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Mall metamorphosis



Rilix Coaster, a virtual reality experience, is one of the newest additions to Lake Square Mall in Leesburg. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

Winterland ice skating coming soon, along with new stores, attractions

By Roxanne Brown
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LEESBURG – “New year, new look.”

That’s the motto Lake Square Mall officials are living by as renovations started earlier this year continue.

Mall spokeswoman Anna Marie Chwastiak said the mall’s exterior improvements and several new attractions inside are set to be finished

by early 2019.

The exterior upgrades include a multi-million dollar façade, a main entrance with covered drive-up and drop-off lanes, a glass enclosure with artistic lighting, a reconfigured parking lot and landscaping.

A long walkway, Chwastiak said, will stretch from both sides of the mall’s main entrance and across the parking lot area to medical facilities and new businesses

to be located just off of U.S. Highway 441.

To help, the City of Leesburg awarded mall owners a \$500,000 grant for the façade.

“When it’s done, it’s definitely going to change the face of the mall, plus the walkways will be functional,” Chwastiak said.

Inside, a number of new stores have just opened, but the upcoming events and attractions, Chwastiak said,

are what’s going to make the mall a destination.

She said one of the most exciting additions is Winterland, a family-friendly attraction that will include a professional ice skating rink surrounded by a winter village complete with chalets that will house specialty eateries and shops.

The couple that has been tapped to run Winterland

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Trump’s birthright claim rejected by consensus

By Robert Barnes
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump resurrected a much-debated but rarely tested legal question when he said he planned to issue an executive order that would end the automatic grant of citizenship to those born in this country to noncitizens.

Legal experts have debated for years how to interpret the citizenship clause of the Constitution’s 14th Amendment, but the consensus is one-sided: Most agree with the long-held tradition that it grants citizenship to those born on U.S. soil.

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MVA EXITS PLAYOFFS WITH LOSS IN FOUR SETS

Mount Dora Middle’s Stein is top principal

By Payne Ray
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MOUNT DORA – Lake County Schools has named Mount Dora Middle School’s Jacob Stein its Principal of the Year.

Stein called the award an honor, not just for himself but for the entire school.

“I joke with my teachers. I’m just the one filling out the paperwork,” Stein said. “This is for all of us.”

Stein has worked at Mount Dora Middle for four of his 20 years with the Lake School District, starting at Eustis Middle as an emotional behavior specialist.

He said his years working with students who needed extra

support created a foundation for his administrative work that his mentors helped him build upon when he became an assistant principal.

He joined the staff of Windy Hill Middle School before moving to East Ridge High School, working under

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Lake County Principal of the Year Jacob Stein at Mount Dora Middle School. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

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IN BRIEF

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Teen charged in high school shooting appears in court

The teenager accused of fatally shooting a fellow student at a North Carolina high school appeared before a judge Tuesday as his public defender requested a low bond and permission for the boy to stay home with his mother while awaiting trial.

Jatwan Craig Cuffie, the ninth-grade student charged as an adult with first-degree murder in the death of Bobby McKeithen, 16, appeared in shackles in Mecklenburg County District Court.

Cuffie, 16, showed virtually no emotion as Judge David Strickland explained the charges the boy faces after McKeithen was shot a day earlier in a hallway of Butler High School in Matthews, a Charlotte suburb.

CLEVELAND Man accused of decapitating woman pleads guilty

A man who Ohio authorities say stabbed a woman 200 times with a sushi knife before decapitating her has pleaded guilty to an aggravated murder charge and been sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years.

Cleveland.com reports 34-year-old Jiansen Liang also pleaded guilty Monday to a corpse abuse charge in 33-year-old Qihong Chen's 2017 slaying in suburban Cleveland.

Authorities say the Chinese national confessed to Cleveland police in July 2017. Chen's body was found in her suburban Fairview Park apartment.

Liang told psychiatrists he attacked Chen after having visions of her turning into a monster.

UNITED NATIONS UN demands immediate halt to attacks in Ebola areas in Congo

The U.N. Security Council on Tuesday called on armed groups jeopardizing the response to an Ebola outbreak in Congo to immediately halt their attacks, expressing "great concern" at the potential regional spread of the often deadly virus.

A resolution adopted unanimously by the U.N.'s most powerful body condemned the attacks "in the strongest terms," especially "those posing serious security risks for responders." It singled out Allied Democratic Forces rebels.

The council said the security situation in areas affected by the Ebola outbreak "is severely hampering the response efforts and facilitating the spread of the virus" in Congo and the region.

LOTTERY

Monday, Oct. 29
Cash 4 Life: 7-23-25-35-38-4
Fantasy 5: 11-14-22-26-35

Tuesday, Oct. 30
Pick 5
Afternoon: 4-5-2-9-4
Pick 4
Afternoon: 4-1-3-2
Pick 3
Afternoon: 6-5-4
Pick 2
Afternoon: 0-0

Survivors relive horrors at Tree of Life

By Adam Geller, Allen G. Breed and Maryclaire Dale
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Up in the choir loft, alone, Rabbi Jeffrey Myers whispered to a 911 dispatcher on his cellphone.

Below him, down in the sanctuary, eight of his congregants had been felled by a gunman's bullets. Up here, though, Myers couldn't see them — or any of the other horrors going on beyond his hideaway. He waited for another round of semiautomatic gunfire, but all was silent. Then he heard what he feared even more.

Could that be footsteps? Myers rushed into the loft's bathroom, barricading himself inside.

Days earlier he had used a blog posting to urge members of his Tree of Life congregation to celebrate life's moments while they had the chance: "None of us can say with certainty that there is always next year," he wrote. Now, Myers wondered if he should hang up with 911 and make a video to tell his wife and children he loved them — while he still had time. "I'm going to die," he thought.

Saturday morning — the time when Jews in communities like this one come together to celebrate the miracle of the earth's creation and the day of rest that followed — had barely begun.

As a light rain fell over the Tudors and Victorians of Pittsburgh's leafy Squirrel Hill, the parking lot at the Tree of Life Synagogue had been slow to fill in. There was nothing unusual about that. Officially, services begin at 9:45 for Tree of Life and the two other congregations that share its large stone building



Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, right, of Tree of Life/Or L'Simcha Congregation hugs Rabbi Cheryl Klein, left, of Dor Hadash Congregation and Rabbi Jonathan Perlman during a community gathering held in the aftermath of a deadly shooting at the Tree of Life Synagogue on Sunday in Pittsburgh. [MATT ROURKE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

— New Light and Dor Hadash. Worshippers from all three were filtering in, many of them older, taking their time.

The synagogue has long been one of the touchstones of Squirrel Hill, a rolling neighborhood about five miles east of downtown that is the center of the city's large Jewish community. Founded in 1864, Tree of Life prides itself as a warm, welcoming place, "where even the oldest Jewish traditions become relevant to the way our members live today," it says on its website.

On Saturdays, the day of the Jewish Sabbath, its doors are unlocked and open to all. On this day, the New Light congregation gathered in a basement room. Upstairs, toward the front of the building, the worshippers of Dor Hadash prepared for a ceremony to name a newborn

boy. And in the main sanctuary, Myers convened about a dozen of his congregants.

Outside the building, though, Robert Gregory Bowers was also mindful of the Saturday rituals. For months, the 46-year-old truck driver had been posting angry rants against Jews on the Gab social media site, to little apparent notice. He blamed Jews for plotting against society, contaminating it in order to destroy it.

At 9:49 a.m. Saturday, he posted again.

"I can't sit by and watch my people get slaughtered," Bowers wrote. "Screw your optics. I'm going in."

Inside the synagogue, New Light's rabbi, Jonathan Perlman, was just a few minutes into morning prayers when his congregants heard a loud bang. Barry Werber, an Air

Force vet who was there to help mark the anniversary of his mother's death, thought at first that someone might have walked into a cart upstairs stacked with glassware and whiskey meant for the baby-naming ceremony. To Myers, it sounded like somebody in the hallway had knocked over a coat rack.

Then the sounds came again, this time in a burst.

Werber and other worshippers opened a door leading into the basement hallway. A body lay on the staircase. Their rabbi quickly closed the door and pushed Werber and fellow congregants Melvin Wax and Carol Black into a large supply closet. As gunshots echoed upstairs, Werber dialed 911 but was too afraid to say anything, for fear of making any noise.

DATELINES

JERUSALEM



Mayoral candidate Ofer Berkovitch and his wife Dina pose for media as they cast their votes at a polling station during the municipal elections Tuesday in Jerusalem. Just over 55 percent of eligible voters turned out nationwide before polls closed, but in Jerusalem only 35 percent cast ballots in a close mayoral contest. [ODED BALILTY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



Military action during the NATO led military exercise Tuesday in Trondheim, Norway. NATO's secretary general said Tuesday he is confident the Western military alliance and Russia "will act in a respectable way" as both hold training exercises in the same area off Norway's coast. [GORM KALLESTAD / NTB SCANPIX VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

MILAN



A man brushes away floodwater Tuesday outside the historic Caffè Florian, in San Marco Square, in Venice, Italy. Heavy rains and high winds buffeting much of Italy have killed 11 people over two days as Venice officials lamented Tuesday one of the worst floods ever to strike the city's famed St. Mark's Basilica. Many of the deaths were due to trees crashing down on cars and pedestrians. [ANDREA MEROLA/ANSA VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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NEWS BRIEFS

EUSTIS Man charged for having sex with juvenile

Lake County sheriff's deputies have arrested and charged a man with having sex with a juvenile.

Preston Z. Green, 26, of County Road 19A, Eustis, was arrested Monday. The 16-year-old girl told authorities she met Green at a "take your child to work day" event when Green was a trainee at a grocery store.

She said Green picked her up and took her to his house where they watched a movie, then had sex.

At first, Green denied knowing the girl, then admitted to the act.

LADY LAKE Cops: Man busted with counterfeit money, drugs

Police on Tuesday charged a man with possession of counterfeit money, drugs, fleeing from officers and driving with a suspended license.

Jason Lee Clifton, 31, of Groveland, was hit with the charges after police tried to stop a blue Mitsubishi driving down U.S. Highway 27/441 without headlights at 10:15 p.m. With the help of an additional officer, police were able to find the car buried in soft sand near Lake Ella Road and Padgett Circle.

Clifton and a woman were sitting in the back seat.

Officers found \$990 worth of counterfeit \$10 and \$20 bills.

Officers also found a Royal Crown whiskey bag with crystal methamphetamine inside. They also found Xanax and buspirone.

EUSTIS Boil water notice issued in area of 44 bypass

EUSTIS — Around 2:30 p.m. Tuesday a water main transmission break occurred on the County Road 44 bypass, near Spring Ridge Estates.

The break is causing issues in the northeast and eastern portion of Eustis and was expected to take a few hours to be repaired.

A boil water notice is in effect until Thursday afternoon.

"By Thursday morning, we should have the water results back. We advise that all water used for drinking, cooking, making ice, brushing teeth or washing dishes be boiled," a press release states.

Bottled water can also be used as an alternative.

CLERMONT Coffee with a Cop slated for Thursday

The Clermont Police Department will offer community members an opportunity to meet its officers Thursday during Coffee with a Cop.

The event — from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at Lucky's Market, 1718 E. Highway 50 in Clermont — is a nationwide program reinforcing good relations between the community and its law enforcement agency.

Residents will be able to sit down and talk to Clermont cops, ask questions, voice their concerns and simply get to know the officers in their neighborhoods.

"This partnership will help create an atmosphere that facilitates communication by breaking down the traditional barriers that so often exist between police officers and the citizens that they serve," said Chief Charles Broadway.

For details, go to www.clermontfl.gov.

Michael leaves big farm losses

By Jim Turner
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Hurricane Michael will cost Florida farmers an estimated \$158 million because of damaged crops, including major damage sustained by cotton farmers, according to a University of Florida study released late last week.

Economists with the university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences projected that nearly 1 million acres of crops such as cotton, nuts and vegetables, along with beef, dairy and

other animal products, were damaged across 25 counties from the powerful Oct. 10 storm.

The study, calling the storm "the most serious natural disaster to impact agricultural and natural resources industries in the Florida Panhandle in decades," did not include damage to timber land.

The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumers Services previously projected a \$1.3 billion long-term impact to the

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Economists project that nearly 1 million acres of crops such as cotton, nuts and vegetables, along with beef, dairy and other animal products, were damaged across 25 counties because of Hurricane Michael. [AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT]



Veteran Jack Williams panhandles on St. George Street in St. Augustine recently. Williams chose a spot where he can panhandle on the street so he is 20 feet away from entrances to business, putting him in compliance with city ordinances. [PETER WILLOTT/GATEHOUSE MEDIA]

House seeks to defend medical pot law

By Jim Saunders
News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida House is seeking to intervene in a potentially far-reaching legal battle about the constitutionality of a 2017 law that set regulations for the state's medical marijuana industry.

House lawyers last week requested approval to help defend the law, which was designed to carry out a constitutional amendment that broadly legalized medical marijuana. A Leon County circuit judge this month sided with a Tampa-based firm that contends the 2017 law did not properly follow the constitutional amendment, in part because the law capped the number of medical marijuana licenses that can be issued.

In a motion filed last week seeking to intervene in the case, House lawyers contended that the 2017 law was carefully crafted to carry out the voter-approved constitutional amendment and to comply with federal guidance about medical marijuana issues. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, though it has been legalized for medicinal and recreational uses in various states.

"The House seeks to intervene here to defend the Legislature's prudent effort at striking the necessary, delicate balance between implementation of the voter-adopted MMA policy (the medical marijuana

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Begging for relief

St. Augustine tries to put a lid on panhandling

By Jared Keever and Sheldon Gardner
Gatehouse Media

ST. AUGUSTINE — As visitors, late-night diners and shoppers strolled along St. George Street on a recent night, they likely encountered few, if any, panhandlers.

Once a fixture on the pedestrian-only street at the heart of St. Augustine's downtown, an 8 p.m. stroll turned up very few in the old, regular spots.

"I think it has been like that since we enacted the panhandler ordinance," Police Chief Barry Fox said.

While it may appear a small success to business owners and residents, a closer look shows that the city continues to deal with

chronic homelessness, the symptoms of which are still visible beyond St. George Street.

Yet the small victory seems to have other cities at least considering following in St. Augustine's footsteps.

Attorney Michael Kahn, the architect of the city's panhandling restrictions, told The St. Augustine Record that he has been hired by the city of Daytona Beach to draft a similar ordinance and has been in talks with at least five other cities about the issue as well.

The Daytona Beach City Commission voted in July to hire Kahn for \$30,000 to create the ordinance, according to a WFTV report.

City Police Chief Craig Capri supported Daytona Beach trying St. Augustine's approach and called the difference

in St. Augustine "night and day," according to an article in the The Daytona Beach News-Journal.

Kahn said his goal is to have the Daytona Beach ordinance finished early next year.

Fox said he too has been contacted by police chiefs from about four other cities around Florida asking about St. Augustine's seeming success.

"I give them what we've been able to do," he said.

But Fox also points out that putting a dent in the panhandling problem is not the same as solving homelessness.

"Two different issues," he said.

On a recent evening, about five people huddled at the end of a walkway at City Hall along Granada Street — one slept on a window sill — and roughly

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Tourism marketing backed after hurricane, red tide

By Jim Turner
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The state's tourism-marketing arm wants to send a message to potential visitors: Hurricane damage and fish-killing red tide don't cover all of the Sunshine State.

The Visit Florida board of directors on Tuesday approved an \$8.89 million marketing campaign intended to address the hurricane and red-tide issues and protect the state's brand by stressing

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A man walks by damaged boats sit in a marina in the aftermath of Hurricane Michael in Panama City. [DAVID GOLDMAN/ AP PHOTO]

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the Eagles #4028. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed his annual trip to the Florida Keys. Mike is survived by his wife of 37 years, Tina, daughter Stacy (Robert) Sprehe, grandson Samuel, sisters Suzette and Regina, brothers Townsend and Bruce, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dottie and Seabrook Bowen. Visitation will be on Thursday, Nov. 1st from 2-3 p.m. at Fuller Funeral Home, 1625 Pine Ridge Road, Naples followed by a funeral ceremony at 3 p.m. Interment with military honors will be on Tuesday, Nov. 6th at 1:00 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: Naples Take A Soldier Fishing, 3575 19th Ave SW, Naples, FL 34117. For online condolences, please visit www.fullernaples.com.

Michael Bowen, age 69, passed away peacefully, October 28, surrounded by family. He was a loving husband, father, and "Papa" to his grandson Sam, the apple of his eye. He owned and operated Home Building Services for over 25 years, was a retired SSgt from the United States Air Force, and was an active member and President of the Fraternal Order of

Donald O'dell Bingham



in Angus cattle. He was a County Councilman for Monroe County and was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church. He had a lifelong love of motorcycles and Ford cars. The blizzard of 1978 was the impetus to retire to Florida where he and June lived ever since and joined Morrison United Methodist Church. They had four children, Jo Ann Bingham of Yountville, CA, Ginger Bingham Champion Kearney of Orlando, FL, William Thomas Bingham, North Carolina and Donna Bingham Goodwin (Duane) of Leesburg, FL. Also surviving are five grandchildren: Christina Champion Gonzales, Derek Bingham, Ryan Bingham, Grant Goodwin, Garrett Goodwin and one great grandson, Christian Gonzales. A graveside memorial service will be held in Indiana at a later date.

Donald O'dell Bingham of Webster, FL, 84, passed away on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 after the effects of crippling rheumatoid arthritis had taken away his independence for the last four months. Raised in Newark, IN in southern Greene County and later moving to Stinesville and graduating high school there, he married June Walcott from Bloomington when they were both 19 years old; she preceded him in death in 2007 after 54 years of marriage. In Bloomington he worked as a carpenter first and later a farmer specializing

Helen Turner Russell

Helen Turner Russell passed away Sat Oct 27th in Mt Dora, FL. Services will be held

Sat Nov 3rd at Allen J. Harden Funeral Home from 4-6p.m for family & friends.

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10 or more sat or lay along a fence at the intersection of Bridge and Granada streets.

Wade Ross, moderator of the St. Augustine Vagrant Watch Group Facebook page, said he routinely sees much of the same thing.

While Ross said that panhandling on St. George Street might be slightly reduced, the issue seems to have spread elsewhere and other problems remain.

"Things are looking pretty rough," he said. "We're counting campers in the 20s nightly (in) the past week or so. A lot of them are drinking, drunk, aggressively panhandling. ... Our results from the police vary from night to night."

Panhandling, past and present

The city hired Kahn in 2017 after a spike in panhandling and vagrancy drew cries from business owners, residents and visitors for the city to do something. The increase came after a 2016 District Court case in Tampa found that panhandling is speech that's protected by the First Amendment.

After that decision, St. Augustine stopped enforcing laws that restricted where people could panhandle over concern they could be challenged as unconstitutional. Some of the old rules placed a blanket ban on panhandling over parts of the city.

The city brought Kahn in to find a way to restrict panhandling on St. George Street and other parts of the city in a way

that would likely hold up in court.

A big part of his work involved gathering testimony, stories and photos from witnesses. Testimony during the process detailed, among other things, major health risks of public urination and defecation.

The rules Kahn added focus on distance, not blanket bans. For instance, the ordinance prohibits panhandling within 20 feet of a business entrance or exit.

The City Commission enacted the ordinance in March and started enforcing the laws in early April.

Kahn said the ordinance protects the rights of visitors and everyone else while still leaving much of the city open to panhandling.

"The key to the ordinance is panhandlers' rights, too," he said.

And it hasn't completely driven them from the tourist and business areas.

Fox said there are still some areas along St. George Street where panhandlers can set up.

Jack Williams was pretty sure he was sitting in one of them on a recent morning.

Shortly after being passed by a walking police officer, Williams, who was sitting along the wall just off the Hypolita Street intersection, said he has been given one ticket for holding or "flying" a sign.

That wasn't too far from where he was, he said. Though he said he paid the ticket, he maintained that the officer who wrote it was wrong because he didn't properly measure the distance exactly from where Williams was sitting.

"He put on my ticket 19.6 feet," he said.

That was six weeks ago, nearly two weeks after Williams said he moved here from Tennessee.

Disabled after being injured in a car wreck, Williams said he came here because he likes North Florida and knew the area had services that could help him get back on his feet.

Much of the money he makes panhandling, he said, he uses for living expenses like food in the hopes of being able to put his disability check in the bank. Some of the panhandling goes into the bank too, he said.

He estimated he makes more than \$200 a week from panhandling and said he has to get up at 4 a.m. to make his way into the city to find a good and legal spot.

Problems persist

Dealing with other problems that many associate with homelessness remains a struggle for the city.

For instance, Fox said, the city's camping ordinance, which prohibits sleeping in public spaces from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., is only enforceable as long as there are beds available at the St. Francis House on Washington Street.

While Fox commended the management there for expanding beyond their mission to provide the 12 beds that they do, it hardly puts a dent in the population.

"So we are only able to house 12 people a night, and the homeless problem is bigger than that," he said.

Beyond that, he said he is hearing that the ones who are referred to St. Francis House for a bed are very seldom availing themselves of the

other services that the shelter provides to help people transition out of homelessness.

That's why Fox said it is important to understand that the recent ordinance is not a fix-all.

"This addresses panhandling," he said, "but it is not affecting the homeless problem."

A local business owner had a similar opinion about the city's panhandling laws.

Len Weeks, a former city mayor who owns property downtown, said things are better with the ordinance in place, but they're still bad.

"The amount of panhandling is less, but what they've done is they've scattered throughout other parts of downtown, too," Weeks said.

As for other cities adopting a similar approach, Weeks said they should consider expanding the distance limits — like prohibiting panhandling within 40 or 50 feet of a business entrance instead of 20 feet.

"There's too many areas where the ordinance doesn't work," he said.

One main effect of the ordinance is that it keeps beggars away from business entrances.

But people still spend extended periods of time on benches and in other public places, sleeping or banging on buckets to make music and asking for change, Weeks said.

Homelessness, panhandling and vagrancy — which he stressed are three separate categories and issues — are still a major concern for the business community, he said.

"It is an issue, and it's a problem, and quite honestly, I don't know what the answer is," Weeks said.

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timber industry from the Category 4 storm, which cut a path from Bay County into southwestern Georgia.

The university noted that it separated timber from its study because the losses of pine, mixed upland hardwood and

bottomland hardwood were for trees that would normally be harvested over several years.

"The \$158 million figure represents lost sales revenues that producers would have received during the 2018-19 growing season if the storm hadn't impacted them," Christa Court, an assistant scientist with the university's food and resource economics department, said in a prepared statement.

The analysis also didn't include other long-term economic impacts, such as repairs for damaged property.

"We needed to focus initially on developing the loss estimates needed for relief efforts, but we intend to continue to develop estimates for the broader economic impacts of the hurricane," Court said.

The state's agriculture industry sustained an estimated \$2.5 billion in damage from Hurricane

Irma in September 2017, topped by a \$761 million hit to the citrus industry, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services said last year.

In Michael, the most serious impacts occurred in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty and Washington counties.

The university's calculations were gathered from farmers and aerial images captured by drones.

The state's cotton industry took the biggest hit, estimated at \$51 million, as the storm came ashore as the harvest was just getting underway and about 90 percent of the crop was still in the field.

Peanut growers are expected to see losses of \$22 million, as more than 245,000 acres were impacted, with field corn losses at \$5 million and oat crops at \$600,000.

Greenhouses and nurseries suffered an

estimated \$39 million hit, while another \$9 million in losses is projected for growers of vegetables and melons, \$4 million for fruits and \$3 million for tree nuts, including pecans.

The study said a "significant" number of livestock animals went missing after the hurricane, including beef cattle, deer, horses and hogs.

On Oct. 19, the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimated the timber industry lost nearly 3 million acres of forestland in 11 counties from Michael.

Timber operations in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla and Washington counties sustained damage, along with such things as pulp mills and sawmills, according to the Florida Forest Service, which is part of the department.

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constitutional amendment), on the one hand, and conflicting federal drug policy, on the other," the motion to intervene said. "Indeed, the House has a direct interest in preserving, from judicial encroachment, the Legislature's constitutional prerogative to address such a conflict and effectuate the voters' will to the extent federal law will allow."

The Tampa-based firm Florigrown, which had unsuccessfully sought a

state license to get into the medical marijuana industry, filed the lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the 2017 law. Leon County Circuit Judge Charles Dodson agreed that the law was unconstitutional and issued a temporary injunction Oct. 5 that required state health officials to begin registering Florigrown and other medical-marijuana firms to do business.

Gov. Rick Scott's administration appealed, which had the effect of placing an automatic stay on Dodson's ruling while the 1st District Court of Appeal considers the issues. Florigrown last week filed a motion in

Dodson's court to vacate the automatic stay, alleging that the Legislature had tried to create an "oligarchy" by limiting the number of licenses in what is expected to be a lucrative industry.

"This oligarchy has resulted in the creation of astronomic and artificial values in 'licenses,' contrary to the goal of making medical marijuana 'safe and available' and at the expense of qualifying patients and those so woefully in need of compassion, but exploitation by the select few," Florigrown attorneys wrote.

Dodson has scheduled a Nov. 19 hearing to consider several issues, including the motion to vacate the automatic stay and the House's request to intervene. While Dodson granted a temporary injunction, the underlying lawsuit also remains in his court.

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TOURISM

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what is open across the state.

The agency has been using Facebook to post videos of parts of the Panhandle that weren't hammered by Hurricane Michael on Oct. 10 and a website will go live Thursday to provide information outlining what is open, said Staci Mellman, Visit Florida's interim chief marketing officer.

The site will also encourage visitors to try new areas. "If they like a certain kind of beach, maybe they might like something else," Mellman said.

The crisis-response campaign, which is something Visit Florida officials admit they have had to become experts at the past few years, will expand as counties still digging out from Michael are able to start welcoming visitors.

The plan will take several approaches, including continuing to share local tourism-agency information on social media, targeting videos to domestic and international markets and having international tour operators work to manage "misperceptions of damage." Also, it includes airing TV ads in 15 domestic markets, at an estimated cost of \$2.65 million, and conducting international marketing campaigns in the United Kingdom and Germany, estimated at \$400,000.

The public-private Visit Florida will also undertake a survey on tourists' perceptions of Florida and intends to set up a grant program to help local tourism agencies as red tide — along the Gulf and Atlantic coasts — subsides and hurricane-damaged areas of the Panhandle

reopen.

Visit Florida Board Chairman Lino Maldonado said the layered message — mixing what is open with areas that are suffering — needs to protect Florida's image while setting the right tone to "to tell that story that is so desperately needed across the Panhandle."

Money for the marketing effort will come from a combination of sources, including \$1 million from the agency's crisis funding, \$1.3 million from shifting agency funds and \$2.2 million from the state's economic risk fund. Visit Florida will have to repay the money from the economic risk fund.

Visit Florida's red tide-related efforts have been ongoing since July.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has attributed red tide to the deaths of thousands of fish, sea turtles, bottlenose dolphins and more than 150 manatees.

Meanwhile, Visit Florida board Secretary Dan Rowe of the Panama City Beach

Convention & Visitors Bureau said the hurricane recovery is going faster than expected, and a message is that people shouldn't give up if they plan to visit next spring.

Damage from Michael is mostly between eastern Panama City Beach and Port St. Joe. A timeline has not been set for the hardest-hit areas to return to business.

Rowe said about half the tourism lodging in Panama City remains offline and will have to be renovated and reconstructed, and the tourism situation is worse in Mexico Beach.

"It was almost a complete devastation, very few buildings are standing in Mexico Beach that did not experience significant damage," Rowe said.

Visit Florida received \$76 million from the state Legislature for the fiscal year that started July 1.

A year ago, Visit Florida enacted a similar \$5 million winter-marketing plan to promote the Florida Keys after the island chain was ravaged by Hurricane Irma.

Gum, bottled water, pizza bagels want to be 'healthy'

By Candice Choi
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pizza bagels, chewing gum and bottled water want to play a starring new role in our diets: Foods that can be called healthy.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is revamping its definition of healthy to reflect our changing understanding of nutrition science. The push is fueling debate about eating habits and what the new standard should say.

Frozen food-makers are seeking special rules for "mini meals," citing little pizza bagels and dumplings as examples that might qualify. Chewing gum and bottled

water companies say they should no longer be shut out from using the term just because their products don't provide nutrients. Advocacy groups and health professionals are also weighing in, raising concerns about ingredients like sugar.

Some say the word healthy is inherently misleading when applied to a single product instead of an overall diet.

"The problem is that healthy is relative," said Bruce Y. Lee, a professor of international health at Johns Hopkins. Subsisting on broccoli alone, for instance, wouldn't be healthy.

The federal standards for use of the word "healthy" on labels was

established in 1994 and set limits on total fat and cholesterol.

Susan Mayne, who heads the FDA's food labeling division, said the definition reflects decades-old understanding of nutrition and needs to be updated.

With the revamp, she said people will be able to trust the word "healthy" is based in science, unlike many other terms on packages.

"This is one that the federal agencies will stand behind," she said.

The government's dusty definition of healthy came under scrutiny in late 2015, when the FDA warned Kind that its snack bars had too much fat to use the term.

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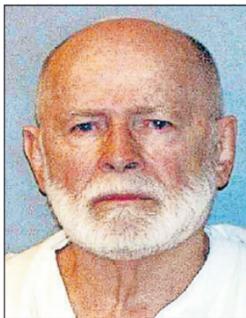
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Bulger found slain in prison

By Denise Lavoie and Alanna Durkin Richer
The Associated Press



This June 23, 2011, booking photo provided by the U.S. Marshals Service shows James "Whitey" Bulger.
[U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE VIA ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO]

BOSTON — James "Whitey" Bulger, the murderous Boston gangster who benefited from a corrupt relationship with the FBI before spending 16 years as one of America's most wanted men, was slain in federal prison. He was 89.

Bulger was found unresponsive Tuesday morning at the U.S. penitentiary in West Virginia where he'd just been transferred, and a medical examiner declared him dead shortly afterward, according to the Federal Bureau of

Francisco.

Bulger fled Boston in late 1994 after his FBI handler, John Connolly Jr., warned him he was about to be indicted. With a \$2 million reward on his head, Bulger became one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" criminals, with a place just below Osama bin Laden.

There was no love lost for Bulger on the Boston streets he once ruled.

Patricia Donahue's husband, Michael, was killed in 1982 when he offered a ride home to a man allegedly targeted for death by Bulger because he was talking to the FBI. "I'd like to open up a champagne bottle and celebrate," she told WBZ-TV on Tuesday.

Tom Duffy, a retired state police detective who searched for Bulger and was a consultant on "The Departed," called word of Bulger's death "celebratory news."

When the extent of his crimes and the FBI's role in overlooking them became public in the late 1990s, Bulger became a source of embarrassment for the FBI. During the years he was a fugitive, the FBI battled a public perception that it had not tried very hard to find him.

After more than 16 years on the run, Bulger was captured at age 81 in Santa Monica, California, where he had been living in a rent-controlled apartment near the beach with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig.

In 2013, he was convicted in the slayings,

as well as extortion, and money-laundering after a sensational racketeering trial that included graphic testimony from three former Bulger cohorts: a hit man, a protege and a partner. He was sentenced nearly five years ago to two consecutive life sentences plus five years.

Bulger had just been moved to USP Hazelton, a high-security prison with an adjacent minimum security satellite camp in Bruceton Mills, West Virginia.

He had been in a prison in Florida before a stop-over at a transfer facility in Oklahoma City. Federal Bureau of Prisons officials and his attorney had declined to comment on why he was being moved.

A lawyer who represented Bulger blamed the gangster's death on decisions made by the Bureau of Prisons.

"He was sentenced to life in prison, but as a result of decisions by the Federal Bureau of Prisons, that sentence has been changed to the death penalty," attorney J.W. Carney Jr. said in a statement.

Bulger, nicknamed "Whitey" for his bright platinum hair, grew up in a gritty South Boston housing project and became known as one of the most ruthless gangsters in Boston. His younger brother, William Bulger, became one of the most powerful politicians in Massachusetts, leading the state Senate for 17 years.

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Pence declines to voice support for McCarthy

By John Wagner
The Washington Post



Vice President Mike Pence speaks Oct. 23 during a National Space Council meeting in Washington, D.C. [ANDREW HARRER/BLOOMBERG]

WASHINGTON - Vice President Mike Pence declined to say Tuesday whether he supports Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., becoming the next House speaker, adding the decision should be left to members of the chamber.

Pence was asked about McCarthy, considered the front-runner if Republicans maintain control of the House, during an interview with Politico Playbook.

"I support having a Republican speaker of the House," Pence offered, eliciting laughter from a live audience.

Pressed, he said he considers McCarthy, the House majority leader, to be "an outstanding leader." But, Pence added, "there are also others who've expressed an interest in that."

McCarthy faces an open challenge from Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, a founder of the hard-right House Freedom Caucus, in his bid to succeed Speaker Paul D. Ryan, R-Wis., who is leaving office.

McCarthy has tried to beef up his right flank by focusing on an issue crucial to President Donald Trump - immigration, and in particular Trump's proposed

U.S.-Mexico border wall. Earlier this month, McCarthy introduced a bill to fully fund the wall at a cost of \$23.4 billion and promised to bring it up for a vote after the election.

Marc Short, Trump's former legislative affairs director, has said he does not expect Trump to take an overt role in the leadership fight.

Pence told Politico "we'll

just leave the decisions about leadership to the men and women who are elected."

Pence was more definitive about his own future.

Asked whether he would like to be on the GOP ticket as vice president in 2020, he replied:

"It would be the greatest honor of my life to serve a second term with this president."

Brother: Indians died in Yosemite fall while taking selfie

By Ashok Sharma and Chonchui Ngashangva
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI - An Indian husband and wife who fell to their deaths from a popular overlook at Yosemite National Park in the western U.S. were apparently taking a selfie, the man's brother said Tuesday.

Park rangers recovered the bodies of 29-year-old Vishnu Viswanath and 30-year-old Meenakshi Moorthy on Thursday about 800 feet (245 meters) below Taft Point, where visitors can walk to the edge of a vertigo-inducing granite ledge that doesn't have a railing.

Viswanath, who Cisco

India said was a software engineer at the company's San Jose, California, headquarters, and Moorthy had set up their tripod near the ledge on Tuesday evening, Viswanath's brother, Jishnu Viswanath, told The Associated Press.

Park visitors the next morning saw the camera and alerted rangers, who "used high-powered binoculars to find them and used helicopters to airlift the bodies," he said.

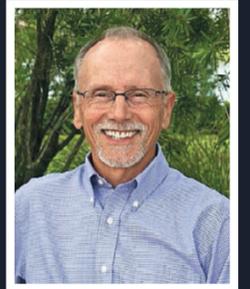
In an eerie coincidence, a man who had hiked to the same spot with his girlfriend captured pictures of Meenakshi prior to her fall, saying she accidentally appears in the background of two

of their selfie photos.

Sean Matteson said Meenakshi stood out from the crowd enjoying the sunset atop Taft Point last week because her hair was dyed bright pink and that she made him a little nervous because he felt she was standing too close to the edge.

"She was very close to the edge, but it looked like she was enjoying herself," said Matteson, who lives in Oakland, California. "She gave me the willies. There aren't any railings. I was not about to get that close to the edge. But she seemed comfortable. She didn't seem like she was in distress or anything."

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MALL

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are Jean-Louis Lacaille and his wife Sarah Abitbol, top ice skaters from France.

Lacaille and Abitbol will lead demonstrations, shows, group parties and even lessons for the more ambitious guests.

Chwastiak said a section of Winterland may be open by December 15 for ice skating.

“The key thing about Winterland is that it is going to be a real ice skating experience, nothing fake. It’s going to be real coolers, real ice and it’s not just for the holidays. It’s going to be a full-time destination,” Chwastiak

said.

The mall also recently unveiled a virtual reality Rilix Coaster.

Rilix owner Pierre ZonZon said although the concept is not new, it is the very first one in the United States.

He said the Rilix, a popular attraction in Brazil and in about 17 other countries, offers 27 roller coaster rides to choose from.

“You have the goggles on and you can see the design everywhere all around you. You hear the sounds, you really feel it and sometimes it can be really scary. But it’s fun,” ZonZon said. “People really love it. They have been screaming and every time they do it, they just want to do it again.”

Through the months of

November and December for the holiday season, the mall has a full slate of events planned, starting with GRINCH-mas story time at 10 a.m. Nov. 10 followed by Deck the Drones racing that night starting at 7:30 p.m. — an event that will allow drone pilots to take over the air-space in Lake Square Mall.

A Nutcracker story time on Dec. 6 will include a visit by Mount Dora Ballet’s Nutcracker princess and mouse king at 11 a.m., and on Dec. 15, kids will have the opportunity to enjoy a cup of milk and some cookies with Santa starting at 10:30 a.m.

Also on Nov. 24, the mall and many area schools will partner on a project dubbed the Festival of the Trees.

Chwastiak said 30 student teams from various schools and programs will arrive at the mall to decorate one of dozens of trees donated by Cecil Clark Chevrolet and Lowe’s using themed ornaments they will be required to make at school.

There will be a lighting ceremony starting at 7 p.m. and after that, guests will be able to bid on the trees through Dec. 9 for a chance to win and take them home. In turn, all proceeds will go back to the Educational Foundation of Lake County earmarked for Lake County Schools’ art departments.

“We wanted to partner with the community and give back to our schools while adding some festivity and Christmas spirit to the mall,” Chwastiak said.

As for the stores, Chwastiak said many of the new ones are Canadian companies making their debut in the United States here in Leesburg. Mall owner Meir Benzaiken has connections in Canada from his time as a businessman there.



Construction has started clearing the way for Lake Square Mall’s new covered entrance. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]



One of the newest stores to Lake Square Mall is Georges Marciano Ranch, which features modern western wear. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

They include Yvonne Marie, a women’s clothing store; Emmanuel, a men’s clothing store; Georges Marciano Ranch, featuring jeans and boots by the former Guess designer; Lucky 7, a store catered to younger

fashions; and Pajar, a six-generation family-run store that sells high-end shoes, boots, accessories and maple candies.

A virtual reality experience called VRtualize will also be moving into a spot next to

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Chwastiak said the support and patronage of residents will increase the mall’s chances at attracting other big-name mall stores people are asking about to Lake Square in the future.

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Lake Square Mall is filling up their available spots with new designer clothing stores such as Yvonne Marie and Georges Marciano Ranch. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

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TRUMP

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The first section of the amendment says: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside."

Some legal scholars argue that the phrase "and subject to the jurisdiction thereof" seems to give the government some leeway to restrict the right, just as other constitutional principles can be limited.

But the mainstream opinion from both right and left is that it is more likely that a constitutional amendment, rather than federal legislation or an executive order, would be needed to change the birthright conferred on people born here.

"Regardless of whether birthright citizenship is a good idea, it's enshrined in the 14th Amendment and so would take another constitutional amendment to change," said Ilya Shapiro of the libertarian Cato Institute.

"There's an active academic debate over whether mere legislation could change it with respect to illegal immigrants and tourists, but regardless it's not something that can be done by executive action alone," he said.

House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wis., and other conservatives generally favorable to Trump agreed with that assessment. Some wondered if such an executive order was actually being drafted, but it is a certainty that it would be immediately challenged.

"Aside from being unconstitutional, such an executive order would exacerbate racial tensions, exploit fears and drive further polarization across the country at a moment that calls for unity and inclusion," said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "It is hard to imagine an executive order that would be more ill-timed or misguided given recent events across the



The Supreme Court. [RICKY CARIOTI/THE WASHINGTON POST]

country."

Trump has made immigration a favorite topic in advance of next week's midterm elections, and he said in an interview released Tuesday that advisers have told him that he has the power to end birthright citizenship.

"It was always told to me that you needed a constitutional amendment. Guess what? You don't," Trump told Axios in an interview scheduled to air as part of a new HBO series starting this weekend.

When told that his view is disputed, Trump asserted: "You can definitely do it with an act of Congress. But now they're saying I can do it just with an executive order."

In the part of the interview that was released, it was not clear whether Trump would seek to deny citizenship to the baby of any noncitizen or just to the children of people who are in the country illegally.

The most-cited Supreme Court decision on the issue is the 1898 case United States v. Wong Kim Ark. The court held that a child born to Chinese immigrants who were legal residents was a birthright U.S. citizen under the 14th Amendment.

Related, but less directly on point, was the 1982 case Plyler v. Doe, which held that denying

illegal immigrant children admission to public schools would violate the 14th Amendment's equal-protection clause.

Justice William Brennan, writing for the majority in the 5-to-4 decision, noted language from the Wong Kim Ark decision.

He said that "no plausible distinction with respect to Fourteenth Amendment 'jurisdiction' can be drawn between resident aliens whose entry into the United States was lawful, and resident aliens whose entry was unlawful."

But modern Supreme Courts simply have not been presented with the issue, so it is unclear how

the current justices would see it.

Some legal experts question whether the 14th Amendment provides such a broad mandate and say the law granting citizenship has developed without real input from Congress.

The 14th Amendment granted citizenship to recently freed slaves, and was an answer to the Supreme Court's now-discredited Dred Scott ruling, which said that no person of African descent, even if born in this country, could ever become a citizen.

But some legal analysts have said that does not mean all born in this country are automatically citizens.

Michael Anton, a former national security official in the Trump administration, made the case in an op-ed in The Washington Post: "The notion that simply being born within the geographical limits of the United States automatically confers U.S. citizenship is an absurdity - historically, constitutionally, philosophically and practically," he wrote.

STEIN

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principals Dave Tucker and Julie Robinson-Lueallen.

Stein said both of them taught him the importance of building community, and they influenced his approach to his four years as a principal at Mount Dora Middle.

"My big thing is, you hear a lot that 'all means all, all means all,' but unless you take the steps to include everyone, all doesn't mean all," Stein said.

Stein's inclusion efforts have largely focused on creating welcoming environments and giving students reasons to keep coming back other than a requirement.

One of Stein's proudest accomplishments has been the middle school's chronic absenteeism and suspension rates, which have steadily dropped.

To bring absenteeism from 33 percent to 10 percent over the past four years, Stein said the culture had to shift in a big way.

The loudspeaker plays music as students walk to homeroom, Stein greets every teacher in the morning

and they greet their students in kind.

Making the environment more welcoming, Stein said, led to major improvements on its own, but the school has also been taking more active measures.

If a student misses more than one day in a row, the school reaches out to find out what's going on.

Students meet with administrators to discuss recurring or frequent absences.

The intent is to make a bigger deal of it, to help students recognize the importance of attendance, and to make the school a place students want to be.

Suspensions also decreased from 30 percent to 11 percent, including in-school suspensions which offer students continued learning opportunities.

Stein credits his teachers for the shift in behavior as well as alternative disciplinary steps offering students ways to avoid suspension.

He said none of that would have gotten done and there wouldn't be an award without solid work from people believing in him.

"When you build relationships, and there's trust, you can accomplish a lot more," Stein said.

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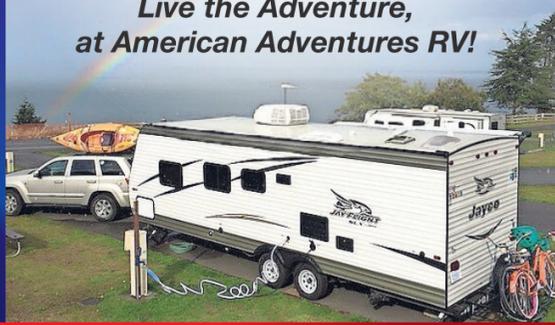
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Migrant caravan demands transport

By Christopher Sherman and Marko Alvarez
The Associated Press

NILTEPEC, Mexico — More than 1,000 people in a second migrant caravan that forged its way across the river from Guatemala began walking through southern Mexico on Tuesday and reached the city of Tapachula — some 250 miles behind a larger group and more than 1,000 miles from the closest U.S. border.

Gerbert Hinestrosa, 54, a straw-hatted migrant from Santa Barbara, Honduras, was traveling with his wife and teenage son in the newest group. Hinestrosa said he realized how hard it would be to reach his goal.

“Right now I feel good,” he said. “We have barely started, but I think it is going to be very difficult.”

Members of the latest caravan say they aren’t trying to catch up with the first because they believe it has been too passive and they don’t

want to be controlled. The activist group Pueblo Sin Fronteras has been accompanying the first group and trying to help it organize.

The first, larger caravan of about 4,000 mainly Honduran migrants passed through Tapachula about 10 days ago and set up camp Tuesday in the Oaxaca state city of Juchitan, which was devastated by an earthquake in September 2017.

The two groups combined represent just a few days’ worth of the average flow of migrants to the United States. Similar caravans also have occurred regularly over the years, passing largely unnoticed, but the new ones have become a hot-button political issue amid an unprecedented push-back from U.S. President Donald Trump.

With just a week before U.S. midterm elections, the Pentagon announced it will deploy 5,200 troops to the Southwest border in an extraordinary



Honduran migrants walk to Tapachula from Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico on Tuesday. [RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

military operation, and Trump has continued to tweet and speak about the migrants.

On Monday he said he wants to build tent cities to house asylum seekers. And on Tuesday he

floated the possibility of ending the constitutional right to U.S. citizenship for babies born in the country to noncitizens.

Experts widely dismissed the idea that the president could unilaterally change the rules on who is a citizen and said it’s highly questionable whether an act of Congress could do it, either.

“According to what they say, we are not going to be very welcome at the border,” Honduran migrant Levin Guillen said when asked about Trump. “But we are going to try.”

The 23-year-old from Corinto, Honduras, was part of the first caravan, whose members set off Tuesday morning walking and hitching rides on the highway through

Mexico’s narrow, windy southern isthmus. They stuffed themselves into truck beds and sprinted alongside semi-trailer rigs, trying to grab hold and pull themselves up.

Guillen, a farmer, said he had been getting threats in Honduras from the same people who killed his father 18 years ago. He has been on his own since his mom died four years ago, and he hopes to reach an aunt who lives in Los Angeles and have a chance to work and live in peace.

“We just want to a way to get to our final goal, which is the border,” he said.

The first caravan was still about 900 miles (1,450 kilometers) from the nearest U.S. crossing at McAllen, Texas, and possibly much farther if it heads elsewhere.

Worn down from long miles of walking and frustrated by the slow progress, many have been dropping out and returning home or applying for protected status in Mexico.

The group is already significantly diminished from its estimated peak at over 7,000-strong.

A caravan in the spring ultimately fizzled to just about 200 people who reached the U.S. border at San Diego.

Representatives have demanded “safe and dignified” transportation to Mexico City, but the Mexican government has shown no inclination to assist — with the exception of its migrant protection agency that gave some stragglers rides to the next town over the weekend.

Pueblo Sin Fronteras, the group supporting the caravan, has said it hopes to hold meetings in the Mexican capital with federal lawmakers and authorities as well as representatives of the incoming government that takes office Dec. 1 to discuss migrants’ rights and the caravan’s future.

But Mexican officials seem intent only on seeing the caravan melt away as it moves through the country. The government regularly reports the number of migrants who have applied for refugee status or agreed to assisted bus trips back to their home countries.

The second caravan entered Mexico on Monday, crossing the Suchiate River from Guatemala. That followed a more violent confrontation on the border bridge over the river Sunday night, when migrants threw rocks and used sticks against Mexico police.

Hondurans in the group spoke of fleeing the same conditions: poverty and gang violence in one of the world’s deadliest countries by homicide rates. They said asylum in the United States is their primary goal, but some expressed openness to applying for protected status in Mexico if that doesn’t work out.

“Continue on to the United States, that is the first objective,” said Carlos Enrique Carcamo, a 50-year-old boat mechanic from Choluteca. “But if that’s not possible, well, permission here in Mexico to work or stay here.”

Dayvin Herrera, a 24-year-old computer teacher from Tegucigalpa, said he can’t go back to “the bloodshed (that) is multiplying in our country.”



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Pittsburgh begins burying its dead

By Maryclaire Dale
and Allen G. Breed
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh's Jewish community began burying its dead Tuesday after the synagogue massacre, holding funerals for a beloved family doctor, a pillar of the congregation, and two 50-something brothers known as the Rosenthal "boys."

President Donald Trump, meanwhile, arrived in Pittsburgh to pay his respects and encountered hundreds of shouting, chanting protesters with signs such as "It's your fault" and "Words matter," a reference to allegations his bellicose language has emboldened bigots. Pennsylvania's governor and the mayor of Pittsburgh declined to join him during the visit.

Earlier in the day, thousands of mourners jammed a synagogue, a Jewish community center and a third, undisclosed site for the first in a weeklong series of funerals for victims of the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history.

Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz, Daniel Stein and Cecil and David Rosenthal were among 11 people killed in the shooting rampage at the Tree of Life synagogue Saturday. Robert Gregory Bowers, a 46-year-old truck driver who authorities say raged against Jews, was arrested on federal hate-crime charges that could bring the death penalty.

With Tree of Life still cordoned off as a crime scene, more than 1,000 people poured into Rodef Shalom, one of the city's oldest and largest synagogues, to mourn the Rosenthal brothers, ages 59 and 54.

The two intellectually disabled men were "beautiful souls" who had "not an ounce of hate in them — something we're terribly missing today," Rabbi Jeffrey Myers, a survivor of the massacre, said at their funeral.

Myers, his voice quivering, told the Rosentals' parents and other family members: "The entire world is sharing its grief with you, so you don't walk alone."

The brothers were widely known as "the boys," the Rosentals' sister, Diane Hirt, noted. "They were innocent like boys, not hardened like men," she said.

She said Cecil — a gregarious man with a booming voice who was lightheartedly known as the mayor of Squirrel Hill and the "town crier"



Students from the Yeshiva School in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh pay their respects as the funeral procession for Dr. Jerry Rabinowitz passes their school en route to Homewood Cemetery following a funeral service Tuesday at the Jewish Community Center. Rabinowitz was one of people killed while worshipping at the Tree of Life synagogue on Saturday. [GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

for the gossip he managed to gather — would have especially enjoyed the media attention this week, a thought that brought laughter from the congregation.

Rabinowitz's funeral was held at the Jewish Community Center in the city's Squirrel Hill section, the historic Jewish neighborhood where the rampage took place. Two police vehicles were posted at a side door and two at the main entrance.

A line stretched around the block as mourners — some in white medical coats, some wearing yarmulkes, black hats or head scarves — passed beneath the blue Romanesque arches into the brick building.

The 66-year-old Rabinowitz was a go-to doctor for HIV patients in the epidemic's early and desperate days, a physician who always hugged his patients as they left his office.

"A lot of people are feeling really angry about this. A lot of rage built up inside about this, because of it being a hate crime. Don't get me wrong; I do. But I'm so overwhelmed with sadness right now that I can't even be angry right now," said Robin Faulkner, whose family had seen Rabinowitz for 30 years and counted him as a dear friend. "It's just such a loss. Just tragic."

A private funeral was also held for Stein, the 71-year-old men's club president at Tree of Life.

The other victims' funerals have been scheduled through Friday.

Trump and first lady Melania Trump landed in Pittsburgh after the day's services and lit candles at Tree of Life for the victims. Outside, they laid white roses as well as stones for each of the dead, a Jewish burial tradition. The president and first lady later went to a hospital to visit with survivors.

They were joined by Trump's daughter

expressed to the governor that they did not feel it was appropriate for Trump to come, so the governor made a decision not to join him on his visit out of respect for the families and the community," said Beth Melena, Wolf's campaign spokeswoman.

Among the mourners at the Rosenthal brothers' funeral was Dr. Abe Friedman, who typically sat in the back row of Tree of Life with the two men but was late to synagogue on Saturday and was not there when the gunman opened fire.

As he stood in line at the funeral, Friedman wondered why he had been spared.

"Why did things fall into place for me?" he asked. "I usually sit in the back row. In the last row, everyone got killed."

Ivanka and her husband, Jared Kushner, as well as Myers, the Tree of Life rabbi, and Israeli Ambassador Ron Dermer.

Hundreds of protesters gathered near the synagogue and the hospital.

"He didn't pull the trigger, but his verbiage and actions don't help," said Squirrel Hill resident Paul Carberry, 55, wearing anti-Trump patches on his hat and jacket.

Another Squirrel Hill resident, Shayna Marcus, who had hoped to catch the presidential motorcade with her young sons but just missed it, said the anger at Trump is misplaced.

"I don't think focusing on Trump is the answer, or on politics," said Marcus, a 34-year-old nurse and Trump supporter.

Democratic Mayor Bill Peduto had asked Trump not to come while the city was burying its dead. He and Gov. Tom Wolf, a fellow Democrat, said they would skip the president's visit.

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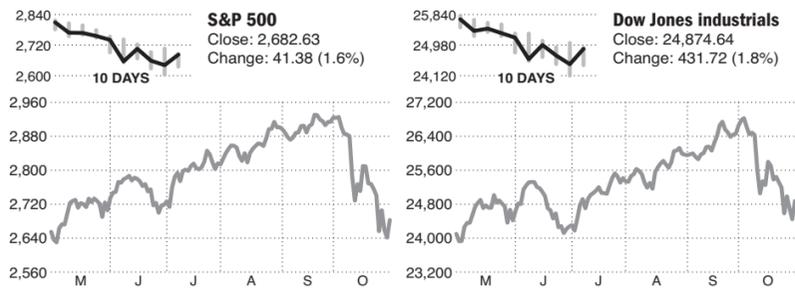
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| Vol. (in mil.) | 5,031 | 2,533 | DOW Trans. | 24906.68 | 24415.69 | 24874.64 | +431.72 | +1.77% | +0.63% |
| Pvs. Volume | 4,619 | 2,524 | DOW Util. | 10189.86 | 9897.38 | 10175.57 | +279.46 | +2.82% | -4.12% |
| Advanced | 2012 | 1998 | NYSE Comp. | 747.00 | 734.26 | 742.58 | +2.34 | +0.32% | +2.66% |
| Declined | 816 | 925 | NASDAQ | 12139.20 | 11952.71 | 12129.94 | +187.43 | +1.57% | -5.30% |
| New Highs | 25 | 19 | S&P 500 | 7166.84 | 7001.48 | 7161.65 | +111.36 | +1.58% | +3.74% |
| New Lows | 311 | 215 | S&P 400 | 2685.43 | 2635.34 | 2682.63 | +41.38 | +1.57% | +0.34% |
| | | | Wilshire 5000 | 1820.60 | 1784.65 | 1819.53 | +30.94 | +1.73% | -4.26% |
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ARBOR OUTLOOK

Creating tax law that reflects American spirit



Margaret McDowell

"Don't give up. You've got a reason to live; Can't forget. We only get what we give."

The New Radicals, "You Get What You Give"

In the aftermath of Hurricane Michael, dozens of volunteer contractors, laborers and concerned citizens converge on affected areas in and around Panama City each day. They donate money and supplies, chainsaw trees, pull limbs from homes, haul away debris and carry water and gas to grateful residents.

Many of us like to help others when we can. That is why one change in the new tax law may deserve some scrutiny. The new \$24,000 standard deduction (for married filing jointly taxpayers) might cause some taxpayers to be less charitable going forward.

Let's say you traditionally itemize and you claim \$10,000 in home mortgage interest and \$5,000 in medical expenses. And let's also presume that you gave \$5,000 to your favorite charities. That's a total of \$20,000 in itemized deductions. As of this year, you're better off taking the standard \$24,000 deduction and no longer itemizing at all. And this would be true whether you gave \$5,000 to charities or not. Speaking purely from a taxation perspective, we may see fewer Americans giving to charitable causes, as more

taxpayers will simply take the standard deduction. Call it an unintended consequence of the new tax laws.

Say you're in a 24-percent tax bracket, are filing jointly and your combined income is between \$165,000 and \$315,000. And let's just say you had a combined \$15,000 in itemized deductions. Your taxable income will not be affected by your charitable contributions unless you donate over \$9,000.

Admittedly, tax planning and preparation can be trickier for higher net worth taxpayers and we suggest that readers should always rely on their tax professional for personal advice. So while there is some fear that the average American may cut back on charitable contributions, many will still give generously to church coffers and to other charitable causes, even without

the tax break. Americans are big-hearted in this regard. But many might be more inclined to give if their taxable income was also lowered by virtue of their charitable contributions.

It makes sense for our laws to reward American taxpayers for their altruism. These charitable contributions make for better, safer communities. They support causes that relieve suffering and promote high ideals. They assist churches, schools and other organizations which enhance the quality of life for all of us. Thus, if we can create tax laws that dovetail with the generous spirit harbored by many Americans, we'll be doing ourselves a service.

Margaret R. McDowell, ChFC, AIF, author of the syndicated economic column "Arbor Outlook", is the founder of Arbor Wealth Management LLC.

MARKET WATCH

| | | |
|---------|-----------|----------|
| Dow | 24,874.64 | ▲ 431.72 |
| Nasdaq | 7,161.65 | ▲ 111.36 |
| S&P | 2,682.63 | ▲ 41.38 |
| Russell | 1,506.64 | ▲ 29.33 |
| NYSE | 12,129.94 | ▲ 187.43 |

COMMODITIES REVIEW

| | | |
|----------|----------|---------|
| Gold | 1,222.60 | ▼ 2.10 |
| Silver | 14.403 | ▲ .017 |
| Platinum | 839.00 | ▲ 2.10 |
| Copper | 2.6630 | ▼ .0765 |
| Oil | 66.18 | ▼ 0.86 |

MARKET MOVERS

• **Mondelez International Inc., up \$2.01 to \$42.12:** The maker of Oreos disclosed a larger-than-expected profit and said sales in emerging markets were good.

• **Pfizer Inc., down 34 cents to \$42.89:** The drugmaker cut its revenue forecast for the year.

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OUR OPINION

Lies, damn lies and Scott's ads

It was Mark Twain who concluded: "There are lies, damn lies and then there are statistics." We'd like to substitute political advertising for the latter.

We can't remember a time when political ads have been so cutting and strayed so far from truth.

Gov. Rick Scott's putting on a seminar on political prevarication. His attacks on longtime Sen. Bill Nelson are smart, cloaked in layers of misinformation and, ultimately, take more time to prove untrue than his targets can employ.

Let's see ...

He says Nelson has voted a party line 89 percent of the time, as if voting with your party is an oddity. The fact is, nonpartisan vote-trackers at Govtrack.org show Nelson is among the more centrist members of the Senate, a record the Tampa Bay Times noted is so middle-of-the-road "he infuriated the Democratic Party's more liberal voters."

How about Scott's claim that Nelson pays no payroll taxes on his employees and is stealing money from Medicare and Social Security? The truth is Nelson's campaign is run by political consultant companies, who pay the employment taxes on their own employees. Scott's charge that Nelson is stealing from Medicare and Social Security is, likewise, a lie. Payroll taxes do go toward both Medicare and Social Security but, again, the hired consulting companies pay those taxes. So no, Nelson is not stealing from Medicare.

You may also note a much "greener" Rick Scott of late. This is the same Rick Scott who disemboweled the Department of Environmental Protection and gave water management board spots to buddies with development interests.

Now, Scott is concerned with Red tide and algal blooms and slop from Lake Okeechobee spewing into the Gulf and Atlantic. And his newfound fondness for nature has given him the scientific clarity to blame it all on the federal government and Nelson. At least this one's a half-truth. Both the state and federal governments have fiddled while South Florida burned.

Politifact vetted nine of Scott's ad campaign ads and found them all predominately false, with a couple clearly misleading and one rated "pants on fire."

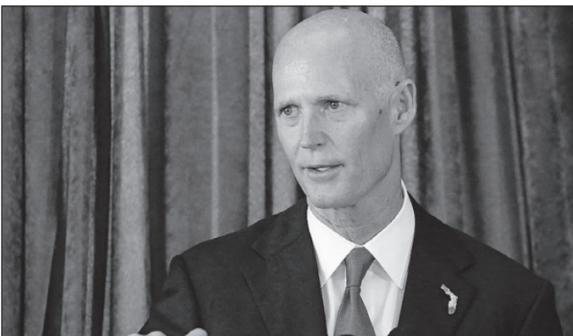
This is nothing new. Scott ran a self-funded smear campaign against Bill McCollum in the 2010 primary. He then turned his tactics on the state's respected CFO, Alex Sink, claiming she was corrupt. And again, Politifact found his claims largely false. He won by a single percentage point after spending more than \$70 million of his own money.

His latest ad has him staring fawn-eyed into the camera as he recounts how a family member had to travel 200 miles to a charity hospital to get care. It then tells us that covering pre-existing conditions is just another political issue for Nelson, "but for me, it's personal."

Whether or not you believe coverage for pre-existing conditions is right or wrong, know that Nelson's record of supporting it is long and clear. Scott is governor of one of 19 states to sue to have the ACA repealed, including pre-existing coverage for all.

And all this from the CEO of a company charged with Medicare fraud and made to pay \$1.7 billion in fines. ... Scott did not know.

Yes, most all campaign advertising fudges a little, but the Sentinel concluded: "...Scott stands out because he and his supporters' ads wield untruths with such relentless consistency — and partly because of the devilishly ingenious ways he uses them to mask his own weaknesses."



Gov. Rick Scott speaks during a pre-legislative news conference on Oct. 14, 2015, in Tallahassee. [AP PHOTO/STEVE CANNON]

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A dangerous reliance on the past to interpret the present



John Crisp

Had Cesar Sayoc been a little more competent or the Secret Service and U.S. Postal Service a little less, his disturbing attempt last week to assassinate leading Democrats would have changed our nation in troubling ways.

Fortunately, Sayoc was unsuccessful. A scripted President Donald Trump made a few more or less appropriate remarks. Then he quickly reverted to type, asserting that the media bears responsibility for the toxic political atmosphere and hinting that this "Bomb" stuff" was calculated merely to slow down Republican momentum as the midterm election approaches.

But the violence of Sayoc's fantasies should not be dismissed so casually. And we should be particularly wary of reasoning that tries to soothe our fears about the present by suggesting that things have been just as bad in the past, if not worse.

Such reasoning is a reliable warhorse of climate change deniers, for example, who are fond of suggesting that climate change is nothing new, that the climate has been changing for millennia.

But this way of thinking — the blithe dismissal of real warning signs by imagining that things are no different from what we've seen before — encourages a dangerous complacency.

Here's an example: On Oct. 5, one of our nation's most highly respected historians, Pulitzer Prize winner Doris Kearns Goodwin, appeared on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher."

Maher has been outspokenly pessimistic about the Trump administration, calling it a "slow-moving coup" that aims to consolidate right-wing power — by means of gerrymandering, voter suppression, judicial confirmations and so on — beyond the point where Democrats can act as a balance that moves our nation back toward a political center.

Whatever you think of Maher's politics, he deserves credibility for being among the first to take Trump's candidacy seriously and for recognizing the distinct possibility that Trump could be elected when nearly everyone else was casually dismissing him.

Maher tried out his dark view of Trump on Goodwin, but she wasn't having it. While she deplores Trump's presidency, she said that there's no choice but to be optimistic. Of course things look bad, Goodwin said, but "we have to believe in the institutions of our country." "We've done this before, we can do it again."

This was meant to be comforting, but Maher was skeptical. In fact, he questioned whether Trump will actually leave the White House if he loses the election in 2020.

Kearns dismissed this wild notion immediately and emphatically: "Of course he'll leave...he will be carried out if he doesn't want to leave...you have to believe in the military...the checks and balances will step forward."

Maher asked Kearns if she

thought it could get violent.

"It's possible it could get violent," but, she continued, "there was violence in the 1830s and 40s, and Lincoln gave an amazing lecture..."

But this is a dangerous failure of imagination. Lincoln may have quelled some pre-Civil War violence with an amazing lecture, but optimism about that episode fails to take into account the fact that our current president publicly praises violence. And it is a mistake to underestimate his willingness and ability to blame an election defeat on a rigged system, the deep state, outside influences or Fake News.

It would also be a mistake to underestimate the influence that Trump has over his deeply committed followers. Let's hope that few of them are as deranged as Cesar Sayoc, but it would be another mistake to underestimate their numbers.

Combine all of this uncertainty with the distinct possibility of a war or a significant terrorist attack in the next two years, and it's not hard to imagine that a significant part of Trump's base will be unwilling to abandon the leader whom they fervently believed when he said that "I alone can fix it."

We are an extremely well-armed nation, and many of the best armed have a commitment to President Trump that is driven by passion and unshaken by facts, logic or reasoning.

Now that's something to think about as we approach the polls on Nov. 6.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Food for thought — it's not a joke

Whether you favor open borders or not, think about the following:

I suggest that regardless of your party, consider voting red. I know this sounds insane to those loyal Democrats, but this is the worst time possible for a party change in either of the houses or Congress.

The Democratic leadership has made it clear they plan to roll back the tax cuts, raise taxes on industry and reinstate the regulations that were choking the growth in manufacturing and mining. They also plan to give billions to foreign countries and gut the military. They were handing out free stuff to welfare people to keep them dependent upon the government, while following Alinski's Rules for Socialism.

My point is, those millions of jobs created by the current President have been a good thing for America.

There are reports of 14,000 Central American immigrants headed to our border with the intention of entering the U.S. at all cost.

If thousands of illegal immigrants actually enter to await their day in court under the rules for refugee status, what will they

do while they wait? Do we want to support them or hope they find work while they wait?

Keep this in mind: There couldn't be a worse time to cut back jobs. The smart thing would be to continue creating jobs or possibly, by force, stop the flow into America or we all will pay.

If you are one of those who has spent years to find work, do you want to go back to the street corners or the Home Depot parking lot? Do you want to go back to standing in line at the welfare office?

I know many won't understand this but hopefully more will for the U.S.A.

God bless, America.
John Cohn, Tavares

Put the brakes on Trump

President Trump has not brought America together since he has been in office for the past two years. In fact, he enjoys the decisiveness that he creates in his cult-like rallies. Unfortunately, some people believe his racial hatred and approve of separating children from their parents and locking up law-abiding immigrants in detention prisons.

This election season, do we want to continue down this road where Republicans and

Trump gives big fat tax breaks to the rich and corporations without thinking about our national deficit?

Next, Republicans and Trump want to privatize our social security and Medicare, which we have worked so hard for. Trump even wants to privatize our national treasure, the U.S. Post Office, meaning if you're in a rural area, there will be no more door-to-door mail service.

We must vote Democrat this election season and put the brakes on this crazy run-away administration or their will be nothing left after Trump and the Republicans get done with our government.

Linda Green, Leesburg

Don't be fooled on pre-existing conditions

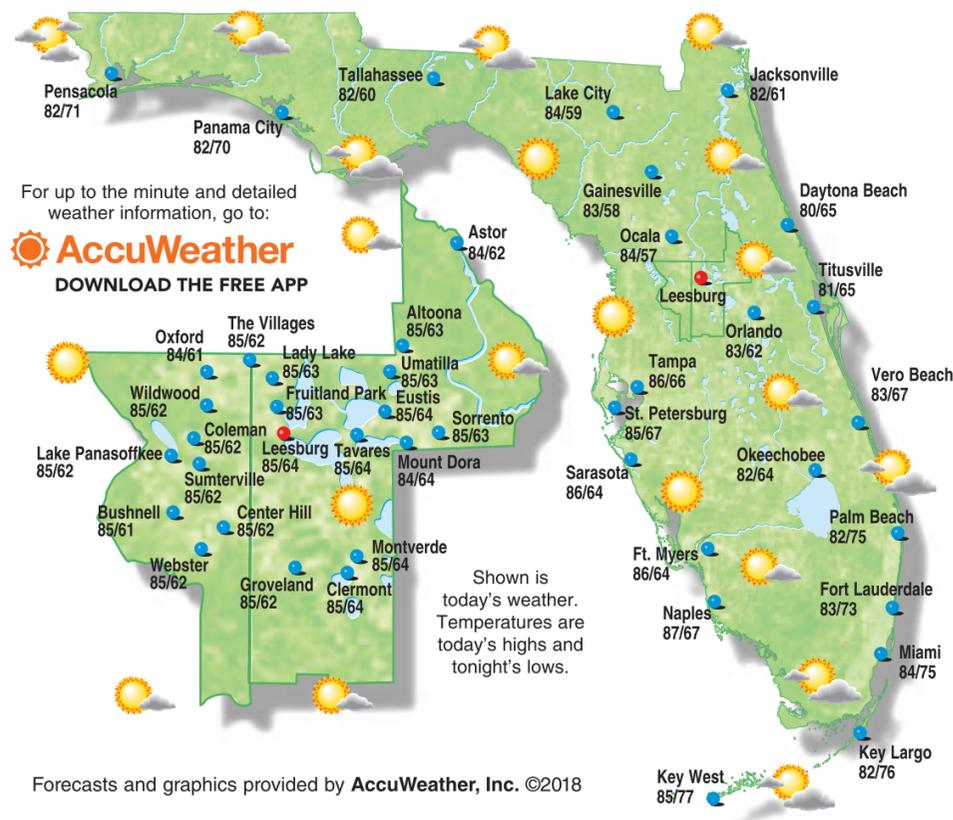
With less than a few days to go before the midterm elections, isn't it odd that both Rick Scott and Ron DeSantis claim to be backpedaling on the issue of pre-existing conditions. Seriously?

One can only judge future performance based on past history. Neither have ever supported anything even close to helping these folks who need it the most, nor do I believe they will now.

Don't be fooled. Leopards do not change their spots.
Donna McClelland, Leesburg

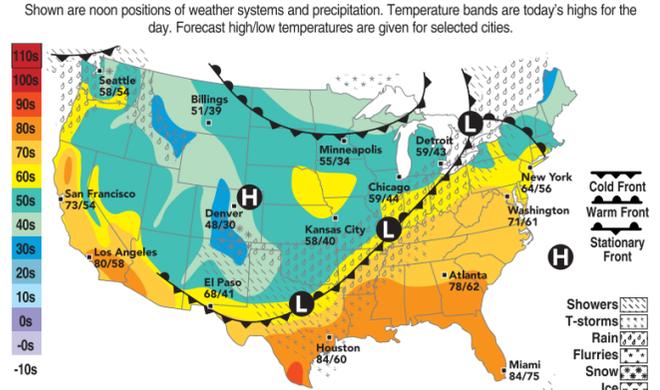
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| | Major | Minor | Major | Minor |
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| Today | 6:15 a.m. | 12:29 p.m. | 6:44 p.m. | ---- |
| Thu. | 7:11 a.m. | 12:57 a.m. | 7:40 p.m. | 1:26 p.m. |

THE SUN AND MOON

| | Today | Thursday | Last | New | First | Full |
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| Sunrise | 7:39 a.m. | 7:40 a.m. | | | | |
| Sunset | 6:43 p.m. | 6:42 p.m. | Oct 31 | Nov 7 | Nov 15 | Nov 22 |
| Moonrise | 12:16 a.m. | 1:20 a.m. | | | | |
| Moonsset | 2:16 p.m. | 3:04 p.m. | | | | |

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| Day | High | Feet | Low | Feet |
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| Homosassa | | | | |
| Today | 10:04 am |1.4 | 3:59 am |0.3 |
| Thu. | 12:37 am |0.6 | 5:15 am |0.3 |
| | 11:20 am |1.3 | 9:07 pm |0.1 |
| Daytona Beach | | | | |
| Today | 1:29 am |4.1 | 7:40 am |0.5 |
| Thu. | 2:03 pm |4.6 | 8:30 pm |0.6 |

NATIONAL CITIES

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| Atlanta | 78 62 pc | 74 59 r | Columbia, SC | 79 58 pc | 82 68 pc | Houston | 84 60 t | 68 47 s | Phoenix | 78 52 s | 78 56 pc |
| Atlantic City | 67 57 pc | 73 64 pc | Concord, NH | 52 44 pc | 53 41 c | Indianapolis | 61 43 r | 49 38 r | Pittsburgh | 65 47 r | 53 47 r |
| Baltimore | 68 56 s | 74 63 pc | Dallas | 65 50 t | 61 45 s | Jackson, MS | 81 66 pc | 71 47 r | Portland, ME | 48 42 pc | 52 43 sh |
| Billings | 51 39 c | 54 39 c | Dayton | 63 44 r | 49 43 r | Kansas City | 58 40 c | 61 40 pc | Portland, OR | 61 57 r | 65 56 sh |
| Birmingham | 79 64 pc | 71 52 r | Denver | 48 30 pc | 57 39 pc | Las Vegas | 72 53 s | 78 57 s | Providence | 58 50 pc | 63 51 pc |
| Bismarck | 54 28 c | 54 32 c | Des Moines | 61 36 pc | 61 39 pc | Little Rock | 74 54 r | 56 44 r | Raleigh | 71 56 pc | 75 66 pc |
| Boise | 51 43 c | 63 43 c | Detroit | 59 43 r | 51 39 r | Louisville | 70 52 r | 58 45 r | Reno | 66 39 pc | 70 37 pc |
| Boston | 57 51 pc | 62 51 c | Duluth | 44 30 c | 45 33 pc | Memphis | 76 60 t | 61 46 r | Richmond | 72 59 s | 77 68 pc |
| Buffalo | 58 42 sh | 48 40 r | El Paso | 68 41 s | 67 43 s | Milwaukee | 58 41 pc | 52 40 pc | Sacramento | 78 50 s | 82 50 pc |
| Burlington, VT | 51 45 sh | 50 40 sh | Fargo | 47 27 c | 50 31 c | Minneapolis | 55 34 pc | 56 37 pc | St. Louis | 59 48 r | 56 43 sh |
| Charleston, SC | 79 63 pc | 82 68 pc | Fairbanks | 19 7 c | 21 8 s | Nashville | 75 65 t | 68 46 r | Salt Lake City | 52 42 c | 55 44 c |
| Charleston, WV | 76 60 c | 71 57 r | Flagstaff | 49 22 s | 56 27 pc | New Orleans | 84 72 pc | 76 56 t | San Antonio | 82 51 t | 69 46 s |
| Charlotte, NC | 74 56 pc | 76 65 c | Grand Rapids | 55 40 pc | 52 35 pc | New York City | 64 56 pc | 68 60 pc | San Diego | 76 59 s | 77 61 s |
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Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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THE NEXT LEVEL

Samedy leads way for Gophers



East Ridge's Stephanie Samedy (10) goes after the ball during a match at Lake Minneola in 2016. The former East Ridge star has helped Minnesota to a No. 3 national ranking. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Ex-East Ridge star helps Minnesota to No. 3 ranking

By Frank Jolley
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Stephanie Samedy is a big reason the University of Minnesota is one of the top volleyball programs in the nation. The former East Ridge standout is a virtual lock for double-digit kills in every match she plays and she leads the Golden Gophers in points per match. Samedy's play has helped

Minnesota to an 18-2 overall record this season and a 12-0 mark in the Big Ten Conference. The Golden Gophers enter Wednesday's match at Wisconsin ranked third in the nation, trailing only Brigham Young and Stanford, respectively.

In Minnesota's most-recent match, a 3-0 win at Michigan on Saturday, Samedy turned in what has become a typical performance for her. The 6-foot-2 sophomore had 10 kills, eight digs, one service ace and accounted for 12 points in the win.

It marked Samedy's seventh straight match with at least 10 kills and the 16th time this season she has reached double figures in kills.

For the season, Samedy leads Minnesota with 221 kills and 256.5 points. She is third on the team with 53 blocks, fourth in digs (168) and fifth with eight service aces.

Arguably, Samedy's best match of the season occurred early in the year against North Carolina in the Big Ten/ACC Challenge.

See **SAMEDY, B3**

Alabama, Clemson top 1st CFB rankings

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

Alabama, Clemson, LSU and Notre Dame are the top four teams in the first College Football Playoff rankings of the season.

After meeting for a day and a half at a hotel outside Dallas, the 13-member CFP selection committee released the first of its five weekly top 25s before the four-team field is set for the College Football Playoff semifinals on Dec. 2.

Michigan is fifth, followed by Georgia and Oklahoma, in the rankings announced Tuesday night.

The top four teams were no surprise. The same four teams are Nos. 1-4 in the latest Associated Press college football poll, except with Notre Dame third and LSU fourth.

Next week's rankings

figure to look a lot different. Four games matching top-20 teams will be played Saturday, including Alabama at LSU.

UCF was the highest ranked team from outside the Power Five conferences at 12th. The highest ranked team from the so-called Group of Five conferences is guaranteed a spot in the New Year's Six bowls, but the Knights, riding a 20-game winning streak, want to be included in the playoff discussion this year.

Last season they started 18th and rose to 12th by the final rankings.

Washington State was eighth, the highest-ranked Pac-12 team. Kentucky was ninth. The Wildcats host Georgia on Saturday in a game that will decide the SEC East.

Ohio State was 10th.

See **RANKINGS, B3**

Fighting to the finish



Montverde Academy's Joanna Eva Brown (27) slams the ball at a Class 5A regional semifinal game against Ocala Trinity Catholic on Tuesday in Montverde. [PAUL RYAN PHOTOS / CORRESPONDENT]

Montverde Academy falls in regional semifinal

By Frank Jolley
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MONTVERDE — Three wins from a berth in the state finals, the Montverde Academy volleyball team was prepared to deliver its best effort.

But it wasn't quite enough. Annie Cate Fitzpatrick and Katie Wonus powered Ocala Trinity Catholic past the Eagles 3-1 Tuesday in the Class 5A-Region 2 semifinals at the Center for Sportsmanship and Wellness — the Nest.

Set scores were 26-28, 25-17, 25-15, 25-10. "OTC is a strong team," said Montverde Academy coach Rachel Adams. "They ran a quick offense and hit the ball fast. They kept us out of our system and forced us to play defense most of the night."

Montverde Academy got the early advantage, outlasting the Celtics in an opening set marathon.

OTC enjoyed most of its success off the powerful spikes of Wonus and Fitzpatrick, the Celtics' twin towers on the front line. The duo enjoyed success at the net as long as OTC was able to move the ball around and prevent the Eagles from putting multiple blockers at the point of attack.

See **FINISH, B2**



Montverde Academy's Aimee Stemples (16) dives for the ball at a Class 5A regional semifinal game against Ocala Trinity Catholic on Tuesday in Montverde.



Montverde Academy coach Rachel Adams talks with her players during a timeout at a Class 5A regional semifinal game against Ocala Trinity Catholic on Tuesday in Montverde.



RECREATION | B4

KICKBALL PROVIDES A HAVEN FOR KIDS

Season has been a black eye for FSU

By Bob Ferrante
The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State has suffered many self-inflicted wounds during Willie Taggart's first year coaching the Seminoles, including pre-snap penalties, missed assignments and turnovers.

Then there were the punches, a different kind of black eye in what has been a frustrating season for the Seminoles.

Two suspended players — receiver Nyqwan Murray and linebacker Zaquandre White — will sit out the first half at North Carolina State on Saturday after throwing punches at Clemson players in separate incidents during last weekend's

humbling 59-10 loss to the Tigers.

And then there was the quitting, which Taggart said was isolated to just a "handful" of players. Without mentioning specific players who he felt threw in the towel against Clemson, Taggart clearly was disappointed with how his team performed during the blowout.

"Our entire football team needs to understand exactly what we mean about quitting, what we mean about competing and what the standard is here at Florida State when we go out there on the football field and play," Taggart said.

See **FSU, B3**



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SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

7:30 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Ball St. at Toledo

COLLEGE GOLF

3 p.m.
 GOLF — East Lake Cup, Match Play championship, at Atlanta

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
 ESPN — Indiana at New York
10:30 p.m.
 ESPN — San Antonio at Phoenix

PREP ROUNDUP

VOLLEYBALL

East Ridge suffers only loss of season

The only loss of the season came at the worst possible time for the East Ridge volleyball team.

After posting 25 straight wins heading

into the Class 8A Region 2 semifinals on Tuesday night, the Knights finally ran into a team it couldn't get the best of, falling 3-0 to Hagerty in Oviedo.

Hagerty (25-4) took the match by set scores of 25-15, 25-18, 25-19.

SPORTS BRIEFS

BALTIMORE

Maryland board backs Durkin return as coach

The University System of Maryland board of regents recommended Tuesday that Terrapins coach DJ Durkin retain his job, opening the door for him to return to the team as soon as this week.

"We believe coach Durkin has been unfairly blamed for the dysfunction in the athletic department," said Jim Brady, chairman of the board of regents. "He has acknowledged his role in the athletic department's shortcomings."

Durkin has been on paid administrative leave since Aug. 11, following the death of a player who collapsed during practice and an investigation of bullying by the Maryland coaching staff.

CLEVELAND

Cavs' star Love could miss significant time

Cavaliers All-Star Kevin Love could miss significant time with a foot injury that has bothered him since the preseason.

Love will sit out his third straight game on Tuesday as the winless Cavs host Atlanta and look to end a six-game winless streak to start the season. On Sunday, the team fired coach Tyrone Lue. The Cavs are still working through contract negotiations with assistant Larry Drew, who wants more security before he takes over.

Love has had more testing in recent days and doctors are reviewing results to plan his recovery.

PARIS

Novak Djokovic beats Sousa in straight sets

Novak Djokovic began his bid for a record-extending fifth Paris Masters title with a 7-5, 6-1 win against Joao Sousa in the second round on Wednesday.

Djokovic is seeking to reclaim the top ranking from Rafael Nadal at a tournament Nadal has never won. Djokovic next faces Damir Dzumhur.

Dzumhur upset 14th-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas 6-3, 6-3, while big-hitting Russian Karen Khachanov also advanced to the third round. He led 6-2, 2-0 against Matthew Ebden when the Australian retired.

DOVER, DEL.

Player charged with hitting driver

A University of Delaware football player is charged with assaulting a 77-year-old driver who struck his mother.

Lt. Andrew Rubin with Newark police tells news outlets the man's car struck Sakeena Pickett as she crossed a street outside of a crosswalk Saturday. Police say the driver got out to check on Pickett, and her son, Khory D. Spruill, punched him in the head and dented the car.

Pickett was hospitalized with serious injuries. Rubin says the man declined medical attention for facial injuries, and won't be charged.

Spruill is charged with second-degree assault and criminal mischief.

The Associated Press

PRO FOOTBALL

| NFL | | | | | | | | | | |
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| All times Eastern | | | | | | | | | | |
| AMERICAN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| New England | 6 | 2 | 0 | .750 | 239 | 185 | | | | |
| Miami | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 174 | 219 | | | | |
| N.Y. Jets | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 192 | 200 | | | | |
| Buffalo | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 87 | 200 | | | | |
| SOUTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| Houston | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 197 | 167 | | | | |
| Tennessee | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 106 | 127 | | | | |
| Jacksonville | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 134 | 170 | | | | |
| Indianapolis | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 231 | 213 | | | | |
| NORTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 2 | 1 | .643 | 204 | 172 | | | | |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 3 | 0 | .625 | 221 | 213 | | | | |
| Baltimore | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 197 | 137 | | | | |
| Cleveland | 2 | 5 | 1 | .313 | 169 | 210 | | | | |
| WEST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| Kansas City | 7 | 1 | 0 | .875 | 290 | 205 | | | | |
| L.A. Chargers | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 195 | 163 | | | | |
| Denver | 3 | 5 | 0 | .375 | 188 | 194 | | | | |
| Oakland | 1 | 6 | 0 | .143 | 138 | 218 | | | | |

| NATIONAL CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | |
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| EAST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| Washington | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 146 | 134 | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 178 | 156 | | | | |
| Dallas | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 140 | 123 | | | | |
| N.Y. Giants | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 150 | 205 | | | | |
| SOUTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| New Orleans | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 234 | 183 | | | | |
| Carolina | 5 | 2 | 0 | .714 | 178 | 152 | | | | |
| Atlanta | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 190 | 212 | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 201 | 233 | | | | |
| NORTH | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| Chicago | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 194 | 144 | | | | |
| Minnesota | 4 | 3 | 1 | .563 | 197 | 195 | | | | |
| Green Bay | 3 | 3 | 1 | .500 | 175 | 173 | | | | |
| Detroit | 3 | 4 | 0 | .429 | 171 | 186 | | | | |
| WEST | W | L | T | PCT. | PF | PA | | | | |
| L.A. Rams | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 264 | 155 | | | | |
| Seattle | 4 | 3 | 0 | .571 | 171 | 131 | | | | |
| Arizona | 2 | 6 | 0 | .250 | 110 | 199 | | | | |
| San Francisco | 1 | 7 | 0 | .125 | 173 | 236 | | | | |

| WEEK 8 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Oct. 25 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston 42, Miami 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia 24, Jacksonville 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago 24, N.Y. Jets 10 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seattle 28, Detroit 14 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh 33, Cleveland 18 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carolina 36, Baltimore 21 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas City 30, Denver 23 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington 20, N.Y. Giants 13 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cincinnati 37, Tampa Bay 34 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indianapolis 42, Oakland 28 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Arizona 18, San Francisco 15 | | | | | | | | | | |
| L.A. Rams 29, Green Bay 27 | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Orleans 30, Minnesota 20 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monday's Game | | | | | | | | | | |
| New England 25, Buffalo 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Open: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dallas, Tennessee, L.A. Chargers, Atlanta | | | | | | | | | | |

| WEEK 9 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Thursday's Game | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oakland at San Francisco, 8:20 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sunday's Games | | | | | | | | | | |
| N.Y. Jets at Miami, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atlanta at Washington, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit at Minnesota, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kansas City at Cleveland, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tampa Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| L.A. Chargers at Seattle, 4:05 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Houston at Denver, 4:05 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| L.A. Rams at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green Bay at New England, 8:20 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Monday, Nov. 5 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tennessee at Dallas, 8:15 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Open: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indianapolis, Arizona, N.Y. Giants, Jacksonville, Philadelphia, Cincinnati | | | | | | | | | | |

| LATE MONDAY PATRIOTS 25, BILLS 6 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| NEW ENGLAND | 3 | 6 | 3 | 13-25 | | | | | | |
| BUFFALO | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0-6 | | | | | | |
| First Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—FG Gostkowski 25, 4:46. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—FG Gostkowski 40, 11:47. | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—FG Gostkowski 38, 5:42. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buf—FG Hauschka 47, 1:39. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Third Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| Buf—FG Hauschka 51, 7:39. | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—FG Gostkowski 25, 2:03. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fourth Quarter | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—J.White 1 run (pass failed), 9:58. | | | | | | | | | | |
| NE—D.McCourty 84 interception return (Gostkowski kick), 5:54. | | | | | | | | | | |
| A—70, 10:9. | | | | | | | | | | |

| | NE | BUF |
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| First downs | 22 | 16 |
| Total Net Yards | 387 | 333 |
| Rushes-yards | 25-76 | 19-46 |
| Passing | 3-11 | 2-87 |
| Punt Returns | 0-0 | 2-33 |
| Kickoff Returns | 1-21 | 3-63 |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-84 | 0-0 |
| Comp.-Att-Int | 29-45-0 | 24-41-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 2-13 | 3-26 |
| Punts | 4-37-0 | 5-39-6 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 1-0 | 3-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 5-33 | 6-51 |
| Time of Possession | 31:50 | 28:10 |
| INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS | | |
| RUSHING—New England, Patterson 10-38, J.White 8-15, Edelman 2-13, Brady 1-8, Barber 2-4, Hoyer 2-(minus 2). Buffalo, Ivory 6-34, McCoy 12-13, Anderson 1-(minus 1). | | |
| PASSING—New England, Brady 29-45-0-324. Buffalo, Anderson 22-39-1-290, Peterman 2-2-0-23. | | |
| RECEIVING—New England, J.White 10-79, Edelman 9-104, Gordon 4-42, Gronkowski 3-43, Hogan 2-49, Develin 1-7. Buffalo, McCoy 6-82, Z.Jones 6-55, Clay 3-36, Holmes 2-45, Benjamin 2-45, McCloud 1-16, Croom 1-14, Ivory 1-11, C.Phillips 1-9, DiMarco 1-0. | | |
| MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Gostkowski 50. | | |

PRO BASKETBALL

| NBA | | | | | | | | | | |
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| All times Eastern | | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | |
| ATLANTIC DIVISION | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Toronto | 6 | 1 | .857 | — | — | | | | | |
| Boston | 4 | 2 | .667 | 1½ | — | | | | | |
| Philadelphia | 4 | 3 | .571 | 2 | — | | | | | |
| Brooklyn | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4 | — | | | | | |
| New York | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4 | — | | | | | |
| SOUTHEAST DIVISION | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Miami | 3 | 3 | .500 | — | — | | | | | |
| Charlotte | 3 | 4 | .429 | ½ | — | | | | | |
| Orlando | 2 | 4 | .333 | 1 | — | | | | | |
| Atlanta | 2 | 4 | .333 | 1 | — | | | | | |
| Washington | 1 | 5 | .167 | 2 | — | | | | | |
| CENTRAL DIVISION | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Milwaukee | 7 | 0 | 1.000 | — | — | | | | | |
| Detroit | 4 | 1 | .800 | 2 | — | | | | | |
| Indiana | 4 | 3 | .571 | 3 | — | | | | | |
| Chicago | 2 | 5 | .286 | 5 | — | | | | | |
| Cleveland | 0 | 6 | .000 | 6½ | — | | | | | |
| WESTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| SOUTHWEST DIVISION | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| New Orleans | 4 | 1 | .800 | — | — | | | | | |
| San Antonio | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ | — | | | | | |
| Memphis | 3 | 2 | .600 | 1 | — | | | | | |
| Dallas | 2 | 5 | .286 | 3 | — | | | | | |
| Houston | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3 | — | | | | | |

| NORTHWEST DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | |
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| W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | | |
| Denver | 4 | 1 | .800 | — | — | | | | | |
| Portland | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ | — | | | | | |
| Utah | 4 | 2 | .667 | ½ | — | | | | | |
| Minnesota | 3 | 4 | .429 | 2 | — | | | | | |
| Oklahoma City | 1 | 4 | .200 | 3 | — | | | | | |
| PACIFIC DIVISION | W | L | PCT | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Golden State | 7 | 1 | .875 | — | — | | | | | |
| L.A. Clippers | 4 | 2 | .667 | 2 | — | | | | | |
| Sacramento | 4 | 3 | .571 | 2½ | — | | | | | |
| L.A. Lakers | 2 | 5 | .286 | 4½ | — | | | | | |
| Phoenix | 1 | 5 | .167 | 5 | — | | | | | |

| Monday's Games | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Philadelphia 113, Atlanta 92 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Portland 103, Indiana 93 | | | | | | | | | | |
| New York 115, Brooklyn 96 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sacramento 123, Miami 113 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden State 149, Chicago 124 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milwaukee 124, Toronto 109 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Minnesota 124, L.A. Lakers 120 | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Antonio 113, Dallas 108, OT | | | | | | | | | | |
| Denver 116, New Orleans 111 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Tuesday's Games | | | | | | | | | | |
| Atlanta at Cleveland, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miami at Charlotte, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sacramento at Orlando, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit at Boston, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Philadelphia at Toronto, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Portland at Houston, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Washington at Memphis, late | | | | | | | | | | |
| Today's Games | | | | | | | | | | |
| Detroit at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Denver at Chicago, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Indiana at New York, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Orleans at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| San Antonio at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thursday's Games | | | | | | | | | | |
| Denver at Cleveland, 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oklahoma City at Charlotte, 7 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Milwaukee at Boston, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Orleans at Portland, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | | | | | |

PRO HOCKEY

| NHL | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| All times Eastern | | | | | | | | | | | |
| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ATLANTIC DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA | | | | | |
| Toronto | 12 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 16 | 42 | 37 | | | | |
| Tampa Bay | 10 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 33 | 27 | | | | |
| Montreal | 10 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 33 | 25 | | | | |
| Boston | 11 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 14 | 34 | 27 | | | | |
| Buffalo | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 30 | 33 | | | | |
| Ottawa | 10 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 35 | 39 | | | | |
| Florida | 9 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 28 | 35 | | | | |
| Detroit | 11 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 43 | | | | |
| METROPOLITAN DIVISION | | | | | | | | | | | |
| GP | W | L | OT | PTS | GF | GA</ | | | | | |

SAMEDY

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Against the Tar Heels, Samedy recorded a triple double with 22 points, 20 kills and 10 digs in the 3-1 win.

Samedy had 424 kills as a senior at East Ridge, along with 189 digs, 38 service aces and 25 blocks. Her play earned a number of awards, including Gatorade Player of the Year honors in Florida and a spot on the first team of the Under Armour All-America team.

As a freshman at Minnesota, Samedy totaled 478 kills, 333 digs, 87 blocks and 535.5 points. She was the first Minnesota freshman ever to garner first team All-America honors.

Tyrail Davis, Southeastern Uni.

Tyrail Davis began his college career with a bang and is working to get back to that level.

The former Leesburg High School defensive back shined for Southeastern University in Saturday's



Davis

44-0 homecoming win against Edward Waters College. Davis totaled two tackles in the win, but scored his first collegiate touchdown on a 35-yard pick six on the second play of the third quarter. He also broke up one pass.

For the season, the junior has 15 tackles — 10 solo and five assists — along with the pick six and three pass break ups for the Flames, an NAIA school in Lakeland.

Following his playing days at Leesburg, Davis kicked off his college career at Warner University in Lake Wales. As a freshman, he had 31 tackles — 22 solo and nine assists — including one tackle for loss and two pass break ups, and earned a spot on the USA College Football's NAIA rookie team.

He backed that effort up with 16 tackles as a sophomore with the Royals. Davis did not play in 2017, but returned to the field with Southeastern this season.

Next up for Southeastern is Keiser University at 7 p.m. Saturday at Victory Field in Lakeland.

Matthew Simmons, Warner University

Matthew Simmons has always had a nose for the football.

The former South Sumter standout established that reputation with the Raiders, where he spent four seasons in the secondary and lost only two home games.



Simmons

Simmons moved on the Warner University after wrapping up his prep career and has seen plenty of playing time in two-plus seasons with the Royals. In five games this season, Simmons has 19 tackles, including a season high of six on Oct. 6 in an overtime loss against Edward Waters College.

He had five on Oct. 13 in 51-7 loss to Southeastern.

With two games to play, Simmons is on pace to establish a new college career-high in tackles. He had 24 tackles — 13 solo and 11 assists — as a sophomore, including a career-high seven stops against the University of the Cumberlands.

Simmons kicked off his career at Warner with 15 tackles and one interception as a freshman.

On Saturday, Warner travels to Montgomery, Alabama, to play Faulkner University.



Florida State head coach Willie Taggart disagrees with the referee in the first half of Saturday's game against Clemson in Tallahassee. [AP PHOTO/MARK WALLHEISER]

FSU

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"It's going to be that way, no ifs, ands or buts about it, and we're going to hold everyone accountable, players and coaches, to live up to that standard."

Florida State (4-4, 2-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) has set a standard of winning and playing in bowl games — from Bobby Bowden to Jimbo Fisher. The Seminoles' last losing season was Bowden's first year, 1976, and they have played in a bowl game each year since 1982.

Those two streaks are in jeopardy.

After Florida State plays at NC State (5-2, 2-2), the Seminoles finish at No. 3 Notre Dame before returning home to face No. 24 Boston College and No. 13 Florida. Florida State is one of just three schools who face three ranked teams to conclude the regular season.

To extend the streaks, the Seminoles can't

afford any half-hearted efforts and must steal a win over a ranked team, which recently they haven't been able to do. Florida State is 0-5 against ranked programs since the start of the 2017 season.

In three games this season against ranked teams, the Seminoles were rocked by Clemson, lost 24-3 to Virginia Tech and allowed Miami to rally from a 20-point deficit to take a 28-27 win.

Still, Florida State players and coaches are optimistic about the progress that they have made even though the loss to second-ranked Clemson was the worst at home in program history.

"There's two ways of looking at it: You can look at that thing as a complete failure, which in many ways it was," offensive coordinator Walt Bell said. "That's what we're ultimately there to do, is go win the game and we failed to do that. Whether it was 31-30 or 100-0, it's all a failure. Nobody feels good about losing a

football game. Or you can look at it as it's a great learning experience."

If there are lessons to be learned, Taggart wants the Seminoles to play with pride and limit mistakes. Florida State is 107th in the FBS in turnover margin (17 turnovers vs. 11 take-aways) and 111th in penalties (72.4 yards per game).

"We've just got to come in here, work hard when things aren't going good," receiver D.J. Matthews said. "We just have to fight the battles."

Injury update: Taggart said Monday that Deondre Francois remains day-to-day but the starting quarterback did not throw during the open portion of practice on Tuesday. Sophomore James Blackman, who started 12 games in 2017 when Francois was injured, took all of the first-team reps in practice. Defensive tackle Robert Cooper and tight end Naseir Upshur have also been ruled out for Saturday.

RANKINGS

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HISTORY LESSON

If form holds, two of the top four teams in the first CFP ranking of the season will go on to play in the national semifinals.

Coaches began downplaying the significance of the rankings even before they were revealed on national television.

"I didn't even know that was tonight. I didn't realize that was going on," Georgia coach Kirby Smart told reporters. "But I should have talked to my team about that. I didn't bring it up to them. So who knows what they'll be thinking tonight."

Ranking teams is a time-honored tradition in college football, going back to first Associated Press poll in 1936. But what, if anything, can be learned from the first four years of CFP rankings?

Of the 16 teams the committee ranked in

the top four of its initial rankings from 2014-17, half made the playoff. No team ranked third in the first CFP rankings has ever made the playoff.

Last season, for the first time, three teams (Georgia, Alabama, Clemson) started in the top four and finished there. Clemson was the only team to be somewhere in the top four in all six rankings from the committee.

In 2015 and '16, two teams in the committee's first four made the playoff. Both of those years, Alabama and Clemson started in the top four and never slipped out. Clemson was No. 1 in every committee top 25 in 2015 and Alabama was top-ranked in all six 2016 rankings.

The very first committee rankings, in 2014, had just one eventual playoff team. They included three teams from the Southeastern Conference (though not the one that eventually made the playoff) along with Florida State.

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RECREATION

Out of harm's way

Kids play kickball to escape violence

By Ellis Rua
The Associated Press

HOMESTEAD — When Samantha Mitchell punches out of work at a medical clinic, her day is far from over: Kids are waiting in front of their homes for her silver minivan to pull up and drive them to a field.

For the past 11 years, Mitchell and her husband, Leon, have organized kickball games for children in the Miami suburbs of Homestead and Florida City, home to some of the highest-crime neighborhoods in the state.

They started the games as exercise for their own children. As more joined, it blossomed into a free Monday-through-Saturday meetup designed as a safe haven for local children, who are often wary of going outside to play.

The Mitchells, both 35, call the informal program KICKS, or Keeping Inner City Kids Safe. The couple's reach extends beyond the field: They monitor the kids' progress in school, organize trips to amusement parks, and host game nights at their home.

The 2018 National Council for Home Safety and Security report ranked Florida City as the fourth-most-dangerous community in the U.S. Homestead was ranked 41st. Violent crime, poverty, and a lack of affordable afterschool programs mean many children are virtually trapped at home.

"Their parents don't trust them outside because it's not safe to be out there," Mitchell said.

Courtnee Fields is a 15-year-old high school



Dashawna Sherman, 7, aims at the ball during a game of kickball in Homestead on Aug. 23. For the past 11 years, Samantha Mitchell and her husband have organized kickball games for children in Homestead and Florida City, one of the highest-crime cities in the state. [AP PHOTO/ELLIS RUA]

sophomore who dreams of being a marine biologist. She has joined the kickball game for the past nine years. She grew up a stone's throw from the field in Homestead public housing. She has neighborhood friends who have been killed in gun violence. At times when she was a child, she was fearful of going outside, even to go to school.

For Fields, kickball has always been an escape.

"It's like everything from your mind is free," she said. "You're thinking of nothing but kickball."

She said the group is a "second family" and helped shape who she is today. Fields now helps watch over the newest generation of kids.

For the past two years, 34-year-old Shantelle Nichols has sent her four school-age children to play kickball with the Mitchells. She describes raising a family in Florida City as a laborious task filled with anxiety. In May, a 5-year-old and a 9-year-old were hit and

wounded in a drive-by shooting while playing in their yard. Nicholls lives a short distance from where the shooting happened.

"You can't even sit out on your porch without worrying," she said.

For Nicholls' children, kickball serves as a refuge from the sirens, the drugs and the violence of their neighborhood.

Her children ran toward Mitchell's van upon its arrival, wide smiles across their faces. They squeezed inside, finding space to sit between several children from surrounding neighborhoods. The doors shut. The muffled sound of children's laughter could be heard as the van sped off.

Upon arriving at an overgrown baseball diamond in Homestead, the children jumped out of the van and greeted a group of kids waiting with Mitchell's husband. They exchanged warm hugs and secret handshakes.

"We're like a family," said Leon Mitchell.

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.

America's Mighty Warriors Military Race is Sunday

The second annual America's Mighty Warriors Military Race will take place on Sunday at 3 p.m. at Clermont's Historic Village WWII Museum.

Participants can do a 2-mile walk/run, a 2-mile walk/run with five physical training stations (one for each branch of the U.S. military), or a 4-mile walk/run with 10 physical training stations.

All participants receive custom dog tags and awards are available for both individuals and teams.

can also win awards. You can win awards as an individual For more information and event registration, visit RUNSIGNUP.com.

Tennis doubles league in Leesburg

The city of Leesburg Recreation Department is starting a tennis doubles league beginning in December.

The cost to play in the league is \$25 and registration runs until Dec. 5, when matches begin.

Play will be at the Palmetto Street courts. Registration can be done at the Leesburg Recreation Department office at 1851 Griffin Road. For more information, 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.

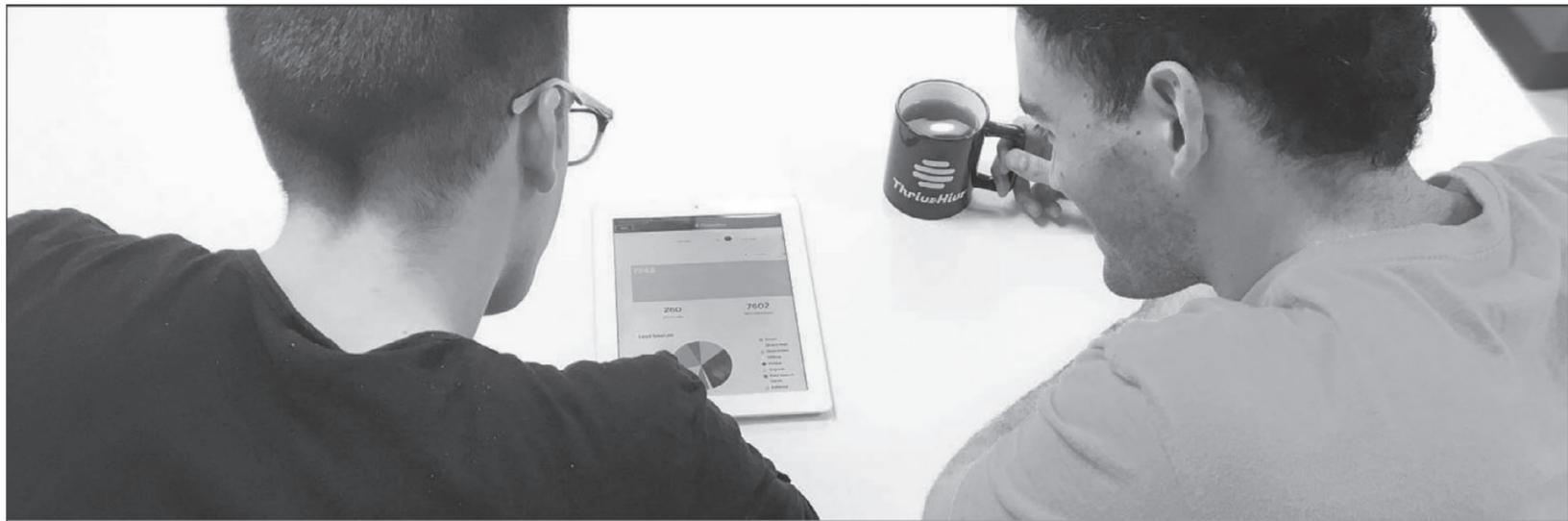
Open hours at Leesburg gymnasium

The Leesburg Recreation Department holds open gym hours throughout the week. The cost to play is \$2 a day or \$20 a year for adults and \$1 a day or \$10 a year for youths ages 12 to 17. If you play 10 days, you automatically get a yearly membership.

The gym, located at 1851 Griffin Road, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Saturday open gym hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Line dancing for fun and fitness

The Leesburg Public Library at 100 E. Main St. will have line dancing instruction on the second Monday of each month at 1 p.m. The cost is free. Line dancing is a popular form of exercise. It doesn't require a partner and it improves balance and memory. All levels are welcome, especially beginners. Peter Statham is the instructor.



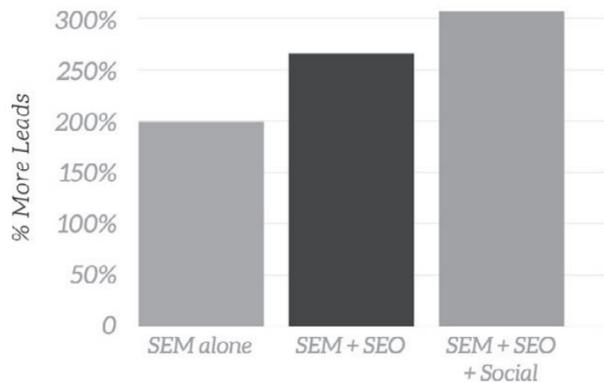
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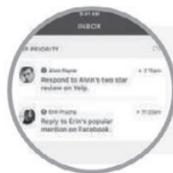
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DIVERSIONS

Best friend's loyalty may be shifting in middle school drama

DEAR ABBY: I'm in middle school. "Jill" has been my best friend for 11 years. She has always been shy, while I am outgoing. Recently, she has been hanging out with the class "ho," "Kelly," and I'm being more and more left out. Kelly is turning Jill into a slut, too. Jill isn't excited to hang with me anymore and prefers to be with Kelly's friends smoking or drinking.

Jill still calls us best friends, but I'm afraid she'll betray me and tell Kelly everything we talk about. We used to make fun of Kelly for being a slut. Now I feel like I can't open up to my best friend. It hurts to see them together and not inviting me to things. What do I do? -- **TOTALLY LEFT OUT**

DEAR LEFT OUT: Calling a girl a slut or a "ho" is a form of bullying. It won't bring Jill back to you or closer to you. In

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DEAR ABBY



fact, it will likely do the opposite.

Because you feel you are no longer as close to Jill as you were, recognize that it's time to widen your circle of friends and explore activities that do not involve her or Kelly. The more friends you make, the less dependent you will be on one person.

DEAR ABBY: What does it say about a man when he won't accept a friend request on Facebook from his wife of 20 years?

He has been unfaithful in the past. He has several hundred friends on there from all over the country as he travels a lot. But he not only refuses to accept my request, he also refuses

to say why.

I'm new to Facebook; he has been on for years. I don't have many friends because I've been pretty isolated, and now I want to reconnect. But if my own husband won't accept my friend request, should I even bother trying to friend anyone else? Oh, and if I friend any of my old male friends, he'll accuse ME of cheating, even though that's his thing, not mine. -- **NO FOLLOWERS IN THE WEST**

DEAR NO FOLLOWERS: Following your husband on Facebook is the least of your problems. You already know he is secretive and has cheated on you. If you feel isolated, you have the right to reach out to anyone your heart desires, whether they're male or female.

Oh, and one more thing. If he accuses you of cheating, it may be because he has or is. Do you really need me to tell

you that if you're unhappy you need to talk with a licensed therapist about it? Please consider it.

DEAR ABBY: Is it considered rude to stretch in public? -- **STEPHANIE IN SALT LAKE CITY**

DEAR STEPHANIE: I suppose it depends upon what someone is stretching. If it attracts attention or causes distraction, I suppose it is rude, but I wouldn't consider it a social transgression worthy of incarceration.

A NOTE TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN: If your little ones will be out trick-or-treating tonight, please be sure they are supervised to assure their safety.

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» BRIDGE

The telltale heart

East dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ K Q 10 3
 ♥ A Q 8 7 6 3
 ♦ A 8
 ♣ 8

WEST
 ♠ 6
 ♥ J 10 5 4
 ♦ Q J 7 6 4 3 2
 ♣ 6

EAST
 ♠ 9 7 5
 ♥ —
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ A Q J 9 7 5 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A J 8 4 2
 ♥ K 9 2
 ♦ 5
 ♣ K 10 3 2

The bidding:

| East | South | West | North |
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| 1♣ | 1♠ | 2♦ | 3♦ |
| Pass | 3♣ | Pass | 6♣ |
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Opening lead — four of hearts.

Hard-luck stories are a dime a dozen in bridge, but every time someone cries on your shoulder about his bad luck, it means someone else had good luck. So maybe it all comes out even in the end.

This hand occurred in a match between England and the United States. The American team had bad luck on the deal, which in turn means that the British team had good luck. But the English first had to capitalize on the opportunity they were given.

The British East opened the bidding with one club, over which South

said one spade and West two diamonds. Considering the values North held before he had a chance to speak, North must have thought he was playing with a pinochle deck.

However, showing more faith in partner than in the opponents, North cuebid diamonds and then contracted for a slam, doubled by East.

The British West read the meaning of the double perfectly. He interpreted it — the double of a slam — as calling for an unusual lead.

The only unusual lead possible on the bidding was a heart. West's normal lead without a double would be either a club, the suit his partner had bid, or a diamond, the suit he himself had bid.

Since East had barred the lead of either suit by doubling, West led a heart, paying blind obeisance to East's command. East ruffed the heart and cashed the ace of clubs, and that was that.

If West had made the tempting lead of his singleton club, the American declarer would have made the slam. West's heart lead was a shining example of total confidence in his partner's bidding.

The American team was certainly unlucky to go down in the excellent slam. But it was doubly unlucky when, at the other table, the British North-South pair conservatively stopped at only a game, which they easily made.

Tomorrow: Search-and-discovery mission.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31, 2018:

This year you open up to new ideas and express more versatility. You could be pursuing whatever you find irresistible in order to demonstrate your sense of freedom. Do not turn away from what you value; you won't always be able to retrieve it. If you are single, you might not be in the state of mind for a commitment, no matter how much you are attracted to someone. Understand what is blocking you. If you are attached, the two of you relish being together. Do not be fearful of the intensity and caring that bonds you. LEO often seems to interfere with your plans.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) Think big, and don't negate any possibilities. Halloween mischief might run through your day. Someone makes you rethink your connection, and he or she seems to know no limits to his or her pushing. Give yourself some time before you finalize any decisions.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) You might find yourself fussing over some issues

that you thought were settled quite a while ago. As you might be upset, you could act unpredictably and shock others. Do you really want to shake up the status quo? Perhaps waiting a day would be smart.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) You are building an even closer connection with a friend or neighbor. Perhaps you have decided to handle Halloween together or approach the night's happenings as a team. In any case, you will feel closer to each other than you have in a while.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) Your sensitive side could emerge at the last minute. You might need to run off and pick up some more Halloween goodies before elves and witches drop in on you. You could be content as well as amused with the imaginative nature of the day.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) You love to get lots of attention. If you are involved in Halloween happenings, no matter what your role, you will do what you do well. A boss or someone you look up to becomes most unpredictable. Listen to what is being shared more openly.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) Decide how much is too

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BIGAR'S STARS



much. Your sense of humor emerges when taking a look around. You appreciate the efforts that others make to be in sync with the holiday spirit. Embrace trick-or-treaters and/or the various types of get-togethers that pop up.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) You enjoy others in your company. You also could be quite flattered, as someone might turn up as your secret admirer. People notice your upbeat and festive spirit, and will want to be closer to you. As a result, you will delight in the moment.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) The mystery of someone's costume intrigues you. Actually, much about this person intrigues you. You believe you might know who this secretive and well-costumed person is, so be ready to reveal your guess when asked.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) Reach out to a friend or loved one whom you don't often get to see. The conversations between you always reflect where each of you is coming from. They're also typically amusing. Give in to impulsiveness, and make plans to get together soon.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) Defer to someone you care about. You might not be ready for everything that is happening. Still, you will make an adjustment and proceed down the right path. You will find that a loved one acts more unpredictably than usual.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) Others are unusually demonstrative and caring. How you handle a personal matter could radically change because of someone else's perception of you. You can openly ask for help and expect to receive it. Two heads work better than one.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) Pace yourself, as it appears that many people are seeking you out for advice and feedback. You might be flattered by all the attention and respect. Know that you deserve it. Still, at times you could feel overwhelmed and out of control.

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS WEDNESDAY, OCT. 31, the 304th day of 2018. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On Oct. 31, 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

ON THIS DATE: In 1864, Nevada became

the 36th state as President Abraham Lincoln signed a proclamation.

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1941, work was completed on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial in South Dakota, begun in 1927.

In 1961, the body of Josef

Stalin was removed from Lenin's Tomb as part of the Soviet Union's "de-Stalinization" drive.

In 1968, President Lyndon B. Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

In 1975, the Queen single "Bohemian Rhapsody" was released in the United Kingdom by EMI Records.

In 1992, Pope John Paul II formally proclaimed that the Roman Catholic Church had erred in condemning the astronomer Galileo for holding that the Earth was not the center of the universe.

In 1998, a genetic study was released suggesting President Thomas Jefferson did in fact father at least one child by his slave Sally Hemings.

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1st DOWN
 N₂ U₃ C₆ R₂ Q₁₄ O₂ E₁ 1st Down + 60 PTS

2nd DOWN
 N₂ A₂ C₆ R₂ E₁ T₂ L₂ 2nd Down + 40 PTS

3rd DOWN
 W₇ S₂ O₂ A₂ R₂ P₆ R₂

4th Letter + 3 PTS
 R₂ T₂ E₁ E₁ L₂ M₆ B₆

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 A₂ V₇ I₂ O₂ N₂

2nd DOWN = 22
 F₇ L₂ A₂ T₂ L₂ Y₇

3rd DOWN = 127
 M₆ A₂ R₂ I₂ N₂ E₁ S₂

4th DOWN = 106
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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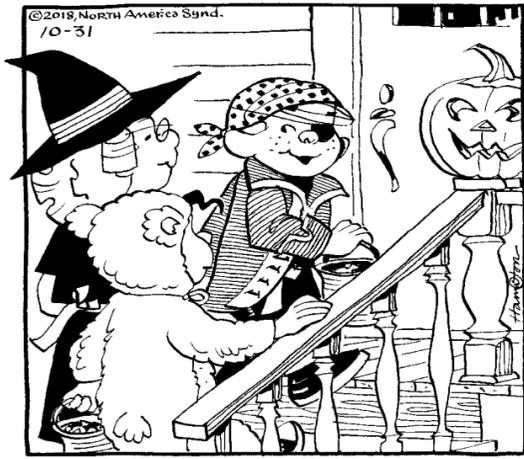
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"Why aren't you dressed as anything, Mommy?"

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HEATHCLIFF



"ONE PEPPERONI AND ONE EYE OF NEWT."

LUANN



I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT GUARD KICKED US OUT! WE'RE WILD ONES! SECURITY! ROWDIES IN LOT 6! WHO'S THIS? SOME OF MY ROOMIE'S BUDS LONG TIME, STARR! HEY, EPIC PARTY AT THE HOUSE! Y'ALL IN? OUT UH, IN? OK DUDE'S OUT, CHICKS ARE IN! SWEET!

DILBERT



WE'LL ALL NEED TO WORK AROUND THE CLOCK TO MEET THE LAUNCH SCHEDULE. I'LL BE LEADING YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY! NOW, DON'T HATE ME BECAUSE I CAN LEAD YOU WHILE I'M HOME ASLEEP. THAT'S NOT MY FAULT.

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



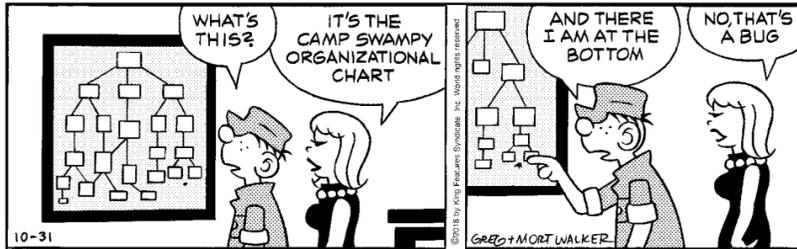
PSST, I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN WAITING OUT HERE A LONG TIME, BUT... HAVE YOU TRIED THIS "GREAT PUMPKIN" SPICE LATTE?

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ARRRR! LET'S BE GETTIN' OUR TRICK-OR-TREATIN' ON, MATEYS! UM, WE WANT TO GO WITH OUR FRIENDS THIS YEAR, DAD. YEAH. NOTHING PERSONAL. YES IT IS LOOK AT HIM!

BETLE BAILEY



WHAT'S THIS? IT'S THE CAMP SWAMPY ORGANIZATIONAL CHART. AND THERE I AM AT THE BOTTOM. NO, THAT'S A BUG.

PICKLES



HERE YOU GO, HAPPY HALLOWEEN! GIVING ZUCCHINIS TO TRICK-OR-TREATERS IS WHY THE KIDS AROUND HERE HATE US. OH, I SEE. SO... PELTING OUR HOUSE WITH EGGS IS A SIGN OF AFFECTION.

ZITS



I'M TEACHING JEREMY ALL ABOUT FOOTBALL. THAT'S GREAT! I'LL MAKE YOU GUYS SOME NACHOS AND HOT WINGS. HELL JUST GOT SLIGHTLY COOLER. SEE? YOU DO LIKE SPORTS!

PHANTOM



I REPEAT—NO GIRLS! HIS INITIAL COMMENTS, WE BELIEVE WERE A FLASHBACK TO TRAUMATIC EVENTS IN HIS HISTORY OF SERVICE! PLEASE, PEOPLE! RESPECT OUR HERO'S PRIVACY!!

GARFIELD



I AM ZARDOG, DEVOURER OF WORLDS! I HAVE COME TO EAT YOUR PLANET! WHAT KIND OF DIPPING SAUCES DO YOU HAVE? OOH! PICK HONEY MUSTARD!

BLONDIE



AWW, C'MON! WHERE'S YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR? I'VE GOT A TERRIFIC SENSE OF HUMOR! I'M NOT GETTING A HAIRCUT UNTIL YOU TAKE THAT GET-UP OFF! HEY, C'MON, LIGHTEN UP! IT'S HALLOWEEN!! HA! HA!

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE



IS SHE TELLING HIM ABOUT THE ACCIDENT? YEAH, SHE'S AT THE PART ABOUT THE SCHOOL BUS. WHAT NOW? SHE'S SAYING SHE DIDN'T SEE THE OTHER GUY TILL HE HIT HER. WHAT?! NOT MY SPORTS CAR! HONEY, PLEASE! YOU'LL WAKE THE KIDS!

SHOE



MY CRITICS SAY I LACK HUMILITY. NOT TRUE! NO ONE IN THE WORLD IS BETTER AT BEING HUMBLE THAN I AM.

B.C.



TRICK OR TREAT. WHAT'S THAT? YOU GIVE ME CANDY JUST BECAUSE... HOW 'BOUT I SLAP YOU WITH THIS FISH? IS THAT A SWEDISH FISH?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



LUCKY EDDIE, YOUR MISTAKES CAUSED US TO LOSE TODAY'S BATTLE WITH THE EARL! IT'S NOT ALL BAD! THE EARL INVITED ME TO GO FOR VICTORY PIZZA WITH HIS MEN!

ROSE IS ROSE



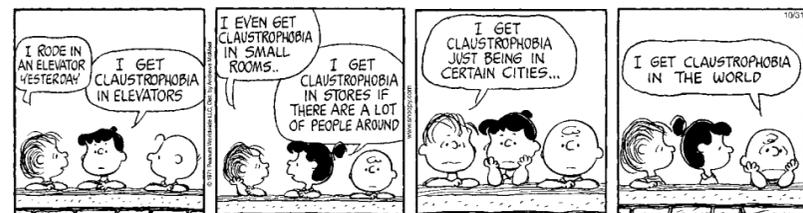
GENEROUS HELPINGS OF TREATS FALL FROM THE LADLE OF MEEMAN'S CANDY CAULDRON!

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LOOKY THAR !! HERE COMES TH' SCARIEST COSTUME WE'VE SEEN SO FER, LUKEY !! YIKES !! HAPPY HALLERWEEN, BARLOW !!

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DINE

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

TIP OF THE WEEK
Remember these tips from
as you grill into the fall:

1. Use a meat thermometer. This is the best way to check for doneness on steaks and burgers and check the temperature when reheating.
2. Don't cross-contaminate raw and cooked foods. Have two sets of tools like cutting boards and knives.
3. Cook in advance when possible. Appetizers, main dishes and sides can be cooked ahead of time and reheated.
4. Your grill is just a fancy stovetop. You can cook chili and stew in a stock pot for a hearty meal.
5. Your grill is also an outdoor oven. Surprise guests with a small roast, casserole or even nachos.

SNACKS

Energy-boosting fitness snacks

Try one of these snacks when you need an energy boost, according to Chiquita:

Bananas: Bananas are a good source of potassium, which helps prevent cramping. Plus, they are a wonderful source of natural sugars (the good kind) and carbohydrates, which help provide sustained energy.

Cottage cheese: Cottage cheese is packed with protein, so it helps you feel full longer, plus it assists in the rebuilding and repair of muscles during training periods.

Smoothies: Refreshing, energizing and perfectly customizable, smoothies are perfect as pre- or post-workout foods or even as a meal replacement when on the go.

Edamame: The tasty green soybeans you pluck from the pod are a good source of protein, iron and B vitamins. What's more, the heart-healthy isoflavones support bone health.

Chocolate milk: It's rich in calcium to keep bones strong. Additionally, it has protein and carbohydrates to keep you fueled. Reward yourself with this sweet treat after a run and you'll feel satisfied.

WINE

A wine with a 'sea view'

The playful name of Ca'Marcanda Vistamare, which means "sea view," was inspired by the Tyrrhenian sea breeze, the sun and the cheerful, light-hearted outlook of the Tuscan coast.

Italian coastal innkeepers would use "vistamare" to entice hotel guests, even if their rooms only offered a limited view of the Mediterranean. The vineyards used for Vistamare have a panoramic view of the Tuscan horizon, and their grapes are touched by the salt air and brilliant colors of the Tuscan sea.

Vistamare is fresh and light on the palate, with notes of bergamot, pear and nectarine. Then it shifts toward a more mineral and spicy character, with notes of flint, rosemary and saffron. The wine gets riper in the finish with hints of mango.

EASY RECIPE

Cranberry-Walnut Oatmeal

For a seasonal breakfast that won't disappoint, try this recipe from Taste of Home.

- 3 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups quick-cooking oats
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 tsp cinnamon-sugar
- 1/2 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts, toasted

To toast nuts, bake in a shallow pan in a 350° oven for 5-10 minutes or cook in a skillet over low heat until lightly browned, stirring occasionally. In a large saucepan, bring water and salt to a boil. Stir in oats. Cook 1 minute over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat; stir in sugar and vanilla. Top servings with cinnamon-sugar, cranberry sauce and walnuts.

The shucking champ



Brian Clark, manager of The Oyster Troff in Eustis, won the US National Oyster Shucking Championship two weeks ago and will represent the US at the International competition in Ireland next year. [CINDY SHARP PHOTOS/CORRESPONDENT]

National champion slings oysters behind the bar at Eustis' Oyster Troff

Cindy Sharp
Correspondent

EUSTIS — Brian Clark is no amateur when it comes to shucking oysters.

As manager of the Oyster Troff in Eustis, he has been shucking with the best of them since he was 15, and two weeks ago he took the title of National Shucking Champion at the U.S. National Oyster Festival in Maryland.

"My parents opened the restaurant when I was 13 or so," Clark said. "One day they ran into a bind and I quickly learned how to become a shucker. I've been here ever since."

Clark found that not only did he enjoy it, but he was also very good at it. So good that when he took the title recently, he set a new national record of two-dozen oysters in

1 minute, 58.64 seconds, beating the previous record of 2:12.

Clark has been competing in oyster shucking for three years, claiming from the New Orleans State competition and the Central Florida Shuck-Off. He also took fourth in the World Cup in China. Next September, Clark will represent the United States at the International Oyster Festival in Ireland.

But for Clark, nothing beats home.

"In order to help me practice on a different kind of oyster, we are going to be offering them here for a limited time," he said. "They are called a belones, or a European flat oyster. They have a copper finish and are way different from what we are used to getting here."

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The Oyster Troff in Eustis offers oysters, which are shucked right in front of the customer.



Brian Clark shows how to shuck a belones oyster at The Oyster Troff in Eustis.

ROAMING GOURMET

Cooking with vegetables made EasyPeasie



Ze Carter

This past weekend at the Southern Women's Show in Orlando, I had the opportunity to present a wonderful product, EasyPeasie Vegetable Blends, invented by a pair of awesome sisters, one a mom with a Ph.D. in engineering and the other an awesome aunt and pediatric doctor.

EasyPeasie Vegetable Blends are a mix of carefully curated, dehydrated vegetables, ground down into powder and then blended to add maximum nutritional value. Although the initial reason the sisters invented this product was to prime the pallets of the littles in their lives and get them accustomed to fruit and veggies, it ended up being beneficial to everyone.

My job this weekend was

to introduce the product and help everyone begin to get their daily recommended servings of vegetables in the most appealing way. I knew of one recipe that fits this profile: my barbecue macaroni and cheese. With the current spell of cooler weather, my recipe was a hit.

I want to share this recipe with you. Sure, you can make it without the EasyPeasie Vegetable Blends, but it won't taste as good. If you would like more information about EasyPeasie Vegetable Blends, go to www.EasyPeasie.com.

Ze's EasyPeasie BBQ Mac & Cheese

Time: 20 minutes
Yield: 6 to 8 servings

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 cups milk
- 3 tablespoons butter, cut into pieces
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 pound pasta (such as penne, cavatappi or rotini)
- 1 8-ounce package shredded extra-sharp

Cheddar cheese

- 1 8-ounce package shredded Gouda cheese
- 1 teaspoon hot sauce (such as Tabasco)
- 1 teaspoon Montreal steak seasoning
- 1 tablespoon EasyPeasie Natural Blend
- 1 teaspoon EasyPeasie Red Blend
- 1 1/2 cups cornbread croutons, crushed
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup chopped green onions
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Directions:

Preheat broiler with oven rack 8 to 9 inches from heat. Prepare pasta a little over "al dente," according to package instructions.

Microwave milk for 1 minute in a microwave safe bowl. While milk is heating, melt butter in a heavy bottom pot over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; add flour, Montreal steak seasoning and salt. Let cook, whisking constantly for 2 minutes. Gradually whisk in hot milk. Increase heat to medium-high and bring to a low boil, whisking often

for an additional 2 minutes.

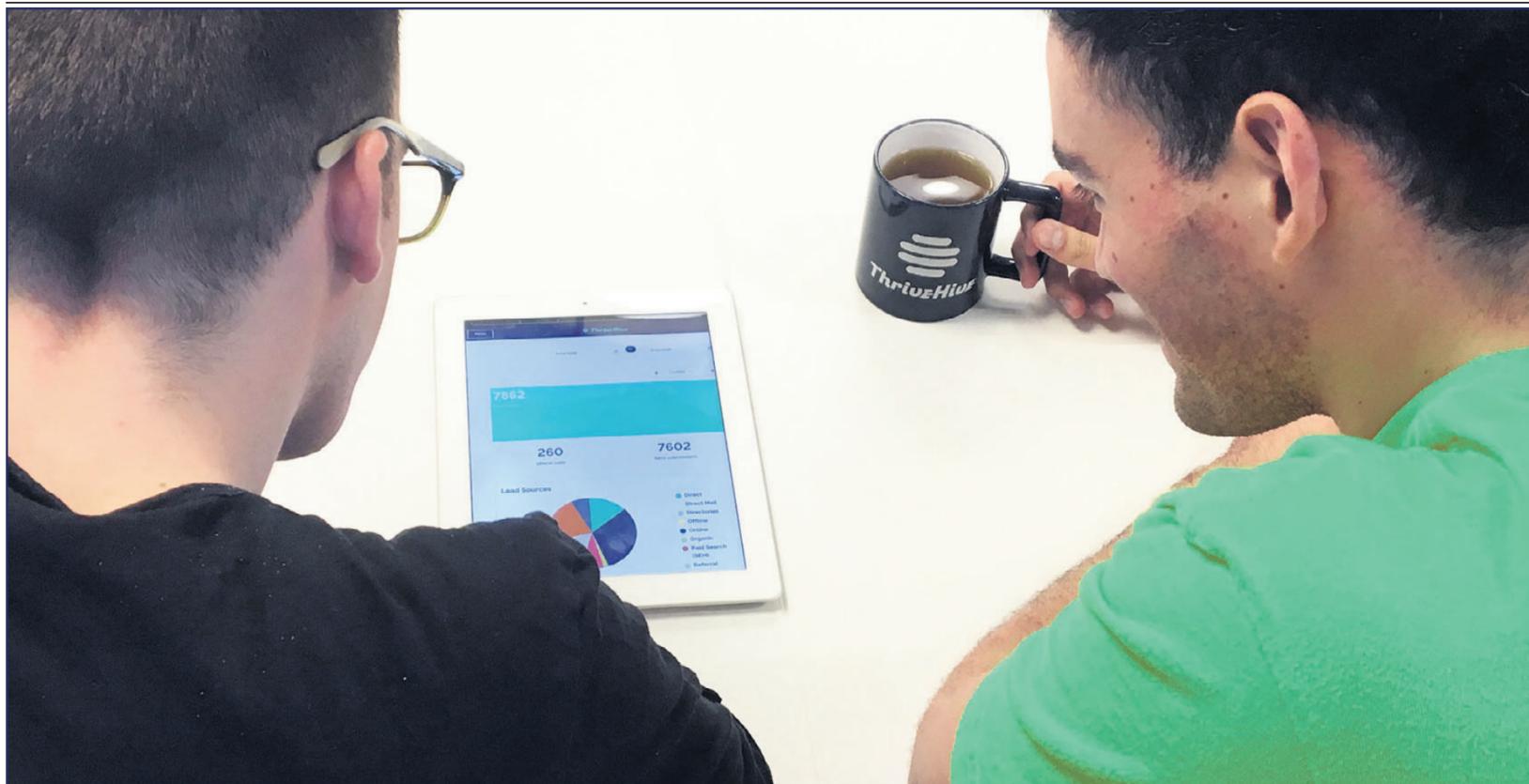
Reduce heat to medium and cook sauce, whisking often for 3 to 4 additional minutes. Whisk in cheeses, hot sauce and EasyPeasie Natural Blend. Stir cheese sauce occasionally until cheese has melted and the sauce has thickened.

Stir together cornbread and olive oil, adding a dash or two additional EasyPeasie Natural or Green Blend. Toss until cornbread crumbs are moist.

Drain pasta and fold into cheese sauce. Pour macaroni and cheese mixture into 9-by-13 baking dish. Sprinkle the top with cornbread mixture and green onions. In another bowl, combine EasyPeasie Red Blend with barbecue sauce and set aside.

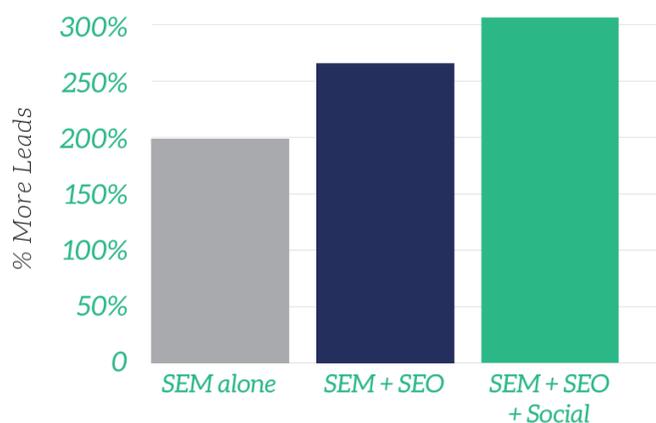
Broil cornbread covered mac and cheese 1 to 2 minutes or until breadcrumbs are golden brown. Drizzle with barbecue sauce and serve immediately.

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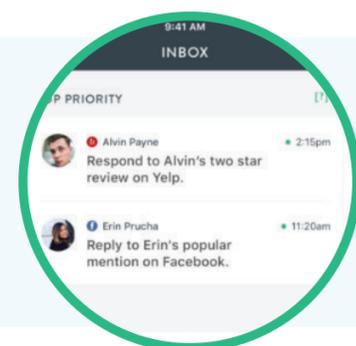


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PRACTICAL POT WATCHER

One-dish meal features an edible tortilla bowl



Mary Ryder

A good taco salad is fun to make, fun to serve and fun to eat — especially when it's served in its own edible bowl made from a crisp tortilla. Those fancy edible bowls, which make you look like such a clever cook, are really much easier to make than you might expect.

There's a kit, marketed under the Ortega brand, that contains 8-inch flour tortillas and the special bowls for baking them. All you have to do is heat your oven to 375 degrees, press each tortilla into a bowl, piercing it a few times with a fork, and bake them for about 10 minutes, until the edges are golden brown.

But while four of each might be adequate for the average family, the baking bowls are made of cardboard and good only for a single use. And that, unfortunately, is not revealed until you open the package and find the phrase "one time use" printed on each bowl.

So, if you plan to indulge in taco salad with any degree of frequency, you might find it more worthwhile to look around for reusable metal bowls.

Or you could settle for the smaller tortilla bowls that come already baked to a suitable crispness. Those I have seen are sort of rectangular, or boat-shaped, and not as pretty as the fluted style.

Another bake-your-own-bowl technique

involves aluminum foil crumpled into balls about 4 inches in diameter and slightly flattened. A piece of foil 12 inches wide and twice as long should do the trick for each ball.

The 8-inch tortillas are arranged on a baking sheet, covered with a sheet of foil and heated for about one minute at 400 degrees — just long enough to warm them. The warm tortillas are then shaped around the balls of foil and returned to the oven to bake until brown and crisp, about six to eight minutes. Remove from oven, cool on wire racks and fill with salad.

If baking your own bowls sounds more like work than fun, you can serve your salads in brightly colored glass bowls and use slightly crushed chips for a nice, crunchy texture. Tortilla chips often come in a wide range of interesting flavors. One of the best taco salads I've ever had was made with Frito's. If you like a flavor with more kick to it, try using nacho chips.

This recipe is for a simple taco salad. I have seen versions that call for black or pinto beans. Other vegetables can be added such as celery, carrots or squash. Some recipes call for using various dressings: French, Catalina, ranch, mayonnaise or a creamy avocado. It's always fun to experiment.

Cheese is another ingredient that readily lends itself to experimentation. My preferred type of cheese whenever using ground beef, is a good, sharp Cheddar. However, a Mexican cheese mix is another possibility. I



A good taco salad is fun to make, fun to serve and fun to eat — especially when it's served in its own edible bowl made from a crisp tortilla. [GATEHOUSE MEDA FILE]

also know people who feel strongly that Mozzarella is the only way to go. If you're feeling adventurous, you might want to try feta cheese, or for something more picante, pepper jack.

And of course, if you lack the knack of judging when an avocado is ripe, you can always substitute guacamole and serve it on the side, along with the sour cream and the salsa.

EASY TACO SALAD FOR TWO

Ingredients:
• ½ pound of ground beef
• ½ packet of taco seasoning

- 2 cups chopped or shredded lettuce
- 4 green onions, thinly sliced
- 2 Tablespoons sliced black olives
- 1 cup chopped tomato
- 1 small avocado, diced
- 2 baked tortilla bowls
- ½ cup shredded cheese
- cilantro sprigs for garnish
- sour cream
- salsa

Directions:
Crumble ground beef into a skillet heated over medium burner, add taco seasoning and cook until browned. Remove from burner and pour off excess fat. Combine beef with lettuce, onions, olives, tomato and avocado. Put in tortilla bowls, top with shredded cheese and garnish with cilantro sprigs.

Serve with sour cream and salsa.

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Pizza's Turkish cousin

It's covered in butter, and its U.S. popularity is bubbling up

By Maura Judkis
The Washington Post



The relationship between pizza and pide is no doubt part of the reason the popular Turkish street food is taking off in the United States. [PHOTO BY STACY ZARIN GOLDBERG FOR THE WASHINGTON POST]

At Tempo, a new fast-casual eatery in Washington, the setup is very familiar: Go down the line and choose toppings for a long, flat base of dough, which is finished with cheese and baked for a few minutes as it passes through a conveyor belt oven. But instead of pizza, people are lining up for its Turkish cousin — an oblong flatbread called pide (pronounced pe-day). Think pizza, but with Turkish flavors — pide, if you will. Just don't call it that.

"I hate calling it a pizza because it's very different. A flatbread is a better example," said Selin Altintas, the marketing manager for Tempo and daughter of the restaurant's owner. "It's a thinner crust, and it's in a boat shape. The crust is folded over, across the entire edge, to give you a good bite of crust with every bite."

But the relationship between pizza and pide is no doubt part of the reason the popular Turkish street food is taking off in the United States. Thanks to the prevalence of fast-casual pizza, an office-worker population that waries of the same lunch quickly is

finding it a novel take on something that is com-fortingly recognizable.

"It isn't something that's an acquired taste," Altintas said. "I think it's combinations that are familiar, but taste very different than what people can make at home."

Pide is found throughout Turkey, and its origins are not entirely clear — some say it dates back to the Ottoman empire. But the modern boat-shaped open pide — the kind you'll see in most restaurants that offer the dish in the States — is less than 100 years old.

The best pide have a few factors in common. The first is the dough. It has to be chewy and crunchy, and not too salty, Altintas said. "It's the perfect balance that you have to strike. It's going to be a little crispy and have a crunch, but

the bottom is going to be a little soft and doughy."

Cagla Onal, the chef behind the soon-to-open Turkish market Green Almond Pantry in Washington, says the process of making the dough is similar to pizza — it's a simple mix of yeast, flour, water and salt that proofs overnight — but it's baked differently. Though it sometimes goes in a wood oven, it's "not like Neapolitan pizza. You don't need a char." Onal would know: She's a former chef at the pizzeria Etto and is originally from Istanbul. Onal plans to offer the dish as a rotating lunch special after her market opens.

Then come the toppings. They can be a mix of vegetables, such as eggplant and green pepper, or they can be an assortment of Turkish-spiced meats.



The Oyster Troff in Eustis features three oyster bars and offers a variety of oysters shucked right in front of you. [CINDY SHARP PHOTOS/CORRESPONDENT]

OYSTERS

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The Oyster Troff offers a variety of oysters, based on what comes in fresh. Oysters come raw, steamed, fried, roasted, baked or broiled and are shucked right in front of the customer.

"I am delighted beyond words," Ashley Selph wrote in a review. "This place reminded me of places I'd go when I was a kid. The oysters were cold, plump and perfect! I loved the feel of the restaurant and nothing beats a guy shuckin' oysters right onto the bar in front of you."

The restaurant offers a full seafood selection, including peel-and-eat shrimp, homemade crab cakes, lobster, crab legs, clams, fish dip, cioppino (seafood) soup and fried fish.

Daily special include Saturday's bucket day, where customers get a bucket of oysters at



Brian Clark shucks oysters at The Oyster Troff in Eustis.

market price, top neck clams for \$13.99, peel-and-eat shrimp for \$12.99 and a bucket of domestic beer for \$15.

The Oyster Troff, 936 N. Bay St. in Eustis, is open from 3 p.m. to 10

p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. For information, go to www.oystertroff.com.

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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 the decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice has been served must file their claims with this court, WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS (3) AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS (30) AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

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

The date of the first publication of this notice is October 31, 2018.

/s/ Shelby McDaniel 10-20-2018
Shelby McDaniel Date
Personal Representative
11875 72nd Terrace Rd.
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/s/ Ryan Shirley
Ryan Shirley, Esq.
Florida Bar No.: 99157
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Ad No: 10081671
October 31, 2018 &
November 7, 2018

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File Number: 2018-CP-1483

IN RE: ESTATE OF

MICHAEL JAMES RICHARDS, II

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of MICHAEL JAMES RICHARDS, II, deceased, whose date of death was February 2, 2018, and whose Social Security Number is xxx-xx-7911, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and that of personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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The date of the first publication of this Notice is October 31, 2018.

Attorney for Personal Representative

/s/ Michael T. Kovach, Jr., Esquire
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Facsimile: (352) 341-5558

Personal Representative

/s/ Michael T. Kovach, Jr.
303 Tompkins Street
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October 31, 2018 &
November 07, 2018

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

Case No.: 2018 DR 2009
Division: Domestic Relations
IN RE: THE NAME CHANGE OF
IVY DELYNN PRAETE,

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on January 22, 2018, at 10:45 a.m., or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, Petitioner's Final Hearing on Petition for Name Change (Filed on August 22, 2018; Docket No.: 3) will be heard in the above referenced case, before the Honorable G. Richard Singeltary, in Chambers at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida. 15 minutes have been reserved for this hearing.

PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELF ACCORDINGLY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of this document has not been served on xxx because no address or e-mail address of xxx is known at this time. A copy of this document may be obtained on request from the clerk of the court or from Jody L. Fisher, Esquire.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/
Jody L. Fisher, Esquire
Florida Bar No. 0577049
111 Orange Avenue
Leesburg, Florida 34748
Tel. (352) 241-0391
E-Mail: Fisherlawservice@gmail.com
Attorney for Petitioner

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That the interested owner in said business enterprise is:
Christopher P. Schultz
Dated in Lake County, Florida this 26th day of October, 2018

Ad No: 10081907
October 31, 2018

Notice Under Fictitious Name Law Pursuant to Section 865.09, Florida Statutes

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Clermont, Lake County, Florida 34711**

That the interested owner in said business enterprise is:
**DeLu Experts LLC
Dang Lu & Chris DeVuyt**
Dated in Lake County, Florida this 29th day of October, 2018

Ad No: 10081924
October 31, 2018

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) has received an application for a new Environmental Resource Permit application number 772702 from Brad Reha, ARCO Design Build, Inc., 11757 Katy Freeway, Suite 830, Houston, TX 77079. Application received: October 1, 2018. Proposed activity: Construction of 146,400 SF Manufacturing Facility. Project name: Primus Pipe & Tube Building Addition. Project size: 12.81 acres. Location: Section 31, Township 18 South, Range 23 East, in Sumter County, Florida. Outstanding Florida Water: no. Aquatic preserve: no. The application is available for public inspection Monday through Friday at 7601 US Highway 301, Tampa, Florida 33637 or through the "Application & Permit Search Tools" function on the District's website at www.watmatters.org/permits/. Interested persons may inspect a copy of the application and submit written comments concerning the application. Comments must include the permit application number and be received within 14 days from the date of this notice. If you wish to be notified of intended agency action or an opportunity to request an administrative hearing regarding the application, you must send a written request referencing the permit application number to the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Regulation Performance Management Department, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-6899 or submit your request through the Districts website at www.watmatters.org. The District does not discriminate based on disability. Anyone requiring accommodation under the ADA should contact the Regulation Performance Management Department at (352)796-7211 or (800)423-1476, TDD only 1(800)231-6103

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