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'Nightmare that won't end'

Storm evacuees in North Carolina can't return home yet

By **Chuck Burton and Martha Waggoner**
The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, N.C. — Hundreds of people waited in long lines for water and other essentials Tuesday in Wilmington, still mostly cut off by high water days

after Hurricane Florence unleashed epic floods, and North Carolina's governor pleaded with more than 10,000 evacuees around the state not to return home yet.

The death toll rose to at least 35 in three states, with 27 fatalities in North Carolina, as Florence's remnants went in two directions: Water flowed downstream toward the Carolina coast, and storms moved through

the Northeast, where flash floods hit New Hampshire and New York state.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper warned that the flooding set off by as much as 3 feet of rain from Florence is far from over and will get worse in places.

"I know for many people this feels like a nightmare that just won't end," he said.

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Kenny Babb retrieves a paddle that floated away on his flooded property as Little River continues to rise in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence on Tuesday in Linden, North Carolina. [DAVID GOLDMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Bowl-bound band

Lake Minneola High School band prepares for Peach Bowl

By **Linda Florea**
Correspondent

MINNEOLA — It's a hot September afternoon that feels like summer will never end, and even with the overcast sky, you can almost see the thick veil of humidity making clothes cling and draining energy.

On the far side of a field at Lake Minneola High School, the band practices marching routines, blindly side-stepping with faces forward and instruments raised while another line intersects from a different direction like a basket weave while the color guard waves flags and dances to the beat.

Learning to play an instrument is challenging enough for most students, but playing that instrument while moving to a choreographed

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Essence Solomon plays baritone while marching during a Lake Minneola High School band practice recently. [LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT]

Report: Clermont woman fought off carjacker

Staff Report

CLERMONT — Police say a woman fought off a man in an attempted carjacking and later identified him after he ran away across six lanes of traffic before being arrested.



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Police responded to the call at Publix at State Road 50 and County Road 455 at 11:15 a.m. Monday. The woman said she went out to her car during her lunch hour. She said she saw a man, later identified as David W. Cox, 22, of Clermont, talking to another person.

See **CARJACKER, A5**

Korean leaders meet in Pyongyang for potentially tough talks

By **Eric Talmadge and Hyung-Jin Kim**
The Associated Press

PYONGYANG, North Korea — South Korean President Moon Jae-in began his third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on Tuesday with possibly his hardest mission to date — brokering some kind of compromise to keep North Korea's talks with Washington from imploding and pushing ahead with his own plans to expand economic cooperation and bring

a stable peace to the Korean Peninsula.

Kim gave the South Korean president an exceedingly warm welcome, meeting him and his wife at Pyongyang's airport — itself a very unusual gesture — then riding into town with Moon in an open limousine through streets lined with crowds of North Koreans, who cheered and waved the flag of their country and a blue-and-white flag that symbolizes Korean unity.

The made-for-television welcome is par for the course

for Moon's summits with Kim.

Hours after his arrival, Moon began an official summit with Kim at the ruling Workers' Party headquarters. The two were joined by two of their top deputies — spy chief Suh Hoon and presidential security director Chung Eui-yong for Moon, and Kim Jong Un's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong, and senior Workers' Party official Kim Yong Chol for the North Korean leader, according to Moon's office.

At the start of their

meeting, Kim thanked Moon for brokering a June summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.

"It's not too much to say that it's Moon's efforts that arranged a historic North Korea-U.S. summit. Because of that, the regional political situation has been stabilized and more progress on North Korea-U.S. ties is expected," Kim said, according to South Korean media pool reports and Moon's office.

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NATION & WORLD

BOSTON Lawsuit filed against gas company after Mass. blasts

Lawyers filed a class action lawsuit Tuesday on behalf of people who were forced out of their homes for days when dozens of natural gas explosions and fires ripped through three Massachusetts towns.

The lawsuit is the first of what's likely to be several filed against Columbia Gas and its parent company over Thursday's explosions, which killed one person and injured more than two dozen in Lawrence, Andover and North Andover.

It accuses the utility companies of negligence and seeks compensation for residents of who had to evacuate but didn't suffer injuries or damage to their homes.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. Arkansas governor's nephew pleads not guilty to charges

A former Arkansas lawmaker whose uncle is the state's governor pleaded not guilty Tuesday to federal charges that he spent thousands of dollars in campaign funds on trips, groceries and other personal expenses.

Former state Sen. Jeremy Hutchinson made his first court appearance Tuesday. He was charged last month with eight counts of wire fraud and four counts of filing false tax returns. His case was assigned to U.S. District Judge Kristine Baker and is tentatively set for trial on Oct. 22. Hutchinson is the nephew of Gov. Asa Hutchinson. Both are Republicans.

SACRAMENTO, CALIF. Suspect in California deputy's killing has past gun charges

A 38-year-old man on probation for a gun crime has been accused of killing a sheriff's deputy and wounding another in a shootout that started with an argument at an auto parts store in the Sacramento area, authorities said Tuesday.

Anton Lemon Moore of the city of Rancho Cordova, just outside the capital city, was hospitalized after being shot multiple times during gunbattles with deputies Monday, the sheriff's department said.

Deputies responded to a report of a dispute between a customer and an employee at a Pep Boys in Rancho Cordova in a "routine call" that gave no indication the customer had a gun, Sheriff Scott Jones said.

"As soon as they arrived and engaged the subject, he turned as if to run or flee and then immediately turned around and started firing without warning," the sheriff said.

The Associated Press

LOTTERY

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Cash 4 Life: 12-13-26-43-54-3
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Afternoon: 0-9-5-6
Pick 3
Afternoon: 3-9-2
Pick 2
Afternoon: 7-4

Trump feels 'so badly' for Kavanaugh

By Alan Fram and Lisa Mascaro
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Trading accusations, Democratic and Republican senators quarreled Tuesday over who will testify at what promises to be a dramatic and emotional hearing next Monday with Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh and the woman who says he sexually assaulted her when they were in high school. But doubts were raised whether she would appear.

Kavanaugh was at the White House for a second straight day, but again did not meet with President Donald Trump. The president said he was "totally supporting" Kavanaugh and rejected calls for the FBI to investigate the accusation.

"I don't think FBI really should be involved because they don't want to be involved," Trump said. As for Kavanaugh, he said, "I feel so badly for him that he's going through this, to be honest with you. ... This is not a man that deserves this."

Democrats are demanding that the FBI be given time to reopen its background investigation into Kavanaugh so it can check the assertions of Christine Blasey Ford, the woman accusing Kavanaugh of assault. They say the hearing should not move forward until that investigation is completed.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said an FBI investigation is "essential" to prevent the hearing from becoming merely a "he said, she said affair."

Republicans responded that reopening the investigation is up to the White House and they are sticking with their plans for a Monday hearing — with or without Ford's participation.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said on radio's "Hugh Hewitt Show" said that he'd not yet received confirmation from Ford that she would appear at the hearing, despite several attempts to reach her camp.

"So it kind of raises the question, do they want to come to the public hearing or not?"



Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh reacts as he testifies after questioning before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Sept. 6 on Capitol Hill in Washington. (ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

Grassley said.

Meanwhile, Mark Judge, a friend of Kavanaugh's who Ford claims witnessed the assault, said Tuesday he does not wish to testify before the committee.

"I have no memory of this alleged incident. ... More to the point, I never saw Brett act in the manner Dr. Ford describes," he said in a statement sent to the committee by his lawyer. "I have no more information to offer the committee and I do not wish to speak publicly regarding the incidents described in Dr. Ford's letter."

A day earlier, Republicans abruptly agreed to hold a public Judiciary Committee hearing at which Kavanaugh and Ford have been invited to testify. Party leaders made that concession under pressure from senators demanding that the nominee and his accuser give public, sworn testimony before any vote on Trump's nominee.

Schumer said Democrats want more than two witnesses, including Mark Judge. Limiting the hearing to just Kavanaugh and Ford would be "inadequate, unfair, wrong and a desire not to get at the whole truth," Schumer said.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the No. 2 Democrat, said Judge is needed "specifically and personally as an eyewitness to the occurrence. He should testify under oath."

As both sides contemplated the hearing, Republicans were thinking through the optics of

a nationally televised showdown between Kavanaugh and his accuser at which all 11 GOP Judiciary Committee members are men.

"There is no discussion of a Plan B" should Kavanaugh's nomination fail, according to an individual familiar with the nomination process but not authorized to speak publicly. The person said there should be no such discussion until more information about the alleged incident comes to light.

The hearing is certain to be conflicting and emotive. It will offer a campaign season test of the political potency of a #MeToo movement that has already toppled prominent men from entertainment, government and journalism and energized female voters and political candidates.

Asked by Hewitt if he was considering including a female counsel who would ask questions, Grassley said, "All those things are being taken into consideration." He added later, "You're raising legitimate questions that are still in my mind."

Sen. Orrin Hatch of Utah, who is on the Judiciary Committee, said Republicans are "naturally" concerned about the optics of having only Republican men question Ford "because there's always a lot of prejudice in these matters."

Meanwhile, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell stood strongly behind Brett Kavanaugh, saying her claims that he'd sexually attacked her when both were high

schoolers "stands at odds" with everything known about the Supreme Court nominee's background.

McConnell said that "blatant malpractice" by Democrats — not releasing a letter by the accuser until the confirmation process was nearing its end — "will not stop the Senate from moving forward in a responsible manner."

The remarks by McConnell, R-Ky., seemed aimed at signaling that while Ford will be given her opportunity to detail her allegations under oath, party leaders — certainly for now — were not easing off their support of Trump's nominee.

Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California, who received Ford's letter over the summer, said she didn't reveal it to protect Ford's confidentiality.

Kavanaugh spoke with the Judiciary panel's counsel Monday and gave a "clear and consistent" account of what happened 36 years ago, said a person who wasn't authorized to be identified while describing the process. The person described Kavanaugh as "resolute" and eager to defend himself. Kavanaugh met Monday with White House Counsel Don McGahn and others at the White House and called several senators.

Ford says that at a party when both were teenagers in the early 1980s, an intoxicated Kavanaugh trapped her in a bedroom, pinned her on a bed, tried to undress her and forced his hand over her mouth when she tried to scream. She said she got away when a companion of Kavanaugh's jumped on him.

Kavanaugh, 53, has vehemently denied the accusation. He said in a statement Monday that he wanted to "refute this false allegation, from 36 years ago, and defend my integrity."

If the Judiciary committee's timetable slips, it would become increasingly difficult for Republicans to schedule a vote before midterm elections on Nov. 6 elections, when congressional control will be at stake.

DATELINES

ST. LOUIS



Police arrest a man as demonstrators march in response to a not guilty verdict in the trial of former St. Louis police officer Jason Stockley, on Sept. 17, 2017, in St. Louis. Stockley was acquitted in the 2011 killing of a black man following a high-speed chase. More than a dozen people arrested in the 2017 protest in St. Louis are suing the city, police officers and their supervisors, alleging they were roughed up, pepper sprayed and illegally detained.

(JEFF ROBERSON/AP FILE)

MADRID



An injured worker is carried on a stretcher after scaffolding collapsed Tuesday at the Ritz hotel undergoing renovation in Madrid, Spain. One construction worker was killed and at least 11 injured after wrought iron work on the sixth floor of the hotel collapsed, dragging down five floors of internal scaffolding and the workers at the site.

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NEWS BRIEFS

FRUITLAND PARK Man accused of battery on pregnant girlfriend

A man who allegedly beat his girlfriend and threatened to terminate her pregnancy himself has been charged with aggravated battery on a pregnant victim.

Police were called to see about a woman at Leesburg Regional Medical Center early Tuesday. A woman there said her boyfriend, Noah S. Carragher, 18, of Hickory Avenue, was upset because she had spent the day with a female friend in Leesburg.

"She then stated that she didn't want to put up with any fighting... so she grabbed her purse and her phone and left the residence through the front door."

She said he followed her outside and grabbed her cellphone so she couldn't call her friend for a ride, and her arm. He then jumped on her back, causing her to fall to the ground. He then began choking her with both of his hands.

"If you don't want to be with me, we are not going to have a baby. I will terminate this pregnancy myself," she quoted him.

He punched her in the jaw and in the stomach, she said.

She made her way to a store, where her friend picked her up.

Carragher at first denied any kind of physical altercation. "I had an argument with my girl, bro," he said.

However, police noted in their report that she had "noticeable injuries" to her jaw, chest and arm.

FRUITLAND PARK Cops: 'Obviously' high man used 911 to find 'homeboy'

First, a man went to Lake County Fire Station 53 in Fruitland Park and asked to use the phone.

The man called 911 to report a house fire on Hickory Lane.

When firefighters arrived, they discovered there was not a fire and no one needed help. However, they did find the man who called 911, Jonathan J. Montgomery, 50, of Indialantic, wandering nearby, "who was obviously under the influence of some type of narcotic," according to a sheriff's report.

"I asked him why he would make a false report of a fire," a deputy noted in the report, "and he stated, 'because my homeboy Demarcus won't answer my calls and I am trying to get through to him. I am sorry if I wasted everyone's time.'"

Montgomery was charged with misuse of 911 and false report of a fire. He was booked into the Lake County Jail on a \$2,000 bond.

MIAMI Contractors fined \$86K over bridge collapse

Contractors that worked on the bridge near a Florida university that collapsed, killing six people, have been fined more than \$86,000 for workplace violations.

The Miami Herald reported Tuesday that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration issued the fines for seven safety violations related to the March 15 collapse. OSHA said the contractors didn't provide adequate safeguards despite serious cracks that had developed on the bridge.

Five motorists and one worker were killed when the bridge fell onto a busy roadway near Florida International University.

OSHA cited five companies for \$86,658 in fines. The companies can contest the findings.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating the cause of the collapse.

WINTER PARK Police arrest suspect in shooting that locked down college

Police have arrested a 19-year-old man who they say injured another man in a shooting that placed a college on lockdown for several hours.

Officials at Rollins College issued a "shelter in place" alert on Monday afternoon. Several hours later, police in Winter Park found Jerad Christopher Vasquez hiding under a trailer in the area where the shooting occurred.

Report details charter school closures

By Lloyd Dunkelberger
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — A new report from a Tallahassee-based research group raises questions about the growing role of charter schools in Florida, including citing the closure of 373 charter schools since 1998.

Ben Wilcox, research director for the group Integrity Florida, said the closure of charter schools has averaged nearly 20 a year "and that comes with a cost to taxpayers."

"When a charter school

closes, it is often difficult to get taxpayer funds back," Wilcox said. "A closure can cause severe problems for a school district which must absorb the displaced students."

As of the 2016-2017 academic year, some 284,000 students, or about 10 percent of Florida's 2.8 million students enrolled in the pre-kindergarten-through-high school-system, attended charter schools.

The 654 charter schools receive public funding but can act more independently than traditional public schools.

The report showed 160 charter schools failed between 2012 and 2017, with 35 closing in 2015-2016.

"Some have failed because they faced financial pressure due to overestimated enrollment, others because of financial mismanagement and others for academic reasons," the report said.

Another trend cited in the report is the rise of for-profit companies that manage the schools and can also be involved in leasing school sites. As of 2017, the report showed 294, or 45 percent, of the schools were

being managed by for-profit companies. The for-profit schools have nearly doubled since 2010-2011, when there were 150 charter schools operated by for-profit entities.

Wilcox said "lax regulation of charter schools has created opportunities for corporate profiteering, financial mismanagement, fraud and criminal corruption."

He cited a recent investigation of Newpoint Education Partners, where two executives who were involved in a

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Florida Republican candidate for governor Ron DeSantis speaks with reporters outside of Franklin Middle Magnet School on Tuesday in Tampa. Both DeSantis and Democratic rival Andrew Gillum released their education proposals Tuesday. [CHRIS URSO/THE TAMPA BAY TIMES VIA AP]

Governor's race focuses on school funding

By John Kennedy
Gatehouse Media

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida governor's race became a battle over school dollars Tuesday, with Democrat Andrew Gillum defending his \$1 billion tax proposal and Republican Ron DeSantis promising to steer money from overhead into classrooms.

Flanked by educators, Gillum said his plan to boost the state's corporate income tax only makes Florida's big businesses pay their "fair share" and would be softened by federal tax cuts that already favor corporations.

"This is an investment in our future, in our state's economy and in Florida's

businesses," Gillum said. "We're talking about training up the next generation of workforce that will power Florida's future economy. And simply put, we're saying that everybody has to pay their fair share."

Gillum has been under heightened pressure from Republicans and their business allies since Gatehouse Media reported that the Democrat's proposal is sending shock waves through industry organizations, even as it faces long odds of succeeding in a GOP-controlled state Legislature.

Gillum would boost the state's 5.5 percent tax on corporate income to 7.75 percent to help raise \$1 billion that he would pour

into schools, improving per-pupil funding, expanding technical programs and giving teachers a minimum \$50,000 starting salary.

DeSantis unveiled his own billion-dollar proposal Tuesday — built on redirecting school administrative costs into the classroom. DeSantis would require that 80 percent of state public school dollars go to classrooms, up from the level of about 74 percent, which he said was reached in 2016-17.

DeSantis' campaign says that increase would yield almost \$1.4 billion more for schools.

The 80 percent proposal was part of an education

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Missing woman found dead in shopping center lot

Staff Report

MOUNTDORA — Mount Dora police are investigating a body found inside a vehicle at a shopping center Tuesday morning.

Police responded to the TJ Maxx and Hobby Lobby shopping center on U.S. Highway 441 at 8:27 a.m. The vehicle was parked more toward TJ Maxx.



Authorities confirmed the deceased woman is Jillian Dinmore, 23, who had been missing since Saturday morning.

Various social media posts indicate that Dinmore left her Tavares home around 7:30 a.m. Saturday in a 2016 Jeep Patriot. She was on her way to work in Eustis.

Her father, Joseph Dinmore, called Tavares police when her coworkers called him to say that she didn't show up on the job, according to Tavares police reports.

Dinmore's parents didn't want to discuss the circumstances that led to her death, but her father said "she was a very, very bright student, devoted to her family and loved dogs."

"She really always wanted to make other people happy," he said.

The family moved to Lake County in 2015 from Maine.

"We feel very supported right now," he said. "The only thing we want right now is our privacy."

Mount Dora city spokeswoman Lisa McDonald said the Medical Examiner's office would determine the cause of death.

"There are no suspicious circumstances at this time and the investigation is ongoing," she said in a press release.

Lake County Sheriff's Office crime scene technicians are assisting with the case.

Galvano, NRA clash over political contribution

By Jim Turner
News service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Incoming Senate President Bill Galvano is not backing down after finding himself in the crosshairs of the National Rifle Association for receiving a sizable political contribution from a group that backs gun restrictions and has ties to former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who is slated to become Senate president after the November elections, pointed Monday to the Feb. 14 mass shooting at Parkland's Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School that killed 17 people. After the shooting, lawmakers passed a bill (SB 7026) that

included raising the minimum age from 18 to 21 to purchase rifles and other long guns — a restriction the NRA has challenged in federal court.

"I will make no apologies for the responsible steps we took in a bipartisan manner in the wake of the worst school shooting in our state's history," Galvano said.

Galvano's comments came after NRA Tallahassee lobbyist Marion Hammer, a former national president of the gun-rights organization, called him out for accepting a \$200,000 contribution from Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund, which has been heavily backed by Bloomberg.

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Incoming Senate President Bill Galvano is not backing down after finding himself in the crosshairs of the National Rifle Association over a political contribution. [DAN WAGNER/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

INMEMORY

Funeral Services

Dorothy P. Burgess



Dorothy P. Burgess, 81, a former resident of Leesburg, departed this life on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. Dorothy was born on November 5, 1936 in Hahira, GA to the late Essie Lane and Igelo Mays. She and her family moved to Leesburg, FL in 1956. She relocated to Orlando and worked as an assembly line worker

at Peazo Technology, where she later became a supervisor. She was an active and dedicated member of The Impact Church of Orlando. Dorothy leaves to cherish her love and memories to her daughter, Helen Burgess; 1 brother; 4 sisters; and a host of other relatives and many friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 4-7PM at the mortuary. A service of celebration will be held on Friday 11:00AM at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, 1012 E. Line Street, Leesburg. Interment: Evergreen Cemetery, Leesburg. **POSTELL'S MORTUARY** is providing service for the Burgess family.

Terriel Wayne Hunt

Terriel Wayne Hunt age 65 of Montverde, FL., passed away July 3rd, 2018. Terry was born April 26, 1953 in Gibson County, Indiana, the son of Jess Hunt and Betty Carol Bailey Hunt both of Gibson County. Terry is survived by sisters Jamie Faye Hunt and Jessica Lea Hunt, nephew Darren Wayne Jackson, Grand niece Kenzi Rae Jackson all of Montverde, FL. Uncle Richard Bailey and Aunt Karen and family of the east coast of Central Florida. Uncle

Dave and Susie Bailey and family of Sepulpa, Oklahoma. Aunt Mary Lou and Jimmy Watkins and family of Gibson County. Half sisters Christine Hunt and Rachel Hunt of Gibson county, and many more relatives and friends, of which he spoke of often, old times, and work experiences, in Indiana, Oklahoma and Florida. Terry is missed and will be missed. A gathering in memory of will be held in Montverde at Kirk Park September 23rd from 4 to 6 pm.

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package the Republican unveiled Tuesday that aligns with his party's support for private-school vouchers. DeSantis is pledging to expand the state's tax credit scholarship program, give parents more school choice options and reward primarily high-performing teachers.

DeSantis also called for an audit of the state's Department of Education and an online database in each school district tracking spending — measures that he said could bolster the push for more dollars in classrooms.

Pushing back against the Common Core curriculum standards that had been advanced by President Obama and supported by former Florida Republican Gov. Jeb Bush, DeSantis said he was wary of "one-size-fits-all" evaluations. He wants a review of these testing measures and would expand the emphasis on civics and constitutional principles in schools.

Gillum and DeSantis, though, do seem to agree on Florida schools bolstering their technical and apprenticeship programs to meet the needs of students not inclined



Democratic candidate for governor Andrew Gillum speaks to members of the media Tuesday in Tallahassee about his education plan. [JOHN KENNEDY/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

toward college.

While DeSantis said little publicly Tuesday about his education platform, Gillum called a news conference to defend his corporate tax hike after a steady drumbeat from Republican-allied organizations that warned it would rock the state's economy.

Gillum cited President Donald Trump and the Republican-led Congress' support for a massive tax cut package

last December that is helping corporations save billions of dollars.

"The argument they made is that these tax breaks were going to filtrate down to everyday working people... suffering in this state and all over the country," Gillum said. "The truth is that 44 percent of working families say they cannot make ends meet."

He also disputed claims that increasing taxes on businesses will force

consumer prices up.

"The truth is, the corporate tax rate in the state of Georgia is higher than that in Florida. And the 99-cent menu is the same in both our states," Gillum said.

Republicans swung back — again.

"No matter how he tries to spin this, raising \$1 billion in taxes would be a disaster for hardworking Florida families," said Meredith Beatrice, a Florida GOP spokeswoman.

NRA

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The contribution went to a political committee known as Innovate Florida, which is chaired by Galvano.

Hammer, a longtime powerful lobbyist in Tallahassee, sent out an "alert" Monday to members of the NRA and Unified Sportsmen of Florida about the Sept. 4 contribution to Galvano's committee.

"Incoming Florida Senate President Bill Galvano calls himself a Republican but is rumored to be the one who colluded with anti-gun Democrats to

received a direct contribution from NRA in almost 20 years."

The NRA filed a federal lawsuit against the state in March immediately after Gov. Rick Scott signed into law the bill that includes a wide range of school-safety and gun-related measures.

Along with the age requirement for gun purchases, it also included imposing a three-day waiting period on buying long guns and banned what are known as "bump stocks," which allow semi-automatic rifles to mimic fully automatic weapons. The lawsuit remains pending.

"I have made it clear that as Senate president I will continue to advocate

for increased safety and security in our schools. I am grateful for the support," Galvano said Monday.

The alleged shooter in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas case, 19-year-old Nikolas Cruz, legally purchased a semiautomatic rifle that was used in the massacre.

Gun-rights supporters have been frustrated in recent years by the Senate, which has blocked proposals such as allowing people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry firearms on college campuses. Bills have stalled after years of the Republican-dominated Legislature generally being supportive of positions backed by groups such as the NRA.

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SCHOOLS

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company that managed more than a dozen charter schools were charged

in a fraudulent billing and kickback scheme. One executive has been convicted, while the other will stand trial in Pensacola.

On a positive side, the report showed charter schools outperformed

traditional public schools on the state's A-to-F grading evaluation in 2016-2017. Some 65 percent of charter schools earned an A or B, compared to 55 percent of traditional schools. But 3 percent of the charter schools earned F grades, compared to 1 percent of the traditional schools.

The Integrity Florida report also raised a broader issue of the impact of the growth of charter schools on funding for the traditional school system.

"Inasmuch as charter schools can be an inefficient and wasteful option for 'school choice,' the Legislature should evaluate the appropriate amount of funding the state can afford to offer in educational choices to parents and students," the report said.

Erika Donalds, a Collier County School Board member who is a prominent supporter of charter schools, said the report "tries to use a few bad apples to define all charter schools."

"The truth is, the majority of charter schools are great examples of student success and school resourcefulness," Donalds said. "Charters are achieving results for students with fewer dollars — that's not debatable."

Donalds said "perpetually failing traditional public schools" should be held to the same performance standard as charter schools and should be closed if they fail to perform.

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CARJACKER

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She opened the door and sat in the driver's seat, but when she tried to close the door, the man held onto the door and ordered her to get out of the car.

"No!" she said. When she couldn't shut the door, she kicked him, knocking him to the ground.

He jumped up and began to struggle with her, grabbing her by the shirt and throwing her to the ground.

He sat in the driver's seat and yelled, "Where are the (expletive) keys?"

She began yelling for help and people started coming toward them.

Police said he ran into a field toward Clermont Toyota, in the 16000 block of S.R. 50.

Law enforcement officers gave chase but he crossed six lanes of traffic. When he tried to run into a wooded area, sheriff's deputies fired a Taser when he refused to stop.

Cox was charged with carjacking, battery and resisting without violence.

According to court records, Cox is also facing charges of aggravated battery for a July 2 arrest.

KOREAS

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Moon responded by expressing his own thanks to Kim for making a "bold decision" in a New Year's speech to open a new era of detente and send a delegation to the South Korean Winter Olympics in February.

Even though tens of thousands of people had witnessed Moon's drive into the city with their leader, the arrival was not broadcast or even mentioned on the evening and night news on North Korea's central television network. The North often holds off reporting stories until it has had time to review and edit the video for maximum propaganda impact.

The results of the talks weren't immediately available. Seoul officials earlier said they would focus on how to achieve denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, decrease military tensions along their border and improve overall ties. The North's media said the talks would reaffirm their commitment to Korean peace, unity and prosperity.

During a conversation at the Paekhwawon guest house where Moon was to stay, Kim said North Koreans hope diplomacy will yield positive results. "I think it was our people's wish that we come up with good results as fast as we can," Kim said, according to the media pool reports.

Moon responded that "Our hearts are fluttering, but at the same we have heavy hearts," and added, "We have built trust and friendship between us, so I think all will be well."

The two are to meet again on Wednesday.

More than in their previous encounters, when the mere fact of meeting and resuming a dialogue was seen as a major step forward, Moon is under pressure to leave Thursday with some concrete accomplishments.

One of Moon's objectives — and one that also interests Kim — was clear from the people he took with him. Traveling on Moon's government jet was Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong and other business leaders, underscoring Moon's hopes to expand cross-border business projects. Currently, however, all major joint projects between the

Koreas are stalled because of U.S.-led sanctions.

But the nuclear issue was sure to cast a shadow over negotiations on joint projects.

Before leaving Seoul, Moon vowed to push for "irreversible, permanent peace" and for better dialogue between Pyongyang and Washington.

"This summit would be very meaningful if it yielded a resumption of North Korea-U.S. talks," Moon said Tuesday just before his departure. "It's very important for South and North Korea to meet frequently, and we are turning to a phase where we can meet anytime we want."

But as Moon arrived, the North's main newspaper lobbed a rhetorical volley at Washington that could make Moon's job all the more delicate, blaming the United States alone for the lack of progress in denuclearization talks.

"The U.S. is totally to blame for the deadlocked DPRK-U.S. negotiations," the Rodong Simmun said in an editorial, using the initials of the North's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It said Washington is "stubbornly insisting"

that the North dismantle its nuclear weapons first, an approach "which was rejected in the past DPRK-U.S. dialogues," while failing to show its will for confidence-building "including the declaration of the end of war which it had already pledged."

While signaling his willingness to talk with Washington, Kim's strategy has been to try to elbow the U.S. away from Seoul so that the two Koreas can take the lead in deciding how to bring peace and stability to their peninsula. North Korea maintains that it has developed its nuclear weapons to the point that it can now defend itself against a potential U.S. attack, and can now shift its focus to economic development and improved ties with the South.

Rarely do the North Korean official media even mention the word denuclearization.

Talks between the

United States and North Korea have stalled since Kim's meeting with Trump in Singapore in June.

North Korea has taken some steps, like dismantling its nuclear and rocket-engine testing sites, but U.S. officials have said it must take more serious disarmament steps before receiving outside concessions. Trump has indicated he may be open to holding another summit to resuscitate the talks, however.

For Kim, the timing of this week's summit is good.

North Korea just completed an elaborate celebration replete with a military parade and huge rallies across the country to mark its 70th anniversary. China, signaling its support for Kim's recent diplomatic moves, sent its third-highest party official to those festivities. That's important because China is the North's biggest economic partner and is an important political counterbalance to the United States.

BAND

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ever-changing kaleidoscope routine with 96 other band members in the heat for three hours is no small effort. But that's part of being in the marching band.

The award-winning band has about 100 students who travel and compete in the Florida Marching Band Championships. For the past two years, the band finished in the top five for marching units, and their efforts drew an invitation to perform at the Peach Bowl in December in Atlanta.

This year the band has been bolstered by a grant of nearly \$67,000 by Niagara Cares, the charitable division of Niagara Bottling. With the grant money, the school has added sound equipment and instruments. Many of the large instruments in the band, such as tubas, English horns, flugel horn and drums, are owned by the school and rented to the students at a discounted price.

Band director Andy Deen said the Peach Bowl will be the first time the band has traveled out of state.

This day, the band was practicing a routine they will perform in Atlanta during a competition before the bowl.

The trip to the Peach Bowl, with transportation, housing, bowl tickets and food, is expensive. So far 75 students have signed up to go, although Deen said he would like more to go. The students leave on Dec. 26 and come back Dec. 30. While there, the band will march in the Peach Bowl parade.

"I think it's a really cool opportunity. A lot



Snare drums with Jason Midlane (front), battery leader Dylan Sons and Jett Frantel. (LINDA FLOREA / CORRESPONDENT)

of people haven't been in a big group like that with other schools," said junior Dylan Sons, section leader of the battery, which is the marching percussion unit.

Also going is senior drum major Nicole Walker, who plays oboe in the concert band. In the fall concert, she will be

playing the English horn, which is one of the instruments purchased with the Niagara grant.

"I think it's going to be cool to incorporate jazz, concert bands, and marching," said Walker.

Although students must pay to go on the trip, it doesn't cover all expenses and the school is holding

fundraisers to cover the difference.

The first fundraiser is a concert at the school on Sept. 25. The concert will be held in the auditorium and tickets are available at the door for \$5, or \$20 for a family.

Chipotle in Clermont is holding a Spirit Night from 5 to 9 p.m. Oct. 22 and will donate 50 percent of its sales to the band when you mention the band at the register.

A winter concert is also planned for Dec. 13 at the school with a carol sing-along at the end.

"The students are going to have the opportunity to perform at a national event, which is a high profile event for the school," Deen said. "The students will play with other bands and meet students from across the country during the trip."

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Pope's popularity is plummeting in the US

By Emily Guskin
The Washington Post

Pope Francis's once-overwhelming popularity in the U.S. has taken a major hit since a new report on sexual abuse was released in August, according to two new polls.

A Gallup poll released Tuesday found that 53 percent of Americans said they had a favorable opinion of the pontiff, down from 66 percent in August, when respondents were questioned just before the release of a sweeping Pennsylvania grand jury report listing hundreds of Catholic clergy accused of sexual abuse and misconduct over 70 years in the state. Francis's popularity has fallen 23 points from a 2014 high of 76 percent in Gallup polls.

A separate CNN/SSRS poll released last week found 48 percent with a favorable view of the pope, down from 66 percent in January 2017 and a high of 72 percent in December

2013.

Francis continues to be far more liked than disliked, with roughly one-quarter of the public saying they have an unfavorable impression of him, and a sizable share holding no opinion. But the drop-off is notable from earlier in his papacy, when his messages about acceptance toward gay people and other groups received widespread positive media attention, fueling his popularity.

Since August, the church has been rocked by the Pennsylvania grand jury report and the investigations that followed - attorneys general are now conducting inquiries on abuse in the church in states including Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico and New York. And Francis's own culpability has been impugned in a shocking letter by the former Vatican ambassador to the United States, Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano, who claims Francis

knew that former cardinal Theodore McCarrick had sexually harassed young men but chose to let secret sanctions on McCarrick slide anyway. Francis has declined to respond directly to Vigano's allegations.

The Gallup and CNN polls differ on whether Francis's popularity has decreased among Catholics. Gallup finds the fall in favorable ratings concentrated among non-Catholics, while the CNN survey suggests a significant drop among both Catholics and the broader public.

In the Gallup poll, opinions of Francis among U.S. Catholics changed little: 78 percent rated him favorably in August while 79 percent did so this month. That's still down from a high of 89 percent in March 2014. Among non-Catholic Americans, favorable ratings of the pope dropped sharply from 63 percent in August to 45 percent in the new survey.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The Town of Montverde has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

A. Initially proposed tax levy.....	\$ 255,355
B. Less tax reductions due to Value Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....	\$ (290)
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FLORENCE

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Addressing roughly 10,000 people who remain in shelters and "countless more" staying elsewhere, Cooper urged residents to stay put for now, particularly those from the hardest-hit coastal counties that include Wilmington, near where Florence blew ashore on Friday.

Roads remain treacherous, he said, and some are still being closed for the first time as rivers swelled by torrential rains inland drain toward the Atlantic.

"I know it was hard to leave home, and it is even

harder to wait and wonder whether you even have a home to go back to," Cooper said.

In Wilmington, population 120,000, workers began handing out supplies using a system that resembled a giant fast-food drive-thru: Drivers pulled up to a line of pallets, placed an order and left without having to get out. A woman blew a whistle each time drivers were supposed to pull forward.

Todd Tremain needed tarps to cover up spots where Florence's winds ripped shingles off his roof. "The roof is leaking, messing up the inside of the house," he said.

Others got a case of bottled water or military MREs, or field rations. An olive-drab military forklift moved around huge pallets loaded with supplies.

Brandon Echavarrieta struggled to stay composed as he described life post-Florence: no power for days, rotted meat in the freezer, no water or food and just one bath in a week.

"It's been pretty bad," said Echavarrieta, 34, his voice breaking.

Nearby, about 200 people lined up to buy 40-pound bags of ice as quickly as a Rose Ice and Coal Co. could produce it.

Supplies have been brought into the city by big military trucks and helicopters, which also have been used to pluck hundreds of desperate

people from atop homes and other structures.

Mayor Bill Saffo said two routes were now open into Wilmington, which had been completely cut off by floodwaters, but those roads could close again as water swells the Cape Fear River on the city's west side.

"We still are encouraging or asking folks not to come home," said Woody White, chairman of the New Hanover County commissioners. "We want you here. We love you. We miss you. But access to Wilmington is still very limited and is not improving as quickly as we would like."

At Fayetteville, about 100 miles inland, near the Army's sprawling Fort Bragg, the Cape Fear River had risen about 50 feet toward a crest that was predicted to be more than 25 feet above flood level. On Tuesday, logs and other debris became trapped under a rail bridge as rushing brown water pushed against the span.

The river swallowed trees, lamp posts and a parking lot near its banks. City officials warned that still-rising water threatened some neighborhoods and businesses that seemed safe, but said the worst was nearly over and life was beginning to return to normal downtown. Businesses were re-opening and owners were removing sandbags and plywood from storefronts.

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ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	WATER FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000: 2.8300			
Ad Valorem Taxes	266,000	\$ -	\$ 266,000
Delinquent Ad Valorem Taxes	500		\$ 500
Sales and Use Taxes	378,500	-	\$ 378,500
Franchise Fees	117,200	-	\$ 117,200
Licenses and Permits	6,700	-	\$ 6,700
Assessment Fees	76,000		\$ 76,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	197,600	-	\$ 197,600
Fines and Forfeitures	1,500	-	\$ 1,500
Charges for Services	182,800	383,300	\$ 566,100
Miscellaneous Revenue	80,000	2,400	\$ 82,400
Use of Reserves			\$ -
TOTAL SOURCES	\$ 1,306,800	\$ 385,700	\$ 1,692,500
Transfers In	-	-	\$ -
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets			\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,306,800	\$ 385,700	\$ 1,692,500
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$ 544,600	\$ -	\$ 544,600
Public Safety	256,700	-	\$ 256,700
Physical Environment		385,700	\$ 385,700
Transportation	205,500	-	\$ 205,500
Human Services	1,000	-	\$ 1,000
Culture/Recreation	299,000	-	\$ 299,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,306,800	\$ 385,700	\$ 1,692,500
Transfers Out			\$ -
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets			\$ -
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES			\$ -
RESERVES AND BALANCES	\$ 1,306,800	\$ 385,700	\$ 1,692,500

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OUR OPINION

Florida's low taxes have a downside

There is not much convention or wisdom in the conventional wisdom about politics these days. But it's safe to say, we think, that any proposal to raise the corporate tax in Florida would be dead on arrival in the Florida Legislature.

Andrew Gillum, the surprise Democratic nominee for governor, has proposed raising the corporate tax to 7.75 percent from 5.5 percent — in part, he says, to fund education, including increases in the minimum public-school teacher's salary.

Gillum has a slight lead over Republican Ron DeSantis in early opinion polls but faces a grueling race in a state that hasn't chosen a Democrat as governor since Lawton Chiles was re-elected in 1994.

Even if Gillum is elected, he and his policies will run into stiff opposition in a Republican-dominated Legislature. "I don't see this happening," said Bill Galvano, a Bradenton Republican who is slated to be Senate president. What's more, even some of the Democrats aren't supporting Gillum's tax proposal.

So, barring a political apocalypse, don't expect Florida to substantially raise the corporate tax.

That said, Gillum has injected an important question into the debate: Does Florida generate enough revenue at the state level to provide public safety, protect the environment, invest in infrastructure and fund education and social services?

Florida TaxWatch, a private-sector, independent organization, provides useful comparisons between Florida and other states. In its 2018 edition of "How Florida Compares," TaxWatch found that our state:

Ranks 42nd in per capita state and local revenues.

Generates state per capita revenue at

63 percent of the U.S. average.

Stands at 50th and 49th in two key state per capita revenue-collection categories.

Taxes personal income at a lower percentage than the national average (5.8 percent compared to 8.1 percent).

Defers substantial taxing duties to local governments. In Florida, local revenue constitutes 53 percent of the total state-local revenue — the second-highest percentage in the United States. (Local revenue in Florida takes up 6.6 percent of personal income; nationwide, the percentage is 6.5 percent.)

Produces \$25 billion in sales-tax revenue, the state's leading source; the corporate tax ranks second, at \$2.2 billion.

The relatively low rates of taxation help attract businesses and wealthy retirees. But it also results in low rankings for spending on key services and programs.

Although spending doesn't necessarily equate to quality, and rankings are subject to criticism, Florida is consistently rated in the bottom 10 of states on spending for public education and health care, as well as mental-health care.

For instance, one assessment of mental-health care placed Florida last among the states, ahead of only the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. Public school funding is 42nd, according to one study; when Florida increased allocations to universities last year, it cut community college funding. Public health spending ranks 48th, based on one evaluation.

Difficult as it might be politically, Florida should continually assess its total revenues and revenue sources — including exemptions, which should be reviewed to determine if they remain practical and if the reasons for granting them are sensible.

ANOTHER OPINION



ANOTHER OPINION

Lie on a firearms background form? What have you got to lose?

Anyone who wants to buy a gun from a licensed dealer is required to fill out a "Firearms Transaction Record." It asks various questions to determine if the customer is legally prohibited from getting a gun — because he or she is a felon or a fugitive from justice, received a dishonorable military discharge, has been "adjudicated as a mental defective" and the like. It also notes that the purchase may not be made on behalf of another person.

The application notes that "any false oral or written statement ... is a crime punishable as a felony under federal law." To lie in order to acquire a weapon that you are legally forbidden to have is, as the form notes, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

That's fair warning to anyone tempted to lie. But a surprising number of people do so anyway. A new report from the federal Government Accountability Office says that last year, 112,000 people tried to buy guns from licensed dealers but were caught giving false information on the form.

It's reassuring that so many felons and other ineligible people were blocked from acquiring guns. What's not

reassuring is how few of them were prosecuted. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives referred just 12,700 cases to field offices for investigation. Of those, the Justice Department prosecuted exactly 12 — one of every 9,333 alleged liars.

The message to criminals is clear: What have you got to lose? Maybe you'll get the gun in spite of your disqualifying record. If you don't get the gun, no worries, because you will almost certainly go unpunished. The pattern and practice are notorious enough that there's even a name for this approach: "Lie and try."

The GAO says federal prosecutors put a low priority on these offenses. They "generally do not accept and prosecute denial cases that do not involve aggravating circumstances, as these cases can require significant effort for prosecutors relative to the short length of punishment and may offer little value to public safety because the offender does not obtain the firearm."

In Chicago, which is plagued by violent crime fueled by illegal trafficking in firearms, this is especially distressing. A report last year by the city said, "The vast majority of crime guns were handguns possessed by adults who were

not the original purchaser of the firearm" and were legally barred from gun ownership.

Claiming to buy a gun for yourself and then delivering it to someone else is illegal, as the form makes plain. The ban is ineffectual, though, unless violators can expect to face punishment. And "straw purchasers" also rarely face federal prosecution.

The lax approach is an argument for universal background checks. Otherwise people blocked from a purchase from a dealer may simply go to a private seller, who under federal law is not required to do the background check. Illinois has its own laws effectively barring such sales, but criminals face no such obstacle in most places.

It's also an argument for the shift requested by Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who in March urged U.S. attorneys to "swiftly and aggressively" prosecute people who give false answers on the firearms form.

Americans have plenty of disagreements over whether new laws are needed to prevent gun crimes. There should be no disagreement about enforcing the ones we already have.

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ANOTHER OPINION

Race, conscience and empathy in the Kaepernick episode

It's instructive to consider the Colin Kaepernick episode from his point of view.

Envision yourself as a black American man who has achieved a significant level of success in a highly competitive, demanding profession. This man enjoys the fame and wealth that go along with his success. Still, his conscience nags him because he understands that his success is an unreachable anomaly for most black men.

In fact, he's troubled by the persistent de facto segregation of black Americans in our educational institutions and by high rates of incarceration for black men. And lately he's deeply disquieted by the too-frequent reports of unarmed black men killed by police.

So this wealthy, well-known

black American, like the poet Robert Frost, develops a "lover's quarrel with the world." He's never fallen out of love with his nation, but its long history of injustice against his race pricks his conscience and troubles his willingness to remain silent.

At the same time, his high-profile profession requires him to attest publicly to his earnest allegiance to a nation whose loyalty to his race has often been sullied by hatred and prejudice.

So when he's required to stand for a dutiful display of his patriotism, his conscience talks back. He doesn't hate his country. He doesn't hate or disrespect the soldiers who defend it. It's just that when someone says that he must join his fellow white

citizens in a public display of patriotism designed to make everyone feel good, well, he just doesn't feel that good. He'd rather sit it out, but, out of respect, he kneels instead.

None of this is very hard to imagine. In fact, it's pretty much what happened with Colin Kaepernick. What's harder to imagine is a more tolerant, less insecure America that can allow a black man to respond to his conscience without worrying that the republic will be destroyed because a few people are reluctant to participate in a rote ritual. After all, a significant portion of the white audience spends the time it takes to play the anthem in the bathroom, at the concession stand or in their recliners at home.

This intolerance seems odd

in a country where so many of us are willing to defer to the demands of conscience that a Colorado baker feels when a gay couple asks him to bake them a wedding cake.

But it's no stretch to say that Colin Kaepernick's conscience cost him his career because he failed to display his patriotism in just the way that others thought he should. President Donald Trump saw an opportunity to churn up tribalism, intolerance and support in his base by publicly savoring the pleasure it would give him to fire any S.O.B. who declines to stand and, in fact, to take away his citizenship.

It's disconcerting how quickly a mere ritual becomes a coercive test of patriotism. In fact, some of our rituals originated at a time of significant

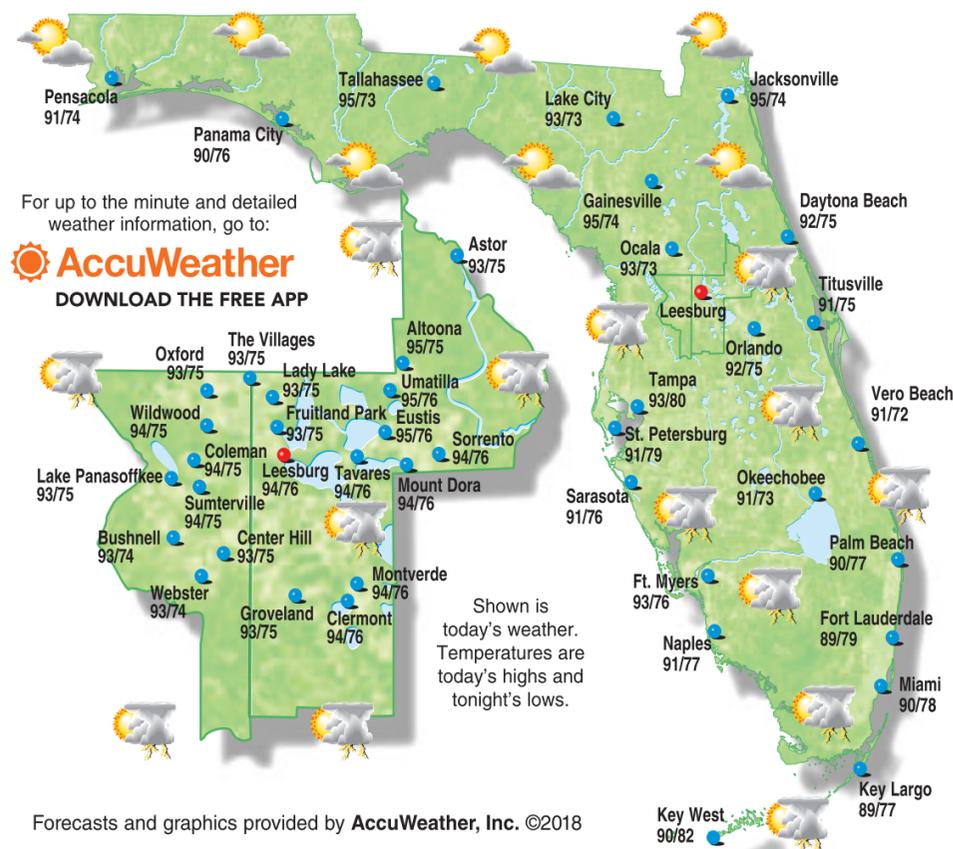
demographic change — sort of like now — when nativists felt a need to test and shape the patriotism of newcomers. And sometimes those who failed to pass the test lost their jobs and sometimes their lives.

The great shame of the Kaepernick episode is the central role that race plays in it. Nearly all of the protesters are black. Their chief concerns are the racial injustices that persist in our country. The protesters' biggest critics are white — a white, rich, old boys' club — to the fans, who are readily riled up at the suggestion that someone might disrespect our troops.

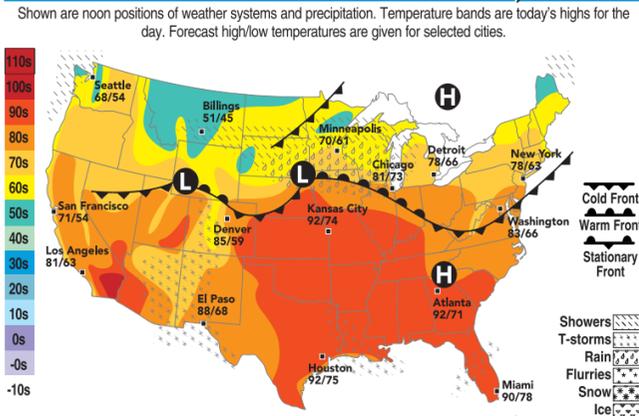
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NATIONAL WEATHER FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2018



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UV INDEX TODAY



SOLAR TABLE

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

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Thu.	8:56 a.m.	2:44 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	3:08 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Thursday	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise	7:14 a.m.	7:15 a.m.				
Sunset	7:28 p.m.	7:27 p.m.	Sep 24	Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16
Moonrise	4:20 p.m.	5:02 p.m.				
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TIP OF THE WEEK

LUNCHBOX HACKS

The following lunch hacks "stolen from kids" come from Refinery29.com.

- Keep items in a few categories on hand, like sandwich ingredients, sides and fruit, to make lunch assembly simple.
- Add something for snack time like an apple or carrots.
- Pick up a variety of packages of chips, nuts or dried fruits.



EASY RECIPE

CARAMEL APPLE FLOAT

For a sweet spin on the classic fall staple of apple cider, try this recipe from Taste of Home.

- 1 cup chilled apple cider or unsweetened apple juice
- 1 cup chilled ginger ale or lemon-lime soda
- 1 cup vanilla ice cream
- 2 tablespoons caramel sundae syrup
- Finely chopped peeled apple, optional

Divide cider and ginger ale between two glasses. Top with ice cream; drizzle with caramel syrup. Top with diced apples if desired.

— Brandpoint

CORRECTION

In the story "Labor of love" on a recent Food page, the salsa processing time was inadvertently omitted.

The instructions should read, "Turn off the heat and immediately transfer the hot salsa into warm sterile jars and screw on sterile lids. Process in a boiling water bath for 20 minutes (no need to pressure-can because of the added vinegar). The jars will seal as they cool on the counter."

The end of an era



Quarterdeck, Umatilla's beloved seafood restaurant, closed its doors last week in order to downsize. The Key family will continue to own and operate The Mason Jar, just down the road. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

Umatilla's Quarterdeck closes, merges favorites with Mason Jar

By Cindy Sharp
Correspondent

UMATILLA — The city's beloved seafood restaurant, Quarterdeck, closed its doors last week after 26 years, and while the announcement came as a surprise to many, owner Glen Key said the explanation is simple.

"We want to downsize," he said.

Key's brother and sister, Byron Key and Keri Greer, run The Mason Jar just down the road, which was established by their mother 40 years ago.

"Combined, our family has served this community for 66 years," he said. "We aren't

getting any younger and feel it is better to work as a team, giving our efforts and quality to one instead of overworking two and becoming sub-par."

Key and his family opened Quarterdeck in 1992 after he returned from the Marine Corps. Since then, the restaurant has become a home away from home for many locals.

"Everyone has been really supportive but have mixed emotions," he said. "We didn't just offer food - we became family. It's what makes us different than franchises. We can offer that personal touch, knowing

See MASON JAR, B4



The Mason Jar will be featuring a few of Quarterdeck's most popular menu items. This will include its fish sandwich, grilled chicken salad, homemade salad dressings, chowder and the Friday all-you-can-eat fish fry. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

ROAMING GOURMET

Red Rooster offers delicious cookies made with love



Ze Carter

Baking has always been my first love, being the passion that ignited the flame for my food career. I consider myself a free spirit, so baking helps me out of the clouds from time to time because of its preciseness. Sure, I can add a little more vanilla extract here and there but rules are rules in baking, and there is not much wiggle room when it comes to the basics — especially cookies. I love cookies, but at times they can be a little complex. For instance, if your cookie dough is too warm it may spread when you bake it. Sometimes, especially in Florida, you may want to cool your dough in the fridge.

While cooling your dough before you bake it may seem trivial, it plays an important role in the final outcome. Although I have the Crisco chocolate chip cookie recipe memorized, I still like to add my own touch, and my family loves them. However, because I am busy cooking more than baking these days, getting a delicious homemade cookie is rare.

One day while walking out of Sam's Club in The Villages, I noticed a SUV with the words "Red Rooster Cookie Jar" on the side of it. I immediately went over to the car, gently tapped on the window and politely asked if the



Red Rooster Cookie Jar offers a cookie of the week each Saturday at Brownwood Market in The Villages. [FACEBOOK]

driver, Yvonne Conti-O'Brien, if she had any cookies. She only had a few because she had just left the Fruitland Park Farmer's Market, but one particular flavor caught my attention: salted caramel cashew.

My son likes a nightly bedtime snack, so we saved our cookies for that. My husband, who usually doesn't partake in the ritual, ate two cookies, and because of this, I needed more. The following week, I found Yvonne, a retired middle school Spanish teacher, at the farmer's market and decided to try her other flavors.

Even though I wanted to keep this delicious secret to myself, I need to tell my readers about Yvonne's made-from-scratch cookies. She even mixes them by hand, without a mixer. Her cookie recipe is an old old one that she had forgotten about until it fell out of a book when she was moving. As I ate my oatmeal raisinette cookie, Yvonne said she retired and moved to Florida to be closer to her mother and son. One

day, she decided to make the cookie recipe and send them to them to family and friends up north. Everyone loved the cookies and asked for more.

On the anniversary of her father's death, Yvonne paid homage to him by kicking off her cookie business — with a little marketing help from her son. "I wanted to do something positive in his honor," she said.

You can taste the love for her father in these cookies.

I love the unique flavors she offers, such as oatmeal raisinette, an original recipe that includes those delicious chocolate-covered raisins, red sugar-sprinkled sugar cookies, snickerdoodles and, of course, chocolate chip.

Every Saturday at Brownwood Market in The Villages, Yvonne offers a cookie of the week. These cookies are awesome and usually sell out. No worries though, you can always pre-order a dozen. For information about Red Rooster Cookie Jar, go to www.facebook.com/RRCookieJar.

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And by the way, here's my version of the Crisco chocolate chip cookies I mentioned before so you'll have something to read while you eat Yvonne's cookies.

ZE'S CRISCO CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

Servings: 2 ½ dozen cookies

Ingredients:
¾ cup Crisco butter shortening or ¾ stick Crisco baking sticks butter
flavor all-vegetable shortening
1 ¼ cups firmly packed light brown sugar
2 tablespoons Heavy cream
1 ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg
1 ¾ cups All Purpose Flour
1 teaspoon salt
¾ teaspoon baking soda
1 ½ cups milk chocolate chips

Directions:
Heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat shortening, brown sugar, heavy cream and vanilla in large bowl with mixer on medium until well blended. Beat in egg. Combine flour, salt and baking soda. Mix into shortening mixture until blended. With a large spoon, stir in chocolate chips. Place cookie dough in fridge to cool for 30 minutes. Drop 2 tablespoons of rounded dough 3 inches apart onto baking sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. Cool 2 minutes. Remove from cookie sheet and place on wire rack to cool completely.

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FLASH IN THE PAN

Sweet on corn

These sugary kernels are amazing botanical specimens

By Ari LeVaux
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The idea that sugar is toxic in the amounts that most Americans regularly consume has many people curbing their intake of sweet things. But even as we shun junk food and other sources of sweetness,

sugary snacks that are whole plant parts, like fruit and real baby carrots, get a pass.

No fresh vegetable is so blindly praised for sweetness, and sweetness alone, as fresh sweet corn. As the name implies, and to the exclusion of almost any other flavor metric, sugar content is what determines quality in sweet corn.

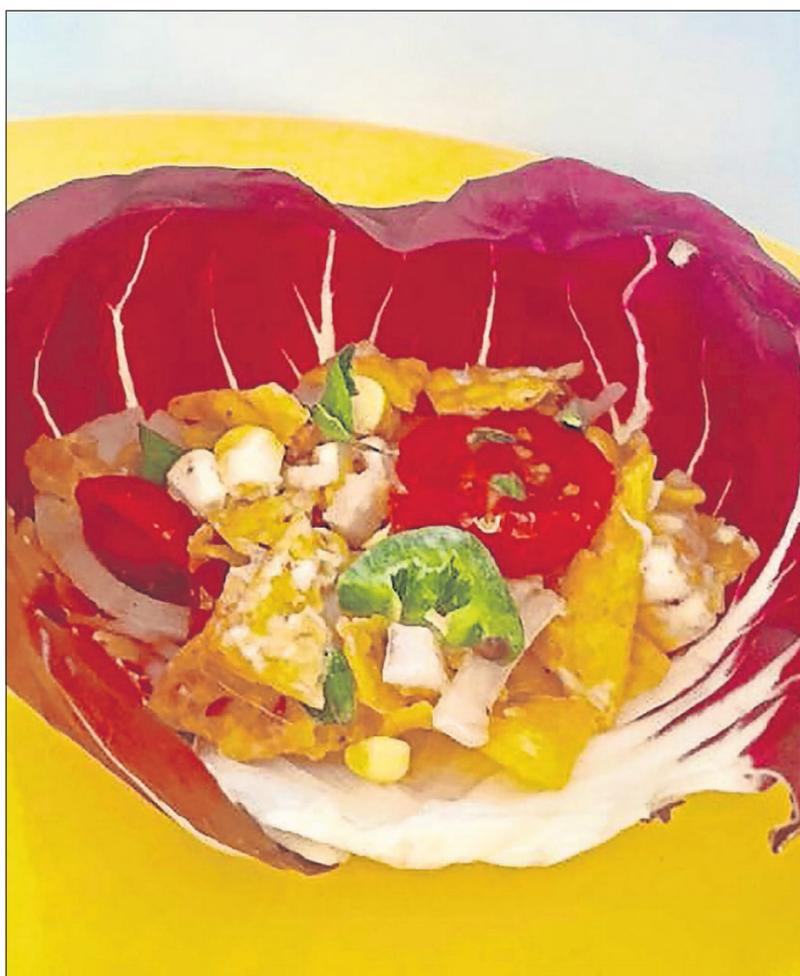
As you may have guessed, I'm not a huge fan of the buttered cob, although I don't fault anyone else; I prefer to

get my daily sugar and fat in other ways. But every dish can generally stand at least a touch of sweetness, and sometimes sweet corn is a great way to add it.

It's a grass

Compared to plain sugar, sweet corn is actually kind of interesting. It supposedly contains a hint of umami, and it does have a pleasant grassy flavor.

Being a grass, an ear of sweet corn straddles the line between



Migas Pie is a riff on the popular American dish Frito Pie, aka a "walking taco." [ARI LEVAUX]

vegetable and grain, and has roughly the same amount of sugar as an apple. But this seasonal treat is a niche crop compared to its cousin field corn, which has less sugar and is dried before use, like a typical grain.

Field corn is also America's most-planted crop, and is tied with potatoes for the distinction of being the crop that delivers the most calories per acre — 15,000, according to Washington Post columnist and field corn enthusiast Tamar Haspel.

But unlike potatoes, field corn can be dried and stored for years. It can be ground into masa for tortillas, or into polenta, or made into corn bread, corn meal porridge and other corn-based dishes that feed billions of people around the world. In the U.S., unfortunately, high fructose corn syrup

Migas Pie

- 1 ear sweet corn, kernels sliced from the cob
- 1 cup migas (corn chip crumbs)
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes, each one sliced in half
- ¼ cup minced onion
- 1 teaspoon fresh oregano, minced
- 2 tablespoons mayo
- Hot sauce to taste

- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 2 teaspoons vinegar
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- Radicchio leaves (or alternative foliage), reserved for final step

Combine all ingredients except the leaves in a bowl and mix. Taste, add salt or vinegar as necessary. Spoon into radicchio leaves and eat.

is the preferred corn-based dietary staple.

The reasons behind corn's amazing capacity to convert carbon dioxide to sugar are multiple. The grass family is one of the world's most advanced forms of plant life, and about half of all grasses — corn included — have a special metabolic pathway called C4, which allows the plant to more efficiently use both carbon dioxide and water, making it more drought-resistant and tolerant of climate change.

Corn is extremely malleable genetically, making it easy to breed into colorful and interesting heirloom varieties, like the 16-foot tall Peruvian field corn I once grew in my backyard from monster-sized kernels.

I had to tie it down so it wouldn't get blown over by summer thunderstorms. More recently, a similarly supersized field corn from Oaxaca was shown to have self-fertilizing activity, like a legume.

If I am going to eat

sweet corn, I prefer to add it to dishes that will benefit from that sweetness.

I will leave you with one such recipe, which I call Migas Pie, in which both field corn and sweet corn are included. This recipe is a riff on the popular American dish Frito Pie, in which corn chips are tossed with other ingredients to form a "walking taco." My recipe employs the crumbs from the bottom of the corn chip bag, also known as migas (Spanish for "crumbs"). They are tossed with a medley of seasonal veggies and wrapped into leaves — the more bitter, the better, like radicchio, endive or escarole.

This delicacy includes all of the known official flavors of salt, sweet, acidic, bitter and umami, as well as the aspiring flavors of fat and spice, and a range of crunchy textures. It's a lively, fun dish to eat and prepare, and can be customized in all sorts of ways. If radicchio is too bitter for you, use lettuce leaves instead.

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PRACTICAL POT WATCHER

Festival inspires new twists for banana pudding



Mary Ryder



The National Banana Pudding festival is held at River Park in Centerville, Tennessee, during the first full week in October. Finalists cook on stage, each preparing two batches of their recipes. One is for judging, and a second, in a special hand-thrown Puddin' Pot, is auctioned off. [FILE]

I used to think of banana pudding as one of the simple things in life. After all, it's a basic, straightforward and undemanding recipe of creamy, custardy pudding, vanilla wafers and sliced bananas — my mother always crowned hers with an airy meringue.

Then I encountered the National Banana Pudding Festival Cookbook, a treasury of recipes from the first five years of the festival. Seems the judges for the event's cook-off consider the traditional trio of components just a beginning. After that, almost anything goes.

Contestants obligingly pulled out all the stops, and the cookbook is crammed with surprises. Most recipes stick with the classic use of vanilla wafers, but coconut bar cookies were also used, while lady fingers got into the act for the Tennessee Tiramisu Banana Pudding. The black sheep in Black Sheep Banana Pudding are chunks of brownies, and the star ingredient of Pig Candy Pudding is bacon candied with peanut butter chips. The Elvis, of course, uses peanut butter.

It all started back in 2009, in Hickman County, Tennessee.

"Hickman County is not very densely populated, and we are far, far from rich," said spokeswoman Peggy Owen.

Twelve community volunteers got together to find a way to make money to assist victims of hurricanes, floods, fires and other disasters. The National Banana Pudding Festival, first held in 2010, was the result.

Of course, the organizers decided to have a

pudding cook-off where contestants submit original recipes. Although most entries for that first festival came from the surrounding area, the first-place winner was from Browns Mills, New Jersey, and the third-place contestant from Palm Beach. Local honor was upheld by a second-place winner from Centerville, Tennessee.

Peggy said the highlight of the festival is the Puddin' Path. Ten non-profit organizations set up stands to serve their own brand of banana pudding, and a fee of \$5 entitles the festival-goer to a serving of each. Should you find one that "tastes like more," take-out is available at the Puddin' To Go tent. For next year's festival, the event's 10th anniversary, each of the non-profits along the Puddin' Path will provide 6,000 servings.

The festival is held at River Park in Centerville during the first full week in October (Oct 6-7 this year). Finalists cook on stage, each preparing two batches of their recipes. One is for judging, and a second, in a special hand-thrown Puddin' Pot, is auctioned off. Designed and made by

a local potter, the Puddin' Pots hold 2 quarts each, and the design changes each year.

In addition to the Puddin' Path and the cook-off, there are crafts, food vendors, lots of music, entertainment and a special kids' section.

The National Banana Pudding Festival Cookbook is available for \$19.95, plus \$6.50 in shipping and handling. Order online at www.bananapuddingfest.org or by phone at 931-994-6273.

By the way, if you'd like to try for next year's cook-off, first prize is \$2,000, second is \$500 and third is \$100.

Righteous Raspberry Banana Pudding was served by the Nun-nelly United Methodist Church of Centerville as part of the 2014 Puddin' Path. It's something different in the way of banana pudding. It's also easy, attractive and very tasty.

RIGHTEOUS RASPBERRY BANANA PUDDING

Ingredients:

- 2 3.5-ounce packages instant cheesecake pudding
- 3 cups milk

- 1 14-ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 8-ounce container whipped topping
- 1 box vanilla wafers, coarsely crushed
- 5 bananas, sliced
- 1 cup raspberry jam
- 2 cups frozen raspberries, thawed, crushed and drained

Directions:

Using a whisk or electric mixer, combine pudding and milk in mixing bowl.

Add condensed milk and whipped topping, and mix until smooth and thick. Crush vanilla wafers by putting them in two one-gallon zip lock bags, one inside the other, and mashing them into small pieces with a rolling pin. Just don't pulverize them.

In 9-by-13 pan (or a pretty serving bowl), repeat layers of pudding mixture, sliced bananas and crushed vanilla wafers, ending with wafer crumbs on top. Combine raspberry jam and raspberries in a bowl. Spoon over top of pudding. Store in refrigerator, and serve chilled.

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LAKE COUNTY AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2018, 10:00 A.M.
Agricultural Center, Training Room B
1951 Woodlea Road
Tavares, FL 32778

The Lake County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) is scheduled to meet to hold a public hearing to adopt the evaluation and final local housing incentive strategies recommendations. A copy of the evaluation and tentative advisory committee recommendations can be reviewed in the Department of Community Services, 315 West Main Street, Suite 233, Tavares, FL 32778.

The following summarizes the evaluation and local housing incentives strategies recommendations that were discussed at the June 21, 2018 AHAC meeting and that will be considered by the AHAC on September 26, 2018 meeting:

- The modification of impact fee requirements, including reduction or waiver of fees and alternative methods of fee payment for affordable housing: the AHAC intends to recommend keeping this existing strategy.
- The allowance of flexibility in densities for affordable housing: the AHAC will review the current options available under the 2030 Comprehensive Plan prior to adopting any recommendations.
- The allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts: the AHAC will review the current options available under the Land Development Regulations prior to adopting any recommendations.
- The reduction of parking and setback requirements for affordable housing: the AHAC will review the current options available under the Land Development Regulations or draft amendments to the Land Development Regulations prior to adopting any recommendations.
- The modification of street requirements for affordable housing: the AHAC will recommend adding this strategy.
- Ongoing regulatory review process: Staff will present the AHAC with a proposed process.
- Transportation hubs and transit-oriented development: Staff will present the AHAC with a proposed strategy recommendation.

These strategies will be considered by the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee for recommendation of adoption and implementation by the Lake County Board of County Commissioners.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in these proceedings should contact 352-343-9760 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 or 352-253-1840.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 286, Florida Statute, Section 286.0105, if a person decided to appeal any decision made by an above named committee with respect to any matter considered during any meeting of such committee, he or she may need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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Friday's all-you-can-eat fish fry will carry over to the Quarterdeck's sister restaurant, **The Mason Jar.**
[CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]



MASON JAR

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people by name and already cooking what they order when we see them coming in the door. It was an extension of their own kitchen in a way, and we pride ourselves on that, but it makes closing that much harder."

But not everything will go away immediately. Quarterdeck will still offer services for large parties and special events for the time being.

The Mason Jar will also pick up a few of Quarterdeck's most popular menu items, including their popular fish sandwich, grilled chicken salad, homemade salad dressings, chowder and the Friday all-you-can-eat fish fry.

"Over the years, there have been so many memories made, I could tell you stories all day," Key said. "We can't thank the community enough for their love and support. We have been very blessed and are looking forward to continuing strong at The Mason Jar. Come see us down there."

The Mason Jar, 37534



The Mason Jar, 37534 State Road 19, Umatilla, is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. [CINDY DIAN / CORRESPONDENT]



The grilled chicken salad was one of the most popular items at Quarterdeck, and will now be added to The Mason Jar's menu. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

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THE NEXT LEVEL

Towne getting off to solid start

Former Eustis golfer now at Daytona State College

By Frank Jolley
frank.jolley@dailycommercial.com

During her high school career, few were better with a golf club in their hands than Julia Towne.

With seven straight trips to the state finals capped by runner-up finishes in her junior and senior years, the former Eustis High School standout is one of the best girls golfers to come out Lake County ... ever. And now, Towne is making

her mark at the next level.

The Daytona State College freshman finished tied for 10th place last week in her first collegiate tournament, the Lady Falcon Invitational, a 54-hole event at LPGA International in Daytona Beach. Her three-day total of 232 — 16-over par — helped the Falcons climb into a second-place tie with Florida Southern, seven shots behind overall winner Seminole State.

Towne closed fast over the final 18 holes at the 6,117-yard, par 72 layout. Following a second round 81, Towne regrouped and carded a 3-over-par 75 — one of the

best scores of the day — to climb 11 spots.

Only one player — Eastern Florida State's Kacey Walker, who jumped 15 places into a tie for eighth place — made a greater leap up the leaderboard.

Towne ended up tied with a pair of Florida Atlantic golfers — Taylor Morgan and Amanda Leslie — along with Florida Southern's Loren Perez. The quartet were 24 shots behind Seminole State's Anndit Worapitcha, who cruised to a six-shot win.

See TOWNE, C3



Eustis' Julia Towne sizes up a putt at a district golf tournament at Green Valley Country Club in Groveland on Oct. 16, 2017. Towne tied for 10th in her first collegiate tournament. [PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

FANTASTIC FINISH



Florida wide receiver Tyrie Cleveland, right, catches the game winning 63-yard touchdown pass in front of Tennessee defensive back Micah Abernathy (22) on Sept. 16, 2017, in Gainesville. Florida won 26-20. [AP PHOTO/JOHN RAOUX]

Franks gets 'chills' from UF-Tennessee ending

By Mark Long
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Florida quarterback Feleipe Franks gets goosebumps every time he sees the replay.

The throw. The catch. The celebration.

Franks' 63-yard touchdown pass to Tyrie Cleveland on the final play stunned Tennessee 26-20 last season and secured a spot in rivalry lore forever.

The completion is a big part of the conversation this week as the teams prepare to play in Knoxville, Tennessee.

It elicits positive memories on one side and frustrating flashbacks on the other.

"It still gives me chills when I see it," Franks said. "It was something that seemed unreal. ... That was really cool."

See FINISH, C3

FSU's offense stagnant behind struggling line

By Bob Ferrante
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State has tried three starting lineups on the offensive line in three games. The Seminoles will use a fourth on Saturday.

While injuries have plagued the group, regardless of who has been in — a veteran or a first-time starter — the line hasn't done its job. The group has provided little time for quarterback Deondre Francois to throw and little to no running room for Cam Akers or Jacques Patrick. Francois was pressured on nearly half of his 41 passing attempts in a 30-7 loss at Syracuse on Saturday.

"A lot of times our guys are just panicking," Florida State coach Willie Taggart said. "Our guys know what to do and they panic — and I think that happens when you get beat once or twice and then you start to panic rather than trusting our technique and trusting your rules and your assignment and then you try to do too much."

See FSU, C2

Cole emerging as Jaguars' go-to receiver

Jacksonville Jaguars wide receiver Keelan Cole, left, catches a pass for a 24-yard touchdown in front of New England Patriots defensive back Eric Rowe on Sunday in Jacksonville. [AP PHOTO/PHILAN M. EBENHACK]



By Mark Long
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Keelan Cole was a wide-eyed rookie in 2017, an undrafted receiver from tiny Kentucky Wesleyan who ended up in Jacksonville's starting lineup because of injuries.

He was lost at times, overwhelmed by the complexity of routes and responsibilities, and in awe of the speed around him. He finally found his footing in December, catching touchdown passes

in three consecutive games before going mostly missing in the playoffs.

Now, in his second season, Cole has the confidence of a savvy veteran and is quickly becoming the go-to receiver for the Jaguars (2-0).

Cole had seven receptions for 116 yards and a touchdown in the team's 31-20 victory against New England on Sunday. He delivered the most impressive catch of his career and quite possibly the

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Noon
 MLB — Regional coverage, St. Louis at Atlanta OR Minnesota at Detroit (1 p.m.)
 7 p.m.
 SUN — Tampa Bay at Texas
 ESPN — Boston at N.Y. Yankees
 10 p.m.
 ESPN — Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Preseason, Boston vs. Calgary, at Beijing

SOCCER

12:55 p.m.
 TNT — UEFA Champions League, Group stage, AFC Ajax vs. AEK Athens
 3 p.m.
 TNT — UEFA Champions League, Group stage, Real Madrid vs. AS Roma
 8:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Campeones Cup, Toronto FC vs. Tigres UNAL, at Toronto

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

VOLLEYBALL

East Ridge 3, Tavares 0

Taylor Sinopoli had 10 digs, two aces and a kill, Lateisha Edwards added four kills and Macey McGinnis had four aces, four digs and a kill to lead East Ridge to a 25-9, 25-15, 25-9 win over Tavares on Monday.
 Tavares fell to 5-5.

East Ridge 3, West Port 0

Amanda Morton had 13 kills, three blocks and five digs and Naomi Cabello had 14 kills, 23 assists and four digs to lead East Ridge to a

25-19, 25-6, 25-19 win over West Port in Ocala on Tuesday.

East Ridge improves to 10-0 and is 30-0 in sets this season. The Knights host Orlando Edgewater on Thursday.

GIRLS BOWLING

Leesburg 3, Mount Dora Christian 1

Taylor Buonasera had a high score of 156 to lead Leesburg to a 3-1 win over Mount Dora Christian Academy on Tuesday at Leesburg Lanes.

MDCA's Amber Tulloch had the high game of the day with a 201.

FSU

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Florida State (1-2) has allowed 10 sacks and generated only 156 rushing yards in its FBS losses, managing just a field goal and a touchdown in lopsided losses to Virginia Tech and at Syracuse.

Instead of good news, the offensive line concerns just continue.

The Seminoles will play Northern Illinois (1-2) without senior Derrick Kelly, who started three games but has a leg injury and won't play. They also are unlikely to have Landon Dickerson, who has missed two games with an ankle injury and hasn't returned to practice.

Florida State is already thin on numbers and experience on the offensive line.

The Seminoles' first-team offensive line in Tuesday's practice was comprised of tackles Brady Scott and Abdul Bello, guards Mike Arnold and Arthur Williams and center Alec Eberle. Beyond Eberle, who has now made 35 starts, none had started a game before the 2018 season. Williams was a defensive tackle until he moved over to offense in August.

"Nobody cares," offensive coordinator Walt Bell said. "My dad told me when I was a little kid, and it was probably the truest thing I've ever been told in my life: 'No one cares about

your problems and most are glad you have them.' Everybody we play against is glad that we have problems."

The Seminoles most certainly have problems.

The Seminoles lost six linemen in the seven months leading up to the 2018 season: Brock Ruble graduated and transferred to Toledo, David Robbins took a medical disqualification, Josh Ball was suspended and later dismissed, Andrew Boselli and Ethan Frith gave up playing football and Corey Martinez graduated and left the team.

Those personnel losses, along with the fact that former coach Jimbo Fisher signed just one offensive lineman in the 2017 class, have proven detrimental to the growth of a young offense under Taggart. Florida State may have to use one of the four true freshmen who haven't played through three games.

"Everything's on the table right now," Taggart said. "Some guys are going to have to develop a lot quicker than we thought they would."

Florida State hasn't been able to build any momentum on offense as drives stall due to the line issues, penalties and third-and-long situations become impossible to convert. The running game is stagnant and Francois has been pressured on 51 of his 131 dropbacks in three games, according to Pro Football Focus.

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 3. (10) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 272.
 4. (2) Joey Logano, Ford, 272.
 5. (6) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 272.
 6. (16) Eric Almirola, Ford, 272.
 7. (4) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 272.
 8. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 272.
 9. (22) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 272.
 10. (20) Paul Menard, Ford, 272.
 11. (18) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 272.
 12. (25) Regan Smith, Chevrolet, 272.
 13. (23) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 272.
 14. (29) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 272.
 15. (28) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 272.
 16. (32) Corey LaJoie, Chevrolet, 272.
 17. (36) JJ Yeley, Toyota, 272.
 18. (37) Landon Cassill, Chevrolet, 272.
 19. (9) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 271.
 20. (34) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 271.
 21. (8) Kurt Busch, Ford, 271.
 22. (17) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 270.
 23. (15) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 270.
 24. (26) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, DVP, 269.
 25. (35) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Toyota, 269.
 26. (33) Kyle Weatherman, Chevrolet, 269.
 27. (27) David Ragan, Ford, 268.
 28. (38) BJ McLeod, Ford, 268.
 29. (24) Michael McDowell, Ford, Accident, 251.
 30. (14) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, Accident, 251.
 31. (40) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 246.
 32. (3) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, Accident, 245.
 33. (39) Timmy Hill, Toyota, 231.
 34. (30) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, Accident, 218.
 35. (12) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, Accident, 211.
 36. (7) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, Accident, 211.
 37. (21) William Byron, Chevrolet, Accident, 210.
 38. (31) Bubba Wallace, Chevrolet, Front Hub, 164.
 39. (5) Kevin Harvick, Ford, Accident, 147.
 40. (1) Erik Jones, Toyota, Accident, 147.

RACE STATISTICS
Average Speed of Race Winner: 111.849 mph.
Time of Race: 3 hours, 28 minutes, 15 seconds. Margin of Victory: 1.276 seconds.
Caution Flags: 12 for 59 laps.
Lead Changes: 23 among 9 drivers.
Lap Leaders: 0; J. Logano 1-33; K. Harvick 34-37; Kyle Busch 38; D. Hamlin 39; R. Smith 40-49; K. Harvick 50-59; M. Truex Jr. 60-112; B. Keselowski 113-124; M. Truex Jr. 125-150; B. Keselowski 151-161; J. McMurray 162-166; K. Larson 167-177; B. Keselowski 178-183; K. Larson 184; B. Keselowski 185-201; M. Truex Jr. 202-218; B. Keselowski 219-221; J. Logano 222-234; B. Keselowski 235-237; K. Larson 238-239; B. Keselowski 240; K. Larson 241-250; B. Keselowski 251-272.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): M. Truex Jr. 3 times for 96 laps; B. Keselowski 8 times for 75 laps; J. Logano 2 times for 46 laps; K. Larson 4 times for 24 laps; K. Harvick 2 times for 14 laps; R. Smith 1 time for 10 laps; J. McMurray 1 time for 5 laps; D. Hamlin 1 time for 1 lap; Kyle Busch 1 time for 1 lap.

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Buffalo	0	2	0	.000	23	78
SOUTH						
Jacksonville	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	51	35
Tennessee	1	1	0	.500	40	44
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	44	43
Houston	0	2	0	.000	37	47
NORTH						
Cincinnati	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	68	46
Baltimore	1	1	0	.500	70	37
Cleveland	0	1	1	.250	39	42
Pittsburgh	0	1	1	.250	58	63
WEST						
Kansas City	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	80	65
Denver	2	0	0	1.000	47	43
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0	.500	59	58
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	32	53

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Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	39	39
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0	.000	28	40
SOUTH						
Tampa Bay	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	2	0	0	1.000	75	61
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	43	42
Carolina	1	1	0	.500	40	39
New Orleans	1	1	0	.500	61	66
NORTH						
Green Bay	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Green Bay	1	0	1	.750	53	52
Minnesota	1	0	1	.750	53	45
Chicago	1	1	0	.500	47	41
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	44	78
WEST						
L.A. Rams	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
L.A. Rams	2	0	0	1.000	67	13
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	46	51
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	41	51
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	6	58

WEEK 2

Sept. 13
 Cincinnati 34, Baltimore 23
Sept. 16
 Indianapolis 21, Washington 9
 New Orleans 21, Cleveland 18
 Tennessee 20, Houston 17
 Miami 20, N.Y. Jets 17
 L.A. Chargers 31, Buffalo 20
 Atlanta 31, Carolina 24
 Tampa Bay 27, Philadelphia 21
 Kansas City 42, Pittsburgh 37
 Green Bay 29, Minnesota 29, OT
 L.A. Rams 34, Arizona 0
 San Francisco 30, Detroit 27
 Jacksonville 31, New England 20
 Denver 20, Oakland 19
 Dallas 20, N.Y. Giants 13
Monday's Game
 Chicago 24, Seattle 17

WEEK 3

Thursday's Game
 N.Y. Jets at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 New Orleans at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
 Buffalo at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
 Denver at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
 Indianapolis at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Carolina, 1 p.m.
 San Francisco at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
 Green Bay at Washington, 1 p.m.
 Oakland at Miami, 1 p.m.
 N.Y. Giants at Houston, 1 p.m.
 Tennessee at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
 L.A. Chargers at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
 Chicago at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.
 Dallas at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
 New England at Detroit, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24
 Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay, 8:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S LATE SUMMARY

BEARS 24, SEAHAWKS 17
SEATTLE 0 3 0 14-17
CHICAGO 7 3 0 14-24
First Quarter
 Chi—T.Burton 3 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 4:55.
Second Quarter
 Chi—FG Parkey 25, 1:07.
 Sea—FG Janikowski 56, :00.
Fourth Quarter
 Chi—Miller 10 pass from Trubisky (Parkey kick), 14:15.
 Sea—Lockett 19 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), 10:13.
 Chi—Amukamara 49 interception return (Parkey kick), 6:37.
 Sea—Dissy 2 pass from Wilson (Janikowski kick), :14.
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First downs	17	20
Total Net Yards	276	271
Rushes-yards	22-74	27-86
Passing	202	185
Punt Returns	1-14	4-58
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-15
Interceptions Ret.	2-8	1-49
Comp-Att-Int	22-36-1	25-34-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	6-24	2-15
Punts	7-45.1	5-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0

Penalties-Yards 5-37 7-55
 Time of Possession 25:36 34:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Seattle, Penny 10-30, Carson 6-24, Wilson 3-17, Davis 3-3. Chicago, Howard 14-35, Trubisky 5-24, Gabriel 3-17, Cohen 4-8, T.Burton 1-2.
PASSING—Seattle, Wilson 22-36-1-226. Chicago, Trubisky 25-34-2-200.
RECEIVING—Seattle, Lockett 5-60, Marshall 4-44, Dissy 3-42, J.Brown 3-36, Vannett 3-23, Proisie 3-22, Davis 1-(minus 1), Chicago, Robinson 10-83, Gabriel 4-30, T.Burton 4-20, Howard 3-33, Miller 2-11, Cohen 1-17, Bellamy 1-6.
MISSIED FIELD GOALS—None.

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Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	17	5	6	57	59	33
New York Red Bulls	17	7	5	56	53	32
New York City FC	14	8	7	49	51	38
Columbus	12	8	8	44	35	34
Philadelphia	12	4	4	40	40	45
Montreal	12	14	3	39	41	46
D.C. United	9	11	8	35	48	48
New England	8	10	14	31	41	43
Toronto FC	8	14	6	30	50	55
Chicago	7	15	6	27	41	52
Orlando City	7	18	3	24	40	66

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	15	7	6	51	54	34
FC Dallas	14	6	8	50	47	37
Los Angeles FC	13	7	8	47	55	43
Real Salt Lake	13	10	6	45	49	47
Seattle	13	9	5	44	37	28
Portland	12	8	8	44	41	40
Vancouver	11	10	7	40	46	54
Los Angeles Galaxy	10	11	8	38	54	59
Houston	8	13	7	31	47	43
Minnesota United	9	16	3	30	40	55
Colorado	6	16	6	24	31	53
San Jose	4	16	8	20	42	57

3 points for victory, 1 point for tie

Sept. 15
 Atlanta United FC 3, Colorado 0
 Montreal 4, Philadelphia 1
 Toronto FC 5, LA Galaxy 3
 Columbus 0, FC Dallas 0, tie
 Houston 4, Portland 1
 Minnesota United 1, Real Salt Lake 1, tie
 Seattle 2, Vancouver 1
 New England 1, Los Angeles FC 1, tie
 Sporting Kansas City 5, San Jose 1

Sept. 16

New York Red Bulls 3, D.C. United 3, tie
 Chicago 4, Orlando City 0
Today's Games
 Columbus at Portland, 10:30 p.m.
 Atlanta United FC at San Jose, 11 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Seattle, 11 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 San Jose at Los Angeles FC, 3:30 p.m.
 Toronto FC at New York Red Bulls, 5 p.m.
 Real Salt Lake at Atlanta United FC, 7 p.m.
 Chicago at New England, 7:30 p.m.
 Colorado at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
 Houston at Orlando City, 7:30 p.m.
 New York City FC at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
 Portland at Minnesota United, 8 p.m.
Sunday's Games
 Sporting Kansas City at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
 FC Dallas at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
 Seattle at Los Angeles Galaxy, 7 p.m.

U.S. OPEN CUP

All times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP
Wednesday, Sept. 26
 Philadelphia (MLS) at Houston (MLS), 7 p.m.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

All times Eastern
PLAYOFFS
Semifinals
Sept. 15: Portland 2, Seattle 1
Tuesday: Chicago vs. North Carolina at Portland, late
Championship
Saturday, Sept. 22: Portland vs. Chicago-North Carolina winner at Portland, 4:30 p.m.

2018 U.S. MEN'S TEAM RESULTS/SCHEDULE

All times Eastern
(Record: Won 3, Lost 1, Tied 3)
Sunday, Jan. 28 — United States 0, Bosnia-Herzegovina 0
Tuesday, March 27 — United States 1, Paraguay 0
Monday, May 28 — United States 3, Bolivia 0
Saturday, June 2 — Ireland 1, United States 1
Saturday, June 9 — United States 1, France 1
Friday, Sept. 7 — Brazil 2, United States 0
Tuesday, Sept. 11 — United States 1, Mexico 0
Thursday, Oct. 11 — vs. Colombia at Tampa, Fla., 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 16 — vs. Peru at East Hartford, Conn., 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 15 — vs. England at London, 2:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 20 — vs. Italy at site TBA, 3 p.m.

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FINISH

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The play ended up being relatively meaningless in a series with so much history. Florida parted ways with coach Jim McElwain six weeks later and finished with four wins for the second time in five years; Tennessee fired coach Butch Jones two weeks after McElwain's departure and went winless in Southeastern Conference play.

With new staffs in place, the Volunteers (2-1) and Gators (2-1, 0-1 SEC) both could use a victory Saturday to bolster rebuilding efforts. Nonetheless, the longest pass of Franks' college career remains his most notable accomplishment in two seasons.

"Hopefully there's a lot more good plays to come," Franks said. "This is definitely one of the tops for

now."

The third-year sophomore has completed 53 percent of his passes this season for 570 yards, with nine touchdowns, two interceptions and three sacks. The nine TD passes in three games match his total from 2017.

Coach Dan Mullen calls it a step forward. But he's also quick to point out Franks' flaws, specifically that he's a little slow processing information and getting from one read to the next.

Mullen insists it will come with more repetitions. After all, Franks has started just three games in Mullen's offensive system. "The first time you see something or do something, it's like, 'Wow,' because it happens fast," Mullen said. "There's a lot of things that have to happen in the 10 seconds between the time he calls the play and the ball is snapped. And then there's another whole list of things that have to

happen anywhere from 1.8 to 2.5 seconds he has before he throws it. So the more experience you have, the more comfort you have with those things. The more you see it, the easier it is to do."

Franks looked at ease throwing to Cleveland on the final play against Tennessee last September.

With 9 seconds remaining and the game tied at 20, Florida was at its 37-yard line and needed to pick up about 25 yards to safely reach field-goal range for strong-legged kicker Eddy Pineiro.

Franks dropped back, eluded linebacker Jonathan Kongbo's rush and diving tackle, scrambled toward the right hash marks, stopped, set his feet and heaved the ball nearly 70 yards. Cleveland had slipped behind safety Micah Abernathy and was running full stride as he cradled the catch with two hands in the middle of the end zone

while falling to the ground.

"As a competitor, I've watched it multiple times," Abernathy said this week. "I try to see what I could do differently. That's just the competitive edge any player's going to have."

Mullen talked to his players about that game during the offseason, pointing out it never should have come down to the final play. Florida led 20-10 with less than 5 minutes to play before giving up two scoring drives.

"The point of emphasis is don't get in that situation," Florida receiver Josh Hammond said. "Put the game away when you have the chance and you don't have to worry about throwing a Hail Mary to win the game."

Franks has watched the ending countless times since, just not lately. Still, he smiles every time it's mentioned.

"It's pretty good," he said.



Florida's Feleipe Franks (13) yells in celebration as he is congratulated by fans after throwing the game winning touchdown against Tennessee on Sept. 16, 2017, in Gainesville. [BRAD MCLENNY/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

TOWNE

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Daytona State is one of the top junior college programs in the country. The Falcons won their 10th National Junior College Athletic Association national championship in 16 years in May, beating Seminole State by 40 shots.

Next up for Towne and the Falcons is the Lady Paladin Invitational, a 54-hole event that begins Friday at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina.

Corey Patterson, Middle Tennessee State

Corey Patterson is likely known more for helping Leesburg win back-to-back state championships in boys basketball than for his football heroics.

However, he was a

standout on the gridiron at Dunnellon High School in his junior and senior years.

Patterson's play on the football field was impressive enough to earn a scholarship to Middle Tennessee State, an NCAA Division I program in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. And he made his college debut with a solid game in the Blue Raiders' secondary against Georgia.

Despite losing 49-7 — Middle Tennessee's second loss of the season to an SEC program — Patterson had six tackles against the Bulldogs, the No. 2-ranked team in the country in the latest AP Top 25. He made four unassisted stops and helped out on two others.

Leesburg boys basketball coach Sean Campbell said Patterson considered playing football and basketball at Middle Tennessee, but plans to play only football as a freshman.

Patterson played a key role in Leesburg's run to the

2017 and 2018 state championships on the basketball court. He started in all four of the Yellow Jackets' Final Four games the past two seasons, earning second team honors on the Daily Commercial 2018 All-Area Boys Basketball Team.

Prior to his stint at Leesburg, Patterson averaged 9 points and 3.7 rebounds per game as a sophomore at Ocala Lake Weir.

Jefferson Veal, University of West Florida

Jefferson Veal is hoping to close out his college football career on a high note.

The former Mount Dora High School defensive back had three solid seasons at Southern Illinois University after redshirting his freshman year, but wanted to play closer to home in his final season.

So Veal used the NCAA's graduate transfer rules to spend his last college season

at the University of West Florida, an NCAA Division II program in Pensacola. A 5-foot-11, 210-pound linebacker with the Argonauts, Veal has seen playing time in each of UWF's first three games.

Veal's most-recent outing was Saturday against Shorter University. In the Argonauts' 51-7 win against the Hawks, Veal had three tackles — one solo and two assists — along with 1.5 tackles for loss.

For the season, Veal has six tackles and two tackles for loss. He also assisted on one quarterback sack.

At Southern Illinois, Veal recorded 136 tackles in 33 games over three seasons with the Salukis. He also had five tackles for loss.

During his playing career at Mount Dora, Veal earned third team Class 5A All-State honors as a cornerback. He had three interceptions and caught 21 passes as a senior.

COLE

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best one in the NFL this season, a one-handed grab down the sideline that prompted TV analyst Tony Romo to compare him to Odell Beckham.

"I'm like everyone else. You go, 'Wow,'" Jaguars coach Doug Marrone said Monday. "But he has made those catches in training camp. He has done that before. ... You look around the league and you'll see other players that do great things like that or make these (plays). You tip your hat and acknowledge it and go, 'Wow, that was a hell of a play.' It was a hell of a play."

Cole followed with a 24-yard TD reception three plays later, beating cornerback Eric Rowe again and getting him benched. Cole flipped the ball into the stands as he ran into a nearby tunnel, drawing another comparison — this time to Bo Jackson.

"Keelan is just a young guy who can do anything he wants to do," teammate and veteran receiver Donte Moncrief said.

The Jaguars believe Cole is just getting started, too. His talent and growth are reasons Jacksonville didn't scour the streets or other NFL rosters after leading receiver Marqise Lee sustained a season-ending knee injury last month.

Dez Bryant? Josh Gordon? The Jags believed they would be just fine with Cole, Moncrief and Dede Westbrook.

All three scored against the Patriots. Next up are the Tennessee Titans.

Cole garnered most of the attention against New England, partly for making the key block on Westbrook's 61-yard

catch-and-run but mostly for his spectacular catch. Cole stared intently at the Patriots sideline after the one-handed stab and then caught a few replays of it on the scoreboard.

"I've only seen it like three times so far," he said. "I haven't really gotten to see it enough to talk about it, so I'm not going to sit here and lie to y'all about something. I don't really know what's going on yet. But I know I caught it. First down. That's all I've got for you."

Cole now has 55 receptions for 1,000 yards and four touchdowns in 21 career games. He's averaging more than 18 yards a catch, evidence of his speed and big-play ability.

But it might be hard for him to top what he did against the Pats.

"He does stuff like that all the time in practice and kind of just showing off," said quarterback Blake Bortles, who threw

for 377 yards and four touchdowns. "He's got unbelievable abilities, so

to watch him go out there, have fun and make plays like that is pretty special."

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RECREATION

The little sport that could

Pickleball gaining foothold in new areas of the country

By **Kate Elizabeth Queram**
Tribune News Service

BALTIMORE — When it's wet and windy, they play at the YMCA. When it's warm and sunny, they play outdoors. When they travel, they seek out pickup games. Wherever they are, whatever the weather, pickleball players are gonna play, play, play.

"It's infectious," said Charlie Brown, director of the pickleball program at the Dancel YMCA in Ellicott City, Maryland. "Once you get on the court, and if someone sort of knows what they're doing and you explain what to do, you start enjoying it very quickly. It's quick gratification."

Invented in the 1960s, pickleball is a cross between ping-pong, tennis and badminton. Players — typically teams of two — stalk a court about half the size of a tennis court, using flat, lightweight paddles to hit a hollow ball punctured with holes. Games go to 11 points, but the winning team must win by 2. It's quick, requires less mobility than tennis and is a cinch to pick up — making it more than a little addictive.

"It's an easy one to learn," said Janis St. Clair, whose husband Duane founded the Howard County Pickleball Association in 2016. "A game lasts anywhere from 10 to 15 minutes at the most,



Pickleball players compete in games at The Dancel YMCA in Ellicott City, Maryland, earlier this year. (JEN RYNDA/TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE)

and you can sit and rest between matches. We find it's a very social game, too, because as you're waiting your turn for the next court, you socialize. There's so many advantages to it and it gives us all some exercise. We just enjoy it so much."

They're in good company, as pickleball's popularity is exploding nationwide. The USA Pickleball Association (the sport's national governing body) boasted 22,321 dues-paying members in 2017, an increase of 5,526 over the previous year — or an average of 460 new members per month. The Howard County Pickleball Association has 160 members, but estimates that there are between 400 and 500 active players in the area, according to Ken Greco, the group's second vice president.

Pickleball came into being in 1965 outside of Seattle, when former state Rep. Joel Pritchard came home from a golf game to find his family bored and restless. Pritchard and a friend tried to get a badminton game going but couldn't find the shuttlecock, so they used a wiffle ball instead and lowered the badminton net to compensate for the difference in aerodynamics.

According to legend, the game's name came from the Pritchards' dog Pickles, who would chase the ball during games. Pritchard's wife later disputed that account, saying that she'd coined the term in honor of the "pickle boat" in crew, where oarsmen are chosen from the leftovers of the other boats.

Whatever its origins, many players consider pickleball's name the

worst thing about the sport.

Rob Schmidt, an alternative education teacher and member of the Howard County Pickleball Association, said a new moniker could potentially make it even easier to recruit new players.

"I think pickleball is going to explode, I really do. Even faster, if they'd change the name," he said. "If the name was thunderball or something, I think people would go nuts for this game."

Because most pickleball enthusiasts can't stop talking about pickleball, interest in the game spreads largely by word of mouth. The sales pitch is usually successful, Schmidt said.

"There isn't a person I've introduced it to who says anything other than, 'This is awesome,'" he said.

NEWS & NOTES

To submit news or notes for the weekly recreation page, contact Sports Editor Paul Jenkins at paul.jenkins@dailycommercial.com or 352-365-8204.

Golf tournament to raise funds for Wildwood programs

The Wildwood Middle High School baseball and softball teams are holding a fundraising golf tournament at Continental Country Club on Nov. 3 in Wildwood. Play starts at 9 a.m.

Cost is \$40 per player and includes green fees, carts, range balls, lunch and a T-shirt. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers. Sign-up forms are due by Oct. 29. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information, call 352-748-1314 or email mark.s.doggett@sumter.k12.fl.us or kylie.ondriezek@sumter.k12.fl.us.

Umatilla Kiwanis Club holding 5K run/walk

The Umatilla Kiwanis Club will hold a 5K run/walk on Saturday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 a.m. starting at Caldwell Park in Umatilla.

Online registration is available at runsignup.com/race/fl/umatilla/kiwanis5k. Entry fee is \$25 if entered by Oct. 1 and \$30 after Oct. 1. All participants will receive participation medal with awards/medals going to the top males and females in age groups.

All funds go to local projects for children and scholarships.

Leesburg Bitty Ball registration is open

Registration for the Leesburg Recreation Department's Bitty Ball Basketball (ages 5-6) is now open and runs through Nov. 1.

For more information on any of the city's recreation programs, visit <http://leesburgflorida.gov> or call 352-728-9885.

Take a run through the park each Saturday

Clermont's parkrun 5k takes place every Saturday from Lake Hiawatha Preserve Park promptly at 7:30 a.m. The Hiawatha Preserve is located on west side of Lake Minneola in Clermont.

The address is 450 12th St., Clermont. The event is free and put on by volunteers each week and draws an average of about 75 runners a week. Participants are asked to register and print out a one-time parkrun barcode that is used for timing. Printing out the personal barcode is essential. For more information or to register, visit www.parkrun.us/clermontwaterfront.

Chair yoga at Leesburg library

The Leesburg Public Library, 100 E. Main St., offers a one-hour session of chair yoga each Monday at 5 p.m.

The program is free and the stretch and strength poses are done safely from a chair. Beginners are welcome. Wear loose clothing and bring water. For more information call Deb Businger at 352-728-9790 or email librarian@leesburg-florida.gov.

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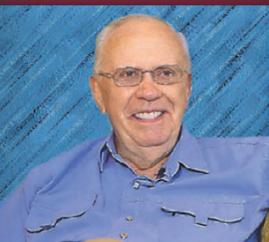
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z-Boston	103	47	.687	—	—	7-3	W-2	54-21	49-26
New York	91	58	.611	11½	—	4-6	L-2	49-26	42-32
Tampa Bay	83	66	.557	19½	6½	8-2	W-3	48-26	35-40
Toronto	68	82	.453	35	22	5-5	W-3	37-37	31-45
Baltimore	43	107	.287	60	47	2-8	L-1	26-49	17-58

CENTRAL DIVISION TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
x-Cleveland	83	66	.557	—	—	4-6	L-1	45-30	38-36
Minnesota	69	81	.460	14½	21	5-5	W-2	43-31	26-50
Detroit	61	89	.407	22½	29	4-6	L-1	36-39	25-50
Chicago	59	90	.396	24	30½	3-7	L-1	28-47	31-43
Kansas City	52	98	.347	31½	38	6-4	L-2	30-47	22-51

WEST DIVISION TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Houston	94	56	.627	—	—	7-3	L-1	42-34	52-22
Oakland	90	60	.600	4	—	7-3	L-2	46-29	44-31
Seattle	83	67	.553	11	7	5-5	W-1	41-33	42-34
Los Angeles	74	76	.493	20	16	6-4	W-1	37-38	37-38
Texas	64	86	.427	30	26	3-7	L-2	32-44	32-42

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Atlanta	83	67	.553	—	—	6-4	L-3	38-37	45-30
Philadelphia	76	73	.510	6½	6	3-7	L-2	45-31	31-42
Washington	76	75	.503	7½	7	7-3	L-1	37-37	39-38
New York	70	80	.467	13	12½	7-3	W-1	33-42	37-38
Miami	59	91	.393	24	23½	3-7	W-2	35-41	24-50

CENTRAL DIVISION TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Chicago	88	62	.587	—	—	5-5	W-1	47-27	41-35
Milwaukee	86	65	.570	2½	—	7-3	W-1	47-29	39-36
St. Louis	83	68	.550	5½	—	5-5	W-2	40-35	43-33
Pittsburgh	75	74	.503	12½	7	7-3	W-3	41-34	34-40
Cincinnati	64	87	.424	24½	19	5-5	L-1	36-40	28-47

WEST DIVISION TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY
Los Angeles	83	68	.550	—	—	6-4	W-1	40-36	43-32
Colorado	82	68	.547	½	½	5-5	L-1	41-33	41-35
Arizona	78	73	.517	5	5	2-8	L-3	37-36	41-37
San Francisco	71	80	.470	12	12	3-7	W-1	41-34	30-46
San Diego	60	91	.397	23	23	5-5	L-1	28-48	32-43

ROUNDUP/MATCHUPS

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 Boston at N.Y. Yankees
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 Colorado at L.A. Dodgers
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STATISTICAL LEADERS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING: Betts, Boston, .337; Martinez, Boston, .328; Trout, Los Angeles, .318; Altuve, Houston, .318; Brantley, Cleveland, .307; Segura, Seattle, .306; Smith, Tampa Bay, .302; Merrifield, Kansas City, .301; Andujar, New York, .298; Duffy, Tampa Bay, .297.

RUNS: Lindor, Cleveland, 120; Betts, Boston, 118; Martinez, Boston, 106; Bregman, Houston, 101; Ramirez, Cleveland, 101; Benintendi, Boston, 99; Springer, Houston, 95; Trout, Los Angeles, 94; Chapman, Oakland, 93; Stanton, New York, 93.

RBI: Martinez, Boston, 122; Davis, Oakland, 115; Ramirez, Cleveland, 101; Bregman, Houston, 100; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 99; Bogaerts, Boston, 94; Lowrie, Oakland, 91; Cruz, Seattle, 89; Haniger, Seattle, 89; Stanton, New York, 89.

HITS: Martinez, Boston, 176; Merrifield, Kansas City, 175; Lindor, Cleveland, 172; Castellanos, Detroit, 170; Segura, Seattle, 167; Betts, Boston, 166; Bregman, Houston, 163; Brantley, Cleveland, 161; Rosario, Minnesota, 161; Altuve, Houston, 158.

DOUBLES: Bregman, Houston, 50; Betts, Boston, 42; Bogaerts, Boston, 42; Castellanos, Detroit, 41; Lindor, Cleveland, 41; Andujar, New York, 40; Chapman, Oakland, 40; Merrifield, Kansas City, 39; Piscotty, Oakland, 39; 2 tied at 38.

TRIPLES: Kiermaier, Tampa Bay, 9; Smith, Tampa Bay, 9; Sanchez, Chicago, 9; Hernandez, Toronto, 7; Span, Seattle, 7; 7 tied at 6.

HOME RUNS: Davis, Oakland, 43; Martinez, Boston, 41; Ramirez, Cleveland, 38; Gallo, Texas, 37; Cruz, Seattle, 36; Lindor, Cleveland, 35; Stanton, New York, 34; Trout, Los Angeles, 34; Encarnacion, Cleveland, 31; 2 tied at 30.

STOLEN BASES: Merrifield, Kansas

City, 36; Smith, Tampa Bay, 33; Ramirez, Cleveland, 32; Gordon, Seattle, 30; Betts, Boston, 28; Anderson, Chicago, 26; Mondesi, Kansas City, 25; Lindor, Cleveland, 23; Trout, Los Angeles, 23; 3 tied at 20.

PITCHING: Snell, Tampa Bay, 19-5; Kluber, Cleveland, 18-7; Porcello, Boston, 17-7; Severino, New York, 17-8; Carrasco, Cleveland, 16-9; Happ, New York, 16-6; Verlander, Houston, 16-9; Morton, Houston, 15-3; Price, Boston, 15-6; 2 tied at 14.

ERA: Sale, Boston, 1.92; Snell, Tampa Bay, 2.03; Bauer, Cleveland, 2.22; Verlander, Houston, 2.67; Cole, Houston, 2.88; Kluber, Cleveland, 2.91; Clevinger, Cleveland, 3.06; Morton, Houston, 3.15; Fiers, Oakland, 3.38; Price, Boston, 3.42.

STRIKEOUTS: Verlander, Houston, 269; Cole, Houston, 260; Sale, Boston, 222; Bauer, Cleveland, 214; Severino, New York, 207; Carrasco, Cleveland, 206; Clevinger, Cleveland, 196; Morton, Houston, 195; Snell, Tampa Bay, 195; 2 tied at 194.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING: Gennett, Cincinnati, .318; Yelich, Milwaukee, .318; Zobrist, Chicago, .314; Cain, Milwaukee, .309; Markakis, Atlanta, .307; Freeman, Atlanta, .304; Rendon, Washington, .304; Martinez, St. Louis, .301; Goldschmidt, Arizona, .299; Arenado, Colorado, .297.

RUNS: Blackmon, Colorado, 108; Carpenter, St. Louis, 103; Yelich, Milwaukee, 102; Albies, Atlanta, 101; Harper, Washington, 97; Arenado, Colorado, 96; Baez, Chicago, 94; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 94; Turner, Washington, 93; Freeman, Atlanta, 91.

RBI: Baez, Chicago, 105; Story, Colorado, 102; Arenado, Colorado, 101; Suarez, Cincinnati, 101; Aguilar,

Milwaukee, 99; Harper, Washington, 97; Rizzo, Chicago, 93; Yelich, Milwaukee, 93; Markakis, Atlanta, 92; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 91.

HITS: Markakis, Atlanta, 179; Freeman, Atlanta, 176; Gennett, Cincinnati, 175; Peraza, Cincinnati, 172; Yelich, Milwaukee, 170; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 168; Blackmon, Colorado, 165; Turner, Washington, 165; Story, Colorado, 164; Baez, Chicago, 163.

DOUBLES: Markakis, Atlanta, 42; Carpenter, St. Louis, 40; Rendon, Washington, 40; Story, Colorado, 40; Albies, Atlanta, 39; Freeman, Atlanta, 38; Baez, Chicago, 37; Cabrera, Philadelphia, 36; 3 tied at 34.

TRIPLES: KMarte, Arizona, 11; Baez, Chicago, 9; Desmond, Colorado, 8; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 8; Nimmo, New York, 8; Rosario, New York, 8; CTaylor, Los Angeles, 8; Bellinger, Los Angeles, 7; Difo, Washington, 7; 6 tied at 6.

HOME RUNS: Carpenter, St. Louis, 35; Arenado, Colorado, 34; Harper, Washington, 34; Goldschmidt, Arizona, 33; Muncy, Los Angeles, 33; Story, Colorado, 33; Aguilar, Milwaukee, 32; Baez, Chicago, 32; Suarez, Cincinnati, 32; 2 tied at 31.

STOLEN BASES: Turner, Washington, 39; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 32; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 31; Cain, Milwaukee, 28; Story, Colorado, 26; Inciarte, Atlanta, 25; Jankowski, San Diego, 24; MTaylor, Washington, 24; Peraza, Cincinnati, 23; Baez, Chicago, 21.

PITCHING: Scherzer, Washington, 17-7; Lester, Chicago, 16-6; Mikolas, St. Louis, 16-4; Nola, Philadelphia, 16-5; Freeland, Colorado, 15-7; Chacin, Milwaukee, 14-8; Godley, Arizona, 14-10; Greinke, Arizona, 14-10; 3 tied at 13.

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE		2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
St. Louis	Flaherty (R)	8-7	2.86	11-14	0-1	16.0	2.81	
Atlanta	Toussaint (R)	12:10p	1-1	4.67	2-1	16.1	3.31	

New York	Syndergaard (R)	12-3	3.26	15-7	3-0	22.2	1.99	
Philadelphia	Eflin (R)	6:05p	10-7	4.26	11-11	14.1	6.28	

Cincinnati	Harvey (R)	7-8	4.67	13-13	1-1	18.0	2.50	
Milwaukee	Gonzalez (L)	7:40p	8-11	4.44	13-16	15.1	5.28	

San Francisco	Stratton (R)	10-9	4.66	13-11	1-2	20.0	2.70	
San Diego	Erlin (L)	9:10p	3-7	4.27	3-7	13.2	7.90	

Chicago	Hamels (L)	9-9	3.67	14-15	0-0	18.1	3.44	
Arizona	Ray (L)	9:40p	5-2	4.14	10-11	17.2	2.04	

Colorado	Anderson (L)	6-9	4.82	11-19	0-2	14.0	5.14	
Los Angeles	Buehler (R)	10:10p	7-5	2.88	12-8	20.1	2.21	

AMERICAN LEAGUE		2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Minnesota	Gonsalves (L)	0-2	9.39	2-2	0-1	11.0	9.82	
Detroit	Turnbull (R)	1:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00	

Tampa Bay	TBD ()	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Texas	Mendez (L)	2:05p	2-1	3.86	1-2	13.0	5.54	

Boston	Price (L)	15-6	3.42	21-7	1-0	16.1	2.76	
New York	Severino (R)	7:05p	17-8	3.46	22-8	14.1	5.65	

Toronto	Estrada (R)	7-12	5.75	12-14	0-2	13.0	11.08	
Baltimore	TBD ()	7:05p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0.0	0.00	

Chicago	Covey (R)	5-13	5.64	5-13	0-3	12.2	9.24	
Cleveland	Carrasco (R)	7:10p	16-9	3.43	16-12	21.1	3.80	

Seattle	TBD ()	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.0	0.00	
Houston	Keuchel (L)	8:10p	11-10	3.57	17-14	18.0	3.50	

Los Angeles	Pena (R)	3-4	3.75	7-8	2-0	20.0	1.35	
Oakland	Anderson (L)	10:05p	3-5	4.35	7-7	13.0	6.23	

INTERLEAGUE		2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	2018 TEAM	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	LAST THREE STARTS	
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Kansas City	Fillmyer (R)	3-1	4.76	4-7	1-0	16.2	6.48	
Pittsburgh	Archer (R)	7:05p	4-8	4.66	12-13	0-1	17.0	4.24

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

MONDAY'S GAMES

American League
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 0
 Minnesota 6, Detroit 1
 Tampa Bay 3, Texas 0
 Seattle 4, Houston 1
National League
 N.Y. Mets 9, Philadelphia 4
 Miami 8, Washington 5
 St. Louis 11, Atlanta 6
 Milwaukee 8, Cincinnati 0
 Chicago Cubs 5, Arizona 1
 L.A. Dodgers 8, Colorado 2
 San Francisco 4, San Diego 2
Interleague
 Pittsburgh 7, Kansas City 6

THURSDAY'S GAMES

American League
 L.A. Angels at Oakland, 3:35 p.m.
 Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:07 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.
 Kansas City at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
National League
 N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Miami, 7:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 7:35 p.m.

THIS DATE IN BASEBALL

Sept. 19

1925: Ted Lyons lost his bid for a no-hitter when Bobby Veach singled with two outs in the ninth inning. The Chicago White Sox routed the Washington Senators 17-0.

1926: The St. Louis Cardinals pounded the Philadelphia Phillies 23-3 in the first game of a doubleheader and beat them again in the nightcap, 10-2.

1949: Ralph Kiner of the Pittsburgh Pirates became the first NL player to hit 50 home runs in two different seasons.

1955: Ernie Banks of the Chicago Cubs set a major league record with his fifth grand slam of the season in a 12-inning, 6-5 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals.

1968: Denny McLain won his 31st game, the most in the AL since Lefty Grove's 31 in 1931. The Detroit Tigers beat the New York Yankees 6-2 while Mickey Mantle hit his 535th and next-to-last career home run.

1972: Minnesota's Cesar Tovar completed the cycle with a game-winning two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to give the Twins a 5-3 victory over the Texas Rangers.

1973: Frank Robinson hit his first home run in Arlington Stadium, as a member of the California Angels. It was the 32nd major league ballpark in which he had homered.

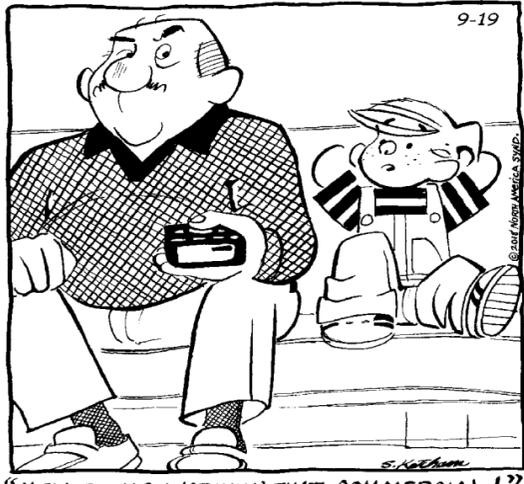
1984: Pete Rose reached the 100-hit plateau for the 22nd consecutive year, an all-time record. He also tied the NL record for doubles with 725 as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Atlanta Braves 4-2.

1986: Chicago's Joe Crowley pitch a no-hitter to lead the White Sox to a 7-1 win over the California Angels. Crowley faced 32 batters, walking seven, struckout eight and gave up a sixth-inning sacrifice fly that brought in the Angel run.

1995: San Diego's Ken Caminiti became the first player in major league history to homer from both sides of the plate three times in a season as

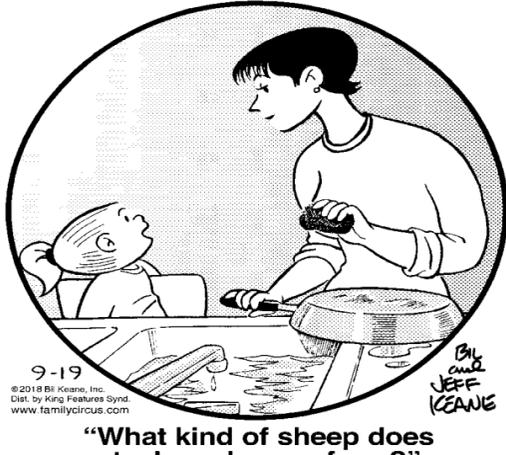
COMICS

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"HEY, I WAS WATCHIN' THAT COMMERCIAL!"

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"What kind of sheep does steel wool come from?"

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"HE'S EAGER TO GET THE DAY STARTED."

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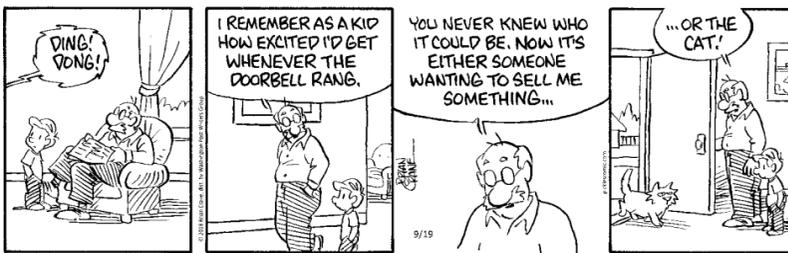
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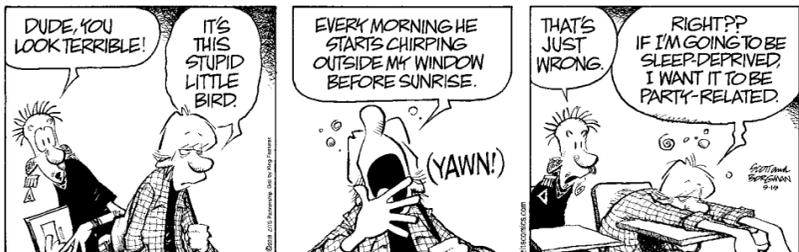
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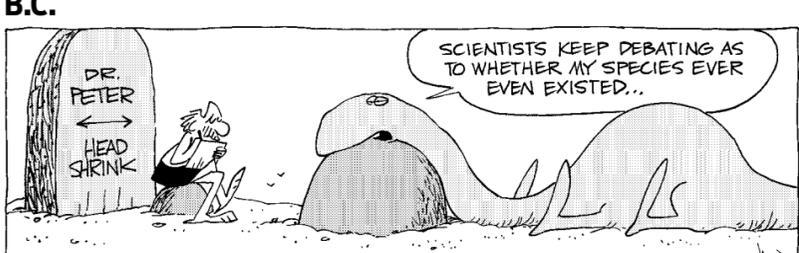
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SHOE



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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



ROSE IS ROSE



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CLASSIC PEANUTS



DIVERSIONS

Mom wants to shield her kids from relative's new lifestyle

DEAR ABBY: A close relative has started working in the adult industry. She now dresses provocatively, showing lots of skin. She has also covered much of her body with tattoos and adopted the lifestyle of someone in that field. Our family assumes she's "going through a phase" and has no idea what she's really up to.

I have two small children I don't really want around her, but I'm not sure how to handle the situation. I don't want to tell her mom what she's really doing, but at the same time, I don't want my kids thinking that's how people in society are. Please help. -- **NERVOUS IN NEW YORK**

DEAR NERVOUS: If you no longer want to be around this person, no law says you have to be. If your relatives ask you about your absence, tell them the reason. If they don't, don't tattle. This isn't an emergency; rest assured her parents will find out eventually. As to her being a

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DEAR ABBY



bad influence on your children, take this as an opportunity for a teachable moment about people coming in "different packaging" and not judging a book by its cover.

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused and not sure what to do. I'm a 32-year-old single mom who is a hopeless romantic. I've been seeing someone for six months. He is already talking about marriage and a happily ever after, which I am ready for.

The downside is, not long after we started dating, I met someone who makes me question everything. He's someone I can't actually be with because -- yes, he's married. I'm disgusted with myself for allowing this to happen, but the minute our eyes met, my

heart skipped a beat.

What I'm asking is, do I settle for the guy I've been dating because that's what I'm ready for? He's a great guy who cares a lot about my daughter and me. I can be a faithful and loving wife, which he wants. Or should I let him go because my heart truly isn't there? Please help me, even though I don't deserve it. -- **SETTLING DOUBTS**

DEAR SETTLING: Warning: Heartbreak ahead. Although you say you are ready for marriage and happily ever after, I don't think it's true. I can't warn you strongly enough not to marry one man while in your heart you yearn for someone else. It's a recipe for disaster, and the collateral damage will be not only Mr. Six Months but also your child.

DEAR ABBY: I received a drunken text from my son's friend telling me my son is gay. It rambled on about their relationship. I decided not to question my son about

it because, if it is true, it won't change our relationship. It really doesn't matter to me. They live in another state.

This is a dilemma because I worry about this "friend" not being trustworthy. Is this my business? Should I tell my son? What if he gets upset? -- **TAKEN ABACK**

DEAR TAKEN: You should absolutely have a talk with your son about the text you received. Ask him if what the friend said is true, and if it is, why you didn't hear it from him. Don't be angry or accusatory. Just be sure to assure him how much you love him and that your feelings for him have not changed. He may need to hear you verbalize it.

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» BRIDGE

There's a very good reason

North dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
North 1♣ East Pass South 1♥ West Pass
2♣ Pass 3NT

Opening lead — four of spades.

West's nine to win, but West played another spade, forcing out the ace, and soon got in with the ace of clubs to put the contract down one.

However, South could have made his game by the unusual but simple expedient of allowing East's spade jack to win the first trick! Had he done that, he would have finished with 10 tricks.

East could do no better than return a spade, and South's Q-10 would have trapped West's king. Assuming West covered the queen, declarer would take the ace, lead a diamond to the king and finesse the jack of clubs. East would take the queen, but whatever he returned, declarer would next drive out the ace of clubs and score the rest of the tricks.

There is a sound basis for ducking the jack of spades. West is marked with the king by East's failure to play it at trick one, so the Q-10 still constitute two sure tricks for South. The advantage of letting the jack hold is that it cuts communications between the defenders if the spades are divided 5-2.

If the spades are divided 4-3, the contract is equally secure since the defense will score at most two spades and two clubs. The duck is therefore perfectly sound — even though it is unusual.

Tomorrow: Slow and steady wins the race.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, 2018:

This year you adopt a strong, determined attitude when you focus on any long-term goal. You seem like an unmovable force once you have decided on your path. Your inner circle finds your newfound determination charming. If you are single, you'll attract an interesting person who is humorous and appreciative, yet is able to say "no" and mean it. Do not commit unless you are 100 percent sure. If you are attached, your sweetie feels as if he or she is just getting to know you again. Schedule more time together. CAPRICORN intrigues you.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) Your delightful style and willing ways help others move out of a rut. You might become the cheerleader for several friends and associates. Group discussions produce multiple workable ideas. You will likely decide to veer off-course.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) You see a situation from a more detached perspective than many people. Others often see no benefit from periods of contempla-

tion and thought. You know better and embrace the power of detachment, which you enjoy and indulge in regularly.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) You could be in a situation where you want to allow others to run the show, to their delight. You'll enjoy sitting back. Visualize more and say very little. You might be pleasantly surprised by what someone comes up with.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) You could be questioning details revolving around a key person in your life. Instead of overthinking the matter, let your feelings flow and lead the way. Emotions are sometimes more accurate than logical analysis.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) You will feel a lot better later in the day when you look back at how productive you've been as of late. Make some special time for just you and a loved one you don't spend enough time with. This action could cause ear-to-ear smiling.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) You have a unique viewpoint when it comes to handling a key problem. A creative style marks your

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BIGAR'S STARS



work and actions in general. Remain open and clear about your choices. Others will listen, though they might not necessarily agree.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) You might be slow to start. In fact, you might not get started until evening -- but once you do, you move with unusual quickness and certainty. You have the ability to accomplish a lot in very little time. Be reasonable about what you expect, even from yourself.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) You could be in a position where you want to break away from it all. On some level, your reaction to pressure is part of what causes so many challenging situations. Try to assume a more laissez faire attitude, and you will be a lot happier.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) Keep reaching out to someone you care about.

You might feel uneasy about dealing with some difficult interactions with this person. Ask yourself if you can approach the situation differently. Later in the day, communication flourishes.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) Stay upbeat in how you approach a trying creative venture and the person involved. You might be overly serious in dealing with this person. If you lighten up, the end result could be a lot better. Your positive energy might be needed in various situations.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) If you feel like withdrawing for a little while, give yourself permission to make those feelings valid. You will experience a surge of energy later in the day that could help you make up for lost time. It is important to have a few calm hours to yourself.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) Use the daylight hours to the max. A meeting helps you solidify a decision. You might be overly serious about a certain goal. Be willing to listen to others' concerns; these thoughts need to be honestly valued. Given time, you'll realize what you desire.

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 19, the 262nd day of 2018. There are 103 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:
On Sept. 19, 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2½ months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

ON THIS DATE:
In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, America's first chief executive advised, "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations. Cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of 20-month-old Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, in Los Angeles as

part of his U.S. tour, reacted angrily upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't get to visit Disneyland.

In 1970, the "Mary Tyler Moore" show debuted on CBS-TV.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

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1st DOWN: E₁ E₁ N₂ I₂ G₃ N₂ E₁

2nd DOWN: A₂ O₂ A₂ H₇ S₂ T₂ P₆

3rd DOWN: C₆ E₁ O₂ V₇ L₂ A₂ A₂ (30 PTS)

4th DOWN: A₂ C₆ B₆ R₂ A₂ T₂ Y₇ (20 PTS)

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN JUDD'S TOTAL = 123 AVERAGE GAME 75-85 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.

9-19-18 JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

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1	9			4	7
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3	8			2	5

Fill in the squares so that each row, column, and 3-by-3 box contain the numbers 1 through 9.

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1st DOWN = 23: B₆ E₁ F₇ O₂ Q₂ L₂

2nd DOWN = 78: B₆ A₂ L₂ D₃ I₂ E₁ S₂

3rd DOWN = 130: H₇ A₂ U₃ N₂ T₂ E₁ O₃

4th DOWN = 34: H₇ I₂ T₂ C₆ H₇

AVERAGE GAME 165-175 PTS JUDD'S TOTAL = 265

9-19-18

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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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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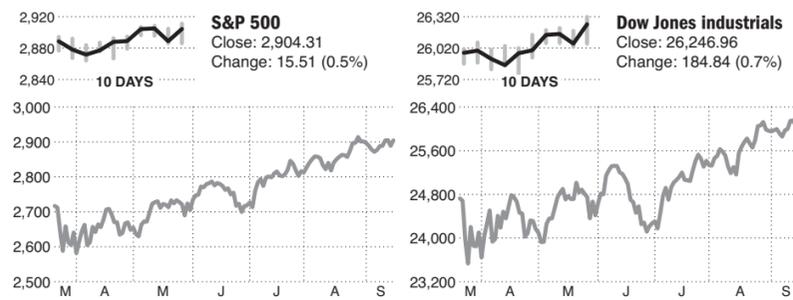
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BUSINESS



Stocks Recap

	NYSE	NASD	DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
Vol. (in mil.)	2,991	2,237	11545.50	26317.34	26076.21	26246.96	+184.84	+0.71%	+6.18%
Pvs. Volume	2,846	2,211	11395.58	11545.50	11395.58	11514.94	+46.21	+0.40%	+8.51%
Advanced	1574	1678	740.79	740.79	735.00	738.39	-1.11	-0.15%	+2.08%
Declined	1241	1182	13112.38	13112.38	13038.66	13091.99	+60.08	+0.46%	+2.21%
New Highs	85	71	7986.10	7986.10	7901.01	7956.11	+60.31	+0.76%	+15.25%
New Lows	97	77	2911.17	2911.17	2890.43	2904.31	+15.51	+0.54%	+8.63%
			2040.58	2040.58	2026.42	2036.73	+8.24	+0.41%	+7.16%
			30292.26	30292.26	30091.27	30226.39	+157.66	+0.52%	+8.75%
			1714.92	1714.92	1704.22	1710.97	+7.42	+0.44%	+11.43%

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD %CHG	1YR %RTN	P/E	DIV
AT&T Inc	T	30.13	30.13	39.80	33.72	+10	+0.3	▲	▲	▲	-13.3	-4.0	7	2.00
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	78.81	78.81	170.91	167.65	+4.15	+2.5	▲	▲	▲	+68.2	+64.6	30	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	86.95	86.95	110.24	109.64	+4.44	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	+10.4	+27.1	16	1.40
AutoNation Inc	AN	42.94	42.94	62.02	43.09	-44	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	-16.1	-6.0	11	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	22.66	22.66	31.55	30.08	-55	-1.8	▼	▼	▲	...	+33.3	28	0.30
CocaCola Co	KO	41.45	41.45	48.62	45.93	-39	-0.8	▼	▼	▲	+0.1	+3.6	87	1.56
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	30.43	30.43	44.00	37.74	+78	+2.1	▲	▲	▲	-5.4	+2.0	18	0.76
Darden Rest	DRI	77.55	77.55	120.93	118.90	+92	+0.8	▼	▲	▲	+23.8	+43.8	25	3.00f
Disney	DIS	96.80	96.80	117.90	109.53	+17	+0.2	▲	▼	▲	+1.9	+12.7	15	1.68
Gen Electric	GE	11.94	11.94	25.21	12.66	-04	-0.3	▼	▼	▼	-27.6	-44.9	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	41.01	41.01	60.69	44.13	-364	-7.6	▼	▼	▼	-25.6	-10.9	10	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	126.97	126.97	170.54	168.03	+158	+0.9	▲	▲	▲	+18.6	+33.1	30	2.74f
Home Depot	HD	157.16	157.16	215.43	211.02	+262	+1.3	▲	▲	▲	+11.3	+34.1	27	4.12
IBM	IBM	137.45	137.45	171.13	148.56	+62	+0.4	▲	▲	▲	-3.2	+6.4	11	6.28f
Lowes Cos	LOW	75.36	75.36	114.54	115.55	+181	+1.6	▲	▲	▲	+24.3	+48.0	24	1.92f
NYTimes	NYT	16.95	16.95	26.85	22.30	▼	▼	▼	+20.5	+17.0	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	144.70	144.70	175.65	173.44	-42	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	+11.0	+18.7	13	4.44
PepsiCo	PEP	95.94	95.94	122.51	113.98	-142	-1.2	▼	▲	▲	-5.0	+3.5	36	3.71
Suntrust Bks	STI	55.04	55.04	75.08	68.51	+19	+0.3	▼	▼	▲	+6.1	+27.7	13	2.00f
Walmart Strs	WMT	77.50	77.50	109.98	95.43	+61	+0.6	▲	▼	▲	-3.4	+20.5	23	2.08f
Xerox Corp	XRX	23.52	23.52	37.42	28.02	-06	-0.2	▼	▲	▲	-3.9	-10.9	35	1.00

MARKET MOVERS

- **Oracle Corp., down 15 cents to \$49.03:** The business software company reported weaker sales than analysts expected.
- **FedEx Corp., down \$14.15 to \$241.58:** The shipping company's quarterly profit fell short of Wall Street estimates.

BRIEFCASE

LOS ANGELES 1st private moon passenger to invite creative guests

After announcing that he'll take the first-ever commercial rocket trip around the moon, Yusaku Maezawa said he wants company for the weeklong journey. The Japanese billionaire said he plans to invite six to eight artists, architects, designers and other creative people to join him on board the SpaceX rocket "to inspire the dreamer in all of us."

The Big Falcon Rocket is scheduled to make the trip in 2023, SpaceX founder Elon Musk announced at an event Monday at its headquarters near Los Angeles.

Maezawa, 42, said he wants his guests for the lunar orbit "to see the moon up close, and the Earth in full view, and create work to reflect their experience."

FUJAIRAH, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES OPEC chief: Cartel must stay together

OPEC must stick together for the good of the global economy as founding member Iran faces renewed U.S. sanctions, the head of the cartel said Tuesday — though he did not address how an already-tight market will make up for the loss of Iranian supply.

Mohammed Sanusi Barkindo also said an agreement between OPEC and non-members that cut production and helped bring prices back up from lows of \$30 a barrel in January 2016 was now "a permanent feature."

Cementing that arrangement would be one of the topics of discussion as OPEC meets this Sunday in Algeria, he added.

NEW YORK Visa, Mastercard in new settlement of fee suit

Visa and Mastercard said Tuesday they will pay \$6.2 billion to settle part of a long-running lawsuit brought by merchants over fees on credit card transactions.

Visa says it will pay \$4.1 billion and Mastercard will pay about \$900 million. The two companies say they've already set aside money to cover the payment.

A group of 19 merchants and trade groups alleged Visa and MasterCard conspired to fix fees that are charged to stores for handling credit card payments. Tuesday's settlement covers the monetary claims in the lawsuit.

But the lawsuit still has two other pieces to it that need to be resolved: a dispute over the rules Visa and Mastercard impose to accept their cards, and the merchants who chose not to participate in the settlement, which is likely to number in the thousands.

The Associated Press

Won't back down

China looks unlikely to give in after US tariff hike

By Joe McDonald
The Associated Press

BEIJING — China unveiled a slew of changes under mounting pressure from U.S. President Donald Trump over technology.

Beijing promised to cut tariffs, open its auto industry and buy American exports. But none of that was what Trump wanted: An end to development policies Washington says are based on theft of know-how and might erode U.S. industrial leadership.

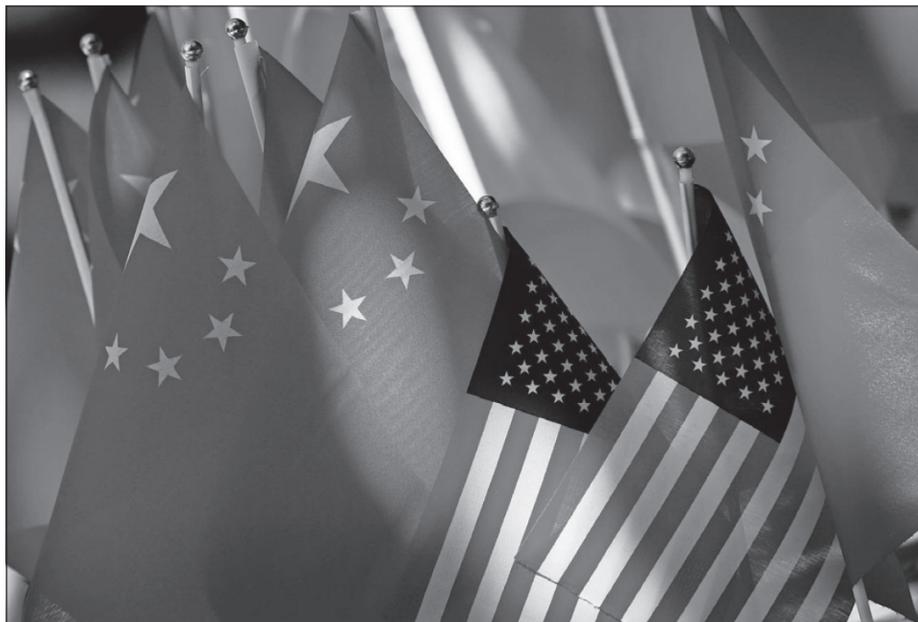
Exporters scrambled to replace lost orders after Trump pulled the trigger in July with his first round of tariff hikes on \$50 billion of Chinese imports. Waves of job losses loom over factory towns. So far, however, Chinese leaders express confidence in their \$12 trillion-a-year economy and are refusing to budge on tactics they see as a path to prosperity and global influence.

The communist leadership appears no more likely to back down after Trump escalated their dispute Monday by approving penalties on an additional \$200 billion of Chinese goods, according to economists, political analysts and business groups.

China swiftly announced that it would impose tariffs on \$60 billion of U.S. exports.

"Contrary to views in Washington, China can — and will — dig its heels in," said the chairman of the American Chamber of Commerce in China, William Zarit, in a statement. "We are not optimistic about the prospect for a resolution in the short term."

Trump's complaints strike



American flags are displayed together with Chinese flags on top of a trishaw, Sunday in Beijing. The American Chamber of Commerce in China says Beijing will "dig its heels in" after U.S. tariff hikes and appealed for a negotiated end to their trade battle. [ANDY WONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

at the heart of the Communist Party's view of itself as economic development leader — a venture capital investor on a national scale, boldly creating new industries.

That role has gained prominence since President Xi Jinping took power in 2012, despite the party's 2013 pledge to give market forces a "decisive role" in the state-dominated economy.

Reform advocates complain state-owned companies that dominate banking, energy and other industries are getting bigger. They say that ignores the lessons of three decades of market-style changes that propelled China's economic boom.

Beijing is still figuring out what Washington wants, said Citigroup economist Li-Gang Liu.

"The bottom line from the U.S. side is not clear," Liu said

in an email. "Without clarity as to what President Trump wants from the Chinese exactly, it is difficult to see any progress ahead."

The ruling party sees initiatives including "Made in China 2025," which calls for state-led creation of global champions in robotics, electric cars and other fields, as essential for raising incomes for China's poor majority and restoring the country to its historic status as a technology and cultural leader.

Washington, Europe and other trading partners complain that explicitly nationalistic goals of creating Chinese global brands and promise subsidies to local competitors violate Beijing's promises to treat companies equally. American officials also say Beijing steals or pressures foreign companies to hand over technology.

While rebuffing U.S.

pressure, Beijing has unveiled other changes long sought by its trading partners.

The government announced in April it would allow full ownership of electric car manufacturers beginning this year and lift all ownership caps in the industry by 2020. Beijing agreed to join the European Union in proposing reforms of the World Trade Organization, which Washington complains is antiquated and unable to cope with Chinese-style challenges.

Chinese leaders appear to be wrestling with how to present their plans in a way that causes less foreign opposition, said Paul Haenle, director of the Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy. He said there was "considerable debate" about how to handle Washington at the leaders' annual summer retreat at the seaside resort of Beidaihe.

ARBOR OUTLOOK

Financial crisis, wage stagnation and Roger Miller



Margaret McDowell

"Two hours of pushing broom buys an 8-by-12 four-bit room. I'm a man of means by no means." — Roger Miller, "King of the Road"

We are currently observing the 10th anniversary of the 2008 financial crisis. Meanwhile, politicians and pundits spend more time arguing about who deserves credit for the economy than they do actually trying to sustainably improve it or prepare for the next downturn. Regardless of who does deserves credit, there's no doubt the economy is in better condition

than it has been in a long time. But in recent years, I've increasingly come to think that we're living in a two-tiered recovery.

On the one hand, those with significant investment assets, access to capital and financial expertise made the last decade a productive one. A sustained period of historically low interest rates helped revive an economy on life support and handsomely rewarded those who were lured back into capital markets. Those skilled in buying and selling businesses — public and private — have been able to borrow more cheaply than at any time in his- tory to finance their ventures. But there were many more citizens without the means to benefit from the improving economy.

A statistic gleaned from the Federal Reserve speaks to this side of the two-tiered recovery story, one

which most of the folks I deal with are intuitively familiar: the percentage of the average family's income generated by wages has dropped nine percent in the last 15 years, falling from 70 to 61 percent. What's replaced those wages? Investment income.

The problem with investment income is that you have to actually own investments to earn it. The folks who don't own stocks, bonds or other types of financial assets, therefore, haven't experienced the same recovery as those who do. The old adage, "It takes money to make money," is becoming more accurate over time.

So, while one part of the economy has done well in recent years, under the surface we see the economic position of the middle class stagnating.

The average middle-class American family's

net worth is \$40,000 less than what it was at the economic peak before the Great Recession, according to the Fed. And real wage growth has been falling since 2015. Declining real wage growth means that people's purchasing power is still growing but at a slower and slower pace. Over the last year, a 2.7 percent wage growth was outpaced by a 2.9 percent cost-of-living increase, so folks' wages are now buying them less gas and groceries than they did a year ago. That's a big deal.

Real wage growth is one of the best indicators for determining if the average family sees their situation as improving or declining.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of Clarence A. Johnson, Jr., deceased, whose date of death was April 19, 2018, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main St., Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is September 13, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative:
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/s/ Christina J. Cook
Christina J. Cook
Ad No: 10080302
September 12, 2018 &
September 19, 2018

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

Case No. 2016 CA 001121

HARTWOOD RESERVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, a Florida non-profit corporation,

Plaintiffs,

VICTORIA NOVAK; UNKNOWN TENANTS; and any unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other legal entities of any such person or entity's estate, their successors and assigns, and other unknown persons or entities claiming by, through, and under any of the Defendants,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Final Summary Judgment dated August 31, 2017, entered in Case No. 2016 CA 001121 of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein HARTWOOD RESERVE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. is the Plaintiff, and VICTORIA NOVAK; UNKNOWN TENANTS; and any unknown spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, or other legal entities of any such person or entity's estate, their successors and assigns, and other unknown persons or entities claiming by, through, and under any of the Defendants, will sell, pursuant to Chapter 45, Florida Statutes, to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, on the 2nd day of October, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

Lot 73, Hartwood Reserve, Phase 2, according to the Plat thereof, located in Plat Book 57, Pages 25-32, inclusive, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Physical Address: 3488 Tumbling River Drive, Clermont, Florida 34711

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court on Sept. 13, 2018.

Gary J. Cooney
Clerk of the Circuit Court Lake County, Florida

By: /s/ D. Davis
DEPUTY CLERK

Copies Furnished to:

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Clermont, Florida 34711

Victoria Novak
3488 Tumbling River Drive
Clermont, Florida 34711

Unknown Tenants
3488 Tumbling River Drive
Clermont, Florida 34711

0001 LEGALS

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administration, Lake County Judicial Center, P. O. Box 7800/550 West Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778; telephone (352)253-1604, within seven (7) working days of your receipt of this Notice; if you are hearing or voice impaired call Florida Relay Service 711.

If this property is sold at public auction, there may be additional money from the sale after payment of persons who are entitled to be paid from the sale proceeds pursuant to this Final Summary Judgment.

If you are a subordinate lien holder claiming a right to funds remaining after the sale, you must file a claim with the clerk no later than sixty (60) days after the sale. If you fail to file a claim you will not be entitled to any remaining funds.

If you are the property owner, you may claim these funds yourself. You are not required to have a lawyer or any other representation and you do not have to assign your rights to anyone else in order for you to claim any money to which you are entitled. Please check with the Clerk of Court of Lake County within ten (10) days after the sale to see if there is additional money from the foreclosure sale that the Clerk has in the Registry of the Court.

If you decide to sell your home or hire someone to help you claim the additional money, you should read very carefully all papers you are required to sign, ask someone else, preferably an attorney who is not related to the person offering to help you to make sure that you understand what you are signing and that you are not transferring your property or the equity in your property without the proper information. If you cannot afford to pay an attorney, you may contact community Legal Services of Mid-Florida, Inc., at (352)343-6351 to see if you qualify financially for their services. If they cannot assist you, they may be able to refer you to a local bar referral agency or suggest other options. If you choose to contact Community Legal Services of Mid-Florida Office for assistance, you should do so as soon as possible after receipt of this Notice.

ANY PERSON CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN THE SURPLUS FROM THE SALE, IF ANY OTHER THAN THE PROPERTY OWNER AS OF THE DATE OF THE LIS PENDENS, MUST FILE A CLAIM WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE SALE.

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Jaquell Clinton, unit #41
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