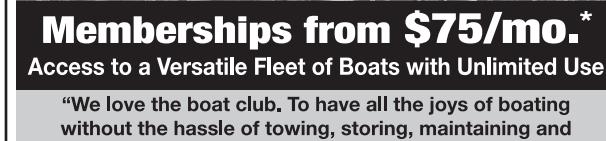
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And one of the things I really love about bananas is the packaging. Of all the fruits that must be peeled before eating, nothing comes out of its skin more easily than the banana. This, of course, is one of the things that makes them such a kid-friendly, popular snack.

But nothing is perfect,

even in this best of all possible worlds, and there're a couple of negative points to keep in mind when adding a hand of bananas to the grocery cart. Bananas are harvested and shipped while still green, but unfortunately, when they make up their minds to ripen, they don't waste any time.

One day you have a nice, bright yellow banana with a few brown freckles — perfect for snacking, salads or pudding — and the next day the flesh is soft, and the skin black. Black-skinned bananas, of course, are perfect for making banana bread, but this is less than satisfactory if you originally bought them with the intention of making salad or an old-fashioned banana pudding.

And then there is the unattractive habit sliced bananas have of turning brown when exposed to the air. This can be prevented by coating the slices with acidic fruit juice, such as orange or lemon juice, or by using them in a gelatin salad, and being sure the slices are thoroughly coated with the gelatin.

Here's a congealed salad that combines



A congealed salad that combines bananas with canned pineapple and sliced, seedless grapes in pineapple-flavored gelatin is a great way to use up those ripe bananas before they quickly turn brown. [DREAMSTIME]

bananas with canned pineapple and sliced, seedless grapes in pineapple-flavored gelatin. I like crushed pineapple in its own juice, but pineapple in light syrup could be used instead. However, don't even think about substituting fresh pineapple. Pineapple is one of the fruits containing an enzyme which prevents gelatin from setting, but the cooking that occurs when the pineapple is canned kills off the uncooperative enzyme. Other items with this distressing talent are mango, papaya, kiwi, figs, honeydew, melon and fresh ginger. Highly acidic ingredients, such as citrus,

may also affect setting.

When using fruit or vegetables for a congealed salad, I like to set aside a small amount of the gelatin solution. This can be gently poured over the surface, once the salad is fairly firm, thus insuring that none of the fruit is exposed to the air.

Pineapple-banana congealed salad

Ingredients:

1 can crushed pineapple in juice, 8 ounces
1 packet pineapple gelatin powder, 4-serving size
2 small bananas, about $\frac{3}{4}$ pound
 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup red seedless grapes, halved

Directions:

Thoroughly drain crushed pineapple. Add enough cold water to juice or syrup to make one cup, and set in refrigerator.

Follow instructions on gelatin packet, using the mixture of water and juice in place of the cup of cold water specified.

When gelatin has chilled and begun to set, stir in crushed pineapple. Peel bananas and slice into rounds and add to gelatin, along with seedless grape halves. (Adding fruit at this stage, rather than before chilling, keeps it from sinking to the bottom).

Return to refrigerator, and chill until firm.

This is a pretty salad, whether you use a mold or a colorful bowl that sets off the sunshine-yellow shade

of the pineapple gelatin. To make it easier to unmold a gelatin salad, some cooks coat the mold lightly with cooking spray before adding the gelatin.

For quicker chilling, follow instructions on the package for the speed-set method using ice cubes. Or begin the chilling in the freezer, transferring the mold to the refrigerator after about 20 minutes. Do not let the gelatin freeze solid, or it will "weep" when it defrosts.

Trust me: a weeping congealed salad does nothing to enhance your reputation as a hostess.

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Take good care of your kitchen knives, and they will take good care of you

By Becky Krystal
The Washington Post

It's hard to make good food without a good knife.

We strongly encourage you to buy a good knife, but if you don't take care of it, the quality and price won't matter.

"You're eventually going to have to sharpen the knife," says Dave Arnold, a former instructor at the late L'Academie de Cuisine culinary school who runs Precision Knife Sharpening out of his home. "It doesn't matter what kind of knife it is."

Here's what you need to know about sharpening and other ways you can ensure your knives will last for years to come.

Understand how a knife works. Most knives are sharpened to an angle of 30 to 40 degrees, Arnold says, and over time and use, "That very thin edge is going to take some damage." The edge will begin to flatten to more of a round shape rather than a sharp, pointy angle. The edge can also bend or fold over — not something you'd be able to see with the naked eye. When you sharpen a knife, you are grinding away some of the metal to reintroduce the proper sharp angle.

Know how to recognize when your knife needs to be sharpened. The whole point of a sharp knife is to help you work efficiently, easily slicing through food without having to exert too much pressure. Dull knives can also cause accidents when they slip over rather than cut through food. Arnold suggests tomatoes, lemons, bell peppers and carrots as effective foods for testing whether your knife needs to be resharpened.

Think about honing your knives. Even if you know to sharpen your knives, you may not be as

RICE

From Page B1

revived his mother and father's family business. I am glad as well. I thoroughly enjoyed my breakfast of roasted turkey breast, eggs and avocado slices, and my husband actually had a lunch of chicken tenders with mac and cheese. We were too full to enjoy our cinnamon rolls in house so we took them home to enjoy later. I am so glad we did, they were perfect for a rainy afternoon. If you are ever in Inverness, stop over Tuesday through Sunday (they are closed on Monday) and tell them I sent you.

I also love acquiring recipes from some of my favorite restaurants. On another recent trip to the famous Columbia Restaurant in Ybor City, a neighborhood in Tampa, I was reminded of another recipe that I love, and when I took my first bite, my reaction was, "that is good rice."

To my surprise I discovered while reading the menu that was the name of the rice dish. How appropriate. My father always said to me that if I could make a good pot of rice and poach an egg I would always have a job and never be hungry. So

here's to Dad, a recipe for a "good" pot of rice.

Z'e's version of good rice

Don't skimp on butter and the fresh ingredients — the real butter and fresh herbs are what make this "Good Rice." Serves 4-6.

Ingredients:

1/2 cup salted butter (margarine will not work)
2 small yellow onions, chopped
2 cups long-grain or parboiled rice (I used parboiled)

4 cups chicken broth (I prefer to use low-sodium broth)
1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 cup fresh basil, chopped
1 teaspoon salt

Directions:
On medium heat and in a heavy bottom sauce pan large enough to hold cooked rice, melt butter and sauté onion until transparent, about 3-4 minutes.

Add rice and stir constantly until it turns into a caramel color, another 4-5 minutes. Add chicken broth, then parsley, basil and salt. Increase heat and bring to a boil. Boil for 5 minutes then lower heat to low simmer. Cover and steam rice for 18 minutes. Fluff with a fork.

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The only mashed potatoes recipe you'll ever need

By Becky Krystal
The Washington Post

Mashed potatoes are the quintessential, goes-with-anything side. They're always a crowd-pleaser, too.

People have gone to all sorts of elaborate lengths to achieve the perfect mashed potato recipe. But you can create a beautiful bowl of spuds with nothing more than a pot and a handful of pantry staples.

I prefer to use the wooden spoon to mash the potatoes rather than a masher (which can make things gluey) or a potato ricer (don't own one), especially because of the slightly rustic texture you get with a few soft chunks embedded in the mash. If you want super-smooth potatoes and do own a ricer, go



Essential Mashed Potatoes. [STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

ahead and bust it out.

A note on the boiling: Many recipes call for starting the potatoes in cold water to achieve even cooking. Because the potatoes are cut into smaller chunks in this recipe, I found they cooked

through at a uniform — not to mention faster — pace when added to the boiling water.

The original version of this recipe calls for Yukon Gold (yellow-fleshed) potatoes for a creamy result, but after my local grocery store

was continually out of them or peddling green specimens, I gave up and went with the ubiquitous and cheaper russets.

And you know what? The result was wonderfully silky. I didn't need massive amounts of fat, either. Using extra-virgin olive oil in addition to the butter provides a rich texture and clean flavor that doesn't mask the potato nuance as much as

all-dairy fat would.

These mashed potatoes are great the way they are. But you should still feel free to dress them up with whatever accoutrements you like, whether it's crumbled bacon, grated cheese, chives or an extra pat of melting butter. The fresh garlic that is boiled and mashed with the potatoes imparts a mild and sweet flavor; if you like things more pungent, you can add garlic powder to taste (Trader Joe's has the most flavorful one I've tried).

It's difficult to not just eat the mashed potatoes straight out of the pot, but if you're feeding a crowd and are interested in a serving bowl presentation that will help keep the potatoes warm, try heating the bowl by filling it with boiling water and letting it sit for a few minutes. Discard the water, dry the bowl and add the potatoes, as artfully scooped as you want.

Essential Mashed Potatoes

4 to 6 servings

Make Ahead: Prepare the mashed potatoes up to 4 hours in advance, cover and keep at room temperature; they can also be stored in the refrigerator for a day or two. Reheat gently in a heatproof bowl placed on top of a pot filled with a few inches of water (a double boiler setup) over medium heat, adding extra half-and-half or milk and adjusting the seasoning as needed.

Adapted from "Seriously Simple Holidays," by Diane Rossetti Worthington (Chronicle, 2007).

Ingredients

- 2 pounds russet potatoes, peeled and cut into 3-inch-long chunks (may substitute scrubbed, unpeeled Yukon Gold)
- 4 medium cloves garlic, cut in half lengthwise
- $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon kosher salt, plus more as needed
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- $\frac{2}{3}$ cup half-and-half (may substitute whole or low-fat milk), plus more as needed
- Freshly ground black pepper

Steps

Bring a large pot of water to a boil over high heat. Add the potatoes, garlic and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of the salt; reduce the heat to medium, cover partially and cook for 15 to 20 minutes or until the potatoes and garlic are tender.

Meanwhile, combine the butter, oil and half-and-half in a medium saucepan over medium heat, stirring until the butter has melted. Reduce the heat to low, cover and keep warm until the potatoes are ready. Alternatively, you can melt the butter (cut into small pieces) with the oil and half-and-half in a glass measuring cup in the microwave, heating at half-power for 1 minute and then at 30-second increments, stirring occasionally.

Drain the potatoes and return them to the pot; return it to the still-warm burner (off the heat).

Shake the pot back and forth for 1 to 2 minutes or until most of the moisture has evaporated. Remove the pot from the burner. Use a wooden spoon or rubber spatula to mash the potatoes and garlic to a fairly smooth consistency, leaving as many chunks as you like.

Pour the butter mixture over the potatoes and use the wooden spoon to blend to a smooth, but not soupy, consistency. If the potatoes are too dense or thick, add more half-and-half to reach your desired texture. Season with the remaining $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon of salt, or more as needed, and the pepper. Serve warm.

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Swofford expects findings

By Joedy McCreary

The Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford says he expects "substantive" recommendations from the committee seeking ways to reform college basketball amid a federal investigation of corruption in the sport.

Speaking Tuesday at a regional Associated Press Sports Editors meeting, Swofford said he doesn't



Swofford



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Sankey

know what the commission led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will conclude next week when it is expected to present its report to the Division I Board of Directors and Board of

Governors. Swofford said it is "hard to argue against the need for substantive change."

Southeastern Conference Commissioner Greg Sankey, speaking at a similar meeting in Birmingham, Alabama, on Monday, hopes for an "impactful outcome" when Rice's committee releases its recommendations.

The FBI's corruption probe led to criminal charges against assistant coaches, agents, apparel company employees and others. The Justice Department arrested 10 people, including four assistant coaches from Arizona, Southern California, Auburn and Oklahoma State, in a case tied to hundreds of thousands of dollars in alleged bribes and kickbacks designed to influence recruits on choosing a school or an agent.

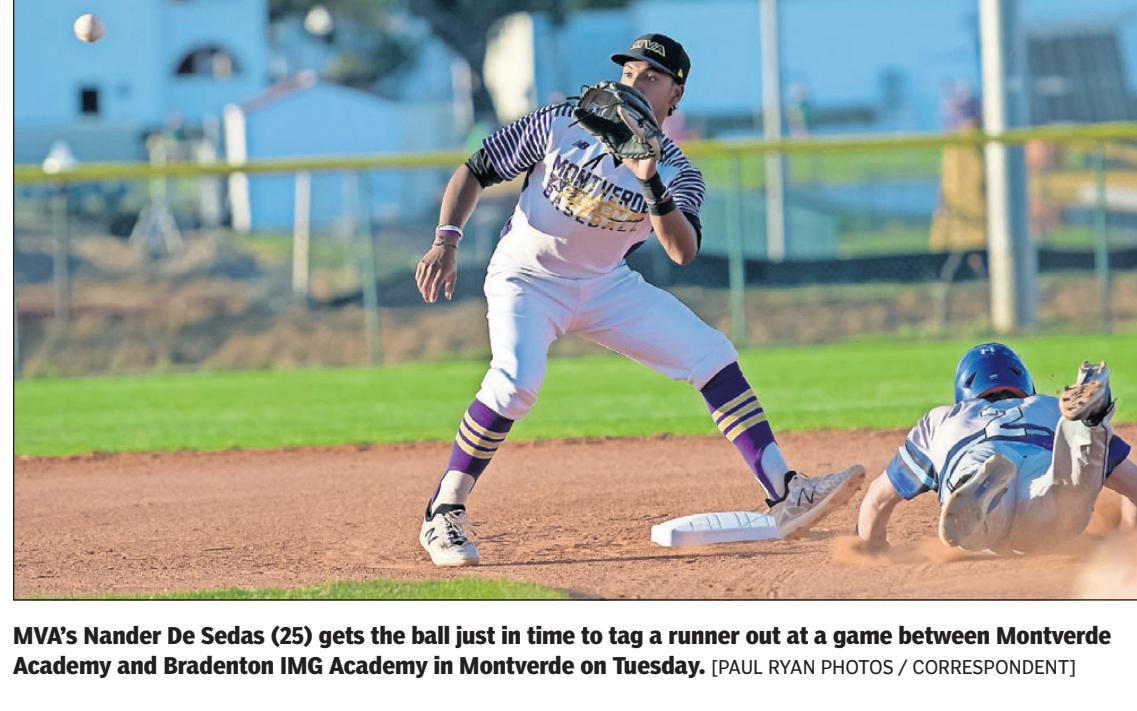
Sankey said the

investigation received "an appropriate level of concern and attention" during the season.

"I did not mean and would not imply that I think it's just business as usual," Sankey said. "I've seen some observations that, 'Oh wow, we're just back to business as usual. I don't think that's the case. I don't (get) that sense from our programs and programs nationally."

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A new powerhouse



MVA's Nander De Sedas (25) gets the ball just in time to tag a runner out at a game between Montverde Academy and Bradenton IMG Academy in Montverde on Tuesday. [PAUL RYAN PHOTOS / CORRESPONDENT]

Montverde Academy turning baseball team into nationally ranked program

By Frank Jolley

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MONTVERDE — It's hard to be the first at Francisco M. Lindor Field for a Montverde Academy baseball game.

That's because talent scouts from many organizations in Major League Baseball often begin arriving as early as three hours ahead of the first pitch — a byproduct of having one of the top high-school programs in the country.

And an already hefty ante is raised even higher when the Eagles' opponent also is nationally ranked and coached by a former major leaguer.

That was the case on Tuesday when Montverde Academy — ranked first in the state and 10th in the country by MaxPreps — prepared to play Bradenton IMG Academy — ranked third in Florida and 15th in the nation and coached by former Cincinnati Reds third baseman Chris Sabo.

Arguably, it was the best prep matchup in the entire country with numerous potential major leaguers on display.

Tuesday's game showcased Montverde Academy's newest athletic powerhouse ... the baseball team. Long known for its boys basketball



MVA's Jake Holland (18) hits a home run at a game between Montverde Academy and Bradenton IMG Academy in Montverde on Tuesday.

team, which has won four mythical national titles, and its boys soccer team, which hasn't lost a game in nearly a decade, and the girls soccer team, which won the Class 4A state championship in February, the Eagles' baseball team is making up for lost time.

Montverde Academy took the field against IMG Academy sporting a 22-0 record. Following a four-run rally in the seventh inning, the Eagles remained unbeaten with a 5-4 win.

As an Independent in the Florida High School Athletic Association, meaning it doesn't belong to a district or classification, the Eagles can't compete for a state championship. Because of

that, Tuesday's game took on a more significant meaning than most late-season games.

"This is part of our championship," said Montverde Academy coach Victor Valencia as he watched his players take their cuts during pre-game batting practice. "We're treating our last game of the season as our state championship. If we win all our remaining games, we can go 25-0. That's our trophy."

"We work every day with the goal of going 25-0."

Valencia said because Montverde Academy plays as an Independent, it can schedule games without having to make room for district

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PICKLEBALL HITS A HIGH NOTE AT LAKE SENIOR GAMES

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Majors can have impact on others in different ways

By Doug Ferguson

The Associated Press

Major champions today create memories for tomorrow.

Some of them, anyway.

Still to be determined is whether the grit Patrick Reed showed at Augusta National — holding off Rory McIlroy, Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler in that order — resonates with a junior who is just getting into golf or motivates one of Reed's peers.

"It's such a nostalgic game," McIlroy said last summer. "People remember when they watched Jack (Nicklaus) win a U.S. Open or Tom Watson chip in at Pebble Beach. Whatever generation it is, that's what they're going to remember and that's their fondest memory."

McIlroy was among five major champions who were asked about their fondest memory of a major (excluding

those they won).

Redemption

"I'm a big redemption person," McIlroy said. "I'm big on someone winning who deserves it."

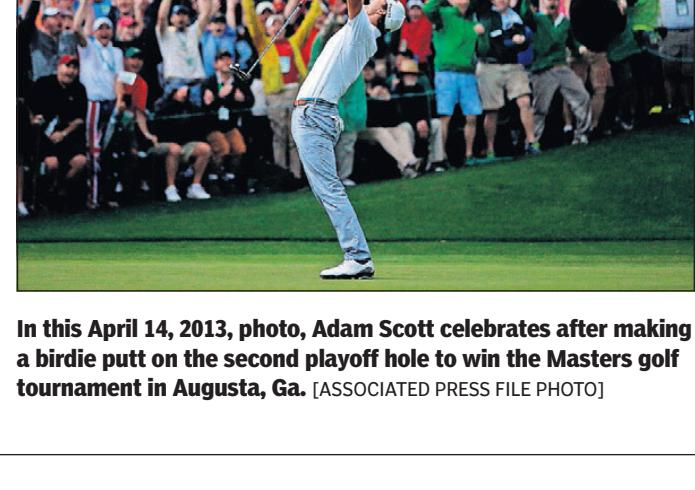
The one major that stands out is Adam Scott winning the Masters in 2013, mainly because it came nine months after one of the most stunning collapses on the back nine in a major, even by Australian standards.

Scott had a four-shot lead with four holes to play at Royal Lytham & St. Annes when he closed with four straight bogeys, and Ernie Els won his second British Open.

The next year, Scott holed a 20-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Augusta National, and then won with a birdie on the second playoff hole.

"I thought that was awesome," McIlroy said.

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In this April 14, 2013, photo, Adam Scott celebrates after making a birdie putt on the second playoff hole to win the Masters golf tournament in Augusta, Ga. [ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

Single mom plans to summit Everest for 9th time

By Pat Eaton-Robb

The Associated Press

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. — Between raising two daughters and working as a dishwasher at Whole Foods, Lhakpa Sherpa just doesn't have time for training to climb Mount Everest. Even so, she has done it a record eight times — and hopes to outdo herself yet again.

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ESPN — Cleveland vs. Minnesota, at San Juan, Puerto Rico

NBA BASKETBALL

7 p.m.

TNT — NBA playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 2, Indiana at Cleveland

8 p.m.

NBA — NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 2, Utah at Oklahoma City

9:30 p.m.

TNT — NBA playoffs, Western Conference, first

round, Game 2, Minnesota at Houston

NHL HOCKEY

7 p.m.

NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Pittsburgh at Philadelphia

7:30 p.m.

GOLF — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 4, Tampa Bay at New Jersey

10 p.m.

NBCSN — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 4, Nashville at Colorado

10:30 p.m.

GOLF — NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 4, Anaheim at San Jose

SOCCER

2:40 p.m.

NBCSN — Premier League, Bournemouth vs. Manchester United

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

TORONTO 1, WASHINGTON 0

April 14: Toronto 114, Toronto 106

Tuesday: Washington at Toronto, late

Friday: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.

Sunday: Toronto at Washington, 8 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 25: Washington at Toronto, TBA

x-Friday, April 27: Toronto at Washington, TBA

x-Sunday, April 29: Washington at Toronto, TBA

BOSTON 1, MILWAUKEE 0

April 15: Boston 113, Milwaukee 107, OT

Tuesday: Milwaukee at Boston, late

Friday: Boston at Milwaukee, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday: Boston at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.

x-Tuesday, April 24: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

x-Thursday, April 26: Boston at Milwaukee, TBA

x-Saturday, April 28: Milwaukee at Boston, TBA

PHILADELPHIA 1, MIAMI 1

April 14: Philadelphia 130, Miami 103

Monday: Miami 113, Philadelphia 103

Thursday: Philadelphia at Miami, 7 p.m.

Saturday: Philadelphia at Miami, 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 24: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

x-Thursday, April 26: Philadelphia at Miami, TBA

x-Saturday, April 28: Miami at Philadelphia, TBA

INDIANA 1, CLEVELAND 0

April 15: Indiana 98, Cleveland 80

Today: Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Friday: Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Sunday: Cleveland at Indiana, 8:30 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 25: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

x-Friday, April 27: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

x-Sunday, April 29: Indiana at Cleveland, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE

HOUSTON 1, MINNESOTA 0

April 15: Houston 104, Minnesota 101

Today: Minnesota at Houston, 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: Houston at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23: Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 25: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

x-Friday, April 27: Houston at Minnesota, TBA

x-Sunday, April 29: Minnesota at Houston, TBA

GOLDEN STATE 2, SAN ANTONIO 0

April 15: Golden State 113, San Antonio 92

Monday: Golden State 116, San Antonio 101

Thursday: Golden State at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday: Golden State at San Antonio, 3:30 p.m.

x-Tuesday, April 24: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA

x-Thursday, April 26: Golden State at San Antonio, TBA

x-Saturday, April 28: San Antonio at Golden State, TBA

NEW ORLEANS 1, PORTLAND 0

April 14: New Orleans 97, Portland 95

Tuesday: New Orleans at Portland, late

Thursday: Portland at New Orleans, 9 p.m.

Saturday: Portland at New Orleans, 5 p.m.

x-Tuesday, April 24: New Orleans at Portland, TBA

x-Thursday, April 26: Portland at New Orleans, TBA

x-Saturday, April 28: New Orleans at Portland, TBA

OKLAHOMA CITY 1, UTAH 0

April 15: Oklahoma City 116, Utah 108

Today: Utah at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Saturday: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10 p.m.

Monday, April 23: Oklahoma City at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

x-Wednesday, April 25: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

x-Friday, April 27: Oklahoma City at Utah, TBA

x-Sunday, April 29: Utah at Oklahoma City, TBA

INDIVIDUAL PLAYOFF STATISTICS

Through April 16

SCORING AVERAGE G FG FT PTS AVG.

Harden, HOU 1 15 7 44 44.0

George, ORL 1 13 2 36 36.0

Antetokounmpo, MIL 1 11 13 35 35.0

Davis, NOR 1 14 7 35 35.0

Oladipo, IND 1 11 4 32 32.0

Middleton, MIL 1 12 2 31 31.0

Thompson, GOL 2 23 2 58 29.0

Westbrook, OKC 1 10 9 29 29.0

Durant, GOL 2 19 14 56 28.0

Mitchell, UTA 1 11 2 27 27.0

Aldridge, SAN 2 16 16 48 24.0

Capela, HOU 1 10 4 24 24.0

Horford, BOS 1 5 13 24 24.0

James, CLE 1 7 10 24 24.0

Rozier, BOS 1 7 5 23 23.0

Wall, WAS 1 6 8 23 23.0

Morris, WAS 1 9 3 22 22.0

Saric, PHL 1 16 4 43 21.5

Holiday, NOR 1 10 0 21 21.0

FG PERCENTAGE FG FGA PCT.

Burks, UTA 4 4 1.000

Clark, NOR 4 5 .800

Gobert, UTA 6 8 .750

Johnson, MIA 12 16 .750

Ibaka, TOR 8 11 .727

McGee, GOL 10 14 .714

Nance Jr., CLE 5 7 .714

Scott, WAS 7 10 .700

Wright, TOR 7 10 .700

Thompson, GOL 23 33 .697

REBOUNDS G OFF DEF TOT AVG.

Love, CLE 1 3 14 17 17.0

Davis, NOR 1 2 12 14 14.0

Antetokounmpo, MIL 1 2 11 13 13.0

Davis, POR 1 5 8 13 13.0

Westbrook, OKC 1 1 12 13 13.0

Ilyasova, PHL 2 9 16 25 25.5

Capela, HOU 1 5 7 12 12.0

Horford, BOS 1 3 9 12 12.0

Ibaka, TOR 1 2 10 12 12.0

Towns, MIN 1 4 8 12 12.0

ASSISTS G AST AVG.

Rondo, NOR 1 17 17.0

Wall, WAS 1 15 15.0

James, CLE 1 12 12.0

Simmons, PHL 2 22 11.0

Lowry, GOL 2 9 8.5

Harden, HOU 1 8 8.0

Teague, MIN 1 8 8.0

EVEREST

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where the best schools are."

Lhakpa said she is used to overcoming adversity. Sherpa girls were discouraged from climbing, but she was a tomboy and would not be deterred from helping the men in her family, serving as a porter to bring gear to Everest base camps.

Becoming a climber was harder, she said, especially after the first Nepali woman to reach the summit, Pasang Lhamu Sherpa, died on her way down the mountain in 1993.

Lhakpa Sherpa joined an expedition of five women in 2000 who convinced the government to give them a permit. She was the first Nepali woman to reach the summit and return alive.

The record for successful climbs to the top of Everest is 21, shared by three Sherpa men who worked as mountain guides.

Two have retired from climbing, but the third, Kami Rita, told The Associated Press in Kathmandu recently he was heading to Everest to attempt his 22nd climb.

Anne Parmenter, a field hockey coach at Trinity College in Hartford, climbed with Lhakpa on an ill-fated Everest expedition in 2004. There were serious issues with that



In this May 2017 photo, Lhakpa Sherpa displays a flag from West Hartford, Conn., on the summit of Mount Everest in Nepal. Once a year, Sherpa heads back to her native Nepal to try and break her own record for successful summits of Mount Everest by a woman.

[COURTESY OF LHAKPA SHERPA VIA AP]

climb, including a physical confrontation between Lhakpa and her husband at the time that left Lhakpa unconscious.

Parmenter says it is impressive to see what Lhakpa has been able to overcome, both physically and mentally.

"She's obviously been blessed with amazing physiology that allows her to live here, not train, and go back and adapt very quickly to that high-altitude environment," she says. "She can do that, function and be really strong."

Says Lhakpa: "I wanted to show that a woman can do men's jobs. There is no difference in climbing a

mountain. I climb for all women."

Lhakpa said she does have some fears about climbing, especially who would take care of her daughters if there were an accident on Everest.

She was at a camp in 2015 when an earthquake triggered avalanches that killed 19 people on Everest.

Her daughter Shiny says it was a week before they received the phone call telling them their mother was OK.

Lhakpa Sherpa saves up each year for the plane ticket back to Nepal and climbs with an expedition company run by one

of her brothers.

They will guide about 50 people, mostly Europeans, up the mountain this year, she said. Next year, she plans to make a second attempt to summit K2 – the world's second-highest peak – for the first time.

This season, for the first time, she has a sponsor. Black Diamond, a mountain sports equipment company, is outfitting her with new gear and providing monetary support.

"It's clear from everything about her life that the word 'can't' is not in her lexicon," says Chris Parker, the company's content manager.

BASEBALL

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opponents. Instead, the Eagles play a number of area teams in addition to powerhouses from around the state.

They also take part in myriad around the country, including the prestigious Perfect Game Showdown in Emerson, Georgia and the Florida League High School Invitational in Sanford, which is put on by the Florida Collegiate Summer League.

"Our goal is to get our student athletes ready for the next level, on and off the field," said Valencia. "It doesn't matter if the next level is college or professional. We approach things with a college mentality here. Just like in the classroom, where they take classes designed to challenge them, we schedule

games that will test our players and help them become better players."

That approach, according to one of the Eagles' top players, seems to be working.

"I've been at Montverde Academy for three years now and there is no doubt that I'm a better player and person because I came here," said Eagles shortstop Nander De Sadas, who has already signed a national letter of intent with Florida State University. De Sadas will also likely be a first round draft pick in Major League Baseball's amateur draft in June.

"I've gotten so much help here. We have great coaches, who are willing to work with us on and off the field. We play a tough schedule, which helps us grow as players and also gets a lot of exposure for us. Sometimes, I miss not being able to play for a state championship, but

the advantages I've gotten by going to school here outweigh that."

Not lost on De Sadas is the fact he plays the same position as the namesake of the Eagles ballpark, the program's best-known graduate. Lindor was chosen by the Cleveland Indians with the eighth overall pick in the 2011 MLB draft, the highest draft pick ever from a Lake County school.

Valencia said Lindor still contributes to the program, often by showing up in the offseason to work out and speaking with players in the program.

For De Sadas, any chance to speak with Lindor is an opportunity to learn more about the mindset needed to reach the major leagues,

where he can paw at the same dirt between pitches as his predecessor and become the program's newest success story.

"It's really great to have someone like Francisco to

look up to," said De Sadas. "He always encourages me to keep working hard. Even though he's a major leaguer, he still comes back and tries to help us get to (the major leagues).

"He's one of the reasons our baseball program is as good as it is."

Montverde Academy's comeback was sparked by a two-run, no-out homer to left by Alejandro Rodriguez to cut the IMG lead to 4-3. After Johann Campines scored the tying run on a two-out, bases-loaded walk.

Eduardo Acosta then scored the game-winner on a second-straight bases-loaded walk.

Saul Gonzalez picked

up the win in relief for the Eagles. He pitched the seventh inning in relief of Eagles starter Kerry Wright and struck out the side.

Jake Holland and Rodriguez homered for Montverde Acad-

SWOFFORD

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"I don't think there's a time when you can settle in and say, 'OK, everything's fine. We're moving forward,'" he added.

"I think the attention's been raised and the attention will be raised again when that report is released. And then there will probably be a lot of new work in determining how we meet whatever new expectations may exist."

Swofford also called it "aggravating" to have two ACC schools — Louisville and North Carolina State — involved in the federal investigation.

N.C. State was one of the latest schools to become swept up in it, with prosecutors last week accusing an Adidas representative, who no longer works for the company, of agreeing to funnel \$40,000 through an unidentified coach to the father of former player Dennis Smith Jr. The scandal also led to Rick Pitino's ouster at Louisville before the

season.

Swofford said having that two of his schools involved is "the last thing, from my chair, you want to see, and it's the thing that upsets me the most, aggravates me the most.

"So when you have all those emotions tied to it, you need to find a way to do something positive," he added. "I think college

basketball is so good, even with its current problems, that it will be resilient. I think it will come out of this better and hopefully stronger than ever. ... It might not be fun getting there."

AP Sports Writers Aaron Beard in Greensboro and John Zenor in Birmingham, Alabama, contributed to this report.

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GOLF

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ever will witness."

Emotions

Davis Love III has watched a lot of friends win majors, all special occasions. One of them meant so much to him that he stayed behind even after missing the cut in the 2011 British Open at Royal St. George's.

"Darren Clarke winning made me the happiest," Love said.

Even on opposite sides of the Atlantic, Love and Clarke were close.

Clarke was 42, five years removed from losing his wife to breast cancer. He was no longer among the top 100 in the world and not even eligible for all the majors. And then, finally, he won the claret jug.

Love recalls waiting to see Justin Leonard win at Royal Troon in 1997.

This was different.

"I don't think when I watched Justin get the trophy I had tears in my eyes," Love said.

Aussie pride

Scott used to get up early Monday morning to watch the Masters. His favorite major, however, was the British Open in 1993 at Royal St. George's, mainly because of the winner.

Greg Norman never won the Masters. He won the claret jug twice, the second time when Scott was a few weeks from turning 13.

"It was such a big moment for me," he said. "I was 5 when he won his other Open. So this was huge. I had more Shark clothing than him at that point. I really remember a lot of the '90s majors, how they all panned out. But my favorite was Greg, because it was Greg."

History

The favorite major memory of Curtis Strange — except for his back-to-back U.S. Open titles — was when he tied for 21st at the Masters.

It was 1986.

"I was four groups in front of Jack," he said.

Nicklaus shot 30 on the back nine and won his sixth green jacket at age 46. He remains the greatest — and oldest — Masters champion.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION		NATIONAL LEAGUE																	
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	Away
Boston	13	2	.867	—	—	9-1	W-4	8-1	5-1	New York	12	3	.800	—	—	8-2	L-1	6-3	6-0
Toronto	10	5	.667	3	—	7-3	W-2	5-3	5-2	Atlanta	9	6	.600	3	—	6-4	W-1	5-2	4-4
New York	8	7	.533	5	1½	5-5	W-2	4-3	4-4	Philadelphia	9	6	.600	3	—	8-2	L-1	5-1	4-5
Baltimore	5	12	.294	9	5½	3-7	L-4	2-4	3-8	Washington	8	9	.471	5	2	4-6	W-1	3-7	5-2
Tampa Bay	4	12	.250	9½	6	3-7	W-1	2-6	2-6	Miami	4	12	.250	8½	5½	2-8	L-3	3-9	1-3

CENTRAL DIVISION		NATIONAL LEAGUE																	
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	Away
Minnesota	7	4	.636	—	—	7-3	W-3	4-2	3-2	Pittsburgh	11	6	.647	—	—	5-5	L-2	4-4	7-2
Cleveland	8	6	.571	½	1	6-4	L-1	6-2	2-4	St. Louis	9	7	.563	1½	½	6-4	W-4	2-4	7-3
Detroit	5	9	.357	3½	4	4-6	W-1	2-5	3-4	Chicago	7	7	.500	2½	1½	5-5	W-1	2-3	5-4
Chicago	4	9	.308	4	4½	2-8	L-2	1-5	3-4	Milwaukee	8	9	.471	3	2	4-6	L-2	2-6	6-3
Kansas City	3	11	.214	5½	6	2-8	L-6	1-7	2-4	Cincinnati	3	13	.188	7½	6½	2-8	W-1	1-7	2-6

WEST DIVISION		NATIONAL LEAGUE																	
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	Away
Los Angeles	13	3	.813	—	—	9-1	W-7	4-2	9-1	Arizona	11	4	.733	—	—	7-3	L-1	5-1	6-3
Seattle	9	5	.643	3	—	6-4	W-1	5-2	4-3	Colorado	11	8	.579	2	—	6-4	W-3	2-4	9-4
Houston	10	7	.588	3½	½	4-6	L-3	6-3	4-4	Los Angeles	6	9	.400	5	3	4-6	W-2	4-5	2-4
Oakland	7	10	.412	6½	3½	4-6	W-2	4-5	3-5	San Francisco	6	9	.400	5	3	4-6	L-3	3-4	3-5
Texas	6	12	.333	8	5	3-7	L-1	2-8	4-4	San Diego	7	11	.389	5½	3½	5-5	L-1	4-8	3-3

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

Blue Jays 11, Royals 3, 1st game: Toronto's Yangervis Solarte drove in four runs. **Tigers 4, Orioles 2:** Detroit's Victor Martinez homered for the first time since August. **Rockies 2, Pirates 0:** Colorado's Chad Bettis combined with three relievers on a five-hitter.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Kansas City at Toronto, 2nd game
Cleveland vs. Minnesota at San Juan, Puerto Rico
Texas at Tampa Bay
Chicago White Sox at Oakland
Boston at L.A. Angels.
Houston at Seattle

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Washington at N.Y. Mets
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at Arizona
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego

INTERLEAGUE

Miami at N.Y. Yankees

Eyes on the prize

Padres starting pitcher Robbie Erlin pitches as the Dodgers' Corey Seager bats during the first inning of a game late Monday in San Diego. [GREGORY BULL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

BOX SCORES

BLUE JAYS 11, ROYALS 3, GAME 1		NATIONAL LEAGUE																					
KANSAS CITY	AB	R	H	B	BB	SO	AVG.	Gentry rf	3	1	0	0	0	2	.240	Desmond 1b	3	1	0	0	1	1	.172
Jay If	4	0	1	0	0	2	.240	a-Santander ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.186	Story ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	.217
b-Almonte ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.083	M.Machado ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	.309	McMahon 3b	4	0	1	1	0	2	.097
Merrifield 2b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.259	A.Jones cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	.236	Wolters c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.143
Moustakas dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.339	b-Alvarez ph-dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	.320	Shaw p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Duda 1b	4	2	2	1	0	0	.302	Davis 1b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.125	McGee p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Soler rf	4	0	2	0	0	1	.244	Beckham 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.167	Davis p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Cuthbert 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.229	Sardinas 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.000	TOTALS	31	2	5	2	4	7	—
Orlando cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.222	Joseph c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.088	PITTSBURGH	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Escobar ss	2	0	0	0	1	.149	C-Sisco ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.267	Rodriguez 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.143	
Goins ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	TOTALS	31	2	6	2	5	12	—	Polanco r	3	0	0	0	1	0	.197
Gallagher c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.200	DETROIT	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	Marte cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.308
TOTALS	35	3	11	2	1	7	—	Martin cf	4	1	2	0	0	0	.288	Bell 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.269
TORONTO	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.	Candelario 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.220	Dickerson lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.220
Pearce dh	3	2	2	1	0	1	.																

BUSINESS



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW			24858.97	24681.79	24786.63	+213.59	+0.87%	+0.27%
DOW Trans.			10687.01	10548.71	10592.56	-17.62	-0.17%	-0.19%
DOW Util.			702.43	691.47	700.24	+7.88	+1.14%	-3.20%
NYSE Comp.			12733.68	12665.49	12705.76	+77.55	+0.61%	-0.80%
NASDAQ			7298.59	7206.54	7281.10	+124.81	+1.74%	+5.47%
S&P 500			2713.34	2692.05	2706.39	+28.55	+1.07%	+1.23%
Advanced	3,172	1,899						
Declined	3,002	1,785						
New Hights	2115	1,938						
New Lows	759	889						
Russell 2000	104	114						
Russell 2000	37	26						
Wilshire 5000			28168.37	27789.89	28099.65	+302.54	+1.09%	+1.10%
Russell 2000			1582.99	1564.87	1579.80	+16.77	+1.07%	+2.88%

Stocks of Local Interest

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		LO	HI	CHG.				WK	MO	QTR	%CHG.	RTN	P/E
AT&T Inc	T	32.55	40.56	35.36	-2.8	-0.8	▲	▼	▼	-9.1	-6.6	13	2.00F
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	151.72	108.20	+1.75	+1.6	▲	▼	▼	+8.5	-24.3	20	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	75.97	102.39	93.86	+2.26	+0.3	▲	▼	▲	-5.5	+25.3	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	38.20	62.02	47.08	+1.19	+0.4	▲	▼	▲	-8.3	+18.9	12	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	20.85	26.94	26.31	+2.25	+1.0	▲	▼	▲	...	+27.5	27	...
CocaCola Co	KO	42.19	48.62	44.88	+2.20	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	-2.2	+7.9	63	1.56F
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	32.74	44.00	33.27	-2.26	-0.8	▲	▼	▼	-16.6	-7.9	16	0.76F
Darden Rest	DRI	76.27	100.11	89.42	+4.47	+0.5	▲	▼	▲	-6.9	+11.6	19	2.52
Disney	DIS	96.20	116.10	102.17	+1.93	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	-5.0	-10.0	14	1.68F
Gen Electric	GE	12.73	29.93	13.79	+4.46	+3.5	▲	▲	▲	-21.1	-52.5	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	43.84	60.69	45.26	+0.02	...	▲	▼	▲	-23.7	-17.4	12	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	106.18	165.43	166.96	+1.78	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	+17.9	+52.2	29	2.28
Home Depot	HD	144.25	207.61	174.91	+4.48	+0.3	▲	▼	▼	-7.7	+22.1	24	4.12F
IBM	IBM	139.13	171.13	160.91	+3.02	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	+4.9	-3.3	12	6.00
Lowe's Cos	LOW	70.76	108.98	86.16	+1.10	+0.1	▼	▲	▼	-7.3	+8.1	20	1.64
NY Times	NYT	14.20	25.70	22.40	-5.50	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	+21.1	+61.8	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	131.43	164.71	163.22	+1.10	+0.7	▲	▲	▼	+4.5	+27.1	24	4.44F
PepsiCo	PEP	105.94	122.51	108.87	-1.05	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	-9.2	+0.4	22	3.22
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	73.37	65.95	-1.50	-2.2	▼	▼	▼	+2.1	+28.9	16	1.60
Wal-Mart Strs	WMT	73.13	109.98	87.90	+1.06	+1.2	▲	▼	▼	-11.0	+21.5	20	2.08F
Xerox Corp	XRX	26.64	37.42	29.98	+0.92	+3.2	▲	▼	▲	+2.8	+6.2	37	...

MARKET WATCH

Dow	24,786.63	▲ 213.59
Nasdaq	7,281.10	▲ 124.82
S&P	2,706.39	▲ 28.55
Russell	1,579.80	▲ 16.77
NYSE	12,705.76	▲ 77.56

COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,347.20	▼ 0.30
Silver	16.772	▲ .110
Platinum	933.90	▲ 8.20
Copper	3.0750	▼ .0165
Oil	66.52	▲ 0.30

MARKET MOVERS

- **Tesla Inc.**: Down \$3.52 to \$287.69 — According to reports, the electric car maker again stopped production of its lower cost Model 3 sedan.
- **Netflix Inc.**: Up \$28.28 to \$336.06 — The streaming video service said it gained more than 7 million subscribers in the first quarter.

BRIEFCASE

LONDON UK wages rising faster than prices

Official figures show that wages in Britain are rising faster than prices, a positive development for households that will likely fuel expectations that the Bank of England will raise interest rates again next month.

The Office for National Statistics said Tuesday that average weekly earnings in the three months to February were up 2.8 percent from the year before. That's above the 2.7 percent inflation recorded during the month and suggests that the immediate squeeze on household incomes, largely stoked by Britain's vote in June 2016 to leave the European Union, has come to an end.

The Bank of England has hinted it could raise its main interest rate to 0.75 percent at its May 10 meeting.

HARTFORD, CONN. Sandy Hook families file suit against InfoWars' host

The families of two children slain in the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre have filed lawsuits against right-wing radio host and conspiracy theorist Alex Jones for claiming the shooting in Connecticut did not happen.

Neil Heslin, the father of Jesse Lewis, and Leonard Pozner and Veronique De La Rosa, the parents of Noah Pozner, filed separate defamation lawsuits seeking more than \$1 million in damages. The suits were filed late Monday in Travis County, Texas, where Jones' media company, InfoWars, is based.

WASHINGTON Supreme Court dismisses Microsoft search case

The Supreme Court has dismissed a dispute between the Trump administration and Microsoft over emails the government wanted as part of a drug trafficking investigation.

The justices on Tuesday agreed with both the administration and Microsoft that last month's passage of the Cloud Act as part of a spending bill resolves the dispute and makes the court's intervention unnecessary.

The Associated Press

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Mosquitoes, palmettos and hurricanes



Margaret McDowell

an oncoming storm, it might lower the power of hurricanes from a Category 5 to a Category 3.

Is it cost effective and practical? I don't know. But until this or another method is perfected, hurricanes may be the only thing preventing the population of Florida and the Gulf Coast from swelling with new residents.

Why? Taxes.

One of the most significant sections in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 limits deductions on state and local taxes (SALT) to \$10,000. Several highly taxed states, including New Jersey, California, Connecticut and New York, are attempting a state tax law workaround. But the IRS may not like it.

In New Jersey, the Legislature passed a law enabling cities to create charitable plans to pay for municipal projects. When taxpayers give money to those projects,

they receive a 90 percent credit on their property taxes, thus allowing most homeowners to effectively deduct almost all of their property taxes. Multiple states already allow similar charitable deductions, but some say New Jersey's statute has been created to specifically avoid complying with the new tax law.

When push reaches shove, I can't imagine the IRS smiling on such legislation. New Jersey was one of the most highly taxed states before the recent tax overhaul. The state features the highest effective property tax rate in the nation. For the last 14 years, property taxes there have increased by an average of 2 percent annually. Last year residents of Tavistock, N.J., paid an average of \$30,723 in property taxes. Yikes. They also pay state income tax at a rate of 6.37 percent on income over \$75,000

and 8.97 percent state taxes on income over \$500,000. Two years ago New Jersey raised its gas tax by 23 cents to 37.5 cents per gallon. That's right, per gallon. Twenty million residents paying moderate property taxes will create more revenue than a dwindling population paying exorbitant tax rates. As a state's population grows, sales tax revenue increases, also. The steady influx into the Gulf Coast of folks from overtaxed states seeking to lower their tax bills is not likely to ebb anytime soon. If scientists ever invent the Hurricane Diverter, I-95 may not be able to handle the influx of new residents headed this way.

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DIVERSIONS

Marriage loses intimacy after accident disables husband

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, my husband of 20 years was in a serious accident. He was placed on disability because of it. Because of the accident, he can't perform sexually because his "goods" don't work.

I am many years younger than he is and still in my prime. I need and want the cuddling and intimacy I'm not getting and haven't gotten for years. I have thought about finding a friend with benefits, but that's risky. I can't talk to him because he flips out and says, "Then leave!"

I feel our marriage has become just a living arrangement. Talking to a counselor or a doctor is out because he will refuse. Please help. -- **LOST AND LONELY**

DEAR LOST AND LONELY: Your marriage doesn't have to be "just a living arrangement." Although sex may no longer be possible with your husband, there's no reason why there can't

JEANNE PHILLIPS



be cuddling, intimacy and affection. Talking to a licensed marriage and family therapist will be helpful for you, whether or not your husband agrees to go with you.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Cheryl," and I have been married for 47 years. We are both over 70 and retired. Cheryl is a wonderful mother, grandmother, cook and more. We love to travel, dance, go to movies and play with our grandchildren.

The issue is, she's very picky with the housekeeping and refuses to hire any help because she says nobody can do the job she does. I feel it's affecting our marriage because after she spends a full day once a week cleaning, she ends up exhausted and in a bad

mood. I also feel guilty while she's doing all that work.

I don't think either one of us should have to do it. We are well-off and can easily pay someone to come for a full day of cleaning once a week. I keep telling her, to no avail, that she can't keep doing it forever. I welcome your suggestions.

-- **NEEDING HELP IN TEXAS**

DEAR NEEDING HELP:

Cheryl may think what she's doing is being a good old-fashioned housewife. Enlighten her to the fact that you feel her compulsiveness is detrimental to your marriage. Try this: Tell her again you want her to give a housekeeper a chance. Repeat that you can afford it. Explain that if she's not satisfied after the person has cleaned, you won't argue if she puts the "finishing touches" on what the cleaner may have missed. If you hire someone efficient, there won't be a lot left for her to do, and she won't be exhausted.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Troy," takes it as a personal offense that I won't share a hotel room with him and his younger son (age 15) when we go out of town to see his older son play college sports. Troy wants me to go to all of the games, but I have said I will only go when it's the 15-year-old's weekend to be at his mom's (Troy's two sons have different mothers).

I am extremely uncomfortable sharing the same hotel room, and Troy refuses to get separate rooms. Do you agree that I'm unreasonable? --

"BAD SPORT" IN OHIO

DEAR "BAD SPORT":

No, I do not. You should not be talked into doing anything that makes you uncomfortable, so stick to your guns.

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» BRIDGE

Searching beneath the surface

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♦ 5 ♣
Pass Pass 5 ♦ Pass
Pass Dble
Opening lead — jack of clubs.

The key to good declarer play is the ability to figure out how the unseeen cards are divided. If declarer could see all four hands instead of only two, he would seldom fail to achieve the best possible result.

The knack of determining how the defenders' cards are divided can be acquired by anyone willing to take the trouble to assemble the necessary clues. In doing so, declarer forms a composite picture consistent with the bidding and plays that have already taken place.

Tomorrow: The Rule of Eleven.

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Today's deal illustrates how the process works. South is in five diamonds doubled, and West leads a club. Declarer ruffs and plays a diamond to the ten, losing to the ace. Back comes a club, ruffed by South, and after cashing the trump king, declarer is at the critical point of the hand.

His only problem is to avoid losing two heart tricks. He can do this easily enough, if West has the ace, by leading twice toward the K-Q. But if East has the ace, this method of play fails, since a second heart trick would eventually have to be lost.

Before broaching the suit, South must first try to decide which opponent is more apt to have the ace. This is not really difficult, since it's highly unlikely that East would double five diamonds unless he had the ace of hearts.

South therefore leads a heart and, after West follows low, finesses the nine! This works like a charm because West happens to hold both the jack and ten, so declarer loses only one heart trick.

Considering the bidding, the nine is clearly the right play to make — even though it requires a substantial measure of good luck to succeed. But the fact remains that once East is credited with the ace of hearts, there is no other hope of making the contract than the deep finesse.

» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2018,

This year you open up to many different possibilities. The unexpected occurs and forces you to deal with new situations and different types of answers. As a result, you will grow and understand your priorities better. If you are single, it might be difficult to build a long-term relationship, as so much is going on in your life. Toward your next birthday, you could be more successful with meeting Mr. or Ms. Right. If you are attached, the two of you share the ups and downs together. You will learn more and more about the art of communication. GEMINI has the gift of gab.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) You will want to steer clear of uproar, especially when it involves your finances. Your witty personality emerges when discussing a problem. Know that you are capable of communicating your bottom line.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) You might be handling a personal problem well, but you also must deal with a money issue. Your hands

are full, but you will step up to the plate. Others will get your message, though you probably will need to try a few different approaches.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)

Do not lose sight of your priorities. You might be mulling over a situation in your mind, as you aren't quite ready to discuss it yet. You still might hold back until later in the afternoon, when your research on this matter gives you confidence.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)

You might wake up thinking about a friend or a specific errand that pleases you. You could be surprised by a loved one's response to an idea you have. Keep your opinions to yourself for now. You know how to use timing well, so do just that.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

The unexpected occurs. Try to gain a clearer understanding of what is happening. You are likely to open up more in order to see a specific situation differently. You will be able to empathize with those involved.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

Pressure builds, and you aren't quite sure why. The feeling that you need to perform to your highest level

emerges. That knowledge could be difficult to handle, especially if you know that a boss is likely to be observing your behavior.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You've come to understand what is motivating a partner. Detach from this person, and understand why he or she makes certain demands. Your interactions with this person will become a lot stronger as a result.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

You cannot minimize what is happening around you. Allow yourself to pull back some and observe, and it is likely to make a difference in how you proceed. You also will gain a new insight. A conversation about spending could be significant.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

You might recognize that you need to be free to decide what works

best for you. Play the next few days with a type of quiet observation. You suddenly could decide to jump ship, which might trigger a feeling of upset.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Some self-discipline goes far for you, and allows you to approach a situation in a more dynamic way. Flow with the moment, and work on making a difference in a day-to-day matter. You could be much more in tune with a project than you realize.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

Laugh and be more playful with others; encourage them to see the full dimension of their personalities. Opportunities stem from brainstorming with associates. Be careful with your word choice when explaining where you are coming from.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)

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» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, the 108th day of 2018. There are 257 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On April 18, 1938, Superman, AKA "The Man of Steel," made his debut as the first issue of Action Comics (bearing a cover date of June) went on sale for 10 cents a copy. (In

2014, a nearly flawless original copy was sold on eBay for \$3.2 million.)

ON THIS DATE:

In 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride from Charlestown to Lexington, Massachusetts, warning colonists that British Regular troops were approaching.

In 1923, the first game was played at the original Yankee

Stadium in New York; the Yankees defeated the Boston Red Sox 4-1.

In 1956, American actress Grace Kelly married Prince Rainier of Monaco in a civil ceremony. (A church wedding took place the next day.)

In 1966, "The Sound of Music" won the Oscar for best picture of 1965 at the 38th

Academy Awards. The first Major League baseball game played on AstroTurf took place at the Houston Astrodome as the Los Angeles Dodgers defeated the Astros 6-3.

In 1978, the Senate approved the Panama Canal Treaty, providing for the complete turnover of control of the waterway to Panama on the last day of 1999.

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4-18 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Z V B X Q C S C T X R M B R A V C N O F .

— Q P Q G F S Z C T A O

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE ARE TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE, THOSE WHO FINISH WHAT THEY START AND SO ON. — ROBERT BYRNE

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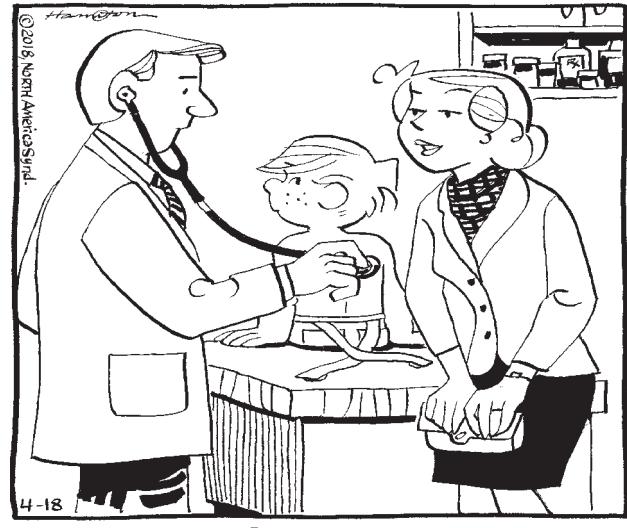
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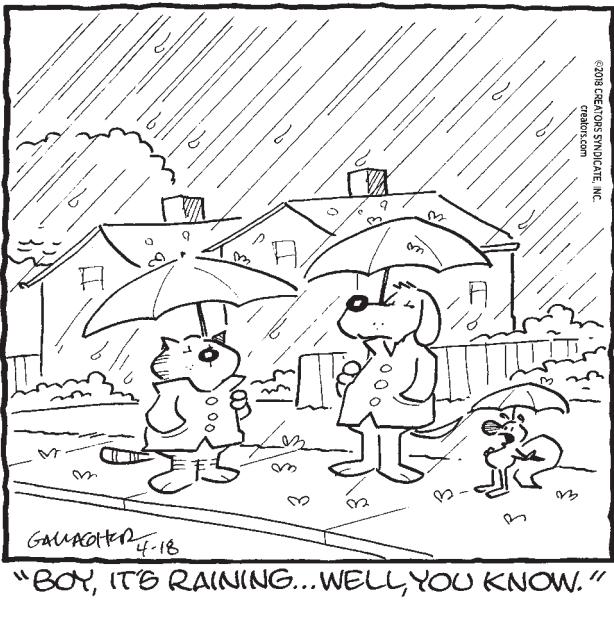
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"DENNIS HASN'T BEEN HIMSELF LATELY. IS THERE ANYTHING I COULD DO TO KEEP THAT GOING?"

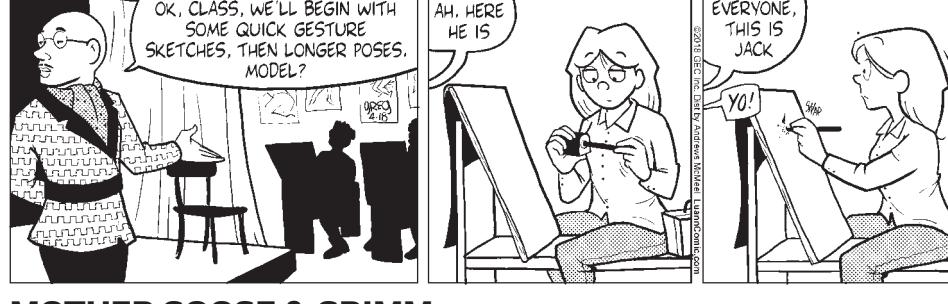
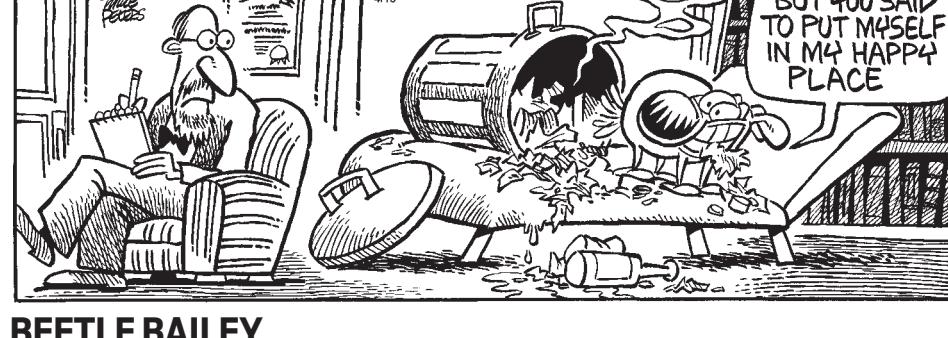
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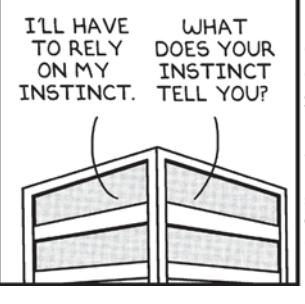
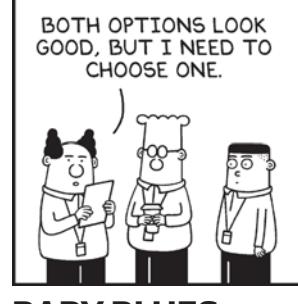
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"BOY, IT'S RAINING...WELL, YOU KNOW."

LUANN

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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DILBERT

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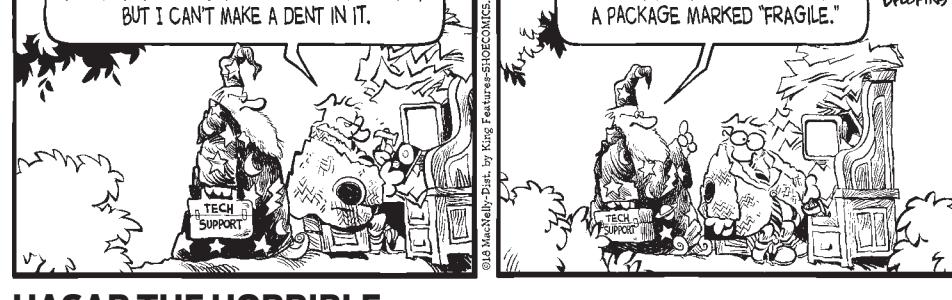
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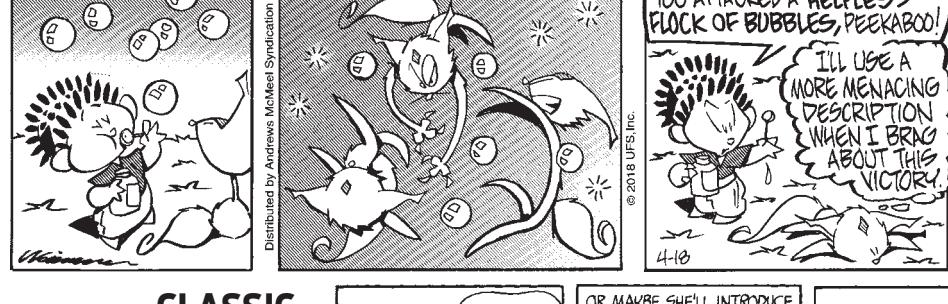
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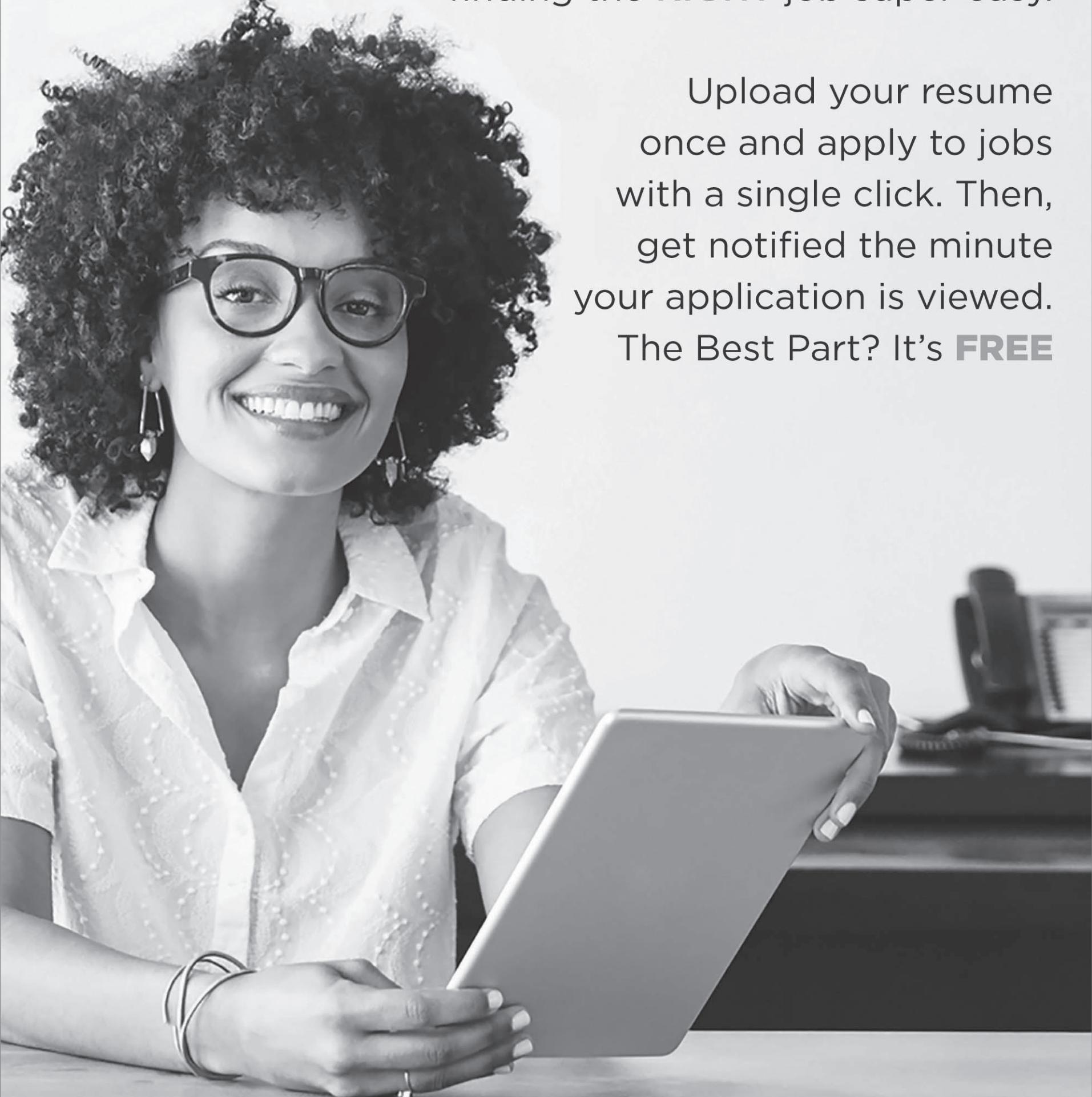
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KATHRYN J. DILL A/K/A KATHRYN JUNE DILL; ROYAL HIGHLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; SUNTRUST BANK; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATHRYN J. DILL A/K/A KATHRYN JUNE DILL; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 19th day of March, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017 CA 001448, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and KATHRYN J. DILL A/K/A KATHRYN JUNE DILL ROYAL HIGHLANDS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. SUNTRUST BANK UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATHRYN J. DILL A/K/A KATHRYN JUNE DILL; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. NEIL KELLY as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the, LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 550 W. MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FL 32778, 11:00 AM on the 22nd day of May, 2018, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 195, ROYAL HIGHLANDS, PHASE 1, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 3 THROUGH 8, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Dated this 20 day of March, 2018.

NEIL KELLY
Clerk Of The Circuit Court

By: /s/ D. Davis
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CASE NO. 35-2017-CA-002192

UNITED SOUTHERN BANK,

Plaintiff,
vs.

JOHN A. GRAY, his wife, whose real name is uncertain, if living: SHAWN E. GRAY, if living, and if married, JOE ROE, her husband, whose real name is uncertain, if living; including any unknown spouse of said Defendants, if either has remarried and if either or both of said Defendants are deceased, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, creditors, liens and trustees, and all other persons claiming by, through, under or against the named Defendants; JOHN DOE and JANE DOE, and all other persons in possession of the subject real property whose real names are uncertain,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: JOHN A. GRAY
325 Lakeshore Drive
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for foreclosure as to the following property in Lake County, Florida:

Lots 1 and 1A, Block 1, of PALMORA PARK, a subdivision of the City of Leesburg, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 5, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

AND that part of Lot 2, Block 1, of PALMORA PARK SUBDIVISION, as shown by the plat thereof, filed and recorded in Plat Book 5, Page 5, Public Records of Lake County, Flor-

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Ida, described as follows: From the intersection of the North boundary of Section 35, Township 19 South, Range 24 East, with the East line of Sixth Street, run South 0°34' East 49.91 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 2 for Point of Beginning, thence South 84°26' East along the Northernly line of Lot 2, Block 1 to the low water mark of Lake Harris; begin as before, run South 0°34' East 14.00 feet, thence South 82°34'20" East to the low water mark of Lake Harris, thence Northeasterly along the low water mark of Lake Harris to intersect the first described line, EXCEPTING the 50 foot right of way of Lake Shore Drive. It is the intention to describe a strip of land, adjacent to the Southerly line of Lot 1, Block 1, PALMORA PARK SUBDIVISION, fronting 14.00 feet on Sixth Street, and 25.00 feet on Lake Shore Drive.

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has been filed against you, and that you are required to serve a copy of your answer or pleading to the Complaint upon the Plaintiff's attorney, G. Edward Clement, Esquire, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A., at 308 East Fifth Avenue, Mount Dora, Florida 32757, and file the original answer or pleading in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, on or before 30 days from the first date of publication. If you fail to do so, a Default Judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

Dated on this 13 day of April, 2018.

NEIL KELLY
Clerk of the Court

By: /S/ D. LATOURELLE
As Deputy Clerk

Submitted By:
Edward Clement, Esquire
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 35-2016-CA-000716-AXXX-XX

MTGLQ INVESTORS, L.P.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RAPHAEL T. CHRISTIE; et.al.,

Defendant(s).

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of the court on March 19, 2018.

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CLERK OF THE COURT

(COURT SEAL)

By: /s/ D. Davis
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Attorney for Plaintiff:

Brian L. Rosaler, Esquire
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