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## McCain called one of nation's 'bravest souls'



Members of the public walk past the flag-draped casket bearing the remains of John McCain, who worked in Congress over four decades, Friday in the U.S. Capitol rotunda in Washington. [J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

### Senator remembered as a model for nation during war and peace

By Laurie Kellman and Matthew Daly  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders saluted John McCain Friday as a model of service in war and peace, "one of the bravest souls our nation has ever produced," in a memorial ceremony at the heart of the political battlefield where he fought for more than three

decades.

Then thousands of fellow Americans, who had lined up outside the U.S. Capitol in stifling heat, began filing past in the majestic rotunda to say goodbye as he lay in state.

McCain, the Arizona senator who died Saturday at 81, was remembered as a man who inspired other leaders even as he vexed them with a rebellious streak and impish humor. Absent from the event was Donald Trump, invited to stay away by the family of the senator, who had deep disagreements with the

president.

McCain's service in Vietnam, and his refusal to be released early as a prisoner of war, made the setting of Friday's service all the more fitting, some said.

"Half a world away, wearing our nation's uniform, John McCain stood up for every value that this Capitol Building represents," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell told the crowd of McCain's family, friends and aides. "Then, he brought that

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## Playing hardball

### Eustis Little League season delayed over field maintenance

By Payne Ray pray  
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EUSTIS — The Eustis Little League delayed its season this week after it ran into trouble securing the use of its long-time field at 450 Golf Links Avenue.

The Lake County School Board, which owns the field, locked the league out of the complex over concerns about whether the league has maintained the field as required by its lease.

The league had a lease with the Lake County School Board for more than 20 years allowing them to use the field in exchange for its maintenance, but the board contends Eustis Little League has failed to uphold the bargain.

League President Jerry Himes said the league, which relies on volunteers and gets



Eustis Little League President Jerry Himes shows the work that they have done on the stands while using the fields. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

no official support, has struggled the last few years but they've been doing the best they can.

"When you have 80 kids

playing ball and only a handful of volunteers, it can get rough some years," Himes said. "It's harder and harder to do when the field is not

being maintained the way other fields are."

School Board Chairwoman

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### School safety panel will recommend best practices

By Maria Danilova  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal panel convened after the deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida, will issue a series of best practices to make schools safer, including recommendations on arming teachers, a senior Education Department official told The Associated Press. Age restrictions on gun purchases also are being considered.

Frank Brogan, assistant secretary of elementary and secondary education, emphasized that there is no one-size-fits-all approach to school safety and that states and local jurisdictions have leeway to decide for themselves how to approach it.

Asked whether federal grants could be used to purchase firearms for schools, Brogan told the AP on Thursday that

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## Queen of Soul gets grand send-off

### Presidents, pop stars join in epic farewell to singer Aretha Franklin

By Jeff Karoub  
The Associated Press

DETROIT — Former presidents and preachers joined a parade of pop stars Friday in a singing, hip-swaying, piano-pounding farewell to Aretha Franklin, remembering the

Queen of Soul as a powerful force for musical and political change and a steadfast friend.

In a send-off both grand and personal, an all-star lineup of mourners filled the same Detroit church that hosted Rosa Parks' funeral and offered prayers, songs and dozens of tributes. Guests included former President

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Ariana Grande performs during the funeral service for Aretha Franklin, Friday at Greater Grace Temple in Detroit. Franklin died Aug. 16 of cancer at the age of 76. [PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



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### MULLEN ERA

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# NATION & WORLD

**IN BRIEF**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARK.**  
Ark. governor's nephew leaves state Senate amid charges

A nephew of Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson resigned from the state Senate on Friday after being charged with spending thousands of dollars in campaign funds on personal expenses, including a Caribbean cruise, tuition payments and groceries, prosecutors announced Friday.

Former state Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson, a Republican who wasn't seeking re-election, is charged with eight counts of wire fraud and four counts of filing false tax returns. Federal prosecutors allege that from 2010 through 2017, he used campaign money to pay for personal expenses that also included Netflix fees, jewelry, a gym membership and his utility bills.

**MANAGUA, NICARAGUA**  
Nicaragua to expel UN team after critical report

The government of Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega is expelling a United Nations human rights team two days after the body published a critical report blaming it for the violent repression of opposition protests.

Guillermo Fernandez Maldonado, chief of the U.N.'s human rights mission in Nicaragua, said Friday in a news conference that he and his team would leave the country Saturday.

"We put forward the report not to polarize, but rather to make known what we had seen," Fernandez said. "This has had a lot of media coverage and we did not expect the government's reaction in this sense. We only did our job."

**LONDON**  
UN: 'Substantial risks' remain in Congo's Ebola outbreak

The World Health Organization says "substantial risks" remain in the ongoing Ebola outbreak in northeastern Congo, noting that while control measures appear to be working, health officials are still unable to track exactly where the deadly virus is spreading.

The U.N. health agency in a new statement says most patients recently admitted to Ebola clinics were given experimental treatments and that many contacts of cases have been immunized with a novel vaccine.

Four of the 13 new cases from the city of Beni were not previously identified as contacts, meaning officials don't know how they were exposed to Ebola.

*The Associated Press*

**LOTTERY**

Thursday, Aug. 30  
**Cash 4 Life:** 5-45-50-52-53-1  
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Friday, Aug. 31  
Pick 5  
**Afternoon:** 5-8-5-3-2  
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**Afternoon:** 9-9-6-2  
Pick 3  
**Afternoon:** 9-6-0  
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# Charges raise pressure over reuniting families

By Julie Watson and Marcos Aleman  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Trump administration is under increasing pressure to speed up the reunification of immigrant families it separated at the Mexican border, following allegations three youngsters were sexually abused while in U.S. custody.

The government of El Salvador said the three, ages 12 to 17, were victimized at shelters in Arizona, and it asked the U.S. to make their return a priority.

"May they leave the shelters as soon as possible, because it is there that they are the most vulnerable," Deputy Foreign Relations Minister Liduvina Magarin said in San Salvador on Thursday.

The U.S. government is already facing heavy criticism over its slow pace in reuniting more than 2,600 children who were separated from their parents last spring before the Trump administration agreed to stop the practice. Most have since been reunited, but hundreds remain apart more than a month after the deadline set by a federal judge.

Before the Trump administration reversed course, many of the parents had been deported to their home countries while their children remained in shelters in the U.S.

Attorneys for the U.S. government and the immigrant families were scheduled to discuss how to accelerate the process at a hearing Friday in San Diego in front of U.S. District Judge Dana Sabraw, who set the deadline.

Magarin gave few details on the three cases other than to say they involved "sexual violations, sexual abuses." She said her government is ready with lawyers and psychologists to help the families, adding: "The psychological and emotional impact is forever."

"It's unbelievable that children who were fleeing violence here were met in the United States with the worst violence



This May 25 photo provided by Evelin Roxana Meyer shows her son, Eduardo Almendarez Meyer, right, alongside his father and her husband, Douglas Almendarez, in La Union, Honduras, a day before they left for the United States. Evelin was told in August that her son won't be leaving the U.S. until Nov. 27. Eduardo has been held at a government-contracted shelter in Brownsville, Texas, since he was separated from his father in early June. [EVELIN ROXANA MEYER VIA AP, FILE]

a child could encounter," said Cesar Rios, director of the Salvadoran Migrant Institute.

In trying to reunite families, the Trump administration has put the onus on the American Civil Liberties Union, asking that the organization use its "considerable resources" to find parents in their home countries, mostly Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras.

The governments of those countries and nonprofit organizations have been trying to locate the families. Those efforts have included posting public notices and putting hotline numbers on billboards in the hope a parent missing a child might see the signs and call.

"Every day that these children are separated and left in government facilities does more damage," said Lee Gelernt, an ACLU attorney representing separated families. "Even if the facilities

were palaces, the separation of young children from their parents causes potentially permanent trauma."

More than 300 parents who have been deported are waiting for their sons and daughters to be returned to them in their homelands. Many are growing increasingly anxious.

Among them is Evelin Roxana Meyer, whose 11-year-old son, Eduardo Almendarez Meyer, was told this week that he won't be leaving the U.S. until Nov. 27. He has been held at a government-contracted shelter in Brownsville, Texas, since he was separated from his father in early June.

The boy's mother said her husband was told when he signed his deportation papers that his son would be waiting for him in Honduras.

"Now it'll be six months before we see him? Oh my God," Meyer said Friday, crying during a telephone

interview from her hometown of La Union. "I don't know why it's taking so long. My son is worried. He tells me, 'More time here, Mommy? Oh, no. Why?' I don't know what to tell him."

Child psychologist Barbara Van Dahlen, founder of Give an Hour, a network of mental health professions that is offering to counsel the separated families, said the reports of abuse are likely to worsen the immigrant parents' anxieties.

"I can't imagine the stress, the anxiety, the terror, if I was separated from my child, and then the thought that possibly some of these kids are being abused," Van Dahlen said. "It would be so debilitating and destructive that it would be hard for some parents to function."

Aleman reported from San Salvador, El Salvador.

## DATELINES

**DENVER**



In this June 12, 2014, photo, natural gas is burned off near pumps in Watford City, N.D. The Trump administration is rolling back some U.S. regulations on climate-changing methane pollution, calling them expensive and burdensome, but Colorado says its rules are working — and they have industry support. Energy companies have found and repaired about 73,000 methane leaks since 2015 under a state-required oil field inspection program. [AP]

**NEW YORK**



In this Nov. 27, 2013, photo, plastic newspaper boxes for The Village Voice stand along a Manhattan sidewalk in New York. The Pulitzer Prize-winning alternative weekly known for its muckraking investigations, exhaustive arts criticism, naughty personal ads and neurosis-laden cartoons, is going out of business after 63 years. Its publisher, Peter Barbey, announced Friday that the paper is ceasing publication because of financial problems. [AP]

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# LOCAL & STATE

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### WILDWOOD Reckless driver causes semi to flip over on I-75

A tractor trailer overturned on Interstate 75 Friday afternoon after an unidentified driver cut off the truck, forcing it to lose control.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the truck was heading north on I-75 near the Wildwood exit when a car on the inside lane veered across the road into the path of the truck. The semi driver swerved to avoid a crash, then veered back across the road and the truck overturned, colliding with another car.

Troopers say the driver of the car that caused the wreck continued on without stopping and has not been identified.

The truck driver, who resides in California, and the driver of the car that he hit, a 74-year-old Orlando man, both suffered minor injuries, troopers say.

### FORT PIERCE Man arrested for giving a wet willy

Authorities say a man has been arrested for being belligerent and giving his girlfriend a wet willy.

A St. Lucie County sheriff's deputy went to the home after Joseph Sireci's girlfriend told authorities he was drunk on the living room floor when she returned from work earlier this month.

According to an affidavit, she said Sireci accompanied her and her daughter to another home where Sireci continued to be belligerent and on the way home, grabbed her hand, pulled her arm and gave her a wet willy by sticking his wet finger in her ear.

The daughter confirmed her mother's account. Their names were not released.

Treasure Coast Newspapers reports Sireci was charged with battery. He declined to give a written statement, but said he wasn't drunk.

### SPRING HILL Dad's alleged bomb threat at school is a bummer

A mix up over an alleged bomb threat brought deputies out to an elementary school. Turns out it was just a parent complaining they looked like a bum.

Hernando County Sheriff's officials say a father was late picking up his child from Chocachatti Elementary's after school program Thursday and was angry he was told to wait in his car for the bus to return.

The YMCA worker said he heard the father muttering that he didn't have shoes and something about a bomb. The worker reported the alleged threat to authorities and deputies searched the school campus but didn't find anything.

Authorities also questioned the father at home about the alleged bomb. He told deputies he was upset because he wasn't wearing shoes and said he looked like a bum.

No charges will be filed.

### OCALA Man convicted of killing wife, unborn child

A man has been convicted of killing his pregnant wife and unborn child.

The Ocala-Star Banner reports that 48-year-old Vincent LaSara Terry was found guilty Thursday of two counts of second-degree murder. He faces life in prison at a Oct. 1 sentencing.

Authorities say Chrystal Terry disappeared in December 2017 when she was a little more than 4 months pregnant. Investigators later found photos of the woman dead, naked and beaten on Vincent Terry's phone. They also reported finding a large blood stain on the floor of the couple's Summerfield home.

Terry's attorney argued that the woman disappeared because she went on a drug binge, and she wasn't dead in the photos on Terry's phone.

## Gillum's youth could benefit Nelson

By John Kennedy  
GateHouse Capital Bureau

TALLAHASSEE — Andrew Gillum's surprise victory in the Democratic primary for governor could provide much-needed fuel for the campaign of another Democrat on the ballot — U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson.

Locked in a fierce re-election battle with Republican Gov. Rick Scott, Nelson has been outspent four-to-one and trails narrowly in polls. Scott has tarred him in a barrage of TV ads as too old, too partisan and too Washington to deserve a fourth Senate term.

But now, Nelson has in Gillum a 39-year-old, black progressive Democratic ticket-mate expected to drive November turnout among minority voters and younger Floridians, cohorts

not naturally drawn to the 75-year-old senator whose political career began in 1972.

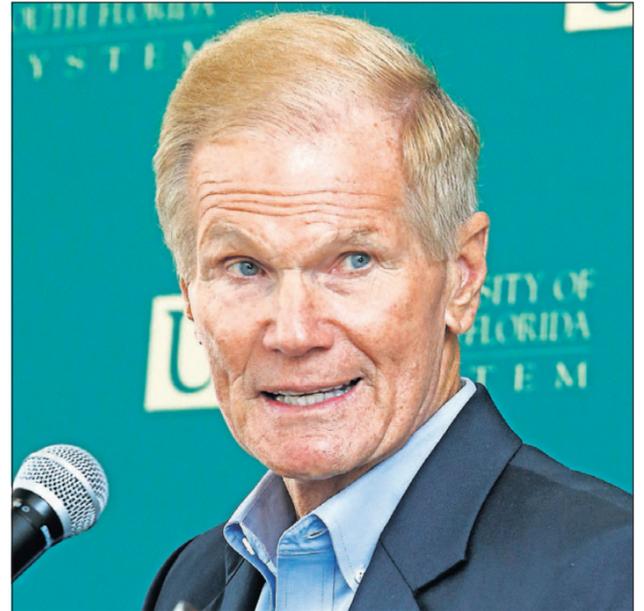
"Absolutely, Bill Nelson will get an edge because of Gillum," said Shane Rogers-Mauro, with Indivisible South Florida, a progressive advocacy group whose statewide organization endorsed Gillum in the primary.

"Rick Scott already is not popular with Democrats, and with a lot of independents. But Gillum will bring more and more minority voters into the election in November, and they'll also vote for Nelson," he said.

The Scott campaign, however, said it isn't worried about a surge of black Democratic voters.

A post-primary memo from Scott campaign

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United States Sen. Bill Nelson speaks during a press conference on the Dozier School investigation at the Galleria part of the University of South Florida Research Park in Tampa on Sept. 25, 2014. [THE LEDGER/PIERRE DUCHARME]

## Heads in the clouds

### Treadway students helping NASA with cloud observations

Staff Report

Marile Colon Robles, an atmospheric scientist at NASA Langley Research Center, has been conducting a virtual training for all fifth grade students at Treadway Elementary in Leesburg on how to upload observations for NASA atmospheric scientists.

The cloud program, known as GLOBE, is a specific scientific observation protocol for students to record data about local cloud formations and then upload that data to NASA for their scientists to use as ground truth observations to confirm the scans they download from the CERES satellite and Aquos and Terra instruments.

Colon Robles trained the students on proper cloud observation technique and how to use the app. All Treadway fifth grade students will be making these daily cloud observations to update to NASA, becoming junior researchers for the cloud protocols and for a brand new protocol on contrails.

Treadway is only one of four schools world-wide using the contrail protocol for NASA, school district officials say.

Colon Robles checked in virtually with the students on Friday.



Reyna Pekkala, Marcus Mason and Carson Oliver observe contrails to report the data to NASA at Treadway Elementary School in Leesburg on Friday. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]



Students listen as NASA atmospheric scientist Marile Colon Robles talks about cloud research at Treadway Elementary School in Leesburg on Friday. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]



Lake County School Board Member Stephanie Luke watches as student Ashlyn Clements logs her data at Treadway Elementary School in Leesburg on Friday. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

## Corrections officials fight war against contraband

By Frank Stanfield  
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TAVARES — Lake County sheriff's undercover detectives arrested a civilian employee of the county jail Wednesday evening and charged her with smuggling contraband to an inmate.

Kathy Beasley, 62, who had been a cook at the jail for 13 years, admitted smuggling marijuana, tobacco and a cell phone to an inmate.

"...she had developed a friendship with the inmate and she felt sorry for him," according to a sheriff's press release.

The investigation began a month ago when a prisoner reported that the items were being brought into the jail.

On the same day, investigators arrested prisoner Anthony M. Decotis Jr., 30, and charged him with introduction of contraband into a detention facility when they found a cell phone and a pair of headphones in his possession.

"When specifically asked how he had gotten the contraband the defendant stated that he 'didn't have the heart' to tell....," according to the arrest affidavit. Decotis has

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## Warm, wet holiday weekend on tap

By Dinah Voyles Pulver  
GateHouse Media

Warm, wet and windy conditions will prevail this holiday weekend, with the most rain expected on Labor Day as a tropical wave crosses over southern Florida.

The system is expected to bring widespread rainfall of about 1 - 1.25 inches across Lake and Sumter counties over the next few days. However, the National Weather Service said as much as 2 to 3 inches of rain could fall with storms in isolated areas.

The wave, in the north-eastern Caribbean near Hispaniola, has a low chance of becoming a tropical system, with a less than 10 percent chance after it crosses Florida. It's forecast to move across the state



A man crosses North Sinclair Avenue during a rainstorm in Tavares. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Sunday through Monday, then into the Gulf of Mexico.

Meanwhile, off the coast of Africa, the season's sixth named storm, Florence, is expected to form. As of Friday afternoon, the storm

was about 70 miles south-southwest of the Cabo Verde Islands and had winds of 35 mph. That storm is forecast to move northward into the Atlantic and become a hurricane by Wednesday.

Locally, typical Florida summer afternoons are expected Saturday and Sunday with scattered afternoon storms. However, an increased chance of rip currents is forecast along local beaches, with the risk growing over the weekend.

Given the rain that already has fallen this summer, and the standing water, the Weather Service said heavier rainfall amounts could produce ponding in roads and other low-lying areas.

St. Johns River Water Management District officials said Friday they are monitoring water levels in the St. Johns and Ocklawaha Rivers.

River levels are forecast to remain steady or fall slightly, but the Weather Service said

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## INMEMORY

## Funeral Services

Lori Kepner – Mangos



Lori Kepner – Mangos, 50 of Fruitland Park passed away peacefully Thursday, August 30, 2018. Mrs. Kepner was born May 6, 1968 in Fort Hood, TX to James Edward Bates and Clara Mae (Riddle) Bates. She has lived in Florida all her life. Lori was the Circulation Manager for the Daily Commercial. She was a member of The Fellowship Church in Bassville Park. Lori was very devoted to her Christian faith and loved reading her Bible and going to Bible Studies. She enjoyed scrapbooking, crossword puzzles, cooking and dancing. Lori loved people and never met a stranger as she would strike up a conversation with anyone. Everyone who met her loved her. She is preceded in death by her grandmother and grandfather, Ester (Witt) Riddle & Marvin Riddle. Survivors include her loving and devoted husband of 8 years, Michael Mangos; children, Chelsea

& Jeremy Giles of Fruitland Park, Haylee Kepner of Leesburg and Brandon Kepner of Fruitland Park; mother and stepfather Clara and Owen Valentine of Summerfield; stepfather, Jesse Phillips of Leesburg; siblings, James & Ali Bates of Umatilla and Kathy Strickland (Sean Roberts) of Leesburg; 2 granddaughters, Brooklyn & Kinsley Giles. Numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces and Nephews. Lori will be deeply missed by her family and friends so please join us as we honor her in a celebration of life. Visitation will be 6:00 – 8:00pm, Saturday, September 1, 2018 in the Banks/Page-Theus Chapel. Funeral services will be 2:00pm, Sunday, September 2, 2018 in the Banks/Page-Theus Chapel with interment in Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park. On-line condolences may be shared by visiting [www.bankspageotheus.com](http://www.bankspageotheus.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Banks/Page-Theus Funerals and Cremations, 410 Webster St, Wildwood, FL 34785.

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## Trump considering litigator Cipollone to replace McGahn

By Carol D. Leonnig  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump is eyeing Washington litigator Pat Cipollone to replace outgoing White House counsel Donald McGahn, according to two people familiar with the president's thinking.

This week, Trump interviewed Cipollone, a former Justice Department attorney who practices commercial litigation at Stein Mitchell Cipollone Beato & Missner, the people said. Trump is "strongly considering" Cipollone for the job, one person said.

Cipollone has been advising Trump's outside legal team since at least June. He is also close to Emmet Flood, a White House lawyer who is helping handle the special-counsel investigation and is himself being considered for the top legal position.

Cipollone did not respond to a request for comment.

Trump announced Wednesday that McGahn, who has led the administration's efforts to reshape the judiciary, will leave his post in the coming weeks after the confirmation process of Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh.

Trump tweeted Thursday he was "very excited about the person who will be taking the place of

Donald McGahn as White House Counsel."

According to the biography on his firm's website, Cipollone has practiced in commercial litigation, trade regulation and health-care fraud. He has extensive expertise in defending corporations as well as handling complex federal investigations and "prepublication negotiations" over defamatory media reports.

He is a former partner at the law firm Kirkland and Ellis, whose attorneys have included Kavanaugh, Supreme Court nominee Robert Bork and former George W. Bush administration solicitor general Paul Clement.

Cipollone is well regarded among some of Trump's senior advisers, including the president's outside attorneys, Jay Sekulow and Rudy Giuliani.

"Pat Cipollone is a brilliant attorney," said Sekulow, declining to comment on the status of Trump's decision. "I have had the privilege to work with him and can attest to his skill, integrity and knowledge of the law. If selected by the president, he would make an outstanding White House counsel."

"I know both Pat and Emmet very well, and either one would be an excellent choice," Giuliani said.

Trump is being urged to make a decision soon to

bring in someone who can help the White House deal with special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation and the threat of impeachment if Democrats gain control of the House, people close to the president said.

Meanwhile, the White House Counsel's Office has dwindled to about 25 lawyers, down from roughly 35 earlier in the administration, and many of Trump's allies fear he does not have the staff or strategy to contend with looming legal challenges.

Flood is well regarded in the White House, but some Trump advisers would like to see him remain in his current position, focused on fighting off a potential subpoena from Mueller. Flood and Cipollone probably would work well together, according to people who know them.

"Emmet has tremendous respect for Pat's ability as a lawyer, his judgment and his integrity," said one person who has talked to Flood about Cipollone. This person and others spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly.

Cipollone is not a household name but is well respected among Washington lawyers for his nuanced work on complex federal investigations and corporate defense. He worked at the Justice Department in the 1990s under then-Attorney

General William P. Barr as Barr's counsel for communications and special projects.

"He is a lawyer's lawyer, with great breadth of experience, the utmost integrity and superb judgment," Barr said in a statement.

"Pat Cipollone is the kind of lawyer that lawyers seek advice from," said Bill Nettles, who served as U.S. attorney in South Carolina under President Barack Obama, adding that Cipollone would make "an extraordinary White House counsel."

Cipollone's firm was founded by a historic figure in the Washington bar - Jacob A. "Jake" Stein, who won a rare victory during Watergate, securing an acquittal for a lawyer for President Richard Nixon's re-election committee whose co-defendants were convicted.

Cipollone is active in the Catholic community, having served on the board of the Catholic Information Center, a group that organizes events in Washington, as well as the Board of Visitors of the Columbus School of Law. He is listed as a part of the leadership team of the Foundation Stone Institute, a group that aims to strengthen ties between Catholics and Israelis. He was a founding member of the National Catholic Prayer Breakfast, according to his biography with that group.

## Today's Services

**FINGER** - Margaret L. Finger, A Graveside Service will be held today, 10:00 AM at Hillcrest Memorial Gardens, Leesburg. Page Theus Funerals & Cremations 914 West Main St. Leesburg, FL 34748 352-787-5511 [www.pagetheusfunerals.com](http://www.pagetheusfunerals.com)

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## WARM

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small rises in the river level could occur.

The St. Johns River Water Management District offers these tips for preparing for heavy rainfall. Residents could prepare for heavy rain by:

- Keeping debris out of storm drains and ditches
- Reporting clogged ditches to local governments
- Cleaning out gutters and extending downspouts at least four feet from structures
- Building up the ground around the home to promote drainage away from the foundation

## NELSON

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manager Jackie Schutz Zeckman cast doubt about any signs of a Democratic blue wave, noting that 100,000 more Republicans cast ballots in Tuesday's contests.

Scott's rout of his Republican primary opponent, Rocky De La Fuente, is another indicator of the governor's support, said spokesman Chris Hartline.

"Rick Scott received more votes than any U.S. Senate candidate in Florida history," Hartline said. "We are confident that the excitement is there to elect Rick Scott and send do-nothing Bill Nelson home."

Black voters, who overwhelmingly favor Democratic candidates, comprise 13 percent of the state's electorate. Like all Americans, they tend to vote in their largest numbers during presidential contests.

Midterm elections, like this year, typically see a sharp drop-off in overall turnout, particularly among minorities.

Analysts, though, think Gillum could change that, after making history as the first black Floridian nominated for governor

by a major party.

Nelson has benefited before from a rise in minority voting, easily winning a third term in the Senate in 2012 when President Obama helped drive black turnout in his re-election campaign.

Nelson and Gillum made their initial, post-primary appearance together Friday at a Democratic "unity" rally in Orlando, featuring the party's statewide contenders and the four gubernatorial rivals the Tallahassee mayor defeated in winning the nomination.

"I am going to be there side by side with Andrew and we're going to take this to victory," Nelson told the crowd at a union hall. "We're going to turn Florida around."

Gillum also offered praise.

"Sen. Nelson is a stalwart to all of the things we believe," Gillum said.

It's likely the first of many events this fall where Nelson shares the spotlight with Gillum and, perhaps, the Democratic nominee for attorney general, Sean Shaw, son of the late Leander Shaw, the first African American to become chief justice of the Florida Supreme Court.

Carlie Waibel, a Nelson spokeswoman,

said Nelson and Gillum share similar policy goals.

"Sen. Nelson and Mayor Gillum agree on strengthening our public schools, whereas Rick Scott gutted education. Sen. Nelson and the mayor can work together on expanding access to health care, too," Waibel said, adding the pair see "eye-to-eye" on improving the state's environment and economy.

But Nelson may also have to weigh how much he wants to partner with the progressive Gillum during the two-month campaign ahead.

While Gillum may move his policies closer to the middle in coming weeks, he has still called for impeaching President Trump, creating a single-payer health system, legalizing marijuana and abolishing the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

"If Gillum is seen as ultra-left, Nelson will have to be careful about losing his appeal to more middle-of-the-road and conservative voters that he has always appealed to," said Susan MacManus, a University of South Florida political scientist.

"Minority voters and Gen X, millennials and

Generation Z voters may be excited to come out and vote. But he also can't risk losing mainstream voters to Scott," she added.

Nationally, Democrats see a Nelson victory as key for the party to have any hope of regaining control of the U.S. Senate in the November election.

But the well-financed Scott, who already has spent almost \$28 million to Nelson's \$6 million, has maintained a summer-long lead in most polls - although rarely by more than a couple of percentage points.

Scott, in his two gubernatorial races, did manage to draw black support - with the six percent who voted for him in 2010 doubling to 12 percent in his 2014 re-election over Democrat Charlie Crist, who was banking on strong black turnout which failed to emerge in that midterm contest.

This time around, however, Gillum's candidacy could change that.

Tuesday's primary results showed the Tallahassee mayor had his biggest victory margins in counties where black voting strength is highest - such urban counties as Miami-Dade, Broward and Duval,

where he out-performed statewide second-place finisher Gwen Graham by two-to-one margins.

Also, Scott's black support in his two campaigns for governor is viewed by many as being tied to his promises about rebuilding Florida's economy following the recession and his job-creation accomplishments as chief executive.

But in the past two years, President Trump has enflamed racial divisions, said Sandra Benton, an AFL-CIO statewide community organizer from Brevard County.

With Gillum's Trump-endorsed Republican opponent, Palm Coast Congressman Ron DeSantis, also accused of playing to racist stereotypes by calling Gillum "articulate" and urging voters not to "monkey this up," black voters are even further motivated, Benton said.

"The conversation we'll be having is that when people go to vote for Andrew Gillum, they'll have to remember to vote for Bill Nelson, too," Benton said. "There's energy out there. People who had given up on the political process are now wanting to vote, because of what they see in Andrew."

## OFFICIALS

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a long history of arrests or convictions, mostly for drug crimes, but also for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic battery and criminal mischief.

Beasley was in the process of being terminated when she resigned, said Sheriff's Sgt. Fred Jones.

She was charged with conspiracy to introduce contraband into a detention facility, a misdemeanor.

"It's a shame when these women allow themselves to be manipulated like this," said Jones, who once worked

for the state Department of Corrections where such cases occasionally come up.

It is not uncommon for visitors to smuggle contraband into state prisons, but Jones said that doesn't occur at the Lake County Jail, where inmates and visitors are separated by glass and can only speak to one another through a phone hookup.

Jones said the only similar case he could recall happened several years ago when a corrections officer was caught trying to smuggle pills into the jail. He was arrested in the parking lot, he said.

In state prisons, however, it is not uncommon. A number of people have been arrested across the state and

charged with smuggling phones, tobacco and drugs for money.

During a recent weekend, officials stopped 11 people from trying to bring contraband into state prisons.

In some instances, marijuana residue was found in cars, and visiting privileges were revoked. In one case, guards found narcotics, drug paraphernalia and a loaded firearm. That person was arrested. At least two visitors were arrested when security forces found multiple packaged cell phones.

An NBC News report in 2017 said a smuggled cell phone might bring up to \$1,000 behind bars, a significant sum for a corrections

officer.

The report, which focused mostly on Southern states, said Florida was one of the top 10 in the country for cell phone contraband.

Many prisoners use the phones to talk to their girlfriends, but some use them to run scams, drug operations or shake downs of other prisoners' families.

"There is extensive evidence that contraband comes in the institution a number of ways, to include visitors, unknown drop-offs, civilian volunteers and staff. The Department is aggressively working to stop ALL entry points through increased searches, increased technology at entry points,

intelligence practices and [nine new] drug interdiction K-9s," said Michelle Glady, director of communications for the state DOC.

She said Friday in an email that the department is also showing videos to families and doing "enhanced" searches of visitors and staff. Staffers with a positive "hit" from a drug-sniffing dog are sent for drug testing and are not allowed to report for work until the results can be verified.

"The Florida Department of Corrections has zero tolerance for contraband of any kind, and visitors attempting to introduce contraband are subject to immediate termination of their visitation

privileges," the agency said in a press release.

The contraband wars continue, however, including the use of drones. The Pensacola News Journal reported earlier this year that state prison officials were investigating two contraband drops by drones at prisons in the Panhandle.

The federal government has imposed drone flight restrictions over its prisons, including the Coleman Correctional Complex in Sumter County.

As for the Lake County jail, there are two areas where visitor contact might be possible.

One is for pastors.

## LEAGUE

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Stephanie Luke said the condition of the fields has concerned the board for years, prompting them to think about other uses for the property.

In response, it decided not to renew the lease but entered into a “last chance” agreement with the league for the fall season.

The board agreed to get the field ready to go, as long as the league does a better job maintaining it in the future, according to Luke.

“There’s a temporary agreement in place for them to use the field if it’s maintained better than it has been the past several years,” Luke said. “We’re going to open up the field for them for this season, as sort of a trial period for that”.

Himes and fellow board member Kat Heigel said that hasn’t happened yet.

Himes said Friday that it had been three weeks since the School Board agreed

to open the field and send someone to cut the grass.

“They still haven’t cut the fields. Tryouts are supposed to be tomorrow,” Himes said Friday. “I’ve got to call up 80 or 90 parents and tell them we have to push it back.”

Heigel said she felt the board was trying to make life difficult for the league.

“We’re thinking it’s just the School Board trying to push us out of the field,” she said.

Luke said that the board was waiting on a response from Eustis Little League before beginning the work, noting that getting in touch had been difficult due to the league being a volunteer organization whose members have day jobs.

Eustis Little League does have at least one other option if the agreement with the School Board does not work out.

According to both Himes and Luke, the City of Eustis offered two fields to the league on Bates Avenue.

Himes said the fields and facilities were not fit for the league’s needs, however.

## SCHOOL

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states have “always had the flexibility” to use the funds as they deem necessary for their students.

Democrats and education groups have argued, however, that the funds are intended for academics, not guns.

Brogan said arming educators “is a good example of a profoundly personal decision on the part of a school or a school district or even a state.” Trump and Education Secretary Betsy DeVos have said that schools may benefit from having armed teachers and should have that option.

Brogan cited the “school marshal” program in Texas where school employees can volunteer to carry weapons on campuses after undergoing training. Educators from some remote rural schools also told the panel that they rely on armed school personnel because the police may take too long to arrive. Others, however, argued that arming

teachers is dangerous and could make schools feel like prisons.

An early draft of the commission’s report recommends that states and communities determine “based on the unique circumstances of each school” whether to arm its security personnel and teachers to be able to respond to violence. The draft’s section on training school personnel was reviewed by AP.

That approach, the draft says, “can be particularly helpful” in rural districts where the nearest police unit may be far away. Other recommendations included employing school resource officers and ensuring they worked closely with the rest of the school staff.

If a state does decide to equip schools with firearms, it will be able to use Title IV federal grants for their school needs. Brogan said the Every Student Succeeds Act, a bipartisan law that shifts education authority to states, provides about \$1 billion in annual funding for various school needs, including 20 percent specifically set

aside for school safety.

“The people at the local level who’ve been there for years could make the decisions about what services to purchase, what equipment to buy to fulfill the general broad obligations laid out in that law,” he said.

It would be up to Congress, not the U.S. Department of Education, to place any restrictions or barriers to use those funds for purposes not currently in the law, a department spokeswoman said.

The debate arose earlier this month after a small rural school district in Oklahoma and the state of Texas asked the department to clarify what the funds can be used for.

“The position is: You have the language ... the language was written specifically to and always interpreted to mean ‘this is your money,’” Brogan said.

Democratic lawmakers and teachers blasted the idea, accusing the Trump administration of acting in the interests of the National Rifle Association, and several congressmen called for legislation that

would prohibit the use of those funds for guns.

Brogan also clarified that the commission will tackle gun control as instructed by the White House. DeVos had told a Senate hearing in June that the panel will not look at guns “per se,” causing confusion. Brogan said the commission will consider age restrictions for gun purchases, as well as whether people with mental health problems who are likely to harm themselves and others can possess weapons.

Brogan said the panel will produce a tool kit “that provides recognized best practices, not just the shiny new object on school safety, but what people are already doing that seems to be showing a track record of success that can be put out there in inventory fashion.”

“You cannot do that with a uniform approach to this thing because the country is so very different, place to place, school to school, state to state,” Brogan said. “There is no one way to make schools safe.”

## MCCAIN

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same patriotism inside its walls — to advocate for our service members, our veterans and our moral leadership in the world. So it is only right that today, near the end of his long journey, John lies here.”

Friday’s ceremony and public viewing was the midpoint of McCain’s five-day cross-country funeral procession from Arizona, where he and wife Cindy raised their family, through the Capitol where he worked for more than 35 years, to the U.S. Naval Academy cemetery in Annapolis, Maryland — “back where it began,” as he wrote in his recent memoir, “The Restless Wave.” On Saturday, the procession will pause by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the way to a formal funeral service at Washington National Cathedral.

In Trump’s absence, Vice President Mike Pence, Defense Secretary James Mattis, White House Chief of Staff John Kelly and other officials represented the administration. Pence at one point said that Trump, who mocked McCain for being captured, “respected his service to the country.”

The stop at the Capitol was designed to spotlight McCain’s outsized role in an institution bursting with big, willful personalities. Just to the north of the rotunda in the semi-darkened Senate, McCain’s desk remained draped in black and topped with a vase of white roses.

After the ceremony, Cindy McCain quietly sat behind her husband’s desk, escorted by his seatmate and close friend, Sen. Lindsey Graham. Graham plucked two of the roses from the vase and gave them to her during that private moment, said two people close to

McCain and his family.

Of those who spoke at Friday’s ceremony, fellow Republican McConnell had perhaps the fullest sense of the McCain experience. The two had served in the Senate together since McCain’s 1986 election.

“Depending on the issue, you knew John would either be your staunchest ally or your most stubborn opponent,” McConnell recalled. “At any moment, he might be preparing an eloquent reflection on human liberty — or a devastating joke, served up with his signature cackle and that John McCain glint in his eye.”

But just about anyone who worked in the Capitol over the past 35 years could attest to McCain’s iron will and what House Speaker Paul Ryan called his “distinct brand of candor.”

“With John, it was never feigned disagreement. The man didn’t feign anything,” Ryan said. “He just relished the fight.”

“This,” Ryan added of McCain, “is one of the bravest souls our nation has ever produced.”

Pence, himself a former senator, recalled traveling through Iraq with McCain and falling asleep during a dinner with officials. McCain, nearly 23 years older, told him, “Mike, we’ve got a few more meetings tonight. But why don’t you turn in. You look like you could use some rest.” Members of McCain’s family, seated nearby, smiled.

Cindy McCain was the first to pay respects at her husband’s casket. She bowed over it and appeared to pray. The last of the family to file past was his mother, 106-year-old Roberta McCain. Wheeled

up to her son’s flag-draped casket, she crossed herself and was wheeled out.

Others from McCain’s long career paused. Some wept. Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger reached out with both hands to touch the flag. Former Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman and actor Warren Beatty also stopped.

Sen. Jack Reed, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee that McCain chaired, crossed himself in front of the casket. Then he waited for retired Sens. Carl Levin, a Democrat, and John Warner, a Republican, both of whom chaired the powerful committee at one time. The three left the rotunda arm-in-arm.

As the service ended, thousands of people were guided into snaking lines along First Street on the border of the Capitol complex to pay respects to McCain.

Among them were more than 100 family members of Vietnamese political prisoners who traveled to Washington to honor McCain for his advocacy for Vietnamese refugees.

Khuc Minh Tho, president of the Families of Vietnamese Political Prisoners Association, said that with McCain’s help, almost 800,000 prisoners and their families who were in Vietnam are now in the U.S.

“We respect him and want to wish that he rests in peace,” she said.

Sibyl Kalish, 59, traveled with her 89-year-old mother, Beverly, from New York and waited in the blistering heat to file past McCain’s coffin. They are from a liberal, military family, Kalish said.

## SOUL

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Bill Clinton, former first lady Hillary Clinton, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Stevie Wonder and Smokey Robinson.

Robinson, the Motown great, remembered first hearing Franklin play piano when he was just 8 and remained close to her for the rest of her life, talking for hours at a time. “You’re so special,” he said, before crooning a few lines from his song “Really Gonna Miss You,” with the line “really gonna be different without you.”

Bill Clinton described himself as an Aretha Franklin “groupie” whom he had loved since college days. He traced her life’s journey, praising her as someone who “lived with courage, not without fear, but overcoming her fears.”

He remembered attending her last public performance, at Elton John’s AIDS Foundation benefit in November in New York. She looked “desperately ill” but managed to greet him by standing and saying, “How you doin’, baby?”

Clinton ended by noting that her career spanned from vinyl records to cellphones. He held the microphone near his iPhone and played a snippet of Franklin’s classic “Think,” the audience clapping along.

“It’s the key to freedom!” Clinton said.

Expected to last several hours, the service encompassed many elements, emotions and grand entrances that were

hallmarks of her more than six decades on sacred and secular stages.

Ariana Grande sang one of the Queen’s biggest hits, “(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman,” and Faith Hill performed “What a Friend We Have In Jesus.” The Aretha Franklin Orchestra performed a medley featuring “I Say a Little Prayer,” “Angel” and other songs she was known for, along with such gospel numbers as “I Love the Lord” and “Walk in the Light.”

Barbara Sampson read a statement from former President George W. Bush, saying that Franklin would continue to inspire future generations. The Rev. Al Sharpton read a statement from former President Barack Obama, who wrote that Franklin’s “work reflected the very best of the American story.”

Sharpton received loud cheers when he criticized President Donald Trump for saying that the singer “worked for” him as he responded to her death. “She performed for you,” Sharpton said of Franklin, who had sung at Trump-owned venues. “She worked for us.”

“She gave us pride. She gave us a regal bar to reach. She represented the best in our community,” Sharpton said.

Many noted her long-time commitment to civil rights and lasting concern for the poor. Her friend Greg Mathis, the award-winning reality show host and retired Michigan judge, recalled his last conversation with her. They talked about the tainted water supply in Flint. “You go up there

and sock it to ‘em,” she urged Mathis, paraphrasing the “sock it to me” refrain from “Respect.”

Franklin died Aug. 16 at age 76.

Her body arrived early Friday in a 1940 Cadillac LaSalle hearse. She wore a shimmering gold dress, with sequined heels — the fourth outfit Franklin was clothed in during a week of events leading up to her funeral.

The casket was carried to the church that also took Franklin’s father, the renowned minister C.L. Franklin, to his and Parks’ final resting place at Woodlawn Cemetery, where the singer will join them. Pink Cadillac filled the street outside the church, a reference to a Franklin hit from the 1980s, “Freeway of Love.”

Program covers showed a young Franklin, with a slight smile and sunglasses perched on her nose, and the caption “A Celebration Fit For The Queen.” Large bouquets of pink, lavender, yellow and white flowers flanked her casket.

Floral arrangements from singers such as Barbra Streisand and Tony Bennett and from the family of the late Otis Redding, whose “Respect” Franklin transformed and made her signature song, were set up in a hallway outside the sanctuary.

Detroit plans to honor one of its most famous residents. Mayor Mike Duggan announced during the service that the city would rename the riverfront amphitheater Chene Park to “Aretha Franklin Park.”

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## CHAT WITH A VETERAN

### Ron Hausermann



**Town:** Grand Island  
**Branch of service and rank:** Army, corporal  
**Enlisted or drafted?** was

going to be drafted. I said, "Take me now."

**What did you do in the service?** I trained as an MP, then I went in as a radio repairman. They were short in signal. They knew I had graduated from DeVry. They asked me what Ohm's Law was, so I explained it to them and they said I was going to signal.

**Why was it important?** The base I was at was classified, which required clearance. They needed someone. I was already there and already had the clearances. They didn't have to go out and find someone.

**What is your most important memory from service?** A lot of nice guys. The average age was 22, with two years of college. We had marines there, army and air force.

**What did you like least about service?** Being told to do stupid things. I realize, in a way, that they have to knock you down to bring you back up. And there were a lot of guys walking around with pneumonia in basic training. It was January. It was cold. I had to keep my mouth shut.

**What do you want people to understand about war?** It's bad.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

**MONTHLY MEETING:** At 2 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at Leesburg Airport Administration Building, 8807 Airport Blvd. Sunshine State Squadron of the Commemorative Air Force. Call Jake at 678-590-6600.

### DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT:

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

### SUNDAY

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

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

**ELECTRONIC BOWLING:** At 3 p.m. every Sunday at American Legion John Gella Memorial Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St., Fruitland Park. \$1 per game. Non-members must be signed in by member. Call 352-787-2338.

### MONDAY

#### CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS:

From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. every Monday at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal St. in Leesburg. Drop off and label "care package for our troops." Call 352-430-4355 or email veteran-sinfoandevents@gmail.com.

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**BINGO:** At 1:01 p.m. every Tuesday at Amvets Post 1992, 32201 Amvets Way in Mount Dora. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member of the post. Go to amvetspost1992.org.



Army Veteran Bruce Chambers served in the third brigade combat team, third infantry division as a cavalry scout in Iraq. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

# Hope fueled Iraq vet's dream

## Bruce and Beth Chambers reflect visionary mission of unique Eustis eatery

By Keith Oliver  
Correspondent

EUSTIS — "I'm not a master chef," admits former Army cavalry scout Bruce Chambers. "But I am a master short-order chef."

With wife Beth, the 32-year-old entrepreneur and Iraq veteran opened the Combat Café on State Road 19 in May, a reflection of the couple's creativity, commitment and, especially, their sense of hope.

"We actually got the keys in February," Bruce said, "so we had a whole lot of hope and sweat equity going on through late winter and early spring."

Beth said the dream began not long after Bruce returned from his wartime deployment, when the two single parents ran smack into a case of what she termed "divine intervention" at Tavares' Wooton

Park.

"We actually remembered each other from a chance meeting at the park a few years earlier," she said. "I was married at the time, but I distinctly recalled how kind Bruce was and the way he interacted with his kids."

"Within a couple of years, we were regularly talking and dreaming about restaurant plans and when we saw that the old Huddle House property was vacant. Bruce fell in love with the idea of turning it into a military-themed diner."

For Bruce patience and multiple jobs followed, including pizza delivery, a "very valued" stint at Jimmy John's and waiting tables at Cracker Barrel in Leesburg. The 3rd Infantry Division soldier was also heavy into studies at vet-friendly University of Central Florida, as well as being mentored by Vietnam-tested older students and bosses.

All the while, he was being treated for PTSD, a subject he is quite candid about. "Therapy works," reports Bruce in a

voice which blends conviction with kindness. "So does being around others who have been there."

"Even here at the diner, that's part of our mission — to create a place that is actually therapeutic ... a safe haven, if you will."

Bruce's own need for such began with three particular buddies. "Sergeant Alan Greka (after whom Combat Café has named a Greek salad) died of wounds from a landmine detonation in Diyala, Iraq."

"Three tourniquets could not save him," Chambers said.

"And of the two guys I enlisted with in Raleigh, North Carolina, one (Dan O'Leary) never made it back," he said. "And the other (Van Rigby) was badly injured in a vehicle roll-over."

Chambers is also committed to hiring and training veterans, "especially if they need a little help getting their lives back on track." It's a practice he learned from one of his mentors, Eustis businessman and Marine Dan

Kelsey (featured in the Daily Commercial veteran's profile of May 26).

As the blended-family parents of five children aged three through 16, time management has become an area of impressive expertise for Bruce and Beth.

Thus, at the Combat Cafe, watching the couple in action is a cross between two-stepping and tactful diplomacy as they swiftly take orders for such favorites as The Hamilton ("Every Revolution Begins with Breakfast"), The Chuck Norris (Grilled chicken breast in honor of "an Air Force veteran and a badass") and Vinnie's S.O.S (a homage to World War II Navy veteran Vincent T. King of the USS Gannet).

The hustle-bustle and the resulting good chow do not happen by accident. "We are greatly blessed," said Bruce. "We know that."

And we had help along the way from investors, customers and people who believe in this dream."

## LZ LAKEHAWK

# 3 years and counting, Charlton honors vets



Keith Oliver

Open to the Salute page each Saturday and the first thing you see is Daily Commercial colleague Linda Charlton's "Chat with a Veteran."

Clearly a labor of love, Chat with a Veteran is partly a family honor to her father and uncle, both Army Air Corps veterans of World War II.

Linda — thanks for a music critic in Miami, has interviewed government officials and local celebrities representing each branch of the Armed Forces, but she said her favorite veteran chat was with Donald S. Cole, a Marine who fought in Vietnam as a "tunnel rat."

Charlton caught up with

Cole at a local assisted living facility where a Boy Scout troop presented the colors and led residents in the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Of all the folks assembled that day, exactly one stood up," Charlton said. "He supported himself with his arms. I figured, that's got to be a veteran."

"Mr. Cole was a man of few words, because he had suffered a stroke, but everything he said made sense. His vet chat is still available online and his wife predicted he would be the one I remembered."

"She was right."

Thanks for all you do, Linda — and here's to another three years and more.

### CHAPS' CORNER

"The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he rescues them." — Psalm 34:7. Selected by Lt. Cdr. (CHC) Bob Haines, United

States Navy, ret., Altoona.

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### SAVED ROUNDS

Eustis High School alumnus Marine Maj. Gen. David Coffman, director of our nation's Expeditionary Warfare Division, hosted an all-hands call aboard the Avenger-class mine countermeasures ship USS Devastator during a trip to Naval Support Activity Bahrain, last month.

"Our naval expeditionary and amphibious forces are a unique and vital part of our Nation's defense," Coffman told the sailors. "In short, no one else on the planet can do what we do in the littoral battlespace, where the water meets the land and where all the domains come together."

Bravo Zulu to Bob Peters, fast approaching the decade mark as host of the television version of "SALUTE" on lakefronttv.com. The Vietnam veteran and Air Force hand is a frequent



William J. Charlton Jr.

speaker at area schools and has been serving the area's veteran community for 30 years.

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# FAITH

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## REFLECTIONS

*Understand that grace is a gift*



Rick Reed

When I mention grace, I'm talking about God's unmerited favor toward us. I'm not talking about being nimble, lithe or agile.

First and foremost, we must understand that grace is a gift. Grace needs to be received to be appreciated. gift? Unfortunately, in churches across our country and world there are grace killers. But why should it be any different today? That's the way it has been since the first century. That's the way it's been through the ages.

Why?

Because grace is risky. Grace is beyond our control. Grace is from God, not something we can conjure up.

Legalism, on the other hand, is entirely man-made. Legalism not only allows us to be in control, it demands it. Legalism is the No. 1 weapon of the grace killer.

A.W. Tozer wrote in "That Incredible Christian" about this assassin, "Legalism, for instance, is natural to the human heart."

He added, "Grace in its true New Testament meaning is foreign to human reason, not because it is contrary to reason but because it lies beyond it. The doctrine of grace had to be revealed; it could not have been discovered."

Has it been revealed to you? Grace has eluded me for years, though I've been a member of supposedly Bible-believing churches.

Once again, Tozer explains why.

"The human heart is heretical by nature," he began. "Popular religious beliefs should be checked carefully against the Word of God, for they are almost certain to be wrong."

Beware of the grace killers. You can see legalism in structure where certain people are deemed superior spiritually.

Paul, who understood grace and considered himself the chief among sinners wrote a thesis on legalism called the Letter to the Galatians. He was amazed they could leave grace so quickly and easily as they returned to "the Law."

How do you know you are being legalistic? When what you do is more important than what God did through Jesus.

Form becomes more important than the function receiving.

Works are praised, and a person's importance is elevated.

Tozer wrote, "The essence of legalism is self-atonement. The seeker tries to make himself acceptable to God by some act of restitution, or by self-punishment or the feeling of regret. The desire to be pleasing to God is commendable certainly, but the effort to please God by self-effort is not, for it assumes that sin once done may be undone, an assumption wholly false."

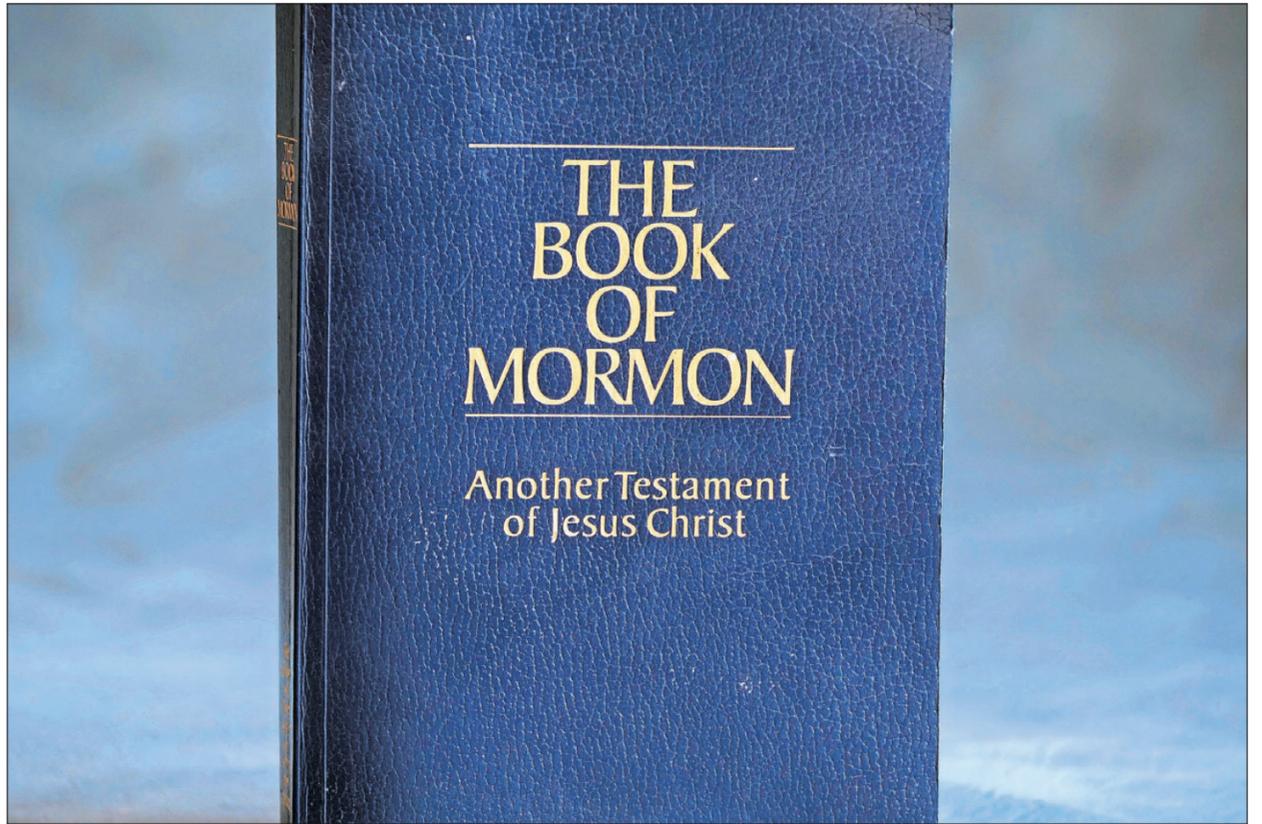
With grace we don't have that concern.

Want to know the result of grace? Ask David. He wrote in the first two verses of Psalm 32: "Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit, there is no deceit."

If these verses don't describe you, then you might never have experienced God's grace.

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# Holy nights



Marriott International, which bought Starwood two years ago, has begun putting copies of the Bible and the Book of Mormon in Sheratons, Westins and other hotels in the Starwood family. [AP PHOTO/RICK BOWMER]

## New Marriott rooms to get Bible, Book of Mormon

By DEE-ANN DURBIN  
AP Business Writer

Sheraton, Westin and other Starwood hotels are finding their religion.

Marriott International, which bought Starwood two years ago, has begun putting copies of the Bible and the Book of Mormon in the recently-acquired hotels. By year's end, it expects to place the books in 300,000 rooms.

Marriott, whose namesake founding family is active in the Mormon church, has been putting both the Bible and the Book of Mormon in its rooms since opening its first hotel in the late 1950s. Like most major chains, Marriott doesn't own the majority of its hotels. However, it stands out from the other companies by requiring — in franchise or licensing agreements — its 6,500 properties to have the books in each room.

It's not a policy Marriott relishes discussing. The company declined to make an executive

available to comment, but issued a statement to The Associated Press: "There are many guests who are not digitally connected who appreciate having one or both of these books available. It's a tradition appreciated by many, objected to by few."

Judging from lively internet discussions, however, travelers are divided on the issue. Some say they're not bothered by seeing a Bible or a Book of Mormon in the room, and note that they're usually tucked away in a drawer. But others say they have complained to managers and asked for the books to be removed.

John Ollila, a frequent Starwood and Marriott traveler and the founder of the travel blog LoyaltyLobby, said he thinks publicly traded companies should remain secular.

"Why wouldn't they want to target the widest possible market?" he said.

Marriott gets the Bibles for free from Gideons International, a group that donates Bibles to prisons, hospitals, hotels and other public places. The costs for the Books of



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Mormon are shared by the Marriott Foundation and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Marriott is alone among big hotel chains in requiring religious materials in its rooms. Hilton and IHG, which owns Holiday Inn and other brands, say they let local hotel managers decide whether to offer Bibles. Hyatt has no official policy, but says it will obtain religious texts if guests ask for

them.

According to STR, a hotel data firm, the number of U.S. hotels that offer religious materials in their rooms has dropped over the last decade, to 79 percent in 2016 from 95 percent in 2006. Luxury hotels were the least likely to offer them, with just 51 percent saying they did. And urban and resort hotels were less likely to offer them than hotels in suburbs or along interstates.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY

**HAVDALAH AND S'LIHOT SERVICE:** At 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 315 North 13th Street (entrance on Center St.) in Leesburg. With Rabbi Karen Allen. Details: www.BethShalomFlorida.org or 352-326-3692.

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

**WEEKLY SERVICE:** At 9 a.m. every Saturday at Traditional Congregation of Mount Dora, 848 N. Donnelly Street. Details: 352-735-4774 or www.TCOMD.org.

**SUNDAY SOUTHERN GOSPEL SING:** At 10 a.m. at United Faith Assembly of God, 11009 Moore Street in Leesburg. Featuring the Simple Faith Quartet from Largo. Free. Call 352-742-1838.

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

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** From 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Eustis, 117 S. Center St. To help people face

challenges and rebuild their lives. Go to fpeustis.com.

### MONDAY

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

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

**GRIEFSHARE CLASSES:** Every Monday at 3:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Tavares, 600 W. Ianthe St. Cost is \$15. Register at 352-308-8229.

**TUESDAY LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:** From 9 to 11 a.m. in Classroom C-D at Fairway Christian Church, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Studying "Twelve Women of the Bible" by Lysa TerKuerst. Go to www.fairwaycc.org.

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

**LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** From 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Fairway Christian Church

Fellowship Hall, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

**WEDNESDAY SUMNER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION:** At 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Oxford Assembly of God, U.S. Highway 301 in Oxford. Call 352-748-6124 or email to oxfordassembly@embarq.mail.com.

**GRIEFSHARE:** From 2 to 4 p.m. every Wednesday through Dec. 5 at Fairway Christian Church, 251 Avenida Los Angeles in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305.

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

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

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

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

352-259-9305 for information.

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

**THURSDAY LAKE COUNTY LADIES CHORUS REHEARSAL:** At 9:15 a.m. at GraceWay Church on Radio Road in Leesburg. Call Joyce at 352-742-0789.

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

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR AND HAPPY HOUR:** At 7 p.m. the first Friday of the month at Chabad House Center for Jewish Life and Learning, 13030 County Road 103 in Oxford. Beginners Shabbat Service followed by cocktails and traditional dishes. RSVP to 352-330-4466 or info@jewishmarion.org. Go to ourchabad.org for information.

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

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 352-357-4358  
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 with Childcare Available  
 Adult Sunday School 9:15am  
 Children's Chapel Service 10:30am  
 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service Thursday 10:00am  
[www.stthomaseustis.com](http://www.stthomaseustis.com)

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 352-805-8451  
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 9:30 am Adult Discussion Group  
 11:00 am Celebration of Life  
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 352-787-1500  
 Sunday Services: 8 a.m. (w/o music);  
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 Sunday Adult Christian Education: 9:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study;  
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[www.holytrinityfp.com](http://www.holytrinityfp.com)  
 On CR466A: go east 2.3 miles past Colony Plaza;  
 left on Poinsettia to Spring Lake Rd.  
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 352-787-1830  
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 Rev. Daryl Allen  
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 Sunday Contemporary Worship 9:30 am  
 Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am & 11 am  
[www.communityumcfc.com](http://www.communityumcfc.com)

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 Sunday & Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

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 352-787-7962  
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 Sunday Deaf Impaired 10:00am  
 Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
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 Sunday School 9:00am  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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**Life Church Assembly of God**  
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[www.trinityaogfp.org](http://www.trinityaogfp.org)

## LEESBURG

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 1334 Griffin Road, Leesburg  
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 Wednesday Bible Study 10:00am  
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 Thursday Bible Study 5:30pm

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 352-787-3966  
**Pastor Jay Williams**  
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[www.centralbaptistchurch.info](http://www.centralbaptistchurch.info)

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 352-365-0622  
**Pastor Priscilla Scherrah**  
 Traditional Worship 8:30am & 10:45am  
 Sunday School 9:30am  
 Wednesday Bible Study (September-May) 10:00am  
[www.christumcleesburg.com](http://www.christumcleesburg.com)

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 DOWNTOWN CAMPUS  
 220 N. 13th St., Leesburg  
 352-787-1005  
 Sunday Service & Bible Fellowships  
 9:45am & 11:00am  
 Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm  
 VILLAGE PARK CAMPUS  
 352-314-7480  
 American Legion Hall  
 699 W. Lady Lake Blvd., Lady Lake  
 Sunday service 8:00am & 9:00am  
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 25900 US Hwy 27, Leesburg, 34748  
 Sunday Service 9:45am & 6:00pm  
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 Wednesday Service 6:00 pm  
 352-314-7477  
[www.fbcleesburg.com](http://www.fbcleesburg.com)

**First Presbyterian Church  
 of Leesburg**  
 200 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg  
 352-787-5687  
 Sunday Service 10:00am  
 Sunday School 8:45am  
[www.firstpresleesburg.org](http://www.firstpresleesburg.org)  
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**Gloria Dei Lutheran Church**  
 130 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg  
 352-787-3223  
 Sunday Worship Service 9:30am  
[www.gloriadeielca.net](http://www.gloriadeielca.net)

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 400 Executive Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748  
 352-315-1695  
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 Summer Service Time 10:00 am  
[www.goodnewschurch.org](http://www.goodnewschurch.org)

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## LEESBURG

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 352-314-3080  
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 Sunday Worship 10:30am  
 Sunday Evening 6:00pm  
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 352-326-4109  
 Worship Service 9:30am  
 Sabbath School Service 11:00am  
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00pm

**St. James Episcopal Church**  
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 352-787-1981  
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 8:00am & 10:00am  
 Thursday Holy Eucharist and Healing Service  
 10:00am  
[www.stjames-leesburg.org](http://www.stjames-leesburg.org)

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 Sunday Masses 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00am  
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## OKAHUMPKA

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 352-787-8430  
 Sunday Holy Eucharist Service 10:00am  
 Fellowship following the service  
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 Sunday Evening Prayer with Eucharist 4:00pm  
[www.corpuschristiepisopal.org](http://www.corpuschristiepisopal.org)



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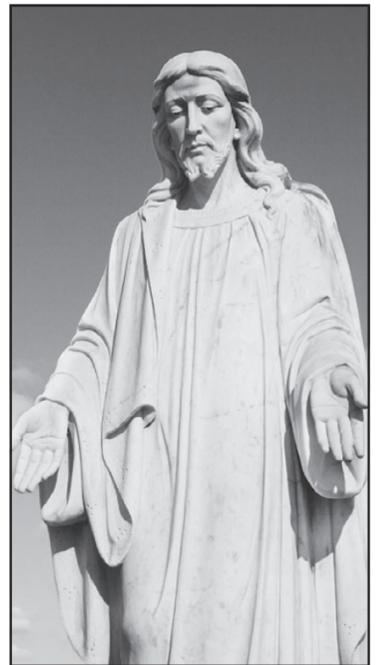
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### OUR OPINION

## A puzzling choice for water district

We have to wonder what's up with Gov. Rick Scott and John Miklos. Miklos, who may be the most controversial board chairman the St. Johns River Water Management District has ever had, keeps getting reappointed by Scott (most recently, last week).

And it makes no sense. Miklos has become a lightning rod for criticism for his glaring conflicts of interest. His consulting business, Bio-Tech Consulting, makes big money steering developers through the permitting process, including permits from the district he leads. He abstains from voting on projects that involve his clients, but that's like picking the pepperoni off a pizza and declaring the whole pie is gone. District staffers are well aware of which projects belong to Bio-Tech clients, and they're also aware that the governing board writes the budgets that include their salaries.

Certainly, there's been a sharp increase in the number of permits Bio-Tech is involved in since Miklos became governing board chairman, both at the St. Johns River and South Florida water management districts, as documented by The Daytona Beach News-Journal's Dinah Voyles Pulver. And recent history suggests some Bio-Tech clients feel they can operate with a certain degree of impunity. Earlier this year, Pulver documented three situations where Bio-Tech clients cleared land or altered wetlands without the required permits, the most notable being Geosam, the developers of the Coastal Woods community in New Smyrna Beach. Records show that Geosam's contractors were caught clearing land on multiple occasions without permits, and kept clearing even though the district's compliance officer told them to stop. One unauthorized clearing led to a 204-acre wildfire in March that closed down Interstate 95 for 18 hours.

So why does the governor keep reappointing him? It's a serious question, and the stakes are high. Responsibility for the health of Florida's springs lies mostly with the water management districts, and major springs within the St. Johns district's boundaries are showing signs of distress. Yet the legally mandated plans the district has put forward to restore Blue Spring, Gemini Springs and DeLeon Spring to health have been widely criticized, including an official objection from county government. The district is also a key player in the effort to save the Indian River Lagoon from a slow-moving ecological disaster.

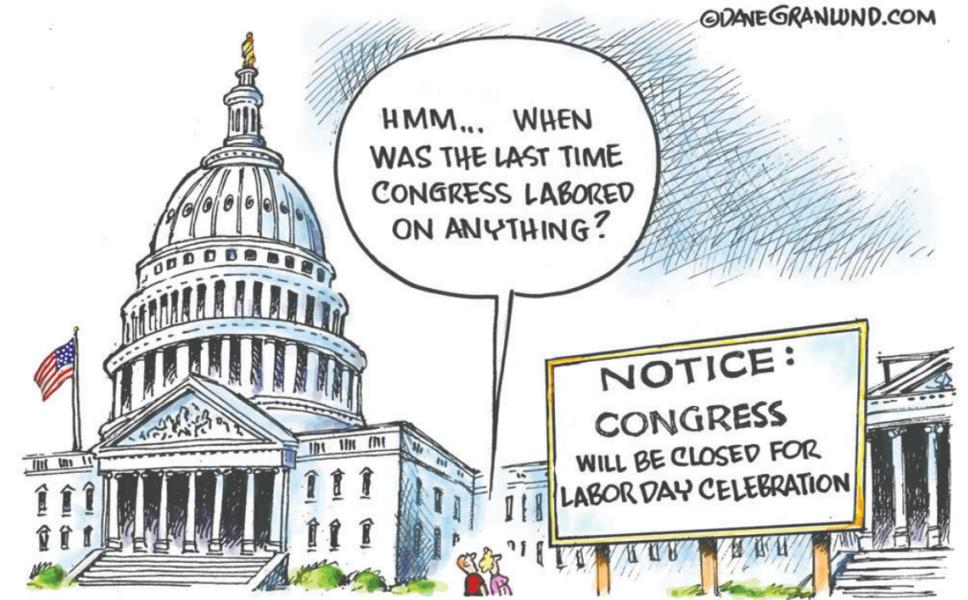
These are issues that Scott can expect to be asked about on the campaign trail. By leaving Miklos in place, Scott significantly undermines any environmental credentials he plans to lay claim to.

There is one more chance to turn this bad decision around. Miklos' re-appointment is subject to state Senate confirmation.

Bizarrely, Sen. Travis Hutson, R-Palm Coast, told Pulver he did not know who Miklos was. That's hard to swallow; Hutson is a vice-president in his family's business, and that business is development. On its website, the firm says it's constructed dozens of communities in northeast Florida — territory under the St. Johns district's jurisdiction.

Senators should educate themselves, and acknowledge that without their intervention, Miklos will be on the district's board for another four years. And voters should press Scott to explain why he thought that would be a good idea.

### ANOTHER OPINION



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## Graduating classes: Majoring in student loan debt

As college students head back to school, some are anxious about navigating a new campus or getting lost on the way to their new classes. Others are anxious that protests or endless struggles over free speech will once again cast a cloud over their college experience.

But for students on track to graduate this year, one concern looms above all others: How on earth am I going to pay back my student loans?

Let's take a look at how recent college graduates are doing:

Students who graduated college in 2017 held a whopping average of \$39,400 in outstanding student loan debt. This marks an uptick from 2016 graduates, who held an average of \$37,173 in student loan debt, prompting the CBS News headline, "Congrats, class of 2016: You're the most indebted yet."

Recent college graduates also pushed total outstanding federal student loan debt to \$1.5 trillion held by more than 44 million borrowers; 4.7 million of those borrowers

hold loans in default.

While unemployment for recent college graduates has fallen in recent years, underemployment remains extremely high: 43 percent of recent college graduates are underemployed, meaning that they are in fields that underutilize their skills, such as a Starbucks barista with a bachelor's degree, according to a recent study by Burning Glass and the Strada Institute.

These numbers surely do not grant much optimism to students who are about to graduate from college and pursue the career of their dreams.

Surely any business with such a poor track record of success would prompt calls for significant policy changes, changes in leadership, or would simply face bankruptcy. Unfortunately, due to federal policies, schools can get away with a relatively poor track record of success and qualify to accept student loans and grants.

Fortunately, some universities are looking for innovative ways to put

their money where their mouth is and ensure that their students have success after graduation.

Purdue University, for example, has started its "Back a Boiler" initiative, in which the school finances the tuition for students who wish to participate in exchange for a percentage of a student's future earnings. This arrangement, also known as an income share agreement (ISA), incentivizes a school to graduate their students with the best possible skills to compete in the job market and secure a well-paying job. Purdue University has also been able to finance this program without raising tuition for the past seven years.

Proprietary schools focused on career and technical education are also experimenting with ISAs. App Academy for example, which teaches students to code, has granted their students an ISA option. This is particularly attractive opportunity for students who may want to supplement their education or are

perhaps going back to school later in life and do not want to take on excessive student loan debt.

Policymakers must look at changes to the higher education system that will prevent the class of 2019, 2020 or 2021 from becoming the next "most indebted class yet." Income Share Agreements are one option, but federal policies that pour more money into a broken system ultimately disincentive schools from lowering tuition or updating their curriculums to meet the needs of the changing workforce.

The class of 2019 will likely face the same struggles as graduating classes before them. But with reduced federal intervention in higher education and the emergence of innovative options that compete with the long standing status quo, there may be few classes that share their same fate in the future.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Trump is the Bully-in-Chief

I waited a day before drafting this letter as it took me some time to get over my abhorrence at the dishonor and disrespect visited upon the memory of Sen. John S. McCain by the yellow-bellied, yellow-haired buffoon as reported in a recent Daily Commercial ("Trump Re-Lowers Flag for McCain").

Were it not for the intervention by such groups as the AMVETS, American Legion and the VFW et al., the honorable Donald would have continued his bullying of Sen. McCain and his memory even beyond the grave. This from a man who spent his early years enjoying four military deferments and a fifth based upon "bone spurs" in

his feet, a malady that was miraculously cured upon the repeal of the universal draft. And I must assume that these deferments were all bought and paid for by the Donald's family.

All the while, John McCain was suffering unspeakable torture at the hands of his North Vietnamese captors for nearly five years. What did Mr. Yellow-Belly have to say about that? He said that "John McCain is an American hero only because he was captured. I don't like people who were captured." Donald Trump is the most bombastic, egotistical and graceless blowhard to ever inhabit the Oval Office. And the most undeserving individual to ever assume the office of President of

the United States.

How anyone with a grain of intelligence, and most especially any veteran, can continue to be an apologist for this degenerate excuse for a human being is beyond me.

Daniel J. Andrews,  
The Villages

#### Trump adhered to the law after McCain's death

The ignorance of members of Congress, both Republicans and Democrats, as well as vast swaths of mass media over the recognition of John McCain's death is simply breathtaking.

Congress passed laws on the use of the United States flag to honor the passing of significant personages and to mark

other events. Specifically, United States Code, Title 36, Chapter 10 Section 175 provides that the flag will be lowered to half staff "on the day of death and the following day for a Member of Congress."

This law was exactly adhered to by the Trump administration with respect to the passing of Senator McCain. Yet, a cacophonous roar from the ignorant immediately arose. So too did the shrill voices of mindless journalists rapidly add to the clamoring which they repeated ad nauseam on air and in print.

This example of unfair criticism of President Trump perfectly encapsulates the seething animus of the "enemies of the people" and the corrupt rent

seekers in Washington, D.C., toward the president. Yet again, they attacked him for following the law. Just as these obstructionists lambasted the Trump administration for following the law in separating minors from "purported parents" incarcerated for illegal entry into the United States. That separation protocol being a standard measure and procedure of the U.S. government that predated Mr. Trump's election. Then and now, the propagandists distort or ignore the law altogether in favor of acrimonious condemnation.

The rejection of Clinton and the authoritarianism of the corrupt Democrats has poisoned the minds of her acolytes and the fawning

media. The shock of that rejection quickly morphed into denial and then into unprecedented obstruction. It has become so toxic that it has made them incompetent to govern and, as this flag episode perfectly illustrates, made it impossible for them to be trusted. That disability extends to any news entity that repeats these ignorant claims.

The first step to recovery is to admit you have a problem and that you are powerless to overcome it without help. It's time for all media organizations and the Leftists to begin that process. A good start is to repeat this: "Donald Trump is my President."

Mark F. Fisher,  
Mount Dora

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Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
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	Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today	4:47 a.m.	10:59 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	11:24 p.m.
Sun.	5:40 a.m.	11:53 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	----

**THE SUN AND MOON**

	Today	Sunday	Last	New	First	Full
Sunrise	7:05 a.m.	7:06 a.m.				
Sunset	7:49 p.m.	7:48 p.m.				
Moonrise	11:55 p.m.	none				
Moonsset	12:34 p.m.	1:34 p.m.				

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Albuquerque	81 58 t	84 59 t	Chicago	86 71 t	87 74 c	Greensboro, NC	89 69 t	88 70 pc	Oklahoma City	93 70 s	90 68 s
Anchorage	60 48 s	60 47 s	Cincinnati	86 69 pc	88 70 pc	Hartford	81 60 pc	85 68 pc	Omaha	86 69 t	82 68 t
Asheville	85 65 c	83 65 pc	Cleveland	88 70 pc	88 70 pc	Honolulu	87 75 sh	87 76 pc	Philadelphia	80 70 sh	84 72 pc
Atlanta	90 70 pc	88 69 pc	Columbia, SC	94 71 pc	92 70 s	Houston	90 73 t	86 71 pc	Phoenix	104 79 s	101 75 pc
Atlantic City	81 67 sh	84 71 t	Concord, NH	77 55 pc	84 62 pc	Indianapolis	86 70 pc	90 71 pc	Pittsburgh	85 67 pc	86 68 t
Baltimore	83 70 c	86 71 t	Dallas	95 75 s	92 75 pc	Jackson, MS	87 69 t	86 69 t	Portland, ME	72 58 pc	77 64 pc
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# Poll: 60 percent disapprove of Trump

**By Philip Rucker and Scott Clement**  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's disapproval rating has hit a high point of 60 percent, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll that also finds that clear majorities of Americans support the special counsel's Russia investigation and say the president should not fire Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

At the dawn of the fall campaign sprint to the midterm elections, which will determine whether Democrats retake control of Congress, the poll finds a majority of the public has turned against Trump and is on guard against his efforts to influence the Justice Department and special counsel Robert Mueller's wide-ranging probe.

Nearly half of Americans, 49 percent, say Congress should begin impeachment proceedings that could lead to Trump being removed from office, while 46 percent say Congress should not.

And a narrow majority - 53 percent - say they think Trump has tried to interfere with Mueller's investigation in a way that amounts to obstruction of justice; 35 percent say they do not think the president has tried to interfere.

Overall, 60 percent of Americans disapprove of Trump's job performance, with 36 percent approving, according to the poll. This is only a slight shift from the last Post-ABC survey, in April, which measured Trump's rating at 56 percent disapproval and 40 percent approval.

The new poll was conducted Aug. 26 to 29, in the week after former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort was convicted of federal tax and bank fraud and after



**FILE - In this Oct. 29, 2015 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump in Sparks, Nev. One year before Election Day 2016, Republicans are consumed by uncertainty and infighting while Democrats are coalescing behind Hillary Rodham Clinton. But there's a long way to go. (AP Photo/Lance Iversen, File) ORG XMIT: WX202**

former Trump attorney Michael Cohen pleaded guilty and implicated the president in illegal payments to silence women who alleged sexual encounters with Trump.

The four-month gap between Post-ABC polls makes it difficult to attribute the modest uptick in disapproval of Trump to specific events. Other public polls have shown Trump's disapproval rating in the low- to mid-50s and have not tracked a rise since the Manafort conviction and Cohen guilty plea.

Trump has tried to rally support for Republican candidates in the Nov. 6 elections by pointing to his economic record. This week's poll finds that despite the president's unpopularity with voters, he gets better ratings when it comes to the economy: 45 percent of Americans approve and 47 percent disapprove of Trump's handling of the economy.

Trump's overall popularity breaks down along lines of partisanship, ethnicity and gender, according to the poll. While 78 percent of Republicans approve of his performance, 93 percent of Democrats and 59 percent of independents disapprove. More men support him than women, and while 45 percent of whites back him, 19 percent of nonwhites approve.

The poll finds that there are clear limitations to Trump's efforts all summer to politicize and discredit the Russia investigation. The president has fired a near-daily barrage of tweets labeling the probe a "witch hunt" and attacking the credibility of Mueller and several current and former Justice Department officials.

But 63 percent of Americans support Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election, with 52 percent

saying they support it strongly; 29 percent oppose the probe.

Opinions on Mueller's work also break down on partisan lines, with 61 percent of Republicans opposing the probe but an even larger 85 percent of Democrats expressing support. Among independents, however, a two-thirds majority of 67 percent back the investigation.

Trump has complained that Manafort was treated unfairly by Mueller's prosecutors, and after a jury convicted Manafort earlier this month the president tweeted that he felt "very badly" for him.

But 67 percent of Americans think Mueller's case against Manafort was justified, while 17 percent say it was unjustified, according to the poll.

Trump's praise of Manafort has stirred speculation that he might pardon his former campaign chairman, but the poll finds that it would

be a political land mine for the president. Two-thirds of Americans oppose Trump pardoning Manafort - 53 percent strongly oppose it - and 18 percent support a pardon.

Trump has ratcheted up his public attacks on Sessions in recent weeks and has consulted his personal attorneys and other advisers about firing the attorney general, whom he has viewed as insufficiently loyal after Sessions recused himself last year from overseeing the Russia investigation because of a conflict of interest.

But the public is squarely behind Sessions. Sixty-four percent of Americans do not think Trump should fire Sessions, with 19 percent saying he should and 17 percent saying they have no opinion. Nearly half of Republicans, 47 percent, say Trump should not fire the attorney general, with 31 percent saying he should.

Just under a quarter of

Americans, 23 percent, say they agree with Trump's criticisms of Sessions for allowing the Mueller investigation to proceed, while 62 percent say they side with Sessions, who has said he is following the law.

Two-thirds of Americans say they had read or heard at least some of the news about Cohen's guilty plea to eight violations of banking, tax and campaign finance laws, though less than a quarter heard "a great deal" about the news.

Cohen told a federal judge last week that before the 2016 campaign, then-candidate Trump directed him to pay off two women to keep their stories of alleged affairs with Trump from becoming public.

The poll finds that 61 percent of Americans think that Trump committed a crime if he did direct Cohen to make the payments, while 31 percent say he did not commit a crime.

Democrats are hoping to retake control of one or both houses of Congress in November's elections. If they do, party leaders will face pressure from their energized base to use congressional oversight committees to investigate potential misconduct by the president and his administration, as well as perhaps begin impeachment proceedings.

The survey finds a clear partisan divide on the issue. While 75 percent of Democrats say Congress should begin impeachment hearings, 82 percent of Republicans say lawmakers should not. Among independents, 49 percent support impeachment - while 46 percent oppose it.

The Post-ABC poll was conducted among a random national sample of 1,003 adults reached on conventional and cellphones; the margin of sampling error for overall results is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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## A one-man wrecking crew

**Joiner scores 8 touchdowns to lead South Lake to 54-35 win**

By Frank Jolley  
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GROVELAND — Kelley Joiner Jr. ran for 372 yards and scored eight touchdowns, including seven in the second half, and South Lake scored 47 points in the second half in a 54-35 win Friday night against Lake Minneola at Eagles Stadium.

The Eagles overcame a 21-7 halftime deficit in the win.

South Lake (2-0) finished with 460 yards of total offense, while Lake Minneola (1-1) had 467 yards.

Lake Minneola got on the scoreboard first. The Hawks

came out in a five-receiver set and threw the football on their first 11 plays, moving methodically inside the South Lake 20.

Junior quarterback Devon Cole hit of his first 11 attempts and accounted for the Hawks' first running play, a 15-yard gain on fourth down to set up a first-and-goal from the 1. Following a holding penalty that moved the ball back to the 11, Cole capped the opening drive with an 11-yard run for the game's first score.

South Lake answered quickly on its first possession. Joiner capped a four-play drive with a 28-yard scoring run. On the drive, Joiner gained 55 yards on three carries.

Cole put Lake Minneola back in the lead on its next

possession, hitting Kenan Johnson in stride for a 56-yard scoring pass.

The Hawks added a third first-half score midway through the second quarter when Trent Logan intercepted an errant pass over the middle by quarterback Baylee Heuser and returned the pick 61 yards.

South Lake looked to be heading in for a touchdown late in the second quarter. However, a second interception of Heuser, this time by Sam Garland, and a fumble in the red zone by Joiner snuffed out potential scores.

After the half, South Lake took the opening kickoff and raced down the field. Joiner capped the four-play, 54-yard drive with an 18-yard run, but missed the extra point to close to within 21-13.

Lake Minneola responded with 10-play drive that ended when Cole raced 34 yards up the middle on a third-and-10 play to put the Hawks back out in front by two scores.

But, Eagles had an answer. On South Lake's first offensive play after the Lake Minneola score, Joiner sprinted the width of the field, and broke multiple tackles on a 54-yard scoring run.

Again, however, the Eagles botched the extra point and Lake Minneola led 28-19 midway through the third quarter.

Joiner scored his fourth touchdown of the game late in the third quarter on an eight yard run. The scoring

See EAGLES, B3

## Stephens tops Azarenka indoors at US Open

By Howard Fendrich  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sloane Stephens doesn't betray much emotion on the court, so all of the double fist pumps at the conclusion of her U.S. Open match against former No. 1 Victoria Azarenka made perfectly clear just how tight and tense things had been.

Stephens, the defending champion and No. 3 seed, grabbed the last three games after returning from a brief break while the Arthur Ashe Stadium's roof was shut Friday and pulled out a 6-3, 6-4 victory over two-time runner-up Azarenka to reach the fourth round.

What helped Stephens after the 8-minute delay?

"Just kind of refocusing," she said.

Stephens went from up a set and a break at 3-1 in the second to down 4-3 when Azarenka took three games in a row. With light rain falling, play was halted while the cover was closed — although play carried on everywhere else, including the new Louis Armstrong Stadium, the only other arena at Flushing Meadows with a retractable roof.

"The man upstairs was looking out for me," Stephens said. "Unlucky for her."

When they resumed, she took control.

"I mean, of course it was a change of momentum. I won't be sitting here finding excuses; it's just what happens. You just have to accept

(it)," said Azarenka, a former No. 1 who won the Australian Open twice and lost to Serena Williams in the U.S. Open final twice. "I just think from the tournament side, if they (are) expecting the showers, I think it might be better to just close the roof right from the beginning. I think it would just be smarter."

This was a match filled with lengthy exchanges and some fantastic shotmaking by both women.

Stephens was just a bit better, particularly on the most crucial points. She won half of Azarenka's 10 service games. And Stephens also made 10 fewer unforced errors, 27-17.

This is Stephens' sixth Grand Slam tournament since she had foot surgery in January 2017, and the other five followed a boom-or-bust pattern: In two, she reached the final, including at the French Open in June; in the other three, she exited in the first round.

This time, the American will seek a quarterfinal spot when she faces No. 15 Elise Mertens of Belgium on Sunday.

Mertens, who beat Stephens at a recent hard-court tuneup tournament, reached the fourth round in New York for the first time by defeating No. 23 Barbora Strycova 6-3, 7-6 (4). The other fourth-round matchup in that quarter will be No. 7 Elina Svitolina against No. 19 Anastasija Sevastova.



Sloane Stephens reacts during a match against Victoria Azarenka during the third round of the U.S. Open on Friday, in New York. [JASON DECROW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]



Eustis's Jermarius Maple (2) celebrates after scoring a touchdown in the Panthers' 62-26 thrashing of Leesburg Friday night. [PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

## Panthers maul Leesburg

**Eustis outscores rival Yellow Jackets 48-6 in second half**

By Paul Jenkins  
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EUSTIS — In the previous 74 meetings between Eustis and Leesburg there may have been games that got more ugly and one-sided.

It's just hard to imagine.

Pushing Leesburg all over the field in the second half, Eustis outscored the Yellow Jackets 48-6 over the final 24 minutes and walked away with a 62-26 win for its third straight victory in the series. That matches the Panthers'

longest winning streak in the series, something Eustis had only done three times before.

"We started a little slow and we had a costly turnover," Eustis coach Mike Hay said. "But we got back to playing physical football in the second half."

It was the second straight week that Leesburg (0-2) has had a running clock put on it. But the Yellow Jackets looked like the team in control early on, taking a 20-7 lead with 2:22 to go in the half.

Eustis came right back, scoring as time expired on a controversial 3-yard pass where it looked like the ball

had not crossed the plane of the goal line.

It hardly mattered in the second half as Leesburg self-destructed for the second week in a row, turning the ball over five times in the half and fumbling snap on a punt to set Eustis up for another score.

Eustis (1-1) rushed for 293 yards and six touchdowns, turning to the ground game when starting quarterback Tanner Romano was hurt early in the second quarter. Umatilla transfer Glen Register took over and while he didn't complete a pass, he ran for 59 yards and a score.

See PANTHERS, B3

## Time for Gators to show what they've got

By Robbie Andreu  
Gatehouse Media

GAINESVILLE — There's no mistaking, Dan Mullen has brought great energy and hope to a Florida football program desperately in need of both.

Now, will all this pre-season passion carry over into the season with quality performances and wins on the field?

The Gators have put in the work. And they've also done some talking, saying there

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**TV:** SEC Network

will be dramatic improvement on offense and a return to elite status on defense.

With the opener finally here, it's time, Gators. Show us what you've got.

"There's definitely some curiosity on how it's going

to go," junior wide receiver Josh Hammond said. "I'm just excited to go out and get rolling."

Given Mullen's track record for developing quarterbacks and scoring lots of points, the anticipation among Gator Nation is that the offense will at least show signs of starting to roll.

"Just want to show them what they've been waiting to see," junior offensive tackle Jawaan Taylor said.

See GATORS, B5

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 8:55 a.m.  
 ESPN2 — Formula One, Heineken Italian Grand Prix, qualifying, at Monza, Italy  
 12:30 p.m.  
 NBCSN — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200, qualifying, at Darlington, S.C.  
 2 p.m.  
 NBCSN — NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Bojangles' Southern 500, qualifying, at Darlington, S.C.  
 3:30 p.m.  
 NBC — NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Sport Clips Haircuts VFW 200, at Darlington, S.C.  
 7:30 p.m.  
 NBCSN — IndyCar, Grand Prix of Portland, qualifying, at Portland, Ore. (same-day tape)

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 ESPNU — James Madison at NC State  
 ESPNEWS — Villanova at Temple  
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 FS1 — Texas vs. Maryland, at Landover, Md.  
 FSN — Southern at TCU  
 SEC — Coastal Carolina at South Carolina  
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 BTN — Appalachian St. at Penn St.  
 CBS — West Virginia vs. Tennessee, at Charlotte, N.C.  
 CBSSN — Washington St. at Wyoming  
 ESPN — Austin Peay at Georgia  
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 ESPN — Cincinnati at UCLA  
 7:30 p.m.  
 NBC — Michigan at Notre Dame  
 ESPNU — Stephen F. Austin at Mississippi St.  
 SEC — Charleston Southern at Florida  
 8 p.m.  
 ABC — Louisville vs. Alabama, at Orlando  
 FOX — Akron at Nebraska  
 FSN — Abilene Christian at Baylor  
 10:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — UTSA at Arizona St.  
 10:45 p.m.  
 ESPN — BYU at Arizona  
 11 p.m.  
 CBSSN — Navy at Hawaii

## DRAG RACING

4:30 p.m.  
 FS1 — NHRA, U.S. Nationals, qualifying, at Indianapolis

## GOLF

6:30 a.m.  
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, Made In Denmark, third round, at Aarhus, Denmark  
 1 p.m.  
 GOLF — Web.com Tour, DAP Championship, third round, at Beachwood, Ohio  
 2:30 p.m.  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Dell Technologies Championship, second round, at Boston  
 6:30 p.m.  
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Dell Technologies Championship, second round, at Boston  
 8:30 p.m.  
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Shaw Charity Classic, second round, at Calgary, Alberta (same-day tape)

## HORSE RACING

2:30 p.m.  
 FS2 — Saratoga Live, Glens Falls and Saranac Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.  
 5:30 p.m.  
 NBCSN — Breeders' Cup Challenge Series, Spinaway and Woodward Stakes, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

## MLB BASEBALL

4 p.m.  
 FS1 — Detroit at N.Y. Yankees  
 7 p.m.  
 FS1 — Tampa Bay at Cleveland  
 FS-Florida — Toronto at Miami

## SOCCER

7:30 a.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Leicester City vs. Liverpool  
 9:30 a.m.  
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Bayer Leverkusen vs. VfL Wolfsburg  
 FS2 — Bundesliga, Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Werder Bremen  
 10 a.m.  
 NBCSN — Premier League, Chelsea vs. Bournemouth  
 12:20 p.m.  
 FS2 — Bundesliga, VfB Stuttgart vs. Bayern Munich  
 12:30 p.m.  
 NBC — Premier League, Manchester City vs. Newcastle United  
 RUGBY  
 9 p.m.  
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Exeter vs. Leicester (same-day tape)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

**EAST**  
 Charleston (WV) 35, W. Virginia St. 31  
 Coast Guard 33, New England Coll. 7  
 Frostburg St. 34, Stevenson 7  
 Johns Hopkins 63, Randolph-Macon 31  
 Maine 35, New Hampshire 7  
 Pace 23, Millersville 10  
 Rhode Island 21, Delaware 19  
 S. Connecticut 35, Gannon 31  
 UCF 56, UConn 17  
 Wagner 40, Bowie St. 23  
 West Chester 44, Bentley 6

**SOUTH**  
 Campbell 49, Chowan 26  
 Chattanooga 34, Tennessee Tech 10  
 E. Kentucky 49, Morehead St. 23  
 Georgia St. 24, Kennesaw St. 20  
 Louisiana-Monroe 34, SE Louisiana 31  
 S. Illinois 49, Murray St. 10  
 Samford 66, Shorter 9  
 UAB 52, Savannah St. 0  
 Wake Forest 23, Tulane 17, OT

**MIDWEST**  
 Baldwin-Wallace 63, Alma 21  
 Ball St. 42, CCSU 6  
 Bemidji St. 38, Northern St. (SD) 17  
 Buena Vista 39, Hamline 27  
 Ferris St. 49, East Stroudsburg 17  
 Fort Hays St. 20, Cent. Missouri 16  
 Grand Valley St. 30, Indianapolis 7  
 Indiana (Pa.) 21, Ashland 17  
 Indiana St. 49, Quincy 0  
 Michigan Tech 20, Truman St. 10  
 Minnesota 48, New Mexico St. 10  
 Minn. Duluth 49, Minot St. 3  
 North Dakota 35, MVSU 7  
 Northwestern 31, Purdue 27  
 Ohio Dominican 28, California (Pa.) 23  
 Saginaw Valley St. 45, Alderson-Broaddus 7  
 Sioux Falls 27, Concordia (St.P.) 21  
 Washburn 27, Lindenwood (Mo.) 14

**SOUTHWEST**  
 Harding 41, Henderson St. 17  
 Oklahoma Baptist 27, East Central 26, OT  
 Oklahoma St. 58, Missouri St. 17  
 Tarleton St. 44, Delta St. 13  
 Texas A&M 59, Northwestern St. 7  
 Texas A&M Commerce 37, Texas A&M-Kingsville 36, 2OT

**FAR WEST**  
 Montana St. 26, W. Illinois 23  
 UC Davis 44, San Jose St. 38  
 Utah 41, Weber St. 10

**TOP 25 SCHEDULE**  
**Friday**  
 No. 4 Wisconsin vs. Western Kentucky, late No. 11 Michigan State vs. Utah State, late No. 13 Stanford vs. San Diego State, late

**Today**  
 No. 1 Alabama vs. Louisville at Orlando, 8 p.m.  
 No. 2 Clemson vs. Furman, 12:20 p.m.  
 No. 3 Georgia vs. Austin Peay, 3:30 p.m.  
 No. 5 Ohio State vs. Oregon State, Noon  
 No. 6 Washington vs. No. 9 Auburn at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.

No. 7 Oklahoma vs. FAU, Noon  
 No. 10 Penn State vs. Appalachian State, 3:30 p.m.  
 No. 12 Notre Dame vs. No. 14 Michigan, 7:30 p.m.  
 No. 15 Southern Cal vs. UNLV, 4 p.m.  
 No. 16 TCU vs. Southern U, Noon  
 No. 17 West Virginia vs. Tennessee at Charlotte, N.C., 3:30 p.m.

No. 18 Mississippi State vs. Stephen F. Austin, 7:30 p.m.  
 No. 22 Boise State at Troy, 6 p.m.  
 No. 23 Texas at Maryland, Noon  
 No. 24 Oregon vs. Bowling Green, 8 p.m.

**Sunday**  
 No. 8 Miami vs. No. 25 LSU at Arlington, Texas, 7:30 p.m.  
**Monday**  
 No. 19 Florida State vs. No. 20 Virginia Tech, 8 p.m.

## PRO FOOTBALL

**NFL PRESEASON**  
 All times Eastern  
**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**  
**EAST**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 New England 3 1 0 .750 94 74  
 Buffalo 2 2 0 .500 83 98  
 Miami 1 3 0 .250 88 87  
 N.Y. Jets 1 3 0 .250 55 47

**SOUTH**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 Houston 3 1 0 .750 67 50  
 Indianapolis 3 1 0 .750 88 80  
 Jacksonville 3 1 0 .750 76 50  
 Tennessee 4 0 0 .000 40 90

**NORTH**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 Baltimore 5 0 0 1.000 127 72  
 Pittsburgh 3 1 0 .750 120 95  
 Cincinnati 3 1 0 .750 103 80  
 Cleveland 3 1 0 .750 77 46

**WEST**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 Oakland 3 1 0 .750 74 54  
 Denver 2 2 0 .500 101 93  
 Kansas City 2 2 0 .500 91 79  
 L.A. Chargers 2 2 0 .500 71 95

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**  
**EAST**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 N.Y. Giants 2 2 0 .500 74 70  
 Washington 1 3 0 .250 69 98  
 Philadelphia 1 3 0 .250 44 82  
 Dallas 0 4 0 .000 43 86

**SOUTH**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 New Orleans 3 1 0 .750 103 47  
 Carolina 3 1 0 .750 104 96  
 Tampa Bay 2 2 0 .500 96 96  
 Atlanta 4 0 0 .000 27 96

**NORTH**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 Minnesota 3 1 0 .750 86 65  
 Green Bay 2 2 0 .500 109 97  
 Chicago 2 3 0 .400 121 118  
 Detroit 1 3 0 .250 77 111

**WEST**  
 W L T PCT. PF PA  
 Arizona 3 1 0 .750 81 56  
 L.A. Rams 2 2 0 .500 47 96  
 San Francisco 1 3 0 .250 75 83  
 Seattle 0 4 0 .000 70 94

**WEEK 4 Thursday's Games**  
 New England 17, N.Y. Giants 12  
 Miami 34, Atlanta 7  
 Philadelphia 10, N.Y. Jets 9  
 Cleveland 35, Detroit 17  
 Indianapolis 27, Cincinnati 26  
 Jacksonville 25, Tampa Bay 10  
 Baltimore 30, Washington 20  
 Pittsburgh 39, Carolina 24  
 Minnesota 13, Tennessee 3  
 New Orleans 28, L.A. Rams 0  
 Houston 14, Dallas 6  
 Buffalo 28, Chicago 27  
 Kansas City 33, Green Bay 21  
 L.A. Chargers 23, San Francisco 21  
 Denver 21, Arizona 10  
 Oakland 30, Seattle 19

## REGULAR SEASON

**WEEK 1 Thursday, Sept. 6**  
 Atlanta at Philadelphia, 8:20 p.m.  
**Sunday, Sept. 9**  
 Buffalo at Baltimore, 1 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.  
 Tennessee at Miami, 1 p.m.  
 San Francisco at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
 Houston at New England, 1 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at New Orleans, 1 p.m.  
 Jacksonville at New York Giants, 1 p.m.  
 Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
 Washington at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
 Dallas at Carolina, 4:25 p.m.  
 Seattle at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
 Chicago at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Sept. 10**  
 New York Jets at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.

## TENNIS

**ATP WORLD TOUR/WTA TOUR U.S. OPEN**  
 Friday's results at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York (seedings in parentheses):  
**Men's Singles**  
**Third Round**  
 Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (4).  
 Dominic Thiem (9), Austria, def. Taylor Fritz, United States, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-4.  
**Women's Singles**  
**Third Round**  
 Sloane Stephens (3), United States, def. Victoria Azarenka, Belarus, 6-3, 6-4.  
 Elise Mertens (15), Belgium, def. Barbara Strycova (23), Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-5 (4).  
 Anastasija Sevastova (19), Latvia, def. Akaterina Makarova, Russia, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.  
 Elna Svitolina (7), Ukraine, def. Qiang Wang, China, 6-4, 6-4.  
**Men's Doubles**  
**Second Round**

Jurgen Melzer, Austria and Nikola Pietrangeli, Croatia, def. Leonardo Mayer, Argentina and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-3, 6-3.  
 Robin Haase, Netherlands and Matwe Middelkoop (14), Netherlands, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany and Tim Puetz, Germany, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.  
 Ryan Harrison, United States and Christian Harrison, United States, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain and Marc Lopez (10), Spain, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.  
 Malek Jaziri, Tunisia and Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Horia Tecau, Romania and Jean-Julien Rojer (6), Netherlands, 3-6, 7-6 (8), 6-2.  
 Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina and Nicolas Jarry, Chile, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven Klaasen (8), South Africa, 6-3, 7-6 (5).

**Women's Doubles**  
**Second Round**  
 Barbora Krejčíková, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (1), Czech Republic, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States and Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.  
 Laura Siegemund, Germany and Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania and Irina-Camelia Begu (15), Romania, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Su-Wei Hsieh, Taiwan and Aryna Sabalenka, Belarus, def. Nina Stojanovic, Serbia and Fanny Stollár, Hungary, 6-4, 7-6 (5).  
 Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia and Nao Hibino, Japan, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden and Kiki Bertens (9), Netherlands, 7-6 (3), 6-4.  
 Irina Khromacheva, Russia and Dailia Jakupovic, Slovenia, def. Asia Muhammad, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, 7-5, 6-4.  
 Christina McHale, United States and Caroline Dolehide, United States, def. Zhaoxuan Yang, China and Hao-Ching Chan (10), Taiwan, 5-7, 6-2, 7-6 (5).  
 Kristina Mladenovic, France and Tímea Babos (2), Hungary, def. Nicole Gibbs, United States and Sabrina Santamaria, United States, 6-0, 6-2.

**Mixed Doubles**  
**First Round**  
 Juan Sebastian Cabal, Colombia and Abigail Spears (8), United States, def. James Cerretti, United States and Kaitlyn Christian, United States, 5-7, 6-3, 10-6.

**U.S. OPEN SHOW COURT SCHEDULES**  
 Today at USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, New York  
**Arthur Ashe Stadium**  
 Madison Keys (14), United States, vs. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia  
 Nick Kyrgios (30), Australia, vs. Roger Federer (2), Switzerland  
 Maria Sharapova (22), Russia, vs. Jelena Ostapenko (10), Latvia  
 Novak Djokovic (6), Serbia, vs. Richard Gasquet (26), France  
**Louis Armstrong Stadium**  
 Kiki Bertens (13), Netherlands, vs. Marketa Vondrousova, Czech Republic  
 Dominika Cibulkova (29), Slovakia, vs. Angelique Kerber (4), Germany  
 Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, vs. Alexander Zverev (4), Germany  
 Petra Kvitová (5), Czech Republic, vs. Aryna Sabalenka (26), Belarus  
 Marin Cilic (7), Croatia, vs. Alex De Minaur, Australia

**Grandstand**  
 John Millman, Australia, vs. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan  
 Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, vs. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine  
 Naomi Osaka (20), Japan, vs. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus  
 Diego Schwartzman (13), Argentina, vs. Kei Nishikori (21), Japan

**Court 17**  
 Caroline Garcia (6), France, vs. Carla Suarez-Navarro (30), Spain  
 Lucas Pouille (17), France, vs. Joao Sousa, Portugal  
 Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, vs. David Goffin (10), Belgium

**PGA TOUR**  
**DELL TECHNOLOGIES CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Friday at TPC Boston, Norton, Mass. **Purse:** \$9 million; **Yardage:** 7,342; **Par:** 71

**FIRST ROUND**  
 Justin Rose 34-31-65  
 Russell Knox 35-31-66  
 Abraham Ancer 32-34-66  
 Chris Kirk 33-34-67  
 Beau Hossler 36-31-67  
 Keegan Bradley 32-35-67  
 Gary Woodland 34-33-67  
 Adam Hadwin 32-36-68  
 Xander Schauffele 36-32-68  
 Marc Leishman 33-35-68  
 Dustin Johnson 33-35-68  
 Webb Simpson 34-34-68  
 Rafa Cabrera Bello 32-36-68  
 Brian Harman 34-34-68  
 C.T. Pan 34-35-69  
 Byeong Hun An 35-34-69  
 Jordan Spieth 34-35-69  
 Kevin Chappell 34-35-69  
 Tyrrell Hatton 35-34-69  
 Charles Howell III 34-35-69  
 Henrik Stenson 36-33-69  
 Alex Noren 36-33-69  
 Kevin Kisner 36-33-69  
 Cameron Smith 34-35-69  
 Austin Cook 33-36-69  
 Tony Finau 35-34-69  
 Brooks Koepka 34-35-69  
 Paul Casey 33-36-69  
 Tommy Fleetwood 34-35-69  
 J.B. Holmes 34-35-69  
 Peter Uihlein 36-34-69  
 Si Woo Kim 34-36-70  
 Bryson DeChambeau 36-34-70  
 Kevin Na 36-34-70  
 Danny Lee 35-35-70  
 Jimmy Walker 35-35-70  
 Andrew Putnam 34-36-70  
 Kyle Stanley 35-35-70  
 Brice Garnett 38-32-70  
 Brandon Grace 35-35-70  
 38-33-71  
 Matt Kuchar 35-36-71  
 Ryan Moore 35-36-71  
 Pat Perez 35-36-71  
 Rory McIlroy 36-35-71  
 Kevin Tway 33-38-71  
 Jonhattan Vegas 35-36-71  
 Russell Henley 36-35-71  
 Louis Oosthuizen 35-36-71  
 Scott Piercy 36-35-71  
 Hideki Matsuyama 37-34-71  
 Adam Scott 35-36-71  
 Ryan Armour 37-34-71  
 Aaron Wise 38-33-71  
 Patrick Reed 35-36-71  
 Jamie Lovemark 35-36-71  
 Stewart Cink 35-37-72  
 Whee Kim 37-35-72  
 Brian Gay 38-34-72  
 Emiliano Grillo 35-37-72  
 Brandt Snedeker 38-34-72  
 Tiger Woods 35-37-72  
 Bubba Watson 36-36-72  
 Michael Kim 35-37-72  
 Jason Kokrak 38-34-72  
 Nick Watney 34-38-72  
 Brendan Steele 35-37-72  
 Phil Mickelson 36-36-72  
 Brian Stuard 38-34-72  
 Daniel Berger 39-34-73  
 Zach Johnson 37-36-73  
 Ryan Palmer 38-35-73  
 Chez Reavie 38-35-73  
 Justin Thomas 39-34-73  
 Jon Rahm 34-39-73  
 Charley Hoffman 36-37-73  
 Ian Poulter 36-37-73  
 Andrew Landry 35-38-73  
 Patrick Cantlay 37-36-73  
 Keith Mitchell 36-37-73  
 Scott Stallings 35-38-73  
 Tom Hoge 34-40-74  
 Bronson Burgoon 36-37-74  
 Ted Potter, Jr. 37-37-74  
 Patton Kizzire 37-37-74  
 Troy Merritt 40-34-74  
 Anirban Lahiri 37-37-74  
 J.J. Spaun 38-36-74  
 Jason Day 39-37-76  
 Satoshi Kodaira 37-39-76  
 Luke List 39-37-76  
 Kelly Kraft 39-37-76  
 Joel Dahmen 42-35-77  
 Ollie Schniederjans 40-37-77  
 Kevin Streelman 42-36-78  
 Chesson Hadley 37-42-79  
 Jason Dufner 40-40-80

**EUROPEAN TOUR**  
**MADE IN DENMARK**  
 Friday's leaders at Aarhus, Denmark, Silkeborg Ry CC. **Purse:** \$1.5 million euros; **Yardage:** 6,975; **Par:** 72 (36-36)

**SECOND ROUND**  
 Christiaan Bezuidenhout, S. Africa 66-65-131  
 Lee Westwood, England 68-65-133  
 Jonathan Thomson, England 64-69-133  
 Sam Horsfield, England 67-67-134  
 Matthew Baldwin, England 66-69-135  
 Thomas Detry, Belgium 67-68-135  
 Matt Wallace, England 68-68-136  
 Hunter Stewart, United States 66-70-136  
 Callum Shinkwin, England 71-66-137  
 Phachara Khongwatmai, Thailand 68-69-137  
 Fabrizio Zanotti, Paraguay 69-68-137  
 Robert Rock, England 67-70-137  
 Erik Van Rooyen, South Africa 67-70-137  
 Adrian Oteague, Spain 70-67-137  
 Richard Sterne, South Africa 71-66-137  
 Chris Hurn, England 70-67-137  
 Thomas Pieters, Belgium 69-68-137  
 Lucas Bjerregaard, Denmark 66-71-137  
 Brett Rumford, Australia 66-71-137  
 Nicolai Tinning, Denmark 69-68-137

**ALSO**  
 Paul Peterson, United States 71-67-138  
**MISSED CUT**  
 Edoardo Molinari, Italy 71-72-143  
 Chase Koepka, United States 70-73-143  
 Doug Ghim, United States 73-71-144  
 David Lipsy, United States 72-73-145  
 Daniel Im, United States 75-72-147  
 John Daly, United States 76-71-147

**WEB.COM TOUR**  
**DAP CHAMPIONSHIP**  
 Scores were not available at press time.

## SOCCER

**MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER**  
 All times Eastern  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
New York Red Bulls	17	6	4	55	50
Atlanta United FC	16	4	6	54	55
New York City FC	14	6	6	48	39
Columbus	11	8	7	40	33
Philadelphia	12	11	3	39	37
Montreal	10	14	3	33	34
New England	7	10	8	29	38
D.C. United	7	11	6	27	39
Toronto FC	7	13	6	27	43
Chicago	6	15	6	24	37
Orlando City	7	16	2	23	58

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**  

W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
FC Dallas	13	6	7	46	35
Sporting Kansas City	13	6	6	45	30
Los Angeles FC	12	7	7	43	40
Real Salt Lake	12	10	5	41	42
Portland	11	7	4	37	35
Seattle	11	9	5	38	32
Los Angeles Galaxy	10	9	8	38	49
Vancouver	10	9	7	37	43
Minnesota United	9	15	2	29	38
Houston	7	12	7	28	41
Colorado	6	14	6	24	31
San Jose	4	14	8	20	40

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

**Wednesday's Games**  
 New York Red Bulls 1, Houston 0  
 Philadelphia 2, D.C. United 0  
 Portland 2, Toronto FC 0  
 San Jose 4, FC Dallas 3

**Today's Games**  
 Sporting Kansas City at Seattle, 4 p.m.  
 New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.  
 Portland at New England, 7:30 p.m.  
 Houston at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.  
 Los Angeles FC at Toronto FC, 8 p.m.  
 New York City FC at Columbus, 8 p.m.  
 Los Angeles Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.  
 San Jose at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

**Sunday's Game**  
 Atlanta United FC at D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.

## ODDS

**PREGAME.COM LINE**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
**Today**  
**National League**  

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at San Francisco	-148	New York	+138
Chicago	-133	at Philadelphia	+123
at Washington	-138	Milwaukee	+128
at Atlanta	-160	Cincinnati	+150
at St. Louis	-168	Pittsburgh	+158
Colorado	-158	at San Diego	+148

## HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

## FOOTBALL

**Mount Dora 63, Umatilla 20**

Mount Dora jumped in front early, withstood a rally by Umatilla and then poured it on at the end to take a 63-20 win in Umatilla on Thursday night.

Mount Dora (2-0) got more than 250 yards rushing from Isayah Hatter and Tyler Schwarz threw for a couple of touchdowns to lead the Hurricanes.

Mount Dora went in front 35-0 with about 10 minutes left in the first quarter before Umatilla (0-2) answered with 20 straight points to make it 35-20.

Mount Dora then scored with about a minute left in the half to go in the locker room with a 42-20 lead.

"We played well in the first quarter and then we turned the ball over and they hit some big plays in the second quarter," Mount Dora coach Frank Scott said. "We're just happy to get away from there with a win. They played us tough and they're really scrappy. They played well."

After a scoreless third quarter, Mount Dora put the game away with a 21-0 burst in the final quarter.

"It wasn't the cleanest game for us and we've got to tighten some things up," Scott said. "We've got to learn to play for four quarters."

Mount Dora returns to action next Friday with a game at Ocala Forest while Umatilla hosts Tavares.

**Tavares 21, Brooksville Central 12**

A week after suffering a crushing 35-0 shutout loss to The Villages, Tavares rebounded at home with a thrilling come-from-behind win over Brooksville Central in the last two minutes.

With 1:20 left in the game and Tavares down 12-7, Tavares quarterback Chris Thompson dropped back to pass, found no receivers open and took off up the middle. He was met by a Brooksville defender at the 7 yard line but spun away, rolled over the top of the tackler and scampered into the end zone to put the Bulldogs up.



**Mount Dora's Austin Berg is wide open for a touchdown reception on Thursday night against Umatilla. The Hurricanes defeated the Bulldogs 63-20 in Umatilla.** [JOE OTT/CORRESPONDENT]

On the ensuing kickoff, Tavares' special teams came up big, stripping the ball from the Brooksville return man and taking it into the end zone to seal the win.

**Orlando Christian Prep 42, Mount Dora Christian 14**

Mount Dora Christian Academy fell to 0-2 on the season as Orlando Christian Prep thumped the Bulldogs,

42-14.

Orlando Christian scored early and often en route to a commanding 22-7 halftime lead, and MDCA couldn't recover.

"We just came out flat," MDCA coach Kolby Tackett said. "It's on me. I didn't do a good enough job of getting them ready to go. It's all on me. It's not them. They played hard."

It doesn't get any easier for the Bulldogs next week as they play Wildwood.

## VOLLEYBALL

**South Lake 3, Tavares 1**

Ariel Modeste had eight kills and a .400 hitting percentage, Amanda Garner had 18 assists and Shelby Hicks had six aces, 17 digs and three assists to lead South Lake to a 25-15, 15-25, 25-21, 25-14 win over Tavares on Thursday.

South Lake improved to 3-1 and Tavares dropped to 4-2.

**First Academy of Leesburg 3, Legacy Charter 1**

First Academy of Leesburg ran its record to 4-0 on the year with a 17-25, 25-17, 25-21, 25-15 win over Legacy Charter on Thursday.

## BOYS GOLF

**Lake Minneola 177, Ocoee 201**

Trenton Waters shot a 40 over nine holes at Sanctuary Ridge to lead Lake Minneola to a season-opening win over Ocoee on Thursday.

# Rose leads FedEx Cup event at TPC Boston



**Justin Rose hits off the third tee during the first round of the Dell Technologies Championship, Friday at TPC Boston in Norton, Mass.** [STEW MILNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## By Doug Ferguson

The Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Justin Rose made his birdies mean something by keeping bogeys off his card for a 6-under 65 and a one-shot lead Friday in the Dell Technologies Championship.

Rose was rarely out of position on a breezy day at the TPC Boston that kept scores higher than usual. He putted for birdie on all but two holes and finished with three birdies over his last four holes to

lead Russell Knox and Abraham Ancer.

Tiger Woods had to rally to salvage a 72.

Rose missed the cut in the FedEx Cup playoffs opener, and then opted out of the pro-am so he could spend six days at home in the Bahamas. He's in position where a missed cut doesn't hurt him at No. 6 in the standings.

Knox and Ancer have far more at stake. They're simply trying to get to the next FedEx Cup event and keep their seasons going.

## EAGLES

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dash occurred one play after an apparent interception by Johnson was negated by a pass interference call.

Following a fumble recovery deep in Lake Minneola territory early in the fourth quarter, South Lake took its first lead of the game.

After a 17-yard pass completion from Heuser to Torrance Stover to the four, Joiner blasted in for his fifth score of the game and a 33-28 lead with 8 minutes to play.

But, Joiner wasn't done.

Lake Minneola muffed the ensuing kickoff and South Lake wasted little time adding what turned out to be the game-winning score. Joiner's sixth touchdown, a 43 yarder, put the Eagles up for good.

He added a seventh touchdown, for 41 yards, on South Lake's next possession one possession later and ran 85 yards on his final carry of the night for his eighth

rushing score.

The game was halted for nearly 40 minutes with 3 minutes, 54 seconds remaining in the fourth quarter for a medical emergency. Stover suffered an apparent neck injury on the reception that set up Joiner's four-yard run and paramedics decided to have him airlifted from the field instead of taking him out by ambulance.

School officials said Stover was conscious and able to move his extremities, and the decision to airlift him was made out of an abundance of caution.

For Lake Minneola, which dropped to 1-1 on the season, Cole completed 17 of 35 passes for 218 yards. He also ran for 175 yards.

Logan had five catches for 73 yards.

Take away Joiner and South Lake's ground attack totaled minus-six yards. Heuser turned in a workmanlike performance, completing 5 of 12 passes for 94 yards.

Stover caught all of Heuser's completed passes.

# Darlington's big question: Are you in the playoffs or not?

By Pete Iacobelli  
The Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Austin Dillon loves his position entering the Southern 500 — planning for NASCAR's playoffs rather than trying to qualify for the postseason.

Dillon was the first to lock up a spot in the 16-team playoffs with his win at the Daytona 500 in February.

He's largely felt pressure-free ever since, something he expects will change as the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series wraps up its final two regular-season races here at Darlington and then Indianapolis next week.

"In two weeks from now we are going to be thinking about points again," said Dillon, 19th in the point standings. "So you've got to race these last two races like the playoffs have started."

Twelve drivers have clinched berths in the playoffs, and most of the other spots could be wrapped up after Sunday night's race.

Denny Hamlin needs eight points in the race to make the field for the 12th time in 13 years. Aric Almirola and Jimmie Johnson could get in if one of NASCAR's nine drivers with victories crosses the line in first.

For many drivers, they'll need a great run if they're to race for a title.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. is 16th in points, but on the outside



**Austin Dillon leans on a tool box in the garage before a NASCAR Cup Series practice session Friday at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C.** [TERRY RENNA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

looking in because of Dillon's victory at Daytona. Stenhouse stands 79 points behind Alex Bowman, who is on the bubble as the final driver for the playoff.

Stenhouse's approach this weekend is clear — win and you're in.

"We've got to go out and do our job and get to victory lane," he said.

Stenhouse, the Roush Fenway Racing driver who qualified for the playoffs for the first time a year ago, acknowledged that strategies change and more risks are taken when it comes to making the playoffs.

Stenhouse said crew chief Brian Pattie might try an unconventional setup or tinker with their race plan to get the No. 17 car on top.

"It's like that for a lot of

us," Stenhouse said.

Kyle Larson secured his playoff spot in the series' last race at Bristol with a runner-up finish two weeks ago. The Chip Ganassi Racing driver never really concerned himself with his positioning, feeling his consistency (13 top 10s in 24 events) and performance was better than several other playoff contenders.

"I felt like for the last three or four months, our team was solidly in the playoffs until you're not mathematically set until the last race," Larson said. "Our mindset isn't any different, especially these next two."

Hamlin, the defending Southern 500 champion, has struggled in recent weeks to find the form that's made him a regular playoff participant since 2006.

## PANTHERS

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Rashon Scott led the way for the Panthers with 122 yards rushing and two scores on 18 carries while Jarmarius Maple added 97 yards rushing and two scores on 13 carries.

Tayquan Pinellas led the way for Leesburg with 86 yards rushing on 16 carries, including a 60-yard scoring run for Leesburg's only points in the second half. Quarterback A.J. Graham added 48 yards rushing with a score and threw a touchdown pass for his only completion before getting hurt and leaving the game late in the third quarter.

Eustis looked good in grabbing an early lead, going 56 yards in six plays with Kdell Houston punching it in from 3 yards out with a run up the middle. The big play on the drive came on a 37-yard pass from Romano to Maple.

But Leesburg got its offense going and two big



**Eustis's Glen Register (7) blows past a Leesburg defender Friday night.** [PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

plays by Chris Walton put the Yellow Jackets in front. First, Walton stretched out for a pass from Graham in the end zone to tie the game at 7-7 with 5:01 to go in the first quarter.

Then Walton caught a tipped pass and returned it for another score to give Leesburg a 14-7 lead with 2:40 to go in the quarter.

Eustis answered with a 10-play drive, but it ended in disaster as Romano was hurt falling on a bad snap and the drive ended with a 52-yard field goal attempt that never

got off the ground.

Leesburg came up with a 12-play, 69-yard drive to take a 20-7 lead with 2:22 to go in the half. All Leesburg's yards came on the ground and the Yellow Jackets polished it off with Graham scooting 9 yards around the right side for the score.

But the Panthers came up with the score to end the half and from that point on, it was all Eustis.

"That score before the half was crucial because it gave us some confidence," Hay said.

# MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Boston	93	42	.689	—	—	5-5	W-3	48-18	45-24	
New York	84	50	.627	8½	—	6-4	L-2	46-23	38-27	
Tampa Bay	71	62	.534	21	8	9-1	W-1	41-24	30-38	
Toronto	60	73	.451	32	19	5-5	L-4	34-33	26-40	
Baltimore	40	94	.299	52½	39½	3-7	W-3	24-44	16-50	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Cleveland	76	57	.571	—	—	5-5	W-1	41-25	35-32	
Minnesota	62	71	.466	14	17	3-7	L-1	39-29	23-42	
Detroit	54	80	.403	22½	25½	3-7	W-1	34-34	20-46	
Chicago	53	81	.396	23½	26½	6-4	L-1	25-41	28-40	
Kansas City	42	91	.316	34	37	4-6	W-2	22-45	20-46	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Houston	82	52	.612	—	—	7-3	L-1	35-31	47-21	
Oakland	80	55	.593	2½	—	5-5	L-2	39-27	41-28	
Seattle	75	59	.560	7	4½	4-6	W-1	38-28	37-31	
Los Angeles	65	69	.485	17	14½	3-7	W-1	34-34	31-35	
Texas	58	76	.433	24	21½	3-7	L-4	29-40	29-36	

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Atlanta	74	59	.556	—	—	6-4	L-2	35-30	39-29	
Philadelphia	71	62	.534	3	3	3-7	W-1	42-24	29-38	
Washington	67	67	.500	7½	7½	5-5	L-1	33-31	34-36	
New York	59	74	.444	15	15	5-5	W-1	28-40	31-34	
Miami	53	81	.396	21½	21½	5-5	L-3	31-38	22-43	

CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Chicago	79	54	.594	—	—	8-2	W-1	44-24	35-30	
St. Louis	75	59	.560	4½	—	7-3	W-1	36-29	39-30	
Milwaukee	75	60	.556	5	—	7-3	W-2	40-26	35-34	
Pittsburgh	65	69	.485	14½	9½	3-7	L-1	35-34	30-35	
Cincinnati	57	77	.425	22½	17½	2-8	L-2	32-37	25-40	

WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Arizona	74	60	.552	—	—	6-4	W-2	35-31	39-29	
Colorado	72	61	.541	1½	2	5-5	L-1	34-30	38-31	
Los Angeles	72	62	.537	2	2½	6-4	L-1	35-34	37-28	
San Francisco	67	68	.496	7½	8	6-4	L-1	38-28	29-40	
San Diego	53	83	.390	22	22½	4-6	W-3	26-43	27-40	

## ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

**LATE**  
 Detroit at N.Y. Yankees  
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland  
 Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia  
 Milwaukee at Washington  
 Toronto at Miami  
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta  
 Cincinnati at St. Louis  
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers  
 Colorado at San Diego  
 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco  
 Minnesota at Texas  
 Boston at Chicago White Sox  
 L.A. Angels at Houston  
 Baltimore at Kansas City  
 Seattle at Oakland



## Swiping second

Milwaukee Brewers second baseman Travis Shaw, left, can't make the tag on the Washington Nationals' Adam Eaton as he steals second base during the first inning of Friday's game at Nationals Park in Washington. [ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

## TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST THREE STARTS W-L	IP	ERA		
New York	Matz (L)		5-11	4.36	11-13	0-2	14.0	4.50		
San Francisco	Holland (L)	4:05p	7-8	3.65	14-11	1-0	16.0	1.13		
Milwaukee	Anderson (R)		9-7	4.04	14-12	2-0	15.0	6.00		
Washington	Strasburg (R)	7:05p	7-7	4.15	13-8	1-1	14.2	7.98		
Chicago	Hendricks (R)		10-10	3.86	13-14	2-1	20.0	2.70		
Philadelphia	Effin (R)	7:05p	9-5	3.99	10-9	1-1	15.1	6.46		
Pittsburgh	Archer (R)		4-7	4.72	11-11	0-2	13.0	7.62		
Atlanta	Gausman (R)	7:10p	9-9	3.87	10-16	3-0	19.0	0.95		
Cincinnati	Castillo (R)		7-11	5.07	13-13	1-2	15.2	6.32		
St. Louis	Poncedeleon (R)	7:15p	0-0	2.08	1-1	0-0	11.0	0.82		
Colorado	Gray (R)		10-7	4.76	15-10	1-0	20.0	4.50		
San Diego	Erlin (L)	8:40p	3-4	3.69	3-4	1-1	15.2	5.17		
Arizona	Corbin (L)		10-5	3.15	16-11	1-1	20.0	3.15		
Los Angeles	Kershaw (L)	9:10p	6-5	2.39	10-10	1-0	23.0	1.57		

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST THREE STARTS W-L	IP	ERA		
Detroit	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
New York	Tanaka (R)	4:05p	9-5	3.97	13-9	0-2	19.0	3.32		
Boston	Rodriguez (L)		11-3	3.44	16-3	2-0	21.0	0.00		
Chicago	Rodon (L)	7:10p	6-3	2.70	8-6	3-0	17.0	3.00		
Tampa Bay	Snell (L)		16-5	2.05	16-9	3-0	17.0	1.06		
Cleveland	Bieber (R)	7:10p	8-2	4.52	10-4	2-0	16.0	5.63		
Los Angeles	Penia (R)		1-4	4.52	5-7	0-1	18.0	3.50		
Houston	TBD	7:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00		
Baltimore	Bundy (R)		7-13	5.37	8-17	0-3	14.1	11.30		
Kansas City	Fillmyer (R)	7:15p	2-1	4.21	2-6	1-0	14.0	7.07		
Minnesota	Berrios (R)		11-9	3.74	15-12	0-1	13.2	4.61		
Texas	Gallardo (R)	8:05p	7-3	6.11	9-3	0-2	14.1	5.65		
Seattle	Paxton (L)		10-5	3.68	14-10	1-1	13.0	5.54		
Oakland	Mengden (R)	9:05p	6-6	4.28	10-6	0-1	12.1	10.95		

INTERLEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	2018 TEAM W-L	ERA	REC	LAST THREE STARTS W-L	IP	ERA		
Toronto	Estrada (R)		7-10	5.18	11-12	2-1	14.0	7.71		
Miami	Chen (L)	7:10p	5-9	4.91	10-11	1-1	17.2	2.04		

KEY: TEAM REC-Team's Record in games started by today's pitcher.

## STATISTICAL LEADERS

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

**RUNS:** Betts, Boston, 109; Lindor, Cleveland, 109; Martinez, Boston, 100; Benintendi, Boston, 92; Ramirez, Cleveland, 91; Bregman, Houston, 90; Trout, Los Angeles, 88; Stanton, New York, 87; Chapman, Oakland, 83; Rosario, Minnesota, 83.  
**RBI:** Martinez, Boston, 114; Davis, Oakland, 103; Ramirez, Cleveland, 94; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 91; Bogaerts, Boston, 86; Bregman, Houston, 86; Haniger, Seattle, 84; Lowrie, Oakland, 84; Stanton, New York, 84; Cruz, Seattle, 81.  
**HITS:** Martinez, Boston, 164; Segura, Seattle, 159; Lindor, Cleveland, 156; Merrifield, Kansas City, 156; Rosario, Minnesota, 154; Betts, Boston, 153; Castellanos, Detroit, 149; Bregman, Houston, 147; Altuve, Houston, 146; Brantley, Cleveland, 146.  
**DOUBLES:** Bregman, Houston, 43; Lindor, Cleveland, 40; Bogaerts, Boston, 39; Betts, Boston, 38; Andujar, New York, 37; Escobar, Arizona, 37; 5 tied at 36.  
**TRIPLES:** Smith, Tampa Bay, 9; Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 7; Span, Seattle, 7; Benintendi, Boston, 6; Chapman, Oakland, 6; Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 6; Moncada, Chicago, 6; Profar, Texas, 6; 5 tied at 5.  
**HOME RUNS:** Davis, Oakland, 39; Martinez, Boston,

39; Ramirez, Cleveland, 37; Gallo, Texas, 34; Stanton, New York, 33; Cruz, Seattle, 32; Trout, Los Angeles, 31; Betts, Boston, 29; Lindor, Cleveland, 29; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 28.  
**STOLEN BASES:** Gordon, Seattle, 29; Ramirez, Cleveland, 29; Merrifield, Kansas City, 28; Smith, Tampa Bay, 27; Betts, Boston, 26; Anderson, Chicago, 25; Trout, Los Angeles, 21; Benintendi, Boston, 20; Lindor, Cleveland, 20; Segura, Seattle, 20.  
**PITCHING:** Severino, New York, 17-6; Carrasco, Cleveland, 16-7; Kluber, Cleveland, 16-7; Snell, Tampa Bay, 16-5; Happ, New York, 15-6; Porcello, Boston, 15-7; Price, Boston, 14-6; Morton, Houston, 13-3; Verlander, Houston, 13-9; 6 tied at 12.  
**ERA:** Sale, Boston, 1.97; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.05; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.22; Verlander, Houston, 2.79; Cole, Houston, 2.85; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.91; Morton, Houston, 3.14; Fiers, Oakland, 3.15; Clevinger, Cleveland, 3.17; Severino, New York, 3.27.  
**STRIKEOUTS:** Verlander, Houston, 240; Cole, Houston, 234; Sale, Boston, 219; Bauer, Cleveland, 214; Severino, New York, 189; Morton, Houston, 185; Carrasco, Cleveland, 178; Paxton, Seattle, 176; Clevinger, Cleveland, 172; Kluber, Cleveland, 172.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

**RUNS:** Blackmon, Colorado, 96; Yelich, Milwaukee, 93; Albies, Atlanta, 90; Carpenter, St. Louis, 89; Harper, Washington, 84; Arenado, Colorado, 83; Freeman, Atlanta, 82; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 82; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 82; 2 tied at 81.  
**RBI:** Baez, Chicago, 97; Suarez, Cincinnati, 95; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 92; Arenado, Colorado, 91; Rizzo, Chicago, 86; Story, Colorado, 85; Harper, Washington, 84; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 83; Markakis, Atlanta, 83; Freeman, Atlanta, 81.  
**HITS:** Freeman, Atlanta, 160; Markakis, Atlanta, 160; Gennett, Cincinnati, 154; Peraza, Cincinnati, 151; Yelich, Milwaukee, 151; Albies, Atlanta, 147; Castro, Miami, 146; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 146; Story, Colorado, 146; 2 tied at 145.  
**DOUBLES:** Markakis, Atlanta, 39; Carpenter, St. Louis, 38; Story, Colorado, 36; Baez, Chicago, 35; Freeman, Atlanta, 35; Albies, Atlanta, 34; Rendon, Washington, 32; Cabrera, Philadelphia, 31; 3 tied at 30.  
**TRIPLES:** KMarte, Arizona, 10; Baez, Chicago, 8; Desmond, Colorado, 8; Nimmo, New York, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Difo, Washington, 7; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 7; 5 tied at 6.  
**HOME RUNS:** Carpenter,

St. Louis, 34; Arenado, Colorado, 31; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 30; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 30; Harper, Washington, 30; Muncy, Los Angeles, 30; Suarez, Cincinnati, 30; Baez, Chicago, 28; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 27; 4 tied at 26.  
**STOLEN BASES:** Turner, Washington, 33; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 29; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 29; Cain, Milwaukee, 24; Inciarte, Atlanta, 24; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Baez, Chicago, 21; Jankowski, San Diego, 21; Story, Colorado, 21; Peraza, Cincinnati, 20.  
**PITCHING:** Scherzer, Washington, 16-6; Nola, Philadelphia, 15-3; Godley, Arizona, 14-7; Lester, Chicago, 14-5; Chacin, Milwaukee, 13-5; Greinke, Arizona, 13-8; Mikolas, St. Louis, 13-4; Freeland, Colorado, 12-7; 4 tied at 11.  
**ERA:** deGrom, New York, 1.68; Nola, Philadelphia, 2.10; Scherzer, Washington, 2.22; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 2.80; Freeland, Colorado, 2.90; Greinke, Arizona, 2.94; Mikolas, St. Louis, 2.96; Corbin, Arizona, 3.15; Williams, Pittsburgh, 3.30; Wood, Los Angeles, 3.42.  
**STRIKEOUTS:** Scherzer, Washington, 249; deGrom, New York, 224; Corbin, Arizona, 207; Nola, Philadelphia, 177; Foltyniewicz, Atlanta, 174; Marquez, Colorado, 173; Greinke, Arizona, 171; Godley, Arizona, 163; Gray, Colorado, 163.

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

**American League**  
 Cleveland 5, Minnesota 3  
 Detroit 8, N.Y. Yankees 7  
 Boston 9, Chicago White Sox 4  
 L.A. Angels 5, Houston 2  
 Seattle 7, Oakland 1  
**National League**  
 Milwaukee 2, Cincinnati 1, 11 innings  
 St. Louis 5, Pittsburgh 0  
 Chicago Cubs 5, Atlanta 4  
 Arizona 3, L.A. Dodgers 1  
 San Diego 3, Colorado 2, 13 innings

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

**American League**  
 Detroit at N.Y. Yankees, 1:05 p.m.  
 Boston at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.  
 Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Texas, 3:05 p.m.  
 Seattle at Oakland, 4:05 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Cleveland, 4:10 p.m.  
 L.A. Angels at Houston, 8:05 p.m.  
**National League**  
 Chicago Cubs at Philadelphia, 1:35 p.m.  
 Milwaukee at Washington, 1:35 p.m.  
 Cincinnati at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.  
 N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.  
 Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.  
 Colorado at San Diego, 4:10 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 5:05 p.m.  
**Interleague**  
 Toronto at Miami, 1:10 p.m.

## THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

**Sept. 1**  
**1906:** The Philadelphia Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 4-1 in 24 innings. Jack Coombs of the Athletics and Joe Harris of the Red Sox pitched all 24 innings. Coombs fanned 18.  
**1930:** Wes Ferrell of Cleveland beat the St. Louis Browns 9-5 for his 13th straight victory.  
**1931:** Lou Gehrig hit his third grand slam in four days as the Yankees beat the Boston Red Sox 5-1.  
**1945:** The Philadelphia Phillies, behind Vince DiMaggio's grand slam, beat the Braves 8-3 in Boston. It was the fourth grand slam of the year for DiMaggio to tie a major league mark.  
**1958:** Vinegar Bend Mizell of the St. Louis Cardinals set a National League record by walking nine batters and tossing a shutout.  
**1963:** Curt Simmons of the St. Louis Cardinals allowed six hits, drove in two runs with a triple and stole home plate in a 7-3 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies. Simmons' steal of home is the last by a pitcher.  
**1967:** Cincinnati's Bob Lee walked Dick Groat with the bases loaded in the 21st inning to give the San Francisco Giants a 1-0 victory at Crosley Field.  
**1975:** Tom Seaver struck out Manny Sanguillen in the seventh inning to become the first pitcher to strike out at least 200 batters in eight consecutive seasons. Seaver recorded 10 strikeouts in the Mets' 3-0 triumph over Pittsburgh.  
**1998:** Mark McGwire broke Hack Wilson's 68-year-old National League record for home runs in a season, hitting his 56th and 57th in the St. Louis Cardinals' victory over the Florida Marlins.

## TOP TEN

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Player	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Betts Bos	115	448	109	153	.342
JMartinez Bos	127	488	100	164	.336
Altuve Hou	113	444	69	146	.329
Segura Sea	122	501	81	159	.317
Trout LAA	115	393	88	122	.310
MSmith TB	116	374	50	115	.307
Merrifield KC	129	508	64	156	.307
Brantley Cle	120	481	75	146	.304
Andujar NYY	123	474	69	142	.300
MDuffy TB	112	436	48	130	.298

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Player	G	AB
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In this Aug. 18 photo, the Giants' Andrew McCutchen, center, is congratulated in the dugout after scoring during a game against the Cincinnati Reds. The playoff-contending New York Yankees are acquiring McCutchen. [GARY LANDERS/ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

# Yankees get clean-cut McCutchen from Giants

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — With shoulder-length dreadlocks and a well-crafted beard, Andrew McCutchen spent his 20s forcing the baseball spotlight to shine bright on small-market Pittsburgh.

Now, a clean-cut McCutchen is coming cross-country to one of the sport's grandest stages.

"Just gonna take me a sec to get used to my freshly shaved face," he joked on Twitter.

The playoff-contending New York Yankees acquired the former NL MVP from the San Francisco Giants on Friday for two prospects. The teams announced the deal on the last day for trades to be done for players to be eligible for the postseason. McCutchen is expected to arrive in time to debut Saturday against Detroit, when he'll play right field, filling

in for the injured Aaron Judge.

"We're getting a really good player," manager Aaron Boone said, adding that "I think his reputation precedes him. This is as high a character person as we have in our game and I know he'll fit well in our room."

McCutchen already knows one of his new teammates well — Neil Walker, who played with the then-long-haired McCutchen in the minor leagues, then joined him in helping the Pirates end a 20-year playoff drought in 2013. McCutchen won that season's NL MVP Award.

"I saw him for the three years that we made September, postseason pushes, elevate his game to the next level," Walker said. "Not that he needed to do that, but you saw him be the player that he's capable of being when the spotlight's

on him. That's fully what I expect when he steps in here."

Walker and McCutchen spoke Friday morning. McCutchen's dreadlocks have been gone for a few years, but he was concerned about the beard he's worn for nearly his entire 10-year career. The Yankees have a longstanding policy banning facial hair.

"I told him he needed to shave his face," Walker said. "He wasn't super happy about that."

"But he's really excited, I'll tell you that. He's a guy that more than anything wants to win."

The 31-year-old McCutchen is hitting .255 with 15 home runs, 55 RBIs and 13 stolen bases. His .357 on-base percentage trails only that of Judge (.398) and Aaron Hicks (.365) among qualified Yankees. He was a five-time All-Star with Pittsburgh.

# GATORS

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"They've all been waiting all offseason to see what we're going to do in a game. Can't wait to get out there and do what we do, play Florida football."

There will be cynics, of course, because that's what you get when your offense has been in a slump as long as Florida's.

The Gators think they can prove the cynics wrong, win them over with their offense.

"We're going to be very explosive, scoring a lot of points," junior wide receiver Freddie Swain said. "You never know where the ball will go. It's going to be a lot of fun."

The offense is back in the hands of quarterback Feleipe Franks, whose struggles last season as a freshman likely will make some apprehensive about just how much better the offense can be.

But this is a new season with a new coach and a new offensive system. And there's a belief among the players that this is a much different Franks from a year ago.

"Definitely," Hammond said. "You can see it just by the way he goes through practice. Just the way he goes through progressions, going through reads, getting on guys that are not running full speed or are not getting to the ball fast enough and playing to the tempo that coach Mullen wants."

"So going through last year really helped him a lot just knowing what coach Mullen expects of him and we expect to have a good season."

Franks said earlier this



First-year University of Florida head coach Dan Mullen leads his team against Charleston Southern on Saturday in the season opener for the Gators. [LAUREN BACHO/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

week that he doesn't feel he has anything to prove. But he is eager to start giving the fans a glimpse of the new offense.

"The first game we just want to show how much our offense has improved," Franks said. "As an offense, I can speak for us, we've all worked super hard this summer and this fall camp."

"We want to go back out there and kind of get things where we can stay on the field on third downs, when we get in the red zone putting points up, not settling for field goals. Little things like that we have to improve on from last season. Those are the main things we've focused on."

Unlike a year ago, when UF's two best offensive weapons — running back Jordan Scarlett and wide receiver Antonio Callaway — were suspended, Franks should get a much bigger assist from the skill players around him.

Scarlett is back, and the Gators are a solid five-deep at running back with Malik Davis, Lamical Perine, Adarius Lemons and true freshman Dameon Pierce.

At wide receiver, the addition of transfers Van Jefferson and Trevon Grimes boosts a solid returning group that includes

Hammond, Swain and Tyrie Cleveland.

Tight end is also a viable option with C'Yontai Lewis, R.J. Raymond and Moral Stephens.

"We have a bunch of good guys," Franks said. "All the receivers that we had last year are coming back and then we've got new additions with Van and Tre and some of the bigger tight ends coming up."

"We've got a bunch of good guys that are ready to step in and fill their roles and make big-time plays for us. We've got really good depth right now and the best part about it is we don't just have depth, but we've got depth with really good players."

Franks has been coached up by Mullen and has more playmakers around him and an experienced line in front of him.

Will that translate into more points and a much-improved offense?

Jefferson said it will be evident in the opener.

"They'll see that we've worked on offense a lot more," he said. "Florida, the last few offenses haven't been that great. Coach Mullen has put an emphasis on making the offense better and scoring lots of points."

It's time, Gators. Show us what you've got.

# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

## CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 1 Mangle
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  - 10 Like excited fans
  - 12 Kitchen come-on
  - 13 Ham's need
  - 14 Make broader
  - 15 Numerical prefix
  - 16 Fourth-yr. students
  - 18 Tick off
  - 19 New York player
  - 21 Luggage
  - 22 Pitching need
  - 24 Playful mammal
  - 25 Frank
  - 29 Takes in
  - 30 "He did not just say that!"
  - 32 Crunch targets
  - 33 Common bill
  - 34 Go astray
  - 35 Bar buy
  - 37 Tybalt's killer
  - 39 Yawning, perhaps

- DOWN**
- 1 Best
  - 2 Turkish peak
  - 3 Salt additive
  - 4 Avril follower
  - 5 Statutes
  - 6 "Exodus" hero
  - 7 Alaskan island
  - 8 Appear
  - 9 Puts in order
  - 11 Floral ornament
  - 17 Uses for support
  - 20 Drawer pulls
  - 21 Uncovers
  - 23 Ties down
  - 25 In addition
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  - 33 Betting info
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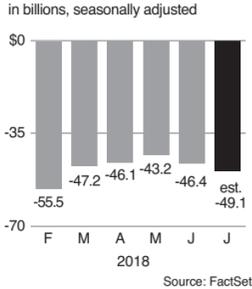
# The Market In Review

Today

## Trade troubles

The Commerce Department issues its monthly snapshot of the nation's trade balance Wednesday. The U.S. trade deficit widened in June for the first time in four months as exports fell and imports grew. Trade gaps with China, Mexico and Canada all increased. The Trump administration has pressed China and other trading partners for new trade deals. The campaign has led to the U.S. and China imposing tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods.

## Trade balance



## Chipper results?

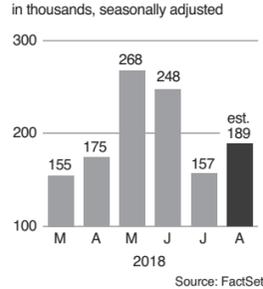
Wall Street expects that Broadcom's latest quarterly report card will show improved results. Financial analysts predict the chipmaker will report Thursday that its fiscal third-quarter earnings and revenue increased from a year earlier. Broadcom has been looking to beef up its infrastructure technology business. In July, it agreed to buy IT management software company CA Technologies for \$18.9 billion in cash.



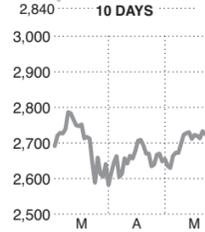
## All about jobs

The U.S. job market is on solid footing, with the national unemployment rate near a 50-year low. Companies are looking harder for employees, sometimes adding more hours for part-timers and converting contractors to full-time workers. Did companies continue to add workers at a solid pace in August? Find out Friday, when the Labor Department reports its monthly tally of hiring by nonfarm employers.

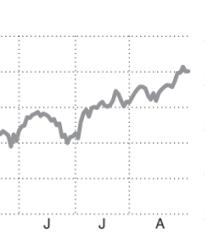
## Nonfarm payrolls



## S&P 500



## Dow Jones industrials



## Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	30.13	30.13	39.80	31.94	-0.2	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	-17.8	-9.9	6	2.00
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	78.81	165.07	164.03	+2.23	+1.4	▲	▲	▲	+64.5	+67.4	29	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	84.02	84.02	107.43	105.98	-2.25	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	+6.7	+25.6	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	41.70	41.70	62.02	45.35	-1.1	-0.2	▼	▼	▼	-11.7	+4.6	12	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	22.23	22.23	30.64	30.48	+3.4	+1.1	▲	▲	▲	...	+35.6	28	0.30
CocaCola Co	KO	41.45	41.45	48.62	44.57	-3.8	-0.8	▼	▼	▲	-2.9	+2.4	84	1.56
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	30.43	30.43	44.00	36.99	+3.1	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	-7.3	-8.4	18	0.76
Darden Rest	DRI	76.27	76.27	116.29	116.04	+4.2	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+20.8	+42.7	24	3.00f
Disney	DIS	96.20	96.20	117.90	112.02	+1.0	+0.1	▲	▼	▲	+4.2	+10.4	15	1.68
Gen Electric	GE	11.94	11.94	25.30	12.94	+1.7	+1.3	▲	▼	▼	-26.0	-44.9	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	41.01	41.01	60.69	46.01	+3.7	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	-22.4	-11.4	10	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	120.28	120.28	170.54	162.51	+0.4	...	▼	▲	▲	+14.7	+34.7	29	2.74f
Home Depot	HD	149.03	149.03	207.61	200.77	+1.51	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+5.9	+35.5	26	4.12
IBM	IBM	137.45	137.45	171.13	146.48	+5.5	+0.4	▲	▼	▲	-4.5	+6.7	11	6.28f
Lowe's Cos	LOW	73.28	73.28	109.80	108.75	+8.7	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+17.0	+48.3	23	1.92f
NY Times	NYT	16.95	16.95	26.85	23.30	+3.0	+1.3	▼	▼	▼	+25.9	+25.5	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	144.70	144.70	175.65	170.10	-7.3	-0.4	▼	▼	▲	+8.9	+16.3	13	4.44
PepsiCo	PEP	95.94	95.94	122.51	112.01	+0.5	...	▼	▼	▼	-6.6	-0.6	35	3.71
Suntrust Bks	STI	51.96	51.96	75.08	73.56	+3.5	+0.5	▲	▲	▲	+13.9	+35.0	14	2.00f
WalMart Strs	WMT	77.50	77.50	109.98	95.86	-2.4	-0.2	▲	▲	▲	-2.9	+25.0	23	2.08f
Xerox Corp	XRJ	23.52	23.52	37.42	27.86	+1.8	+0.7	▲	▲	▲	-4.4	-11.2	35	1.00

## StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	2,839	1,824
Pvs. Volume	2,753	1,936
Advanced	1493	1768
Declined	1281	1082
New Highs	81	139
New Lows	44	23

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	26028.83	25879.77	25964.82	-22.10	-0.09%	+5.04%
DOW Trans.	11324.37	11270.84	11303.76	-6.04	-0.05%	+6.52%
DOW Util.	733.47	723.15	726.41	-3.38	-0.46%	+0.42%
NYSE Comp.	13037.09	12965.48	13016.88	-23.05	-0.18%	+1.62%
NASDAQ	8119.82	8079.31	8109.54	+21.17	+0.26%	+17.47%
S&P 500	2906.32	2891.73	2901.52	+0.39	+0.01%	+8.52%
S&P 400	2046.60	2034.36	2044.70	+5.21	+0.26%	+7.58%
Wilshire 5000	30303.54	30170.19	30274.53	+17.48	+0.06%	+8.92%
Russell 2000	1742.09	1728.41	1740.75	+8.40	+0.48%	+13.37%

## MARKET WATCH

Dow	25,964.82	▼ 22.10
Nasdaq	8,109.54	▲ 21.17
S&P	2,901.52	▲ 0.39
Russell	1,740.75	▲ 8.40
NYSE	13,016.88	▼ 23.05

## COMMODITIES REVIEW

Gold	1,200.30	▲ 2.60
Silver	14.438	▲ .039
Platinum	787.10	▼ 4.70
Copper	2.6490	▼ .0415

## MARKET MOVERS

- **American Outdoor Brands Corp.:** Up \$4.26 to \$14.03 — The gun, camping and hunting gear maker said sales improved and it cut costs.
- **Lululemon Athletica Inc.:** Up \$17.93 to \$154.93 — The yoga pants maker raised its annual forecasts after a strong second quarter.

## BRIEF CASE

### CHARLOTTE, N.C. Trump signs order to boost retirement plan access

President Donald Trump on Friday directed the Labor and Treasury departments to work to make it easier for small businesses to band together to offer retirement plans to their workers.

Trump signed an executive order requiring that the departments issue regulations to remove regulatory hurdles that keep small businesses from coming together to form what are called association retirement plans. He said the cost of administering 401(k)s and other plans discourages small businesses from making them available.

"They'll be banding together. They'll have such strength," Trump said. "They'll be able to negotiate incredible deals."

### LONDON Eurozone unemployment falls to 8.2 percent

Unemployment across the 19-country eurozone has fallen to its lowest level since the most acute phase of the global financial crisis a decade ago.

Eurostat, the European Union's statistics agency, revealed Friday that the unemployment rate in July was 8.2 percent. That was unchanged from the previous month's rate, which Eurostat revised down from 8.3 percent.

The Associated Press



In this Aug. 22 photo, trucks travel along a loading dock at the Port of Long Beach in Long Beach, Calif. Between them, the California ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach account for a large amount of the seaborne goods that the United States imports from China. [MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

# Important questions

## Tariffs raising concerns at many US points of entry for imports

By David Koenig  
The Associated Press

To understand why the impact of President Donald Trump's tariffs could be felt throughout the United States, consider this:

From the West Coast to the Great Lakes and the Gulf of Mexico, at least 10 percent of imports at many ports could be hit by new tariffs if Trump's proposals take full effect, according to an exclusive analysis of government data by The Associated Press.

Ports and ground terminals in nearly every state handle goods that are now or will likely soon be covered by import tariffs. And port officials fear this could mean a slowdown in shipping that would have ripple effects on truckers and others whose jobs depend on trade.

Since March, the U.S. has applied new tariffs of up to 25 percent on nearly \$85 billion worth of steel and aluminum and various Chinese products, mostly goods used in manufacturing.

"Tariffs are working big time," Trump tweeted recently.

The president has argued that the tariffs will help protect American workers and force U.S. trading partners to change rules that the president insists are unfair to the United States.

At the same time, his administration is preparing to slap tariffs of up to 25 percent on an additional \$200 billion in Chinese imports — many of them parts and materials U.S. companies depend on, along with consumer

goods — after a public comment period ends Thursday.

These tariffs are the administration's response to its charges that Beijing uses predatory tactics to try to supplant U.S. technological supremacy. Those tactics include cyber-theft and a requirement that American companies hand over trade secrets in exchange for access to China's market.

U.S. manufacturers are beginning to respond to the tariffs. On Friday, Ford announced that it has abandoned plans to import a crossover version of its Focus compact car from China to the U.S. because of tariffs that took effect in July. Ford has already said it will exit most of the U.S. car business as it shifts sharply toward trucks and SUVs.

In New Orleans, port officials say a tariff-related drop in shipments is real, not merely a forecast. Steel imports there have declined more than 25 percent from a year ago, according to the port's chief commercial officer, Robert Landry.

The port is scouting for other commodities it can import. But expectations appear to be low.

"In our business, steel is the ideal commodity," Landry said. "It's big, it's heavy, we charge by the ton so it pays well. You never find anything that pays as well as steel does."

The port of Milwaukee imports steel from Europe and ships out agricultural products from the Midwest. Steel imports haven't dropped yet because they are under long-term contracts, said the port director, Adam Schlicht. But there has been "an almost immediate halt" in outbound shipments of corn because of

retaliatory duties imposed by the European Union on American products.

Much of the corn, he said, "is just staying in silos. They are filled to the brim."

Many other ports have been humming along and even enjoyed an unexpected bump in imports during June and July as U.S. businesses moved up orders to ship before the new tariffs took effect. That started with manufacturing goods and is now spreading to retail items for back-to-school and Christmas.

"Some of my retail customers are forward-shipping the best they can to offset proposed tariffs," says Peter Schneider, executive vice president of T.G.S. Transportation, a trucking company in Fresno, California.

Port officials were encouraged by this week's announcement that the United States and Mexico had reached a preliminary agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement, hoping it might lead to reduced trade barriers. Canada's participation in any new deal to replace NAFTA, though, remains a major question mark.

The port officials continue to worry, though, that Trump will make good on a plan to expand tariffs to an additional \$200 billion in Chinese imports — a list that includes fish and other foods, furniture, carpets, tires, rain jackets and hundreds of additional items. Tariffs would make those items costlier in the United States. And if Americans buy fewer of those goods, it would likely lead to fewer container ships steaming into U.S. ports.

# Stocks waver as Canada, US mull trade deal

By Marley Jay  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks hardly budged Friday as the U.S. and Canada were unable to complete a trade deal, but the two sides intend to continue negotiating next week.

Energy companies slipped along with oil prices Friday and high-dividend stocks also fell. Technology companies and retailers made some modest gains.

Trading was very light ahead of the Labor Day holiday in the U.S. on Monday.

Investors hoped the two countries would finish the outlines of a revamped NAFTA pact after the U.S. and Mexico announced a preliminary agreement Monday. Right before the markets closed, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said talks will resume on Wednesday.

President Donald Trump says he is willing to make a deal with just Mexico, excluding Canada, but Wall Street is confident the final deal will include all three.

Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management, said Trump will probably submit the outlines of a U.S.-Canada trade deal to Congress soon.

But the trade war between the U.S. and China may drag on for months, if not longer, and Nixon said that could stop businesses from investing and affect the economy and the stock market.

"These things will have to be resolved one way or another for investors to regain the kind of confidence it's going to take to propel the markets meaningfully forward," she said.

The S&P 500 index was down for most of the day but inched up 0.39 points to close at 2,901.52.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 22.10 points, or 0.1 percent, to 25,964.82.

The Nasdaq composite

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## HOME CARE

### TIPS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Productivity blogger Kayla Matthews shared the following home care tips at [asianefficiency.com](http://asianefficiency.com):

- Divide cleaning up across every weeknight.
- Rinse and put dishes in the dishwasher after each meal.
- Throw away old food on garbage night.
- Fix broken appliances right away.
- Keep microfiber cloths around for quick and easy dusting.



## BATHROOMS

### BETTER LIGHTING OPTIONS

While lighting can perfectly illuminate a bathroom, it doesn't necessarily mean it does a good job of illuminating the face, according to Robern.

**Top lighting — common in bathroom design — casts shadows on the face, which is bad for makeup application, shaving and other personal hygiene tasks. Consider mirror lighting designed to strike the face from at least two directions, providing even illumination and minimal shadows.**

## TRENDS

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According to a recent article in [HouseBeautiful](http://HouseBeautiful.com), these are some popular design trends:

- Woven textures
- Agate wallpaper
- Colorful trim
- Velvet furnishings
- Bold floral and geometric patterns
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# How to remove a tree stump

By Laura Firszt  
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**S**o you removed that old or diseased tree from your property. That's one problem solved ... but now you're left with a second dilemma: How to remove the tree stump? Check out this list of practical solutions.

## First: Why remove a stump?

The question "How to remove that tree stump?" is best answered with another question. Why remove the stump? Your reasons will help determine the removal method you'll use. Common motivations for getting rid of a tree stump are:

- Improve the appearance of your property. An ugly old stump has negative curb appeal.
- Make it easier to cut the grass. You'll also avoid accidental damage to your mower and other lawn care tools.
- Level the ground for a new deck or a home addition.
- Eliminate a tripping and splinter hazard. You don't want kids to get hurt playing on your property — nor do you want a lawsuit on your hands if someone falls.
- Make room for a flowerbed or retaining wall. This is especially important if your yard is on the small side.
- Protect your plumbing pipes. Did you know that roots may continue to grow even after the tree trunk has been cut down? Their underground activity may cause burst pipes and major plumbing headaches.
- Protect your other trees and plantings. The stump of a tree that fell (or was felled) due to disease or infestation can still infect other trees and plantings in your yard.

## Next: How to remove a tree stump?

The best way to start, when you're wondering how to remove a tree stump, is to cut it as close to the ground as possible with a chainsaw. Then proceed with one of these methods:

### Slow methods — for trees that have been dead at least one year:

**1. Let it rot.** If you're in no hurry, a simple, natural (and cheap) solution to how to remove a tree stump is just letting it rot. Help the process along by



There are several methods to remove a tree stump from your yard. [MORGUEFILE]

drilling holes in the top and sides. Add nitrogen-rich fertilizer, plus some water and mulch, and leave the stump to be consumed by fungi. Dampen regularly for best results.

**2. Use saltpeter.** Saltpeter (potassium nitrate), the main ingredient in commercial tree stump killers, will speed up decomposition. Drill holes as above; then pour in potassium nitrate and water. The stump should get nicely soft and spongy in 4-6 weeks, at which point you can easily break it up with an ax. NOTE: The saltpeter will not harm surrounding plants.

**3. Burn it out.** See whether your local bylaws and homeowners association permit open air burning. In the interest of friendly relations, check with your neighbors as well. Minimize fire hazards: Clear dead leaves and other organic debris from the area; then moisten the soil around the tree stump. Drill holes in the stump and fill with fuel oil or kerosene. When the fuel has saturated the stump, carefully drop a match on it. CAUTION: The fire will smolder (and smell) for several days. Keep

surrounding soil damp, and don't allow children or pets near it.

### Fast methods — for stumps of any age

**4. Dig it out.** A small stump can often be removed by hand — you'll just need to invest some major elbow grease. First, dig around the stump and hose down the site to locate its roots. Use an ax or saw to chop off the root system. Try wiggling the stump to see whether it budes. Continue chopping those roots until the stump moves readily. Then dig under the stump to get it out completely.

**5. Hire a pro to grind it.** When you need to get rid of a tree stump fast (for example, you're planning to build in that location), a qualified landscaper can remove it quickly and cleanly with a professional stump grinder. This machine is equipped with a spinning steel wheel, whose teeth will turn your stump into a pile of wood chips — great for mulching the garde. A pro can maneuver the stump grinder even in tight spots and won't tear up your yard.

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## AROUND THE HOUSE

### Take care, or lanai dream could slip into nightmare



Don Magruder

**O**ne of the most popular home improvement projects in Lake and Sumter counties is the enclosure of the back porch lanai. It must be the dream of virtually every senior couple around here to drink coffee and read the newspaper on the back porch while gazing at a beautiful sunrise, as a large sector of the local remodeling business focuses on this type of project.

Unfortunately, the popularity of this project among seniors has opened the door to unlicensed and unscrupulous contractors, who take advantage of new residents who are trusting and don't understand local building codes.

Enclosing a lanai is a construction project that requires a permit if the total cost is more than \$2,500, and 99 percent of the time, the price exceeds that amount by a lot. If a contractor or handyman insists that you do not need a permit, run away from them!

To enclose a lanai in Florida, you must apply for a permit, provide a plot plan, follow zoning rules and development architectural rules, present Florida Product Approvals, and file a Notice of Commencement. Most importantly, ask to see your contractor's license and verify that he is licensed correctly by the state of Florida and that he has workers' compensation insurance and liability insurance. Ask to see all the appropriate paperwork and verify it.

Have a set of plans drawn for your project. Yes, you must have a set of

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How well you build your lanai depends on how you plan to use it. If you see yourself using it a lot and relaxing, think long and hard before going with the lowest price and cheapest products. A poor decision when selecting the contractor or products will make your lanai a sweat box that no one will ever use, and that is far from a dream. [GATEHOUSE MEDIA FLORIDA]

## FROM THE EXTENSION

## Bidding adieu and thoughts for the future



Lloyd Singleton

I have thoroughly enjoyed the last year and a half directing the UF/IFAS Lake County Extension faculty and staff. They are an incredible group of public servants and educators working together to make Lake County a better place to live.

I am leaving the position to serve as the Extension Director for New Hanover County, North Carolina, in September to be close to my family, including three beautiful grandchildren. Those of you with grandchildren will likely understand.

I will miss our faculty: Dr. Juanita Pope-noe, small fruit crops; Megan Mann, livestock and natural resources; Brooke Moffis, residential horticulture; Mia Wilchcombe, family and consumer sciences; and Dallas Daniels, 4-H/youth development. You will continue to

hear from this group of outstanding educators right here in this weekly column, thanks to the Daily Commercial.

I will also miss our staff: office associates Maggie Jarrell, JuWanda Rowell and Janet Baker; Garden Manager Ron Musgrave; Facility Tech John Hefler; and the Mobile Irrigation Lab team of Adam Boykin, Nick Zurasky, Aaron Grimes, Sean Tracy and Patty Fletcher. This group of dedicated professionals will continue to serve all of Lake County.

In my eight years with Extension, I've observed the increasing pressures on our natural resources resulting from the rapid growth and development of our area. I also have observed some trends that will move us toward lower environmental impacts. I want to leave you with some predictions for a better world ahead, and encourage you to embrace these ideas and practices soon.

Petroleum-based plastics will be reserved for critical manufacturing uses only; all single-use plastic service ware and packaging



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will be biodegradable and composted.

Food waste will be minimized with efficient local food systems; any food waste will be composted so that nutrients which come from the earth will return to the earth.

Ornamental landscape plants will be limited to habitat-appropriate native cultivars, supporting previously displaced local wildlife with

shelter and food. Monocultures of turf will be a rarity; instead, polyculture blends of grasses, forbs and legumes will prevail, requiring no supplemental inputs. Battling plant pests and problems will take a back seat to improving soil health — healthy soils make healthy plants. Add organic matter or compost before considering synthetic fertilizers and pesticides.

Trees will be valued more highly, even revered and protected for their cooling shade and carbon sequestration. Automatic irrigation systems will only be used for food production. Ornamental landscapes will be designed as self-sustaining ecosystems.

All toilets will be dual flush, all appliances will be energy efficient and many rooftops will

be food gardens with rain-catchment and storage attached.

All agriculture will follow a systems approach — valuing the production of food, the environmental impact and social aspects in balance.

I want to encourage Lake County residents to think on these things. When you reach for the fertilizers and pesticides, grab that disposable cup or allow that irrigation system to run while it's raining, know that you can do better. Our beautiful county will benefit.

If you're ever near Wilmington, North Carolina, please drop by the New Hanover County Extension Office and seven-acre arboretum.

But, while you're in Lake County, make sure you visit the beautiful Discovery Gardens from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1951 Woodlea Road in Tavares.

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project plans to submit together with your application for a permit. In the planning process, you must decide if the room will be heated or cooled.

If you are not using the space for a habitable area with climate control, an energy calculation is not needed. Plus, in most cases, you are not required to meet specific product requirements regarding insulation.

Take care, because the dream of a wonderful, relaxing lanai can crash and burn. Here are the mistakes many people make when enclosing their lanai:

They look at the cheapest price with no regard as to what they are getting in return. If you plan on enjoying your new lanai during the day, you need climate control — especially air conditioning in the summer.

A lot of unscrupulous contractors are selling non-insulated glass lanais and telling homeowners they can open the doors to their home to cool the back area. By doing this, they avoid

the cost of an energy calculation, which may require upgrades in windows, insulation, or HVAC. This is why a legitimate contractor may charge double the price on constructing the lanai — they are pricing it out correctly.

What the homeowner fails to realize is that a single-glass, lanai enclosure without HVAC is going to be hot during summertime. An open door from the house will be like trying to cool an area below a magnifying glass. Most people who install single-glass lanai enclosures eventually use the room as a storage area, because it is so uncomfortable.

There are very specific rules regarding egress and how the lanai can be enclosed. Without doing a proper plan and having it approved by the county, the home could be deemed unsealable if it doesn't meet building code.

Specifically, there are requirements for egress windows and doors this lanai may be enclosing, and your home could be out of compliance if that is not considered. A competent builder or draftsman can tell you if enclosing

your lanai affects your home's egress. Plus, there are specific electrical building code requirements when enclosing a lanai.

Finally, selecting the type of ventilation in the room makes all the difference. In spring and late fall, you may want to open the windows and doors of your lanai to enjoy the glorious Florida weather. A lanai with the wrong windows and doors will be disappointing when the air is light and cool. Don't be cheap when it comes to choosing your doors and windows.

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## Sunflowers: The garden's late-summer showy stars

By Adrian Higgins  
Bloomberg

At the start of summer, I thought I would put aside my disdain for amaranth — so coarse, so Victorian — and grow whole stands of it so that I might condescend to change my view of this seedy annual.

Instead, the amaranth spurned me. No wonder people also call it love-lies-bleeding. The tiny black grains of amaranth seed germinated in their pots, but they never seemed to develop beyond a nascent stage, to a point where I could transplant them. I had started them too late, and the strangely dry July didn't help.

I consoled myself by planting other heat-loving annuals: tithonia, zinnias and good old sunflowers. All three are doing quite nicely, which may have something to do with their natural kinship. All of them are part of the vast flower tribe known as composites. These daisies form the largest family of flowering plants, containing as many as 32,000 species.

Botanists call the composite family Asteraceae. Yes, asters are part of the clan, but no single species projects its bold iconography more than the annual sunflower, outlandish in its size but plain and honest in its form. It is a flower a child can understand. I shall never forget my first glimpse of a sunflower field in the south of France, countless thousands of seven-footers whose happy faces moved with the sun.

The big sunflower varieties are too primal for my tastes, but the smaller ones still tower over the late-summer garden in their ability to glow in the face of the heat and humidity. If I had not been distracted by amaranth, I would have sought out my preferred varieties of

sunflower in May and got them growing as the soil warmed. These include Italian White, actually a lemon yellow, or Buttercream, primrose yellow, or other three- to four-foot varieties with multiple flowers and lots of branching. Red-flowering sunflowers now abound, including Moulin Rouge, Chocolate and Autumn Beauty. If you have room, plant them in large blocks for cutting.

The tithonia, or Mexican sunflower, is a tall but self-supporting annual with handsome, velvety gray-green leaves topped with vibrantly orange daisies. I planted three little potted plants in June. Set in a triangular pattern about 12 inches apart, the three now form a single, generous stand, seven feet high, five feet across, and covered in blooms and butterflies. It will provide a show until October.

If you want a sense of just how rich the composite family is, and how much it has shaped cultures across the globe, pick up a copy of Stephen A. Harris's new book, "Sunflowers." "Sunflowers, with their massive yellow flower heads surmounting a single stem and the ability of the young heads to track the sun, have attracted attention since they were introduced to Europe from the Americas in the early sixteenth century," he writes.

The daisy archetype is a central disk of fertile florets surrounded by a ruff of petals — "rays," they're called.

In some, the family resemblance is obvious — in coneflowers or shasta daisies, for example. Jerusalem artichokes are lovely in flower, but their stems hide barely edible but tenacious tubers. They are neither artichokes nor from Jerusalem. As with other annual and perennial sunflowers, they are from North America. Harris

tells us the name may have been a corruption of "girasol," Italian for sunflower.

Some members of the clan are not so obvious. Lettuces are related to sunflowers, though so few of us see them in flower when they are inherently inedible. The thistles of Scotland are composites, as are the edelweiss of Alpine lands. Such a big clan has its rogues. Ragweed, whose pollen is clogging my sinuses, is one of them. Another is the dandelion. In Europe, common ragwort, a pretty cluster of yellow daisies, is toxic to livestock.

But garden composites are some of my favorite plants. I like that what appears to be one big, simple bloom is in fact a cluster of countless florets, each awaiting a bee, each ready to dance the Fibonacci waltz. I like the way goldfinches rip at the seed, ignoring the presence of the gardener.

Perhaps the most endearing aspect of composites is that they come to the fore toward the end of the growing season when we need flowers the most. Asters, goldenrods, zinnias, dahlias, chrysanthemums — all take to the stage for the final act.

Given its size, Harris writes, the composite family provides relatively little by way of economically important plants. The legume family has half the species but vastly more plants of utility. The nightshade family has just 2,600 or so species, but from it we get all the variations of potato, tomato, eggplant and pepper, not to mention tobacco.

But let's put the utility aside and take time to smell the daisies. As Harris writes, "thousands of different insects and hundreds of vertebrates need Asteraceae and the habitats they create." Count me among those vertebrates.

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# Fall decor forecast: stylish, functional, comfortable

By Kim Cook  
The Associated Press

Unfettered from dated conventions that urged us to pick a decor style and stick to it, more and more designers and retailers this fall are blending decorative elements and playing more loosely with the color wheel.

In some cases, the result is a polished, edited space that still has compelling aspects — unexpected material, furniture or color choices. In others, the finished room is a study in eclectic exuberance, with singular and often witty hues and style components.

And there's one piece in this design puzzle that fits no matter what the style.

"This fall, we're seeing a shift toward comfort and functionality," says designer Charlotte Dunagan of Coral Gables, Florida.

Stephanie Sarkies, design director of Pembroke & Ives in New York City, concurs. The cozy "hygge" factor now popular in homes is also reaching hotels and restaurants. "In the hospitality sector, there's a big shift toward mental and physical wellness — the idea of interior spaces enabling mindfulness and togetherness," she says.

## A nice feel

"Lush fabrics like velvet and mohair, luxurious armchairs covered in shearling and boucle, and faux fur or cashmere area rugs are some of the trends popping up in design showrooms worldwide," says Dunagan.

"The aim is to create



This undated photo provided by Pottery Barn and PBteen shows Emily & Meritt's chain-swathed chandelier. The chandelier for PBteen brings Deco style to the ceiling. [PBTEEN/POTTERY BARN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

a curated space with purpose. Interiors are shifting away from stark white, museum-like spaces and incorporating a cozy, sexy feeling. Think herringbone and patchwork, earthy shades and organic shapes."

## Style and pattern

Art Deco has gained ground over the past couple of seasons, and we're seeing pieces across more affordable price ranges. There's channel upholstery, Chanel-style quilting, curvy profiles, polished metals, and color combinations like glossy black with white, rich red or soft makeup-y hues.

New pieces for PB Teen

include a channel tufted daybed and a glam ceiling fixture swathed in fine chain. At CB2, find champagne-hued velvet barstools, a shapely velvet sofa and faux-shagreen casegoods. West Elm's got Rosanna Ceravolo's linear, carved media console, in a crisp citron hue.

There's a popular transitional look that never gets too far away; call it Manor House, or, as Pottery Barn is terming it this fall, "Chateau." The retailer's launching a collection influenced by European architecture and materials. Wrought-iron and wood furniture in tones of charcoal or dove are paired with easy, weathered-look textiles

like jacquard pillows and linen upholstery.

Newton Paisley has a wallpaper collection based on the Carolinas, with indigenous birds, butterflies and flora depicted in colorful patterns.

Global maximalism is still riding high, with embroidery, silks, chunky weaves, carved woods and hammered metals from South and Central America, India, Asia and Africa.

And while the mid-century modern wave continues its strong churn, some designers are seeing slight shifts in the current.

"There seems to be a trend away from slavish mid-century modern

toward a softer, plusher, more hand-wrought modernist aesthetic," observes Raun Thorp of Tichenor & Thorp Architects in Los Angeles. It's a blending of the romantic and the machined that she terms "crafted modern."

For decor with an industrial yet refined look, see the finely knurled hardware collections from Buster & Punch or Jonathan Browning's for Restoration Hardware, and Ian K. Fowler's Utilaire lighting, also for RH.

The newest minimalist looks with a Japanese or Scandinavian vibe feature lots of texture and pattern. Crate & Barrel's Nagano and Kiyomi bedding collections incorporate over stitching or waffle weaving. Ikat textiles inspired a line of organic quilted cotton blankets and pillows at West Elm. And there are new handcrafted ceramics at these stores, too.

Abstracts and geometrics, often with a nod to the '70s, '80s or '90s, bring modernity and energy into a space. There's contemporary art galore now to grace walls, very affordably. But practice restraint: Trend-watchers say the ubiquitous gallery wall may have reached its peak, and simpler displays — open shelving, for example — are poised to trend up.

Wallpaper and tile are a quick, impactful way to bring these patterns home. Consider Colli's kicky, masculine Mike tile collection.

New Ravenna has Cean Imminger's playful new Subway pattern, with stylized subway cars rendered in ceramic.

## Color

Yellows both mellow (like mustard) and bright (like citron) are cropping up all over the fall collections.

Recent design shows in New York also featured a lot of green.

"I find myself building rooms with hunter green as my foundation layer, and working chartreuse, moss, olive and even kelly green into the mix," says California designer Alison Pickart. "Green can be a foundational neutral. Pair it with anything, you'll see it works."

PPG Paints picked Nightwatch, a deep luxurious green, as their 2019 Color of the Year. At CB2, there's the new Hoxton leather sofa in olive green and, in collaboration with Brooklyn menswear design shop Hill-Side, a rug with a deconstructed floral pattern in a forest-y palette.

Nicole Alexander of Chicago-based Siren Betty Design is working with dark blues. "These deep, soothing tones invoke a calm feeling, while still maintaining a presence," she says. Look for more of those mineral blues, blue-blacks and navy.

Alexander is also into another trending, '70s-era hue: "organic and warm" terracotta.

For complementary palettes, check out Dunn-Edwards' Sojourn collection of dense, spicy hues, and Sherwin-Williams' Distance, Moth Wing and Dark Clove.

For those seeking bold color, Pantone is predicting that plummy purples, burgundy reds and sweet oranges will be ones to watch. Fall décor is full of flavors for everyone.



## This "Old" House

*Designed with European Technology and constructed with American made building materials, this unique residential structure is a case study in energy efficiency.*

The owner of this two-story Modern Marvel, is Ken Old, but This "Old" House is as modern as it gets. Why? Well, here's the really interesting thing... it has NO air conditioning and no heating.\* That's right, no air conditioning and it's plopped down right smack dab in the middle of Central Florida.

It's called a Passivhaus (or Passive House) and the first Passivhaus residences were built in Darmstadt in 1990. Passivhaus buildings provide a high level of occupant comfort while using very little energy for heating and cooling. They are built with meticulous attention to detail and rigorous design and construction according to principles developed by the Passivhaus Institute in

Germany, and can be certified through an exacting quality assurance process.

Ken Old's House was recently awarded a Platinum Certified Florida Green Home by the standards of the FGBC because it meets their exacting requirements in energy efficiency, resource conservation, health, and durability.

As the principal building supplier, **Ro-Mac** is proud to have provided all the specially designed framing, windows, exterior and interior doors, garage doors, columns, LP SmartSide siding, roof trusses, metal roofing, and roofing underlayment for the project. Kenneth Old is not only the homeowner, but he is also a residential contractor and the builder of This "Old" House.



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\*Ken did install a small, 1.5 ton backup Geothermal air unit, just in case. It pulls water from the ground and converts it to air *much* more efficiently than the standard outside a/c units we are used to.

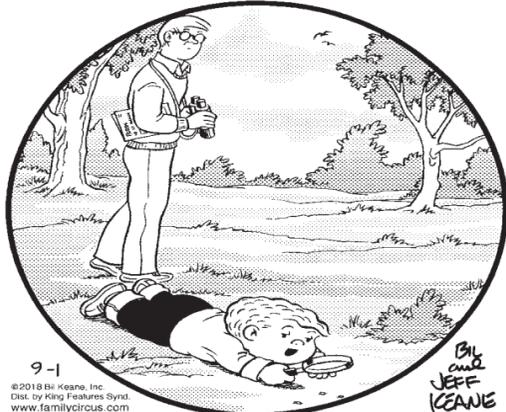
# COMICS

## DENNIS THE MENACE



"HEY, WHERE'S DENNIS?" "OH, I TOLD HIM TO FIND SOMETHING QUIET TO DO... I'M REALLY STARTING TO WORRY!"

## FAMILY CIRCUS



"Bird-watching is nice, Daddy, but bug-watching is more my size."

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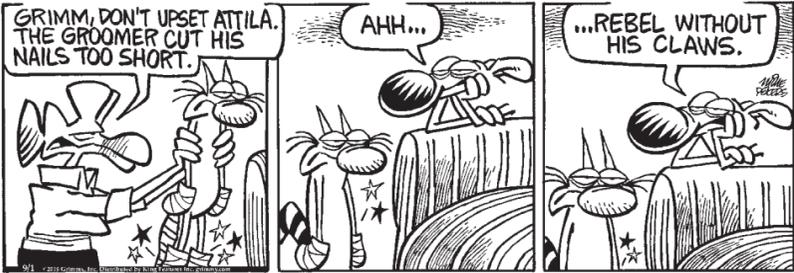
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# DIVERSIONS

## Accountant refuses payment for settling friend's estate

**DEAR ABBY:** For the past 2 1/2 years, my deceased father's friend and accountant has been working on winding up his estate. The bulk of the estate has been disbursed, and it should be clearing sometime soon.

He has refused to take any compensation from the estate for executor's fees. I have told him by email and in person that Dad would want him to be paid for his work, but he refuses to take any payment and insists he wants this to be the last thing he does for my father.

I feel a thank-you gift would be appropriate, but I'm stumped about what to get him. Although I saw him and his family several times in my childhood, I haven't seen him in decades, so I have no idea what hobbies or restaurants he enjoys. I'm guessing his age to be in his late 80s to early 90s, and his wife

**JEANNE PHILLIPS**

DEAR ABBY



is still alive. I'm pretty sure people in that age group don't need any more "stuff" for their house, and I know they're financially comfortable.

I have thought about flowers or a gift basket, but the small amount they cost would pale against what he would have been entitled to had he taken his executor's fee. Do you have any suggestions on how I can express my thanks for everything he's done? -- **THANK YOU, IN CANADA**

**DEAR THANK YOU:** Because he is refusing monetary compensation, I suggest you write him a letter. In it, express how much you appreciate the hard work he has done and the kindness he has

shown to your family. Tell him you know what a good friend he was to your father and how much your dad trusted and respected him. Then say thank you, and if he and his wife live close enough, offer to take them to dinner and thank him again in person.

**DEAR ABBY:** I had a miscarriage two years ago. My ex wasn't emotionally supportive during our grieving process (I understand everyone deals with loss differently). However, suffice it to say, our journeys no longer aligned.

I started dating again a few months ago and now realize I have built up an emotional wall. Also, I'm never sure when -- or if -- I should bring up my miscarriage. I'm 28 and have a master's degree, and I would like to try again with the right man, the right way (after marriage). How do I start? -- **DO-OVER IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR DO-OVER:** I presume, having lost a baby you wanted and having to face the reality that your ex wasn't the supportive person you thought he was, that you are having trust issues. The time to resolve them is before you start looking for another life partner. Some sessions with a psychologist would help.

Once you feel it's safe to open your heart to someone again, wait until you know where the relationship is going before discussing this chapter of your life. The right man will understand, love you and give you the emotional support you need.

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## » BRIDGE

### Choosing the right line of play

South dealer.  
North-South vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 8 4  
♥ 6 3 2  
♦ A Q 10 4  
♣ A K 5

**WEST**  
♠ Q 9 5  
♥ K 10 4  
♦ 7 3  
♣ J 10 8 3 2

**EAST**  
♠ 10 7 6 2  
♥ J 9 8 7  
♦ 6  
♣ Q 9 6 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 3  
♥ A Q 5  
♦ K J 9 8 5 2  
♣ 7

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♦ Pass 3♦ Pass  
4NT Pass 5♥ Pass  
5NT Pass 6♦

Opening lead — jack of clubs.  
**Some endplays** are cut-and-dried affairs. Declarer simply strips the side suits to exhaust the opposition of safe exit cards, then throws an opponent into the lead to force a return that allows declarer to score a trick he might not have gotten otherwise.

**Other endplays, though,** require some real creativity on declarer's part. An example of this is provided by today's deal, where the ordinary approach of drawing trumps, stripping the spades and clubs from the North-South hands and then trying to duck a heart into West's hand would

not work because West can allow East to hold the lead at the critical moment.

**However,** declarer notes that dummy possesses another card — the jack of spades — with which West may be thrown into the lead. If West happens to have the queen, there will be no escape for him.

**So South wins** the opening club lead, draws two rounds of trump, cashes dummy's other top club, discarding a spade, and ruffs a club. Next he cashes the A-K of spades and crosses to dummy with a trump. The preliminary groundwork is now completed, and the moment of truth is at hand.

**The jack of spades** is led from dummy, and when East follows low, the contract becomes a certainty. Instead of trumping, South discards the five of hearts, and West wins the trick with the queen. West then has no choice but to return a heart into declarer's A-Q, or else lead a club, allowing South to ruff in dummy as he discards the queen of hearts.

**The same outcome** can also be achieved by drawing trumps, discarding a heart rather than a spade on a high club, ruffing a club and then playing the A-K and another spade. West wins and is forced to make a losing return as before. Either way, so long as declarer recognizes the potential of the jack of spades as a throw-in card, the slam is home.

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## » HOROSCOPES

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, SEPT. 1, 2018:

This year you might see some of the changes that you've wished for on the horizon. You recognize that there are several paths to your objective. Trust your judgment. If you are single, your tendency to be highly involved in projects could prevent you from meeting The One. Nevertheless, you expand your immediate circle of friends and meet new people. If you are attached, you need to involve your significant other in more segments of your life. A new-found closeness will evolve. **TAURUS** helps you see the big picture.

**ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)** You could be feeling generous yet cautious. How you deal with this conflict all depends on whom you are dealing with. If you trust someone, you have greater leeway. Be willing to evolve some of your ideas. You often come up with creative solutions.

**TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20)** You are in your element and could succeed beyond your imagination. To many people, you seem to present optimism and opportunity. Others often tap into your

ideas to make their lives easier. You might make a last-minute change of plans.

**GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20)** Know that you don't need to share everything that's on your mind. A friend might try to get you to speak your thoughts. Observe what is happening around you. When you are not invested, you tend to be more successful. Try to catch up on sleep.

**CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22)** Defer to others, and understand where they are coming from. Your ability to identify with people often proves helpful. A loved one will demonstrate his or her caring through a special invitation. With less responsibility, you will have some extra time.

**LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)** You are a force that can't be stopped, no matter what others do. You might be unusually tuned in to another person or your friends at the moment. You have an opportunity to bring others together. Be prepared for a meeting to turn into a party.

**VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)** Some of you might be too distracted to focus on anything except a situation that seems to be consum-

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ing your life. Prioritize, and complete what is on your mind first. Later, you will be able to pay more attention on other concerns.

**LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)** You feel very close to one person and want to spend time with him or her. What could be upsetting is how many people try to interject themselves into your plans. Look at the situation as positive and as a compliment. You can still say "no."

**SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)** Others want to be with you, and they exhibit very little patience. Someone tries to merge your plans with his or hers. You know how to set boundaries, so do just that. If someone cuts you off, let it be. This person will move on, especially if you don't react.

**SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)** Your ability to go with the flow has to do

with your willingness to experience life in new ways. You might not always love what happens, but you are likely to be entertained. You probably need to adapt your plans to make room for an event.

**CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)** You cannot help but respond to a very creative idea that a loved one proposes. You will learn much more once you say "yes," and no longer will be so focused on your responsibilities, at least for a while. Relax while enjoying yourself.

**AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)** If you stay close to home, you will feel a lot better. Invite friends over for a backyard barbecue. Express your fun quirkiness around the people you invite and see what happens. Others enjoy getting to know you better.

**PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20)** You feel and act more openly, and you express a greater appreciation for your friends and immediate circle. You will do a lot of catching up on news with a sibling, neighbor or loved one. You probably need to get together with this person more often.

## » TODAY IN HISTORY

**TODAY IS SATURDAY, SEPT. 1,** the 244th day of 2018. There are 121 days left in the year.

### TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On September 1, 1945, Americans received word of Japan's formal surrender that ended World War II. (Because of the time difference, it was Sept. 2 in

Tokyo Bay, where the ceremony took place.)

**ON THIS DATE:** In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 140,000 lives.

In 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

In 1942, U.S. District Court Judge Martin I. Welsh, ruling from Sacramento, Calif., on

a lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of Fred Korematsu, upheld the wartime detention of Japanese-Americans as well as Japanese nationals.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1969, a coup in Libya brought Moammar Gadhafi to

power.

In 1972, American Bobby Fischer won the international chess crown in Reykjavik, Iceland, as Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union resigned before the resumption of Game 21.

In 1985, a U.S.-French expedition located the wreckage of the Titanic on the floor of the Atlantic Ocean roughly 400 miles off Newfoundland.

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4th Letter + 7 PTS

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L<sub>2</sub> L<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub> H<sub>7</sub> V<sub>7</sub> E<sub>1</sub> S<sub>2</sub>

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3<sup>rd</sup> DOWN + 40 PTS

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4<sup>th</sup> DOWN + 20 PTS

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TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN AVERAGE GAME 160-170 PTS  
Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.  
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1		5	2			9	6
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		8				5	2
9	6			3	5		8
		2		7			
7	5			8			9

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

**YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION**

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

**How to play:** Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

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# Kids leaving for college? Hands off their bedroom

By Lisa A. Flam  
Associated Press

If your child is just off to college and you've been dreaming of all the ways you could use that suddenly lifeless bedroom, you may want to put down the paintbrush and hold off for a bit on plans for a major room transformation.

It's an emotional time all around, and experts advise against any sudden movements, tempting as they may be.

"It's the mixed emotions of, 'Wow, look at this potential space I'm gaining that I could do something with,' mixed with, 'Oh, my kid is leaving home and they won't be under my roof each and every night,'" said Amy Panos, home editor for Better Homes and Gardens magazine.

With many families pinched for space, an uninhabited bedroom could become a place for work, exercise, relaxation or guests, or maybe a bigger room for a long-entirety little sibling.

The best plan, though, is to leave that bedroom alone for at least the first year, Panos says. That way, students can return home to find the warm and loving environment of their room still standing, and they won't feel like they've been forgotten or displaced while they were away adjusting to their new life.

"It's important for the child to know they still and always will have a comfortable place to land back at home," Panos said. "They're still very much part of the family even though they're not living in the home full time."

A teenager's childhood bedroom is meaningful, a private spot away from parents and siblings where they can shed a tear and be alone with their thoughts, said Vivian Seltzer, who



**A workspace setup in a bedroom. It's perfectly fine to use your child's room when they're away at school. If you're using a desk, be sure to safely store your child's belongings while you're using the workspace.** [BETTER HOMES & GARDENS VIA AP]

was a professor of human development and behavior at the University of Pennsylvania for more than 35 years and is now a psychologist in private practice working with adolescents.

"It's like a beloved sweater they feel comfortable in, good in, secret in," Seltzer said.

She recommends leaving a child's bedroom intact for as long as possible during the college years.

Of course, it's not always possible to leave the room untouched, especially in larger families. But any possible change or new use should be discussed with the child, after the parents make sure they agree with each other, Seltzer said.

"That's very important because a lot of times they don't," she said. "One of them has had an eye on that room and hasn't mentioned it to the other."

Talk with your child about any plans for the room several months before it's time to go, she recommended. "Get this topic into the discussion well ahead of time, so that it isn't on the verge of the child leaving for college, which is a very emotional period," Seltzer said. You don't want them to come home for Christmas break and be shocked, "saying

their whole room has changed; it's been taken away from them."

It can be easy to keep the room largely the same and still use it when your child is away. If you need to sit at the desk, store your child's possessions somewhere safe and private. You can tell your son or daughter that guests may stay in the room, but it will be ready for them on school breaks.

"Enjoy the space and use the space in a smart way," Panos said. "When the kid comes home, it's their space, but the three weekends out of the month they're not home, you can still use it while still preserving a soft, comfy place for them when they come home. I do not believe you need to keep the room a shrine to your child."

Give the room a decluttering and a deep cleaning, but make sure you don't throw away objects special to your child.

After the first year, you'll have learned how often your child comes home, for how long and with how much stuff. "Once you have a better understanding of that, you can plan out some changes that make sense for your needs and for how your kid feels about the room," Panos said.

Then maybe you'll



**After your children have adjusted to college life and being away from home, you may want to swap out their bed for a daybed that can be used as a seating area or a place to sleep when they're home from school.** [BETTER HOMES & GARDENS VIA AP]

replace the queen-size bed with a twin bed or a daybed to free up more space, Panos said. You might repaint in a neutral color or buy nicer linens for guests. Continue talking with your child about change.

Remember, even kids who may seem too cool for school about their room probably really do care about it, tattered posters, rug stains and all. It's a place filled with memories, one that bears a personal and sentimental stamp years in the making.

"Don't underestimate the importance of that space for a growing child, even if it's a kid who acts like it's no big deal," Panos said. "It is a big deal."

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