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Wages surge as US adds 250K jobs



Loredana Gonzalez, of Doral, fills out a job application at a JobNewsUSA job fair in Miami Lakes. Average hourly wages rose 3.1 percent in October from a year earlier, the fastest annual gain since 2009. [AP PHOTO]

By Christopher Rugaber

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. businesses ramped up hiring in October, and wages rose by the largest year-over-year amount in nearly a decade, a combination that is pulling a rising share of Americans into the job market.

In the final major economic report before Tuesday's congressional elections, the government said Friday that U.S. employers added a robust 250,000 jobs in October. The unemployment rate stayed at a five-decade low of 3.7 percent.

Healthy economic growth

is spurring employers to hire at a rapid pace that shows no sign of flagging even with the economy in its 10th year of expansion. With the supply of unemployed dwindling, companies appear to be finally putting up generous enough pay raises to attract and retain employees.

Average hourly wages rose 3.1 percent in October from a year earlier, the fastest annual gain since 2009.

Still, inflation has picked up a bit in the past year as well, eating away at some of those pay raises. And the increase in wages last month also partly reflected a one-time drop in pay a year ago because of

Hurricane Harvey.

Even so, October's increase suggests that after a decade of anemic growth, wage growth is picking up. At the same time, an influx of new job-seekers increased the proportion of Americans with jobs to its highest level since 2009.

The economy has now added jobs for 97 straight months, a record. That steady hiring has helped reduce the unemployment rate for Latinos to 4.4 percent, a record low. Teenage unemployment dropped last month to 11.9 percent, also the lowest

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US restores Iran sanctions

Penalties had been lifted as part of nuclear deal under Obama

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration on Friday announced the reimposition of all U.S. sanctions on Iran that had been lifted under the 2015 nuclear deal, ramping up economic pressure on the Islamic Republic as President Donald Trump completed the unraveling

of what had been one of his predecessor's signature foreign policy achievements.

The sanctions, which will take effect on Monday, cover Iran's shipping, financial and energy sectors and are the second batch the administration has reimposed since Trump withdrew from the landmark accord in May. The rollback ends U.S. participation in the nuclear deal, which now hangs in the balance as Iran no longer

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Community members give their opinions on the proposed projects at the community engagement event on Thursday. [PHOTOS BY CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]



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FORMER MARINE A CROSSFIT POWERHOUSE IN EUSTIS

A look at the troops being sent to border

By Robert Burns and Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump ordered troops to the border in response to a caravan of migrants slowly making its way through Mexico toward the United States and still about 900 miles away, with many dropping out. Here's what we know so far about the military's mission:

What troops are involved?

More than 7,000 active

duty troops have been told to deploy to Texas, Arizona and California. They are a mix of forces, including military police, an assault helicopter battalion, various communications, medical and headquarters units, combat engineers, planners and public affairs units.

As of Friday, one week after the Pentagon acknowledged that Defense Secretary Jim Mattis had approved a Department of Homeland Security request for military support at the

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City leaders reveal possibilities for performing arts center, other improvements

By Roxanne Brown
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TAVARES — Dozens of people turned out Thursday night to offer their thoughts about the city's plan to create a performing arts center in Tavares' downtown entertainment district.

"I've said several times before and I'll say it again, this is not the city's project. It is your project. It belongs to the community and if we dream it, we can do it," Project Manager Tamera Rogers said to participants at the start of the meeting. "I know it sounds cliché but it's true. We've proven it time and time again. We can do it but we cannot do it without your support."

The session took place



Mike Schmieder shows Tavares residents the proposed locations for the performing arts center at the community engagement event on Thursday.

at the Pavilion by the Lake and was led by members of Haskell, the Jacksonville-based company the city hired to conduct a \$120,000 year-long study about the impact of a performing arts center on the city.

There is also talk about

expanding the town's library, adding a parking garage and incorporating mixed-use possibilities within the center. Organizers set up four stations with information and visuals about each project.

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NATION & WORLD

CLEVELAND Prosecutor: Altar girl in relationship with priest pregnant

Authorities are investigating whether a Roman Catholic diocese in Ohio responded appropriately last November when it learned that a priest for two of its parishes had taken a now-pregnant altar girl to a wedding reception, Athens County Prosecutor Keller Blackburn said.

Blackburn's office on Tuesday charged the Rev. Henry Christopher Foxhoven with eight counts of sexual battery for his relationship with the girl, who is 17. He is being held on a \$1 million bond and doesn't have an attorney.

Revelations about Foxhoven's behavior have shaken Catholics in the two small former mining towns where Foxhoven ministered, Blackburn said.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLA. Plea deal apparently reached in newlywed's disappearance

Lewis Bennett has insisted he never knew what happened to his wife, who disappeared at sea last year during their sailing honeymoon.

That is apparently about to change.

Court documents filed Friday in Miami federal court indicate Bennett, 41, has accepted a plea deal in the May 2017 disappearance of Isabella Hellmann, 41, who vanished as the Florida couple sailed off the Bahamas.

The U.S. Attorney's Office filed a new affidavit charging Bennett with involuntary manslaughter, saying he killed Hellmann "without malice," and dropped second-degree murder charges.

CHICAGO 7 convictions linked to corrupt Chicago officer overturned

A judge overturned the drug convictions Friday of seven people who alleged they were framed by a disgraced former Chicago police sergeant and officers under his command, bringing the total number of people cleared in the same scandal to at least 50.

The hearing before Cook County Judge Leroy Martin Jr. followed a familiar pattern. In the past year, dozens of convicted felons have alleged they had drugs planted on them or were otherwise framed after refusing to pay ex-Sgt. Ronald Watts or his tactical team. In many cases, prosecutors discovered police misconduct that made them doubt the validity of the convictions, and judges have followed their recommendations to vacate them.

The Associated Press

LOTTERY

Thursday, Nov. 1

Cash 4 Life: 3-11-32-51-56-2
Fantasy 5: 5-7-11-23-33

Friday, Nov. 2

Pick 5
Afternoon: 6-1-0-0-0
Pick 4
Afternoon: 6-7-2-3
Pick 3
Afternoon: 7-2-8
Pick 2
Afternoon: 3-1



In this Oct. 26 photo, the Espinar family sleeps on the floor after arriving in Arriaga, Mexico. [RODRIGO ABD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Migrant family tries to keep going

Battling exhaustion, heat and illness, the journey of the caravan creates hardships

By Julie Watson

The Associated Press

PIJIIAPAN, Mexico — On the 15th day of their journey, Joel Eduardo Espinar and his family were hurting. And they still had a country to traverse before they got to the United States.

A little more than two weeks before, they had fled Honduras and joined the migrant caravan of Central Americans snaking toward the border. Now, they assembled in the 3 a.m. darkness by a southern Mexico highway.

Jason, 11 years old, complained of stomach pains as he lay on the highway's shoulder. His 12-year-old sister Tiffany Diana sat beside him, her head between her knees. The baby, Eduardo, was in his stroller, burning with fever, his eyes watery and his nose running. Espinar's wife, Yamilet Hernandez, could not shake a nagging cough and sore throat.

The Honduran farmer and his wife watched dozens of fellow travelers scramble to board trucks that stopped to help their caravan. Hundreds of others had already left on foot, starting out at 2 a.m. to get an early start on what would be the most ambitious single-day trek since they crossed into Mexico, setting their sights for reaching Arriaga, about 62 miles up the coast.

So Espinar had to decide what to do quickly, or he and his family would find themselves alone, trying to navigate their way to America.

To get a ride, the five would have to race to the trucks and muscle aboard with their two strollers — one for 2-year-old Eduardo, the other carrying three blankets and three small backpacks containing all their belongings.

The alternative seemed less difficult. Their feet were still holding up despite two weeks

of walking in plastic sandals. Miraculously not one had a blister after traveling mostly on foot more than 95 miles — 150 kilometers — since crossing the Mexican border.

What's 62 miles more, Espinar thought, pushing his stroller forward. Get up, he told his kids.

"The only way to get ahead is to make sacrifices," he said.

President Donald Trump has ordered thousands of troops to the border to meet the caravan and prevent the arrival of "Many Gang Members and some very bad people" he says it includes. They're more likely to encounter people like Espinar and his family — desperate, fearful, and stumbling in plastic shoes toward what they hope will be a new life. This is the story of that family, and one day in the caravan, and why they keep going.

They had already sacrificed so much. Yamilet's elder daughters, ages 16 and 18, had refused to join them. They were left with Espinar's parents.

Espinhar broke down crying when he hugged his mother goodbye. Three years before, he had confronted his alcoholism with her help; now he was leaving her behind.

She assured him he was doing the right thing. His homeland could not provide a future.

The family lived in La Conce in Olancho, one of the most violent areas in one of Latin America's most violent countries — for more than two decades, a drug-trafficking hub with warring gangs. Four of Espinar's friends died from stabbings, and his wife was robbed twice at knifepoint on her way home from the stand where she sold rosquillas, a traditional Honduran snack made of cornmeal and cheese.

In every way, it grew harder and harder to survive there. Espinar, 27, grew up in La Conce, leaving the fifth grade to work with his father cultivating watermelons bound for the U.S. But in the past two years, prices had shot up

and it was becoming impossible to raise his children on his 1,500 Honduran Lempira (\$62) weekly salary.

Tiffany Diana had to drop out of school for lack of tuition. Jason never went. His wife sold their television to buy food.

Yamilet, 37, inquired about getting a U.S. visa from a friend who got one and realized she would not qualify. They owned no land, had no bank account and no stable work.

Then the couple's neighbor and close friend was shot by a stray bullet while sleeping next to her 4-year-old son. Three days later, a Honduran TV news station reported that a caravan for migrants was heading to the U.S. The report said hundreds had joined and they would be arriving at Santa Rosa de Coapan.

Espinhar felt fate was calling. His brother had paid a smuggler \$6,500 to get to the U.S. border eight months ago and he knew he would never have that much money. Nor could he risk taking them alone.

The brother, Byron, now in Florida, urged him to take the rare opportunity.

Within hours of hearing the news, Espinar bought five bus tickets to Santa Rosa de Coapan. Yamilet packed one change of clothes for each family member. Abruptly, Eduardo would have to start drinking from a cup; there was no room to carry bottles and formula.

The family arrived at Santa Rosa de Coapan at 3 a.m. They walked seven hours with the caravan to the Guatemalan border with Mexico, and slept on the international bridge.

They were caught in a downpour that drenched their clothes. A Guatemalan immigration official gave them an Ozark Trail tent to get out of the rain. It would become their home for the next two weeks when they would pitch it in the plazas of Mexican towns that welcomed a caravan that had grown to several thousand as they inched forward.

They tossed everything they had packed from home because the items were too wet to carry, but people along their route gave them new clothes, backpacks, strollers, plastic sandals and a green ball that Jason kicked as they walked. Espinar said it felt like they were being carried along by a wave of kindness and generosity.

But the walking was tough. Seven hours one day. Five hours the next. They slept only a few hours, rising well before dawn to beat the heat. One night they awoke to screams and people running amid rumors child snatchers had taken some migrant kids.

Some 2,300 children were traveling with the caravan at one point, according to UNICEF. After they arrived at the sizzling plaza of Pijijiapan to stay the night, a mother clutched her 2-month-old girl with one hand, searching through a pile of donated clothes for a onesie.

Nearby, another baby in diapers nursed as his mother reclined on a plastic tarp.

"I have never seen so many children migrating," said Dr. Jesus Miravete who has been treating migrants in Chiapas for more than a decade.

For families, the trip is painfully slow and difficult. Children fall ill, suffer injuries in the suffocating heat.

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Day 15. After missing most of the caravan, they set out on foot again along the moonlight route shortly after 3 a.m.

"People are getting tired and deciding to go back," Yamilet told Espinar, with a worried look.

Espinhar agreed it was a problem. "If so many go back, there'll be only a few in the caravan. Then what are we going to do if we come across Zetas?" — members of the notorious Mexican drug cartel. "They're supposed to be around here."

The couple had heard the stories of Central Americans being kidnapped and killed by gangs in Mexico. They felt protected by traveling in numbers.

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MOUNT DORA

Tornado spotted in Mount Dora Friday evening

A tornado was spotted in Mount Dora about 5 p.m. Friday, and one local woman managed to snap a photo of the massive swirling monster before it disappeared.

Autumn Jacunski reported on Facebook that she saw the tornado while she was driving at County Road 46 and U.S. Highway 441 sometime around 5 p.m. The image shows a towering gray funnel rising up into a stormy sky.

The National Weather Service issued a tornado warning around that time, meaning a funnel has been spotted.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injury, but several Facebook users said there were branches down in the Country Club of Mount Dora and others said they felt their building shake.

ORLANDO

Man found dead in industrial accident near landfill

Authorities said a man has been found dead under a piece of machinery in an apparent industrial accident near a Florida landfill.

Orange County Sheriff's spokesman Mike Jachles said the accident happened Friday morning. He said the man was pinned by the dump trailer, which attaches to a truck and has a hydraulic lift.

The man's name hasn't been released.

CLEARWATER

Woman stopped, talked man off ledge of Tampa bridge

A Florida woman said she relied on her gut instincts when she saw a man at the edge of the bridge over Tampa Bay and pulled over to help.

Nicola Oyola told Fox 13 that something told her to stop as she made her way across the Howard-Franklin Bridge on Thursday afternoon. She talked the 23-year-old man off the edge, telling him that everything would be OK.

She said the man was shaking when she first started talking to him. She said she told him she "just wanted to give him a hug" and he got off the ledge.

Oyola said she asked his permission to call police and the responding officer prayed with him before taking him somewhere he could get help.

ORLANDO

Local officials approve funding for Pulse museum

Up to \$10 million in local hotel tax revenue can be used to help build a museum to the 49 victims of a massacre at a gay nightclub in Florida.

Orange County commissioners on Tuesday approved payments over three years to a foundation dedicated to building a museum commemorating the 2016 massacre at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando. The money will be used to buy land and create designs for the museum.

Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs said the museum will be "sacred space" that teaches visitors about the dangers of intolerance and discrimination. Officials with the onePulse Foundation said they will start developing a design for the museum and memorial in the coming months.

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3 vie for Mount Dora seat

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MOUNT DORA — Three political newcomers are vying for one at-large seat on the Mount Dora City Council, each running because they want more of a voice in how the city grows.

All three, however, have different ideas of what they'd like to focus on if elected to replace Kathy Hoeschst.

Kate Bellamy, 41, a five-year resident and owner and manager of Magical Meat Boutique, a restaurant in downtown Mount Dora, has



Bellamy



Stile



Stroud

served on the Parks and Recreation Board for one year.

Bellamy wants to implement a viable city-wide recycling program to keep the city clean that includes purchasing a cardboard baler. She also wants to address the vacant storefronts plaguing downtown Mount Dora.

Bellamy said some storefronts have been vacant for

years, but new ones that keep popping up every day.

Neither scenario helps the city's image, she said.

"In a lot of cities, having vacant storefronts is considered a nuisance. It looks bad when people are coming through or when people or businesses are thinking about coming to town," Bellamy said. "It also can create rodents and other problems and that hurts everybody."

Bellamy said she thinks hiring a community

development manager who could work with landlords and new businesses is in order.

Additionally, Bellamy said she would like the city to encourage citizens to speak out when they have a concern, not discourage them by making it so difficult to get an item placed on the agenda.

She said she wants a suggestion page for agenda items to be added to the city's website, then if 50 citizens or more agree it's something they want added to the agenda, it gets added.

"I think it would be a great

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A fairy shows what she can do with bubbles at the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire in Tavares on Friday. [PHOTOS BY CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

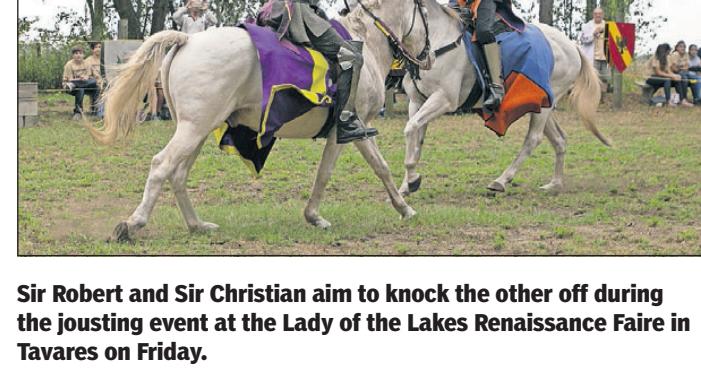
Ye olde festivities

Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire opens in Tavares

Gunpowder, treason and plot are some of the drama at the fictional town of Shrewsbury during the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire. The Faire kicked off Friday and continues this Saturday and Sunday and Nov. 10 and 11 at Lake Idamere Park, 12835 County Landfill Road in Tavares. The Renaissance period comes to life with a village, events, a feast of favorite faire food and unique vendors. Over 100 Renaissance performers on seven stages will keep the entertainment interesting from sword fights and jousting to music and comedy. Family entertainment includes Fairies are Alive!, the Myth of the Lady of the Lake and Mystical Unicorns. One-day tickets are \$14 for adults and \$7 for children. Senior Day offers discounted tickets at \$8 for 62 and older on Nov. 11 along with veterans and active military with military identification.



UB Dragon heckles people, pointing them in the various directions at the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire in Tavares on Friday.



Sir Robert and Sir Christian aim to knock the other off during the jousting event at the Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire in Tavares on Friday.

Local playwright pens thought-provoking work



Darryl Pickett said his fascination with vinyl records, which he plays before the show, and the life story of Bach, prompted him to write the play. [LINDA FLOREA/CORRESPONDENT]

By Lina Florea
Correspondent

CLERMONT — "Analog - A New Play by Darryl Pickett," a fantasy drama, is playing on the second stage at the Moonlight Players Warehouse Theatre in Clermont through Nov. 11.

"People who enjoy 'Somewhere in Time' or 'Amadeus' will really like this," Pickett said.

In the play, Simon Lexner has recently arrived with two friends in Leipzig, Germany to study music at St. Thomas School, the famous burial place of Johann Sebastian

Bach. During an afternoon outing to a record store, Simon meets the store owner with whom he shares both an affinity for analog recordings and they develop an unexpected connection. Other than that, Pickett doesn't explain the plot, saying it would spoil the twists and secrets.

The six-person cast includes professionally trained actors hand-picked by Pickett.

Michael Cleary, who is studying for his bachelor's in theater arts from the

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INMEMORY

Today's Services

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BROOKS - Charles Brooks, A Celebration of Life will be held today, 2:00 PM at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Leesburg, FL.



HOOKS - Leroy Cedric Hooks, A Celebration of Life will be held today, 11:00 AM at Leesburg Church of God in Christ.



way to give citizens a voice," Bellamy said.

Crissy Stile, 42, is the owner of the Barrel of Books bookstore in downtown Mount Dora. She has lived in town for 13 years and is a member of the Community Redevelopment Agency for the downtown area.

She is interested in smart growth and ensuring that a good mix of residential and commercial development comes into the city to preserve Mount Dora's

identity and charm.

"It's great we are growing like we are, but I am wanting to maintain the charming place Mount Dora is, not turning into an Orlando or an Altamonte Springs," she said.

Stile also said she wants to concentrate heavily on the Wolf Branch Innovation District to make sure its focus is truly to bring in commercial, industrial and technological growth as opposed to residential in that area and on the paving, sidewalk and road issues throughout town.

She said as she's walked the city campaigning, she has listened extensively to people's concerns and

knows that road problems still exist even after they have been brought up to city officials.

"I really want to be able to stay in touch with the residents and make sure they are happy and getting what they need. That's what we're supposed to do as council members," Stile said.

Donnie Stroud, 70, has lived in Mount Dora for four years and has served on the city's Planning and Zoning Board for three years. He is a member of the Country Club of Mount Dora's home owner's association board of directors.

Stroud said his plan was always to give back to

the community when he retired, and serving on the council would be a good way to do that.

"I have been serving on the Planning and Zoning Board but I decided to run to do more," Stroud said.

Stroud said he wants to make sure the city is spending money on what they need versus what they want.

Stroud said he has concerns about the \$1.75 million capital improvement plan the city recently introduced and about discussions regarding a possible parking garage in downtown Mount Dora that is estimated at \$8.5 million.

"I'm concerned about our future debt," Stroud said, referring to himself as a fiscal conservative.

Stroud also said he does not believe the implementation of a downtown entertainment district that allows people to carry open containers from 7 a.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week is the way to go, though it has not yet been approved.

Stroud said he would like to see something more restrictive as far as an entertainment district is concerned.

"I think it doesn't help Mount Dora's value and it doesn't make Mount Dora someplace special," Stroud said.

TAVARES

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Two virtual reality simulators were also on hand and were programmed so people could visualize the entire downtown area and where each site sits in relation.

At each station, Haskell representatives recorded visitors' comments on wireless tablets and on large sheets of paper. People were also given surveys and comment forms to fill out.

Christopher Flagg, Haskell's operations principal, said the company will take the public input, decipher and organize it, then present their findings to the council and staff for review.

Additionally, the company has been asked to narrow the field from four sites to two, based on the public's input.

Flagg said many people at the meeting appeared to be leaning toward the City Hall site, which Rogers said encompasses all the parking lots and a parcel of property next to it.

Rogers said in that located, the performing arts center, library expansion and parking garage



Steven Wright helps Tavares residents better visualize the project by providing a virtual reality tour of the proposed plan at the community engagement event on Thursday. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

would be "tucked behind city hall."

The other sites up for consideration are the inland site, which is where the library currently sits, the square, which is the grassy area in the middle of downtown across the street from City Hall and the hybrid site, which would mean a more spread out

facility with the center at the square, a parking garage behind city hall and the expansion of the library at its current location.

"This is huge. A performing arts center is something that can be transformational. It's gotta be done right," Flagg said.

Olivia Leamer, an

architecture student whose parents live in Tavares, said she is impressed that the city is so interested in what people have to say.

"The thing that intrigues me, especially being my age, is the mixed use and the fact that they

may introduce the smaller boutiques, the retail, the cafes and really make it

a place to come to with your friends or even by yourself to work on school stuff, computers, resumes..." Leamer said. "It seems like they are incorporating little pieces for everybody and for people of every age."

Manny Alonso, who has lived in town for five years, said he and his wife Eileen would like to see

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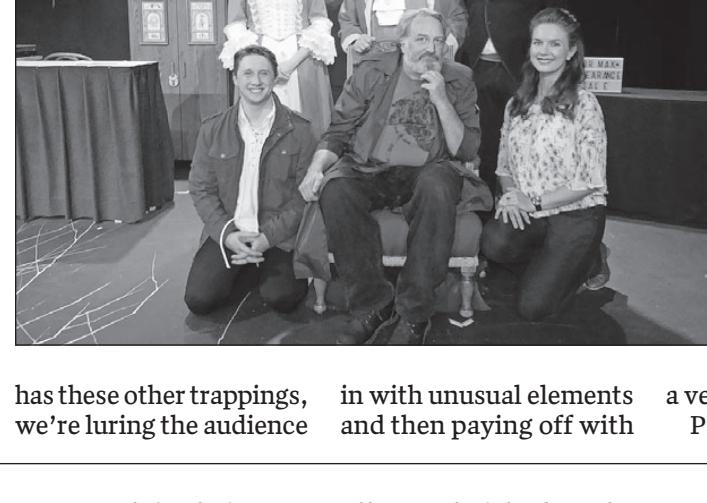
University of Central Florida, said while he acts to pay the bills and for resume credentials, he accepted the part of Simon for a different reason.

"This is something that when I read the script, the theme and the story, it spoke to me as an artist," Cleary said. "I saw promise in this amateur piece and I want to see how far

we can take this. This isn't about a paycheck; this is about doing something that is fulfilling as an artist."

Pickett said his fascination with vinyl records, which he plays before the show, and the life story of Bach, prompted him to write the play.

"Everybody that has seen it or read it has had an emotional response to it," Pickett said. "It does have elements of romance and personal growth. The real story is about that, even though it



The cast of "Analog," from left to right: top row, Kimberly Luffman as Katrina, Marty Wicks as Johann Sebastian Bach and Juan Santos as Uli Falkenrath. Bottom row, Michael Cleary as Simon, Darryl Pickett as Max and Casey Dey as Heather. [LINDA FLOREA/CORRESPONDENT]

has these other trappings, we're luring the audience

in with unusual elements and then paying off with

a very emotional story."

P i c k e t t h a s

JOB

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on records. And the proportion of Americans without a high school degree who are working has reached the highest point on records dating from 1992.

"It doesn't get any better than this," said Sun Wong Sohn, chief economist at SS Economics. "Evidently, the word has spread that there are good jobs to be had at decent wages."

Cheyenne Mauzy of Springfield, Missouri, had held out for higher pay when she started job hunting in June. She felt she needed a high enough hourly wage to make up for the cost of child care for her three children.

"There was a minimum we had to make," Mauzy, 28, said, referring to calculations she made with her husband. "I had to bring home enough on top of child care. If I am just

going to work to pay for our child care, I should be our child care."

In late August, she took a job at a hospital in Springfield that pays \$11.22 an hour.

Becky Frankiewicz, president of staffing firm ManpowerGroup North America, said companies are trying a variety of strategies to fill jobs. Many retailers are removing the label "seasonal" from their job postings and looking for permanent workers instead. Others are dropping their requirements for a college degree.

"We absolutely see employers getting more and more creative about ways to get people in," Frankiewicz said.

By some measures, consumers are the most confident they have been in 18 years, and their spending is propelling brisk economic growth. The economic expansion is now the second-longest on record, and October marked the 97th straight month of hiring, a record streak.

Strength in their customer demand has been a key factor leading companies to steadily add workers. Though economists have predicted that hiring will eventually slow as the pool of unemployed Americans dwindles, there's no sign of that happening yet.

Still, the latest month of healthy job growth might not tip many votes in the midterm elections. Polls have suggested that while Americans generally approve of the economy's performance, that sentiment hasn't necessarily broadened support for President Donald Trump or for Republican congressional candidates.

The strong job growth and bigger pay increases will likely encourage the Federal Reserve to keep raising short-term interest rates. Most analysts expect the Fed to resume its rate hikes in December.

Hurricane Michael, which slammed into the Florida Panhandle and southern Georgia last month, had no discernible

effect on the jobs data, the government said. Still, October's outsize gain might have reflected, in part, a rebound from September, when Hurricane Florence depressed job growth.

Hiring in October was strong in higher- and middle-income jobs. Professional and business services, which include engineers, architects and accountants, gained 35,000 jobs. Manufacturers added 32,000 after two months of smaller gains, defying fears that Trump's trade fights would slow hiring in that sector. Construction companies added 30,000 positions.

Retailers barely hired, adding just 2,400 positions, possibly reflecting the Sears bankruptcy. Restaurants and hotels gained 33,000, most of them lower-paying.

In the July-September quarter, consumer spending grew by the most in four years and helped the economy expand at a 3.5 percent annual rate. That growth followed a

4.2 percent annual pace in the April-June quarter. Combined, the two quarters produced the strongest six-month stretch of growth in four years.

Housing remains a weak spot in the economy, with sales of existing homes having fallen for six straight months as mortgage rates have risen to nearly 5 percent. But slower sales have started to limit home price increases, which had been running at more than twice the pace of wage gains.

Although pay increases can help boost spending and propel the economy's growth, they can also lead companies to raise prices to cover their higher labor costs. That trend, in turn, can accelerate inflation.

So far, though, inflation remains in check. The Federal Reserve's preferred price measure rose 2 percent in September compared with a year earlier, slightly lower than the year-over-year increase in August.

have received in light of the arrest of Christopher Davis," Groveland Police Chief Shawn Ramsey told the Daily Commercial on Thursday.

The probable cause affidavit for Davis in the Oct. 2 incident behind the Bulk Nation shopping center in Clermont, stated, "Davis is currently a suspect of sexual battery or assault four times, including this incident."

Davis is currently being held on \$60,000 bond at the Lake County Jail.

Police are urging anyone with any information to call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 352-343-2101, Clermont Police at 394-5588, Groveland at 429-4166 or CrimeLine at 1-800-423-TIPS (8477).

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border, the troop deployment was still unfolding, with about 3,500 at staging bases in the Southwest. Of those, about 2,250 active duty troops are at staging bases in Texas, about 1,100 Marines are at Camp Pendleton in California and fewer than 200 are in Arizona. About 100 troops are actually on the border, at the port crossing near McAllen, Texas.

Most of the troops are being used to facilitate the movement of border patrol agents, house them, feed them and provide some of their protection.

What is their role on the border?

The Pentagon is adamant that active duty troops will not do law enforcement, which they are forbidden from doing under the Posse Comitatus Act in the Constitution. Troops can't arrest people at the border. Their main job will be to support the Border Patrol.



Pedestrians pass members of the U.S. military working to place razor wire along the U.S.-Mexico border on the McAllen-Hidalgo International Bridge, Friday in McAllen, Texas. [ERIC GAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

This means the military will transport border patrol agents to and along the border, help them erect additional vehicle barriers and fencing along the border, assist them with communications and provide some security for border agent camps. The military also will provide the border patrol agents with medical care, pre-packaged meals, and temporary housing.

Will troops be armed?

Yes, many of them will be, mainly for

self-protection.

Military police at the border will be armed, although they will have non-lethal options for dealing with unexpected conflict. Pentagon officials say they are planning for a worst-case scenario of violence that could force soldiers to rely on their training to make split-second decisions to defend themselves or civilians. MPs might, for example, be dispatched to provide armed security for military engineers placing barricades at locations where there are no border patrol agents to provide protection.

One day after Trump suggested soldiers on the southwest border may open fire if migrants throw rocks at them, he insisted Friday that he meant that rock-throwers would be arrested. "I didn't say 'shoot,'" he told reporters at the White House. Either way, his scenario of violence captures in a nutshell the risk of using active duty troops for domestic security: Their mission does not include confronting migrants, but some may be unable to avoid it.

The commander in charge of the military operation, Air Force Gen. Terrence O'Shaughnessy, head of U.S. Northern Command, said earlier this week that handling migrants will be primarily the job of the Customs and Border Protection agency. But he acknowledged "there could be incidental interaction" between migrants and soldiers. In light of that possibility, the soldiers "are going to be fully trained in how to do that," he said.

Lt. Col. Jamie Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said the military will not disclose details of its rules on the use of force.

Does Congress support this mission?

With members of Congress focused mainly on Tuesday's midterm elections, reaction has been mild. A group of senior House Democrats wrote a letter to Mattis on Thursday expressing opposition to the military mission and demanding answers on its cost. The deployment of active duty troops, they wrote, "only exacerbates the potential to unnecessarily escalate the situation."

Chuck Hagel, a former Republican senator and Army combat veteran

who served as defense secretary under President Barack Obama, told CNN the mission is "folly" because there is "no need, no threat."

Retired Army Gen. Martin Dempsey, who preceded Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, took double-barreled aim at the border mission. Writing on Twitter Thursday, he called the military mission a "wasteful deployment of over-stretched Soldiers and Marines" that would be "made much worse" if they used force disproportional to the threat they face on the border.

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enjoys any relief from sanctions imposed by the world's largest economy.

Shortly after the announcement, Trump tweeted a movie poster-like image of himself walking out of what appears to be fog with the phrase "Sanctions are Coming, November 5."

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the sanctions are "aimed at fundamentally altering the behavior of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

He has issued a list of 12 demands that Iran must meet if it wants the sanctions lifted.

Those include ending support for terrorism and military engagement in Syria and a complete halt to its nuclear and ballistic missile development.

The 2015 deal, one of former President Barack Obama's biggest diplomatic successes, gave Iran billions of dollars in sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear program, which many believed it was using to develop atomic weapons.

Trump repeatedly denounced the agreement as the "worst ever" negotiated by the United States and vowed to withdraw from it during the 2016 presidential campaign.

Trump and other critics of the deal said it gave Iran too much in return for too little, allowed Iran to gradually resume

nuclear activity that could eventually be used for weapons development and did not address any of the country's other problematic activities.

With limited exceptions, the reimposed sanctions will hit Iran as well as countries that do not stop importing Iranian oil and foreign firms that do business with blacklisted Iranian entities, including its central bank, a number of private financial institutions, and state-run port and shipping firms, as well as hundreds of individual Iranian officials.

"Our ultimate aim is to compel Iran to permanently abandon its well-documented outlaw activities and behave

as a normal country," Pompeo told reporters in a conference call with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin. "Maximum pressure means maximum pressure."

Pompeo said eight nations will receive temporary waivers allowing them to continue to import Iranian petroleum products for a limited period as they move to end such imports entirely.

He said those countries, which other officials said would include U.S. allies such as Turkey, Italy, India, Japan and South Korea, had made efforts to eliminate their imports but could not complete the task by Monday.



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• 2:00 pm Performance Racing Network
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CHAT WITH A VETERAN



WAYNE MILLER

Town: Mount Dora

Branch of service and rank:

Navy, E-4

Enlisted or drafted? Enlisted.

I'm from upstate New York, and I enlisted just to get out of that little town and see the world; it's the best move I ever made.

What did you do in the service? I was a jet mechanic. I worked on S-3 aircraft. Back when I entered they were the brand new sub hunters.

Why was it important? We worked on ejection seats, cabin pressurization systems, air conditioning and on other systems as well.

What is your most important memory from service? Just the traveling we did. The coolest thing was being on the flight deck on the USS Forrestal during our Mediterranean cruise.

What did you like least about service? Being away from your family; being away for nine months and watching other guys get the letter and seeing their marriage in trouble. It devastated them. It didn't happen to me. I didn't have a wife, I had a girlfriend, but that's one reason I got out of the navy.

What do you want people to understand about war? It sucks. When I went in we had just gotten out of Vietnam, so I was never in harm's way.

CALENDAR

TODAY

ANNUAL BENEFIT PURSE AUCTION:

From 2 to 7 p.m. at AMVETS Post 2006, 500 N. Canal Street in Leesburg. Live auction, Elvis impersonator, prizes, food. Details: amvetsaux2006@yahoo.com or 352-323-8750.

SAR MEETING: At 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month October through June at American Legion John Gella Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Call Bob Beightol at 850-206-7344 for information.

LEGION BBQ: Starting at 11 a.m. the first Saturday of the month at American Legion John Gella Post 219, 194 W. Fountain St. in Fruitland Park. Nonmembers must be signed in by a member. Call 352-787-2338.

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

TODAY TO MONDAY

VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL:

The Lady Lake Soccer field on Rolling Acres Road. Go to www.ladylake.org.

SUNDAY

SILVER WINGS/FLYING DREAMS:

Film at 2 p.m. and Q & A at 3 p.m. at W.T. Bland Public Library, 1995 N. Donnelly Street in Mount Dora. Free documentary screening.

AMERICA'S MIGHTY WARRIOR

MILITARY RACE: At 3 p.m. at the World War II Museum at the Historic Village, 490 West Avenue in Clermont. Featuring a 2-mile walk/run, 2-mile walk/run with five physical training stations or a 4-mile walk/run with 10 physical training stations. Go to RUNSIGNUP.com or AmericasMightyWarriors.org.



Marine veteran Louise Watkins is a CrossFit instructor at Starr.Fit in Eustis. [CINDY SHARP/CORRESPONDENT]

Marine powerhouse

Former sergeant 'brings it' to Eustis workouts

By Keith Oliver
Correspondent

EUSTIS — During what labor geeks call "normal working hours," single mom Louise Allen Watkins, 41, crunches numbers and makes paperwork flow at a leading environmental engineering firm.

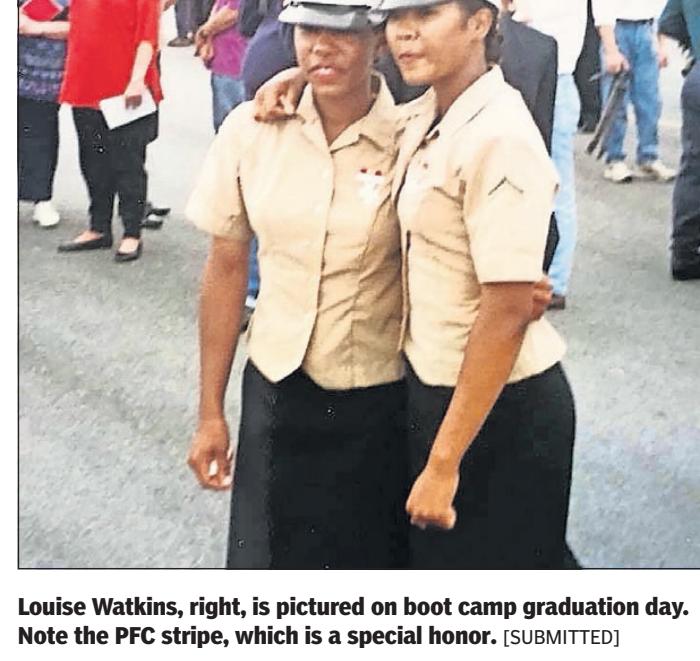
But catch her at the ubiquitous hour of "zero six-hundred" and you'll find a group of exhausted area professionals gathered 'round her at Eustis' Starr.Fit facility. These health conscious men and women are mustering every available ounce of waning energy in order to quickly comply with her every command.

Because that's what people do when their coach is a former Marine sergeant.

"Pretty much from a dare," Watkins said on why she joined the Corps. "I was told I was too small and I wouldn't be able to handle it. Bet!"

Born in Washington, D.C. and reared in Newport News, Virginia, the renaissance woman played violin from the sixth grade through her senior year at Denbigh School.

Then Watkins took Parris Island, South Carolina by storm, acing the fabled



Louise Watkins, right, is pictured on boot camp graduation day. Note the PFC stripe, which is a special honor. [SUBMITTED]

Marine Corps recruit training regimen and earning her first stripe, a meritorious promotion to private first class,

ahead of her peers — a recognized achievement among Leathernecks who generally confer that distinction upon only the top ten percent of any graduating platoon.

At Starr.Fit, 231 North Grove Street near the Eustis Post Office, Watkins works for a fellow Marine sergeant, Greg Starr — "Once a Marine, Always a Marine," they say — and exudes unmitigated joy in helping others achieve their

health and fitness goals.

"She is friends with everybody. That's her reputation throughout the Central Florida CrossFit community" said CrossFit athlete Brandon Hohman, a 2006 Tavares High graduate who looks like he could join a small college football line today or run a 49-second 440 like he did 12 years ago. "Coach treats people with the same, consistent level of cheerful support and encouragement whether they are beginners or long-time CrossFit athletes looking to bump it up the next level."

The ABC Supply exec said Watkins blasts old-school stereotypes of how coaches — or military leaders — might come across.

"I did not know she was a Marine until the first time the class did a Memorial Day 'Murph' (a heart-pumping exercise routine named in honor of a fallen Navy SEAL)," Hohman said. "She is just one of those people who is always 'up' and always focused on others. She makes us want to do better. And be better."

"And she donates blood every week," he said, smiling.

While on active duty, Watkins' rapid rise to the NCO ranks was fueled by a successful tour as a heavy equipment and Motor "T" administrator before being tagged as a troop handler at Camp Lejeune's "Camp Devil Dog." There, Sgt. Watkins took recent boot camp graduates to a Spartan field environment for training in the rudiments of infantry tactics before their assignments to specialty schools across the country.

What fuels her today?

"My kids," she said. "They motivate me to be the best person and role model possible. My son, Allen, is an Air Traffic Controller in the Army and my daughter, Alyssa, is an eighth grader at Mount Dora Middle School where she plays oboe in the band."

LZ LAKEHAWK

Area offers plenty of options for Veterans Day



Keith Oliver

Veterans Day in Lake and Sumter counties brings numerous opportunities for us to celebrate the many friends and neighbors who have worn the cloth of our nation in both war and peace.

Fellow Daily Commercial columnist Rick Reed, whose day job has him faithfully posted at Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, advises us that Beyers will again be hosting their Veterans Day Cookout. The affair, open to all area former and current armed forces members and their families, is set

for Friday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the historic Mote-Morris House, 1195 W. Magnolia Street in Leesburg.

In Mount Dora, five Chambers of Commerce have again joined forces to host the Northeast Lake Veterans Celebration and Breakfast from 7:15 to 9 a.m. Wednesday at Lake Reception on North Highway 19A. This scrumptious meal is free to veterans — but the Chamber does ask that they register at www.mountdora.com or call 352-383-2165.

The Mount Dora Veterans of Foreign Wars is in charge of another multi-organization event — Veterans Appreciation Day at Ferran Park at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 10. Ceremonies include a plethora of regional veterans' organizations, the Lake Concert Band and the Eustis High School Jr.

Air Force ROTC unit.

Fellow LZ Lakehawker Ron Bisson, of WLBE, will be in attendance, along with your faithful corre-

spondent and will be honored to say a few words in praise of our local heroes.

For updates on these and other veteran events, keep an eye on the Daily Commercial's calendar and your ears tuned to AM790 WLBE.

Chaps' corner

With the LZ LAKEHAWK Chaplain, retired Navy Lt. Cmdr. (CHC) Bob Haines of Altoona:

When Matthew invited Jesus "and the boys" to his quarters as dinner guests, along with many tax collectors and other disreputable sinners, the Pharisees asked the disciples (paraphrasing here, but not much)

"Why does your teacher eat with such scum?"

When Jesus heard this, he said, "Healthy people don't need a doctor. Sick people do."

Then He added, "Now go and learn the meaning of this Scripture: I want you to show mercy, not sacrifices. For I have come to call not those who think they are righteous, but those who know they are sinners." Matthew 9:10-13

Something for you — and me — to think about as this day gets cranky. See you next week.

Keith Oliver is a veteran of nearly 30 years' Marine Corps service. Contact him via LZLakehawk@gmail.com. And listen to the LZ LAKEHAWK radio version Friday mornings at 8:30 on the Ron Bisson Morning Show at AM790 WLBE.

FAITH

REFLECTIONS

Finding God's glory in a butterfly



Rick Reed

I was sitting by my pool about to have my quiet time a few weeks ago and paused to look at my backyard. I spotted a butterfly hovering about three inches off the ground.

It looked kind of cool and as I started my QT, I realized it had already begun. I watched that little fellow for several minutes before it finally left for God knows where.

Not wanting to make too much out of a butterfly is probably a lot worse than making too much out of it. That day I spent several minutes focusing on it and wondered if it was there to get my attention.

It made me think about grace, something I've been focusing on for several weeks. One word came to mind: amazing.

I don't know if it was because of the song, "Amazing Grace," or what, but I decided to see how many times amazing was listed in the Bible. Oddly enough, amazing is listed only three times and all of them in the Old Testament — at least in the New International version.

Have you ever considered Proverbs 30:18?

"There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas and the way of a man with a young woman."

Like I often do, I Googled this verse and found several offerings. Most didn't suit me, so I kept looking until I found "Brent Riggs, Serious Faith."

Agur, the writer of this verse, must have been some kind of guy, according to Riggs. Riggs figured in 60 seconds he could think of a hundred things too wonderful for him and at least 4,000 things he didn't understand. I liked Riggs and decided to see what else he wrote about this verse.

"Commentators are all over the place in their explanations. So I don't fancy any idea that I'm going to give some definitive observations about them," Riggs wrote. "There is no obvious interpretation or meaning of these verses; for us that is, God certainly knows the exact meaning."

I liked Riggs even better after that. Then he added, "They are curious, thought-provoking statements and it's interesting to see what insight God gives to different readers. Each person's life experiences, biases, spiritual depth and emotions will evoke different reactions to these verses."

It certainly made sense to me. He also added that the writer, Agur, "was a person who could still be awed and amazed at things he didn't understand; it speaks well of his character."

It made me glad that I can be amazed by something like a butterfly and see God's glory in it.

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After massacre, painstaking and painful care for the dead

By Adam Geller
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — As the first funerals for the victims of the Pittsburgh massacre began, two rabbis and five other volunteers approached the sawhorses cordoning off the Tree of Life synagogue, and an FBI agent led them into the crime scene. Inside the desecrated temple, the men donned white forensic coveralls, face masks and gloves, and set to work.

Judaism asks the living to take special care of the dead, and this group had a last, sacred duty to fulfill: gather up every drop of blood and other bodily traces of the 11 people killed in the deadliest attack against Jews in U.S. history.

"The Jewish law is that everything that belonged to the body needs to be buried, so we do our best," one of the group's leaders, Rabbi Elisar Admon, said Tuesday.

Judaism is specific about death and how it should be handled, whatever the circumstances. When a loved one dies, religious law requires that representatives of the living accompany the body until burial. In a ritual known as tahara, the remains are carefully washed and placed in a white shroud. Jewish law mandates that the burial take place as soon as possible.

But the scale of the violence wreaked by a gunman Saturday has placed an extraordinary responsibility on those dedicated to this work. The victims included one of their own, Jerry Rabinowitz, a doctor who had worked with the group in the past to prepare bodies for burial.

Recovering and preparing a body for burial are traditionally done by the local chapter of the burial society called Chevra Kadisha, led in Pittsburgh by an Orthodox rabbi, Daniel Wasserman. He works alongside Admon, who, as a member of Israel-based Zaka



A casket is carried out of Rodef Shalom Congregation after the funeral services for brothers Cecil and David Rosenthal, in Pittsburgh. A team of rabbis and volunteers has gone into the Tree of Life synagogue to gather up blood and other remains from the victims of the shooting rampage, in keeping with Jewish law that says the entire body must be buried. [PHOTOS BY MATT ROURKE/AP]



A makeshift memorial stands outside the Tree of Life synagogue in the aftermath of a deadly shooting in Pittsburgh.

International, spent many years in his home country recovering bodies at the scenes of accidents and terrorist attacks.

All those volunteering earn their living doing other jobs. In addition to Wasserman and Admon, who teaches at a local religious school, the group at the Tree of Life included a doctor, a house painter and a paramedic.

Their work began hours

after Saturday's attack. Late that night, the FBI allowed Wasserman and Admon inside the synagogue. The men drew themselves a map, showing the precise spot where each of the victims was killed. Then they spent most of the night accompanying the bodies as they were removed to the medical examiner's office.

"I'll tell you the truth, Saturday night was very tough. I

came home and I just started crying," said Admon, choking back tears.

"I've been to a lot of scenes, but these are people you know very well," he said. "It was very hard to see, like, people coming on a Saturday morning to a peaceful place ... to get a connection with God and the same moment they got a connection with God, an evil person came and in and said, 'Guys, just because you're Jewish, I'm going to kill you.'"

The task of recovering remains, he said, is best undertaken with a minimum of thinking, and a focus on the work itself. FBI agents went to great lengths to accommodate the volunteers, bringing additional lighting into the room they were working in on Tuesday and providing safety clothing and other equipment, Admon said.

As the investigation continued all around them, the volunteers finished removing remains from one room Tuesday, but will be going back as allowed by the FBI.

CALENDAR

TODAY

STRETCHING IN THE SPIRIT YOGA CLASSES:

At 1 p.m. every Saturday at Silver Lake Community Church, 34030 Radio Road in Leesburg. Free. Details: 352-472-0648.

SHABBAT SERVICES:

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

WEEKLY SERVICE:

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

SUNDAY

BIBLE STUDY AND FELLOWSHIP:

At 10 a.m. the first and third Sunday of the month at the home of Joe Tassell, Pastor of Mercy Church in Mount Dora. Go to mercy-churchfl.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:

From 3 to 5 p.m. every Sunday at First Presbyterian Eustis, 117 S. Center St. To help people face challenges and rebuild their lives. Go to fpceustis.com.

MONDAY

SOZO KIDS CLUB QUARTERLY MEETING:

From 1 to 2 p.m. at Oxford Assembly of God, 12114 N. U.S. 301. Details: loopers.way@gmail.com.

OUR FATHER'S HANDS CRAFT

GROUP:

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Monday at New Life Baptist Church, 35300 Radio Road in Leesburg. Most items created are donated to charity. Call 352-728-0004 for information.

TOASTMASTERS MEETING:

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

GRIEFSHARE CLASSES:

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

TUESDAY

LADIES PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY:

From 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Fairway Christian Church Classrooms A-B, 251 Avenida Los Angelos in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY:

From 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Fairway Christian Fellowship Hall, 251 Avenida Los Angelos in The Villages. Call 352-259-9305 for information.

WEDNESDAY

SUMTER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION:

At 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month at Oxford Assembly of God, U.S. Highway 301 in Oxford. Call 352-748-6124 or email oxfordassembly@embarqmail.com.

MONDAY

PAWS OF PRAISE:

At 9:30 a.m. every second and fourth Saturday at Bark Park, 6085 County Road 44 in Wildwood. Community gathering for humans and canine companions. Contact Michael Beck at 352-203-7258.

THURSDAY

LADIES THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY:

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

FRIDAY

GAME NIGHT:

At 6:30 p.m. at Fairway Christian Church, 251 Avenida Los Angelos in The Villages. Bring your favorite game or learn a new game.

SHABBAT SERVICE:

At 7 p.m. at Congregation Beth Shalom, 315 N. 13th Street in Leesburg. Commemorating Veterans Day and Kristallnacht. Go to bethsholom-florida.org or call 352-326-3692.

WEEKLY SERVICE:

At 7 p.m. every Friday at Traditional Congregation of Mount Dora, 848 N. Donnelly Street. Details: 352-735-4774 or www.TCOMD.org.

SHARER LOVE SOUL SALON:

From 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. every Friday at Wildwood United Methodist Church, 300 Mason St. With Pastor and cosmetologist Krista Olson. Wash hair beforehand and bring Bible. Call 352-203-7258.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10

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Gathering Places for Spiritual Worship

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352-394-0708
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Sun. Svc. 10:40am
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Sun. Bible Fellowship 9:30am
Wed. Bible Study 6:30pm,
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with Childcare Available
Adult Sunday School 9:15am
Children's Chapel Service 10:30am
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www.stthomaseustis.com

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11:00 am Celebration of Life
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352-787-1500
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10:30 a.m. (w/choir)
Sunday Adult Christian Education: 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m. Bible Study;
11:30 a.m. Healing Service
www.holytrinityfp.com

On CR466A: go east 2.3 miles past Colony Plaza;
left on Poinsettia to Spring Lake Rd.
On US441/27: go south .4 mile past Phillips Buick;
turn right on Spring Lake Rd.

Community United Methodist Church

309 College Ave., Fruitland Park
(Intersection of 466A & College Ave.)
Church office 352-787-1829
Community Christian Preschool
352-787-1830

Co-Pastors Rev. Debbie Allen &
Rev. Daryl Allen
Sunday Traditional Worship 8 am & 11 am
Sunday Contemporary Worship 9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages 9:30 am & 11 am
www.communityumfp.com

Countryside Baptist Church

2805 Register Road, Fruitland Park
Pastor John W. Stricklen
Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Service 10:30 am
Sunday & Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

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04001 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park
352-787-7962
Pastor Rick Welborne
Sunday Deaf Impaired 10:00am
Sunday Evening 6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer and Youth Service 7:00pm
Sunday School 9:00am
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00pm

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un ministerio de
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04001 Picciola Rd., Fruitland Park
352-787-7962 or 321-947-2644

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Es Domingo et al 4:00 PM

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

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First Baptist Church of Lady Lake

432 County Road 466
Lady Lake, FL 32159
(352) 753-4477
Sunday Services:
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Two Different Sunday Bible Studies 9:45 AM
Sunday School 9:45 AM
Traditional Service 10:45 AM
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LEESBURG

Bethany Lutheran Church

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

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

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Pastor Priscilla Scherrah
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Sunday School 9:30am
Wednesday Bible Study (September-May) 10:00am
www.christumcleebsburg.com

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South Leesburg
3430 County Road 470, Okahumpka, FL 34762
352-787-8430
Sunday Eucharist 10:00am & 4:00pm.
Morning Prayer- Thursday 9:30a.m.
Fellowship following services
www.corpuschristiepiscopal.org

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DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
220 N. 13th St., Leesburg
352-787-1005
Sunday Service & Bible Fellowships
9:45am & 11:00am
Wednesday Night Activities 6:00pm

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Sunday service 8:00am & 9:00am

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Bible Fellowships 8:30am & 11:00am

Wednesday Service 6:00 pm

352-314-7477

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First Presbyterian Church of Leesburg

200 S. Lone Oak Dr., Leesburg
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Sunday School 8:45am
www.firstpresleesburg.org
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Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

130 S. Lone Oak Drive, Leesburg
352-787-3223
Sunday Worship Service 9:30am
www.gloriadeielca.net

Good News Church

400 Executive Blvd, Leesburg, FL 34748
352-315-1695
Pastor John Blake
Service Time 9:00 am & 11:00 am
www.goodnewschurch.org



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10:30 am – Contemporary, café service in the UMAC
10:15 am – Adult Small Group
10:30 am – TreeHOUSE Kids (preK thru elementary)
10:45 am – Youth Small Group
11:45 am – Parent Small Group
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3601 West Burleigh Blvd (Hwy 441) Tavares
352-408-1954
Pastor Ed Price
Morning worship 10:00am
www.relevantlifechurchtavares.com

YALAH

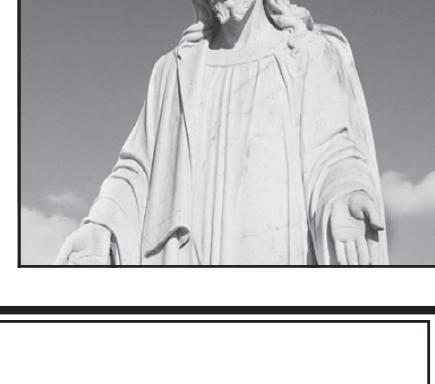
Yalah Community Church

9050 Citron Street, Yalah
Sunday Evening Service 6:00-7:00
Tuesday Evening Bible Study 6:30-7:30
Non-Denominational
Phone: 352-408-4517

WILDWOOD

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201 Barwick St.
Wildwood, FL 34785
(352) 330-0463
Pastor Don Erickson
8:30 am Traditional Communion Service
10:30 am Contemporary Communion Service
www.rockofageslutheran.com



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ANOTHER OPINION

State tax system hurts the poor

As many firm up the choices we'll make at the polls, we came across some information that might be worth taking a look at.

One of the big issues, especially in the governor's race, is taxation. Ron DeSantis pretty much sticks to the GOP mantra of "no new taxes," while Andrew Gillum holds the Democratic Party line of higher wages for teachers, paid for by upping corporate taxation commensurately.

The Florida Policy Institute is about as nonpartisan as think tanks get. At the very least it seems to be thorough in its studies.

One of its recent papers tells us something unexpected: "Florida's reputation as a 'low-tax' state belies the reality that is, in fact, a high-tax state for low- and moderate-income residents."

In fact, Florida ranks 48th in the nation for tax fairness. The Institute calls Florida's tax system upside-down, making it the ninth highest-tax state in the country for low-income families.

We all appreciate living in a state that does not levy a personal income tax, don't we? Six other states forego personal income taxes: Alaska, Nevada are two which, like Florida, have hefty alternatives to the income tax. Florida makes up the difference easily thanks to its 100 million visitors each year. Alaska has oil. And Nevada has Las Vegas and huge taxes off gambling. It's less clear how South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming make do.

Nonetheless, the Policy Institute says that a personal income tax is much more equitable across the economic board, because it taxes consumption. These sales taxes account for more than half the state's revenue and cost lower-income families because they spend a much greater share of their paychecks on goods and services they need.

According to its figures, the top 1 percent of Florida's income-earners — more than \$548,000 — pay 2.3 percent of their paychecks in taxes. The middle 20 percent — with wages of \$31,400 to \$49,000 — pay 8.1 percent. The bottom 20 percent who make less than \$18,700, pay 12.7 percent of their paychecks on taxes.

Looking strictly at sales and excise taxes, the study reports that Florida's are 10 times higher than the national average. In terms of sales and excise taxes only, the highest 10 percent of wage earners pay 0.9 percent of their income. The middle 20 percent pays 5.8 percent and the lowest 20 percent drops 8.7 percent of their paychecks.

The top 10 more progressive states derive more than a third of their income from revenue from income taxes. The national average is 27 percent.

It reports that these employ progressive tax brackets and rates; and offer few deductions, and these in general, benefit higher income brackets.

Amendment 5 is among a laundry list of initiatives appearing on your ballot. The Policy Institute concludes that the amendment, which would require a supermajority of the Legislature to raise taxes, fees or eliminate tax breaks and loopholes, would "make it nearly impossible for legislators to make changes to reverse" tax inequities.

Whether or not you support the current tax system, the amendment would also make it nearly impossible for the party not in power to have any input whatever in the direction of the system that's gamed toward the wealthier of our residents. That's why the amendment is on the ballot. And that's precisely who put it there.

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ANOTHER OPINION



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Caravan is effort by Honduran leftists to bypass immigration laws

By Merrill Matthews

President Donald Trump is sending federal troops to the U.S.-Mexico border and taking other steps to stop the Honduran migrant caravan headed for the United States. It's unfortunate that it's come to this, but it's the right thing to do.

Millions of foreigners dream of coming to the U.S. because of the three pillars of our society: freedom, economic opportunity and the rule of law.

And for most of its history the U.S. has been a welcoming country. The Department of Homeland Security says the U.S. granted 1.18 million people lawful permanent residence status or green cards in 2016. The average annual green-card rate for the past 30 years has hovered around 1 million.

But those in the caravan seek to force their way into the country — legally or otherwise — just as they bulldozed past the barricades set up by Mexican officials.

While the number of migrants entering illegally is down from two decades ago — there are an estimated 11 million here now — illegal entries are growing again.

Reuters claims border officials arrested nearly 400,000 people at the U.S.-Mexico border in 2018, up from 304,000 the previous year. That influx is complicating officials' ability to manage and process the immigrants, especially those with children.

However, those were mostly individuals and

smaller groups; this caravan was organized before it left Honduras.

According to The Wall Street Journal, "Honduran congressman Bartolo Fuentes of the left-wing Libre Party" claims credit for organizing it, and numerous immigrant organizations financially support such efforts. The question is why now?

One reason is foreigners see our immigration system is overwhelmed and seek to take advantage of it.

Syracuse University's TRAC system cites 765,000 pending immigration court cases nationwide, up from 629,000 last year and 200,000 a decade ago. The average wait for a court appearance is 717 days.

That backlog allows immigrants to start their new life here, and many will choose to fade into the background rather than face an immigration judge. According to the Justice Department, 39 percent of immigrants who applied for asylum in 2016 failed to show up for their court hearing; it was 43 percent in 2015.

It's also possible that caravan instigators wanted to influence the midterm elections by trying to embarrass the Trump administration — perhaps hoping for a repeat of the public-relations beating the administration took because of family separations. If so, it appears likely to backfire.

A Rasmussen poll found that 51 percent of voters believe Trump should stop the caravan from entering the U.S. illegally; 38 percent disagree.

Democrats recognize the bad optics of what some are calling an "invasion" storming our southern border and are concerned that could energize conservative and independent voters, neutralizing Democrats' hoped-for "blue wave."

Those who are defending the caravan claim the migrants are poor and looking for safety, good jobs and a better life at a time when the booming U.S. economy needs workers.

And that's likely true for the large majority. But it would be naive to think that some freeloaders, criminals and people who wish us harm won't see this as an opportunity to slip in undetected.

Actually, immigrant advocates should be rebuking the caravan rather than defending it, because it will almost certainly anger the public and make immigration reform more difficult.

Those who don't want a wall on our southern border will come closer to seeing one built if the marchers force their way in. And if the caravan is successful we can expect more to follow.

Ironically, the immigrants are coming to the U.S. decrying the lawlessness in their home countries. Yet many of them are willing to break our laws to enter or remain.

Addressing border security is one of Trump's biggest concerns. And the caravan is making his case for him.

Merrill Matthews is a resident scholar with the Institute for Policy Innovation. He holds a PhD in the Humanities from the University of Texas.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Voter suppression must be stopped

The United States Constitution grants all American citizens the opportunity to participate in the experiment the Founding Fathers called self-government by voting. Any restrictions on or impediments to exercising this right should be considered unlawful.

It's rather interesting that the majority of the states imposing new rules, laws, guidelines and directives seem to be leaning Republican these days. If the GOP is so confident that the mythical Trump base is a force to be feared, to the point of total abdication of their responsibility to represent their constituents, then why are they so afraid of the concept of more Americans being allowed to cast ballots?

Like the guarantee of freedom of speech and the free press, this administration and its sycophants are

attempting to suppress, or remove completely, our democratic process that relies on citizens expressing their views through their vote. Anyone aiding in these attempts should be investigated for conspiracy against the nation they all took an oath to support and defend.

Alan Harris, Clermont

Recent surveys revealed that the paramount issue for voters for the mid-terms is health care. So what do Republicans do? After 70 attempts to repeal Obamacare they now say they are for keeping the preexisting condition provision.

Even Trump now adds to his constant lies by saying he is suddenly for preexisting conditions. To compound his lies, he is saying that if you vote for Democrats they will take away your health care!

Here in Florida even

Rick Scott has reversed his stand. This sudden reversal is astonishing. After eight years of being opposed to all the provisions of the ACA, now Republicans are attempting to jump on the bandwagon and lie to the American public. Just a few days before the surveys, Republicans were attempting to repeal the preexisting provision in Obamacare.

Why?

Because lobbyists for the health care providers said they were opposed.

What will they do after the elections? This lack of honesty among Republicans and Trump is reprehensible and certainly a reason for honest Americans to vote for Democrats.

Barry McAlister, Leesburg

The reality is facts are facts

If you need a reason to vote for Democrats in the upcoming midterm

elections, Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell's recent interview with Bloomberg news might be a good one.

A huge percentage of the American population relies on Social Security and welcomes Medicare at retirement. Paying into these programs from the onset of working, we literally bank on them as part of our future economic security. Yet, in the interview, the senator cited "entitlements" as the reason for the deficit and the need to cut Medicare, Medicaid and, yes, Social Security.

This is a red flag for all Americans and our bank accounts. After years of blasting the Obama administration for what he says was a lack of fiscal responsibility, McConnell supported the recent Trump administration's massive tax cuts for corporations and pork-barrel spending, which has risen 42 percent since 2017. The spending continues to escalate. Why?

Could it be that the Republican agenda is to raise the debt to unheard of proportions and then cry foul on what they call entitlements?

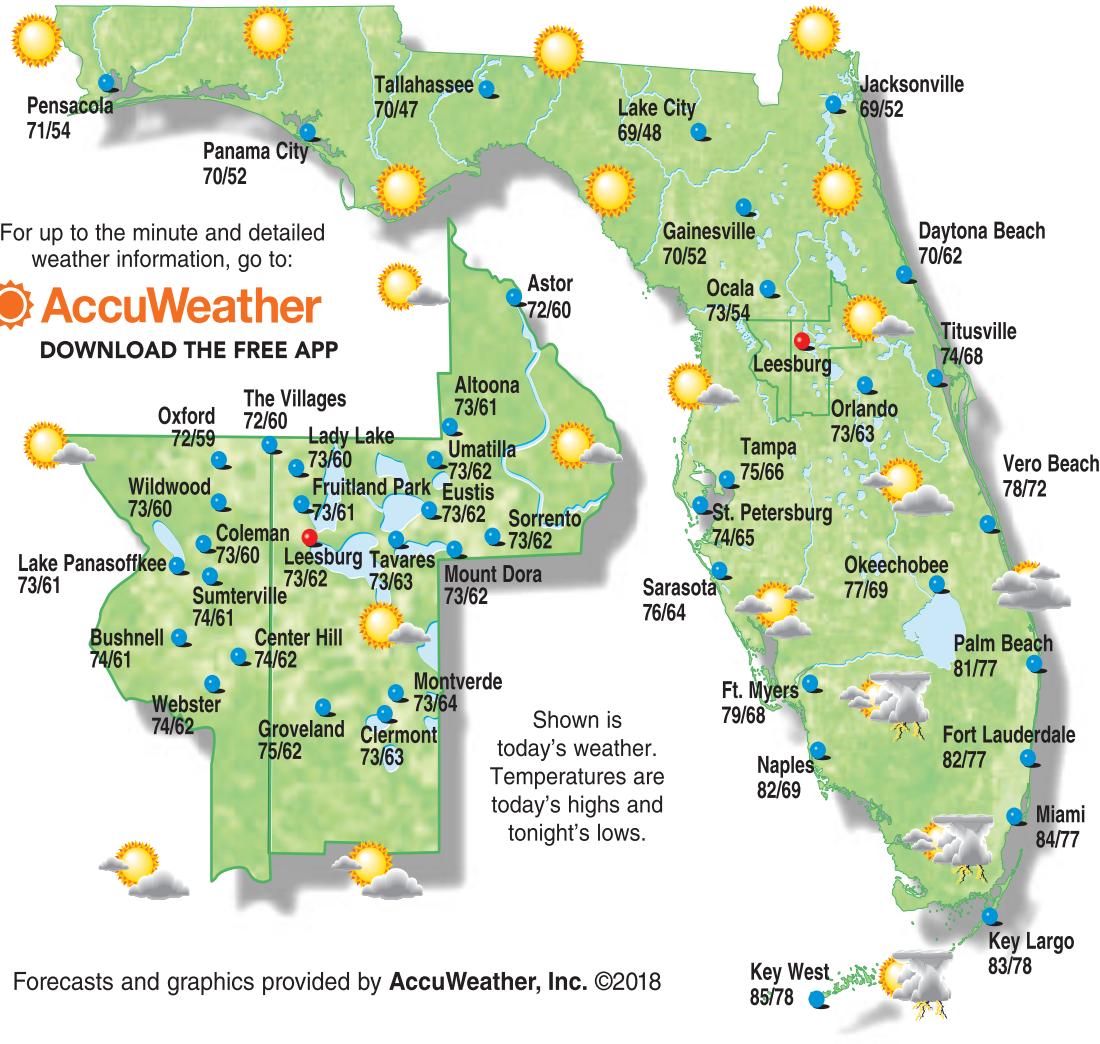
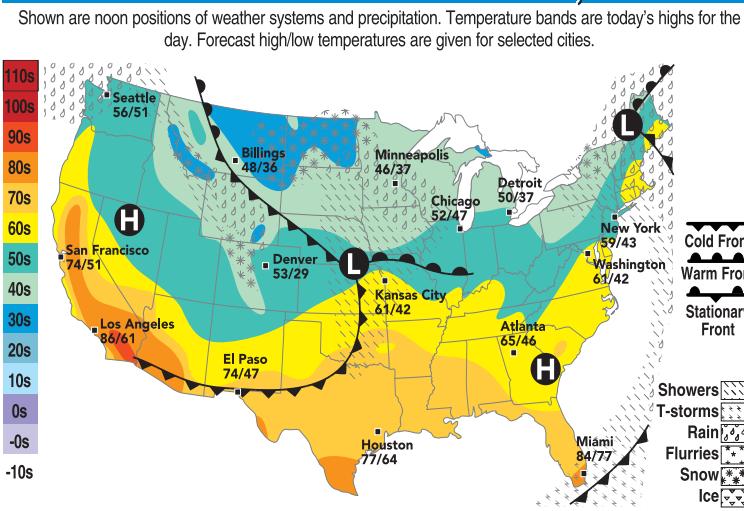
The Republican Party can no longer claim to be fiscally conservative. The GOP no longer exists, at least by definition from previous administrations. Add in a sexist regime with no regard for the environment, which also lacks civility and courts dictators with no regard for human rights. I think that would be enough to sway the vote. Don't take my word for it. Fact-check the scientists and economists, and include the 650 law professors who signed a petition questioning the Brett Kavanaugh nomination for the Supreme Court.

GOP Giuliani, said, "Truth isn't truth", but the reality is facts are facts. And that is what should sway your vote. Not Party.

Barbara Godwin, Weirsdale

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR LEESBURG

TODAY		SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
Mostly sunny and not as warm		Mostly cloudy, a t-storm in spots; warmer		Some sun with a shower or t-storm in spots		Clouds and sun with a shower in the afternoon		Mainly cloudy with a thunderstorm possible	
HIGH 73°	LOW 62°	HIGH 81°	LOW 70°	HIGH 84°	LOW 71°	HIGH 86°	LOW 70°	HIGH 85°	LOW 65°

**NATIONAL WEATHER FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2018**

Yesterday's National High/Low: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 91° in Fort Pierce, FL

Low 5° in Angel Fire, NM

UV INDEX TODAY

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SOLUNAR TABLE

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

Major	Minor	Major	Minor
Today	8:51 a.m.	2:38 p.m.	9:17 p.m.
Sun.	9:36 a.m.	3:23 a.m.	10:01 p.m.
			3:48 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Sunday	New	First	Full	Last
Sunrise	7:41 a.m.	6:42 a.m.				
Sunset	6:41 p.m.	5:40 p.m.				
Moonrise	3:27 a.m.	3:30 a.m.				
Moonset	4:28 p.m.	4:06 p.m.				

TIDES

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Today	2:53 am0.8	8:43 am0.2	Sun.	2:38 am0.9	9:24 am0.1
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Daytona Beach

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SPORTS

MDCA rides defense to playoff win

Reaches SSAC semifinals for first time in school history

By Paul Jenkins

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MOUNT DORA — All through a six-game winning streak heading into Friday night's Sunshine State Athletic Conference quarterfinal game, Mount Dora Christian Academy had been winning easily by crushing opponents.

On a wet, rainy night, the Bulldogs showed that they can also win the hard way.

Seizing control in the third quarter, Mount Dora Christian reached the SSAC semifinals for the first time in school history with a hard-fought 21-3 victory over Out-of-Door Academy.

The third-seeded Bulldogs now go on the road to face top-seeded St. Stephens next Saturday night in Bradenton.

"That is a well-coached football team we played

tonight and they played really physical and aggressive," MDCA coach Kolby Tackett said. "But we played really physical and aggressive as well. I'm really proud of these guys."

Clinging to a 7-3 lead at the half, MDCA opened the second half with an 11-play, 80-yard drive that chewed up almost eight minutes of the third quarter. Despite being called for three penalties on the drive, the Bulldogs methodically moved down

field before KJ Ellis took it in from 17 yards out for a 14-3 lead with 4:35 remaining in the third quarter.

MDCA then recovered a fumble on the ensuing kickoff and went 36 yards in five plays. Kevin Davina finished the drive with a 3-yard run to give the Bulldogs a 21-3 lead with 1:51 to go in the quarter.

From there the offense was finished scoring, but the MDCA defense had more than enough points to work with. The Bulldogs held the

Thunder to 70 yards of total offense in the game and made two goal-line stands that resulted in Out-of-Door coming away with only three points.

"The defense was phenomenal and it's 11 guys out there giving their complete effort," Tackett said.

Davina led the way on offense, rushing for 127 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries.

See MDCA, B3

An eagle soars once more



South Lake High School honored senior DJ Myers, center, by retiring his jersey at a game between East Ridge High School and South Lake High School in Groveland on Friday. [PHOTOS BY PAUL RYAN / CORRESPONDENT]

Paralyzed DJ Myers honored during South Lake win over East Ridge

By Frank Jolley

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GROVELAND — D.J. Myers hasn't put on a football helmet and shoulder pads for nearly two seasons.

He hasn't run on to the field for practice or a game with his South Lake High School teammates since a seemingly routine tackle about 15 months ago left him paralyzed from the waist down.

And despite knowing he will never play football again and being confined to a motorized wheelchair, Myers never looks for pity or sympathy from anyone. Instead, he's almost always on the sidelines, encouraging and inspiring his teammates to elevate their

play to a level most felt was unattainable.

On Friday, at halftime of South Lake's regular-season finale against East Ridge — a 51-48 overtime win for the Eagles — Myers' dedication to the program was honored when his jersey number — No. 1 — became the second number ever retired by the football program. Former Eagles running back Jeff Demps was the first to have his number — No. 2 — retired.

"It makes me really happy to be one of the only people here at South Lake who will never have his jersey worn again," Myers said after taking part in pregame Senior Night

See SLHS, B3



South Lake's Zach Martin (28) looks for running room against East Ridge High School in Groveland on Friday.

Gators look to avenge stunner at Mizzou in '17



Florida wide receiver Josh Hammond, left, is tackled by Missouri's DeMarkus Acy, right, as he grabs his face mask during a game on Nov. 4, 2017, in Columbia, Mo. Florida is counting on a much better performance against Missouri this season. A lopsided loss to the Tigers was the low point for Florida in 2017. [AP PHOTO/L.G. PATTERSON, FILE]

By Mark Long

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — The low point for Florida last season came 1,000 miles from home in Columbia, Missouri.

The Gators had just parted ways with Jim McElwain, promoted defensive coordinator Randy Shannon to interim head coach, switched starting quarterbacks, made several more changes and went on the road believing they would end a three-game losing streak in the Southeastern Conference.

The Tigers had other thoughts, moving the ball at will, amassing 455 yards and thumping Florida 45-16 for their first league victory in five games.

"Those guys really beat up on us pretty bad," receiver Josh Hammond recalled.

TODAY

Who: Missouri (4-4, 0-4) vs. No. 13 Florida (6-2, 4-2)

When: 4 p.m.

Where: Gainesville

TV: SEC Network

"We had a lot of other things going on. Guys were just not focused mentally throughout the week last year for preparation for Missouri...."

"The one thing about SEC ball is you play those guys every year, and I think a lot of guys remember that loss and remember the feeling."

No. 13 Florida (6-2, 4-2 SEC, No. 11 CFP) is counting on a much better performance against Missouri (4-4, 0-4) in the Swamp today.

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FLORIDA ST. LOOKING TO REGROUP VS. N.C. STATE

Bama-LSU to change playoff picture

By John Marshall

Associated Press

The initial College Football Playoff rankings were released this week, with Alabama, Clemson, LSU and Notre Dame holding down the top four spots.

The playoff picture could change drastically during the first post-rankings weekend.

The schedule is full of huge games, including top-ranked Alabama at LSU, No. 5 Michigan against No. 14 Penn State and No. 6 Georgia at No. 11 Kentucky.

It's about to get real interesting in a hurry.

Here's a rundown of some things to know heading into the season's 10th weekend:

BEST GAME

No. 1 Alabama (8-0, 5-0 SEC) at No. 4 LSU (7-1, 4-1)

This isn't just the biggest game of the week, it could be the biggest of the season so far.

The champion Crimson Tide have yet to be challenged in defense of their national title, winning their first eight games by an average of nearly 40 points.

That could change this week in Baton Rouge.

LSU leads the nation with 14 interceptions and is fifth in pass defense efficiency, so the Tigers may have the right components to at least slow Tua Tagovailoa and the nation's top-scoring offense.

Regardless how it plays out, this is a must-watch game.

HEISMAN WATCH

Tagovailoa has been the front-runner to win the Heisman Trophy, but don't count out Kyler Murray. The Oklahoma quarterback took advantage of Alabama's bye week to grab some of the spotlight, throwing for 353 yards and accounting for four touchdowns in the No. 7 Sooners' blowout win over

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 ABC — Louisville at Clemson

BTN — Rutgers at Wisconsin

CBSSN — Air Force at Army

ESPN — Texas A&M at Auburn

ESPN2 — Michigan St. at Maryland

ESPNU — Memphis at East Carolina

FOX — Nebraska at Ohio St.

FS1 — Oklahoma St. at Baylor

FSN — Regional coverage, Iowa St. at Kansas

SEC — South Carolina at Mississippi

3:30 p.m.
 ABC — Florida St. at NC State

BTN — Minnesota at Illinois

CBS — Georgia at Kentucky

CBSSN — Tulane at USF

ESPN2 — Iowa at Purdue

ESPNU — Navy at Cincinnati

FOX — West Virginia at Texas

FS1 — Kansas St. at TCU

3:45 p.m.
 ESPN — Penn St. at Michigan

4 p.m.
 SEC — Missouri at Florida

7 p.m.
 CBSSN — UConn at Tulsa

ESPN2 — Duke at Miami

ESPNU — Houston at SMU

7:15 p.m.
 ESPN — Notre Dame at Northwestern

7:30 p.m.
 FOX — UCLA at Oregon

SEC — Louisiana Tech at Mississippi St.

8 p.m.
 ABC — Oklahoma at Texas Tech

CBS — Alabama at LSU

10 p.m.
 FS1 — Southern Cal at Oregon St.

10:15 p.m.
 ESPN2 — BYU at Boise St.

ESPN — San Diego St. at New Mexico

10:30 p.m.
 CBSSN — Fresno St. at

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL The Villages, 28, First Academy Orlando 7

In a battle of the unbeatens, The Villages topped favored First Academy 28-7 Friday night and concluded its regular season with a perfect record.

It looked for a few minutes Friday night like First Academy would beat up on the Buffalo like they did in their last meeting in 2017, when First Academy came away with a 49-30 victory. First Academy scored first Friday, but then it never sniffed the end zone again as The Villages defense suffocated their opponent's running game.

The two teams took a 7-7 tie into the locker room, but The Villages stormed out of the gate with touchdowns on their first two possessions of the second half and then added an insurance touchdown with time running down in the fourth quarter.

Mac Harris accounted for two scores for the Buffalo.

First Academy rolls into the playoffs with an 8-1 record while The Villages goes into the postseason with a perfect 10-0 record.

The Villages learns its first playoff opponent on Sunday.

Eustis 48, Umatilla 2

This game was all Eustis as the home team controlled both sides of the ball in a lopsided victory over Umatilla Friday night.

Rashon Scott broke loose for a 99-yard touchdown run in the second quarter and fellow seniors Glen Register, TJ Manuel and Jermaine Maple all scored to help Eustis even



Mount Dora's Amari George eludes Gateway defenders on Friday.

[JOE OTT / CORRESPONDENT]

its record at 5-5 on the season.

Umatilla, which fell to 0-10 on the season, has struggled throughout. The young Bulldogs have given up at least 37 points in all but one game this season, a 23-6 loss to Interlachen, and have scored just 61 points in 10 games.

Since beating First Academy of Leesburg 55-7 in last year's season-opener, Umatilla has lost 18 straight games and 28 of its last 29 games, dating back to the 2016 season.

Gateway 55, Mount Dora 48

If you like offense, this was the game to see Friday night as Gateway beat Mount Dora on a night the two teams combined for 99 points.

Gateway opened up a 14-0 lead just a few minutes into the game and held a 27-14 lead at the half. But Mount Dora came roaring back in the second half

with two touchdowns to take the lead.

It was a back-and-forth contest the rest of the way until Gateway, 5-5, got the ball back with about six minutes left in the game and went on a time-consuming five-minute drive that ended in a touchdown and gave them the lead.

Mount Dora, 5-5, got the ball back with a minute left and marched down the field but the drive stalled at the 15 as time expired.

Lake Minneola 41, Leesburg 14

Lake Minneola scored on its first possession Friday night and never looked back en route to a dominating 41-14 win over Leesburg.

Lake Minneola got balanced scoring from its offense, led by Chase Meinhart, who rumbled for 170 yards and two touchdowns, and Devin Cole, who ran for 85 yards and threw two touchdown passes.

Milton throws 3 TDs, No. 9 UCF holds off Temple 52-40

By Fred Goodall

Associated Press

ORLANDO — No. 9 UCF only knows one way to answer questions about where it stands among the elite teams in college football — keep winning.

The defending American Athletic Conference champions remained unbeaten Thursday night, pulling away from Temple late for a 52-40 victory that extended the nation's longest winning streak and gave the Knights (8-0, 5-0) sole possession of first place in the AAC East Division.

Alabama, Clemson and Notre Dame are only other undefeated teams in the Football Bowl Subdivision. They're among the front-runners in the race for spots in the four-team College Football Playoff, while UCF remains a longshot despite a sparkling record dating to last season. "I'm not even concerned about that right now," coach Josh Heupel said. "Our job is to go 1-0 every week. ... If you do that, you probably deserve to go play for something special at the end of the year."

McKenzie Milton threw for 312 yards and three touchdowns, Greg McCrae rushed for 188 yards and one TD, and the Knights defense forced two turnovers and held Temple to six points after halftime.

Anthony Russo completed 31 of 52 passes for 444 yards and four touchdowns for Temple (5-4, 4-1), which had a three-game winning streak snapped despite gaining 670 yards on a night the teams combined to gain exactly 1,300.

Taj McGowan scored on runs of 1 and 10 yards for UCF, the latter finishing a long drive that put the Knights up 49-40 after Temple (5-4, 4-1) nearly rallied to tie it.

Milton, returning to the lineup after missing a game with an undisclosed injury, finished 17 of 33 with one interception. Dredrick Snelson scored on a 19-yard reception and Michael Colubiale had TD catches of 9 and 19 yards.

Ventell Bryant had seven receptions for 107 yards and two TDs for the Owls. Russo completed passes to 11 different receivers, including Branden



Central Florida running back Taj McGowan, front left, runs past the Temple defense for a 1-yard touchdown Thursday in Orlando. [AP PHOTO/JOHN RAOUX]

Mack and Randle Jones, who scored while building a 34-28 halftime that lasted less than a minute into the third quarter.

UCF took a 42-34 lead into the fourth quarter and stopped a potential tying two-point conversion before pulling away for good.

"Down at halftime, the kids were calm and came out and kept playing," Heupel said. "I told them at halftime champions love playing in environments like this, in situations like this."

CFP RANKING

In addition to staying on top of the East Division standings, UCF remained on course to be part of the discussion about which teams deserve to be part of this year's CFP.

The Knights, denied a spot in the playoff field a year ago despite finishing as the only undefeated team in the FBS, were 12th in the initial CFP rankings released this week.

LOTS OF OFFENSE

In the first half alone, the teams combined for 808 yards — 510 passing and 298 rushing — with Russo throwing for 277 and three TDs and Milton counteracting with 233 yards and two TDs. Both quarterbacks had a rushing TD in the second quarter, Russo scoring on a 5-yard run on a fake field goal play.

THE TAKEAWAY

Temple: The Owls are 5-2 since Russo took over at quarterback following losses to Villanova and Buffalo to begin the season. Armstead returned from missing two games with an ankle injury, immediately making his presence felt with a 33-yard burst on the first play from scrimmage. The senior running back finished with 142 yards on 27 carries.

UCF: Milton had another big night, however the Knights kept the nation's longest winning streak alive by running for 318 yards and doing a good job defensively of keeping Temple out of the end zone in the second half.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

One of the knocks on UCF's success is the Knights' strength of schedule. Temple is the only team the defending AAC champions have beaten this season that currently has a winning record. With the Owls entering Thursday night as double-digit underdogs, the Knights will need outside help to move upward.

UP NEXT

Temple: at Houston, Nov. 10

UCF: Remain home vs. Navy, Nov. 10

MDCA

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The two teams traded possessions at the outset of the game with nothing happening for either offense. Mount Dora Christian hurt itself with bad snaps causing problems on two successive drives as rain early in the game gave way to slippery conditions after that.

But the Bulldogs' defense came through in a big way, forcing a three-and-out on the Thunder's first four possessions.

MDCA suffered a big blow on its second possession when top running back Tyler Allen went down with an injury and didn't return. Allen, who had four touchdowns in MDCA's opening round win, had already shown he could be dangerous against Out-of-Door, picking up 43 yards on six carries.

MDCA finally broke through as Davina gave the Bulldogs a lift with a 38-yard punt return to

give them a first down on the Thunder 17-yard line. MDCA appeared to stall and lined up to try a 35-yard field goal, but Out-of-Door jumped to make it fourth-and-6 on the 13.

At that point the Bulldogs decided to go for it and Davina broke around the right end and scooted untouched into the end zone as the defense fell for a fake to Jesiah Pierre. Davina added the extra point for a 7-0 lead with 6:07 to go in the half.

The Thunder answered with a field goal, helped along by plenty of generosity from the Bulldogs. MDCA started by picking up a personal foul on the kickoff after its touchdown and then had an offsides and two pass interference calls to give Out-of-Door a first-and-goal on the 6.

The Bulldogs' defense held from there and the Thunder had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Filip Svoboda with 51 seconds left in the half.

It was just a taste of what Out-of-Door would experience from the Bulldogs' defense the rest of the way.

"It makes me really happy to be one of the only people here at South Lake who will never have his jersey worn again."

D.J. Myers

SLHS

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upbeat since suffering his injury, he wouldn't talk about how it happened and what he endured in the days afterward until recently.

"The first time I heard him speak about was back in August during an event at the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children in Orlando," said D'Haiti. "It was just something he never really seemed like he wanted to talk about and nobody really pressured him to talk about it before that. I was so proud of him for doing it, because I know it was hard thing for him to do."

Woolum believes just having Myers on the sidelines and in the locker room has made a positive impact on his players.

And coaches.

"I know I'm a better person just being around D.J.," said Woolum. "He's taught all of us to never take anything for granted. I can still remember the day he was injured. He was doing backflips that morning and was being helicoptered away from the field that afternoon. Nothing is ever promised to you."

"He is one of the most incredible young men I have ever known."

The game proved every bit as memorable as the halftime ceremony honoring Myers.

In a back-and-forth affair that featured five ties and 12 lead changes, East Ridge junior Kyandre Magloire raced 70 yards for the go-ahead score with seven minutes to play to give the Knights a 45-38 lead.

It looked to be more than enough after an East Ridge punt pinned South Lake on its own 21-yard line with 1:39 to play. However, with nine seconds to play, Eagles' quarterback Baylee Heuser hit Joey Pendarvis on a 19-yard scoring pass to tie the game 45 and force overtime.

In the extra period, East Ridge's Max Morningstar kicked a field goal to give the Knights a 48-45 lead.

On South Lake's possession, Heuser connected with Wyatt Watson on a nine-yard scoring pass to seal the win. With the win, South Lake improved to 6-4 on the season and kept alive its postseason hopes.

East Ridge finished with a 3-7 record.

With the win, South Lake gained possession of The Battle for South Lake County trophy for first time since 2014. The game was the 11th meeting between the rivals, with East Ridge holding a 7-4 lead in the series.

FSU, NC State look to regroup in ACC matchup

By Aaron Beard

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Florida State started the year with optimism from the arrival of a new coach and a national ranking, while North Carolina State earned its own spot in the AP Top 25 after a 5-0 start.

Now both the Seminoles and Wolfpack are trying to regroup from confidence-dinging losses entering today's game.

The Seminoles (4-4, 2-4 Atlantic Coast Conference) arrive in Raleigh after a 59-10 loss to No. 2 Clemson, an ugly loss on several levels: It was the program's worst at Doak Campbell Stadium and the questions about effort and discipline that lingered afterward.

Florida State's leading receiver Nyqwan Murray and reserve linebacker Zaquandre White are suspended for the first half of today's game against the Wolfpack (5-2, 2-2) after throwing punches at Clemson players in separate incidents during the loss. There's also uncertainty at quarterback, where the status of every-game starter Deondre Francois is in question after getting banged up against Clemson.

First-year FSU coach Willie Taggart hasn't specified the nature of Francois' injury, other than to say he thought he hit his head on the ground during the Clemson game.

James Blackman, who took over as the starter in 2017 after Francois was injured in the season opener, got at least some first-team reps in practice while Francois did little during open sessions of practice.

"You guys didn't see him do anything, but he's still day to day," Taggart said.

Florida State hasn't had a losing season since 1976 and has played in a bowl game every season since 1982. A loss at N.C. State, where the Seminoles have won two straight meetings, will put those streaks in jeopardy with No. 3 Notre Dame, No. 13 Florida and No. 24 Boston College still on the schedule.

N.C. State suffered its own lopsided loss to the Tigers, a 41-7 road loss on Oct. 20. The Wolfpack then lost at Syracuse 51-41, a two-game stretch



Florida State defensive back A.J. Lytton steals a Clemson pass from the arms of Clemson wide receiver Will Swinney in the end zone for an interception and touchback last week in Tallahassee. [AP PHOTO/MARK WALLHEISER]

that exposed weaknesses in a defense that had gotten off to a good start in overcoming the loss to veteran talent to the NFL.

"I think we've beaten two really good ACC teams and we've lost to two good ACC team," Wolfpack coach Dave Doeren said. "Now we've got five games left.... And at the end of the year, you can look back and be proud of what you've accomplished or disappointed. You don't want regret."

Yet the Wolfpack still can pursue the program's second 10-win season, the other coming in 2002 with a program-record 11 wins.

Here are some other things to know about today's FSU-N.C. State game:

INJURY QUESTIONS

N.C. State missed injured key players last week, including starting offensive tackle Justin Witt, starting cornerback Nick McCloud and No. 2 running back Ricky Person Jr. Doeren expressed confidence Monday that they would all be back this week, though he was noncommittal on their status after Thursday's practice.

STOPPING HARMON

Wolfpack receiver Kelvin Harmon is an NFL prospect with the size and skill to make contested catches. Like the rest of the Wolfpack, he had a bad game at Clemson, then came back with 11 catches for 247

yards — the No. 2 single-game total in program history — and two touchdowns against the Orange. If Harmon gets in a groove with quarterback Ryan Finley again, FSU's defense could have a tough time getting off the field.

LOST PRODUCTION

Murray has 40 catches for 536 yards and three touchdowns, so the Seminoles will miss him as a threat for the first half. "I would say it's an opportunity," receiver D.J. Matthews said.

GROUND GAME

N.C. State could help itself by getting its rushing attack going again. The Wolfpack's rushing total had increased for the first five games to a season-high 225 yards against Boston College, but the production has fallen off with 104 yards against Clemson and 68 yards against Syracuse. While Reggie Gallaspy has run for touchdowns in two straight games, North Carolina State missed Person's big-play potential.

BURNS' PRESSURE

Florida State defensive end Brian Burns is tied for the ACC lead with nine sacks to lead a pass rush that ranks 15th in the Bowl Subdivision ranks by averaging 3.13 sacks per game. The Wolfpack will have to keep Burns away from Finley.



LSU safety Grant Delpit (9) celebrates his sack of Mississippi quarterback Jordan Ta'amou on Sept. 29 in Baton Rouge, La. [AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT, FILE]



Alabama quarterback Tua Tagovailoa (13) throws a pass against Arkansas State on Sept. 8 in Tuscaloosa, Ala. [AP PHOTO/BUTCH DILL, FILE]

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Kansas State.

Murray and Oklahoma face Texas Tech today, which could help pad his numbers. He could use some help from LSU's defense, too; shut down Tagovailoa and Alabama's offense, the Tigers could boost Murray's Heisman bid.

Of course, if Tagovailoa has a big game or signature moment against LSU, the race could all but be over.

NUMBERS TO KNOW

2: Average number of teams from the initial CFP rankings that go on to make the playoffs.

13.0: Points per game allowed by Clemson and Kentucky, best in the FBS

16: Seed of Ohio State in the initial 2014 rankings, the lowest to reach the playoffs. The Buckeyes are No. 10 this year.

144.4: Average yards rushing per game by Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor, leading the nation. The Badgers play today against Rutgers, which is 115th in the FBS against the run, allowing 224 yards per game.

UNDER THE RADAR

No. 14 Penn State at No. 5 Michigan.

HOT SEAT WATCH

Chris Ash, Rutgers.

A \$9.8 million buyout might be the only reason Ash is still at Rutgers.

The Scarlet Knights are 1-7 and 0-4 in the Big Ten, their only win coming against Texas State in the season opener. Rutgers has losses to Kansas and Buffalo this season, and Ash is 7-25 in three seasons as coach.

Scarlet Knights fans have been calling for his firing, but the buyout might prohibit the move for an athletic department that may not be able to afford it.

GATORS

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Franks said. "That's just something I need to fix."

Some other things to know about when Missouri plays at Florida today:

KEY MATCHUP

The Tigers looked like one of the best defenses in the league last week, especially against the run. Led by three experienced linebackers, including sophomore captain Cale Garrett, they held Kentucky to 91 yards on the ground and 2.6 yards a carry.

Florida is at its best when it's able to run the ball with Jordan Scarlett and Lamical Perine. The Gators scored a combined 46 points in the three games (Kentucky, Mississippi State, Georgia) in which they failed to gain 200 yards on the ground.

SEEKING SACKS

Florida has just two sacks in its last two games, a concern for a team that notched six against Mississippi State and five against LSU. Getting to Lock is part of the game plan, but Mizzou ranks second in the SEC and 10th nationally in sacks allowed (1.25/game).

The Tigers have five returning offensive line starters who could pose problems for Florida pass-rushers Jachai Polite and Jabari Zuniga. Polite and Zuniga have combined for 17 1/2 tackles for loss, including 11 1/2 sacks this season.

NOVEMBER HOMESTAND

The Gators are playing the first in a three-game homestand in November. It's a stretch that will determine which bowl they land.

HOMECOMING GAME

It's Florida's homecoming. The Gators are 25-4 in homecoming games since 1989, including a 40-14 victory against Missouri in 2016.

Reeling Miami, Duke collide in ACC Coastal matchup

By Tim Reynolds

Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS — There was so much promise for Duke and Miami.

Duke was 4-0 and found its way into the AP Top 25. Miami started the season ranked No. 8, won five of its first six games and looked again to be the team to beat in the Atlantic Coast Conference's Coastal Division.

And then things went bad — in a hurry.

The good times seem long ago for the Blue Devils (5-3, 1-3) and the Hurricanes (5-3, 2-2). Duke has dropped three of its last four games, and Miami has lost two straight to put its hopes of successfully defending the Coastal crown in serious jeopardy.

"Both teams need a win," Miami coach Mark Richt said.

The Hurricanes are taking plenty of heat from their fan base these days, but if they need some positivity they need to look no further than to Duke coach David Cutcliffe.

He said Miami is "probably a football team without a weakness," and lauded the Hurricanes' defense as potentially the best in the country. "They're as talented as anybody's seen anywhere," Cutcliffe said. "So what we have to do is minimize any errors, which is obvious, and we also have to play at an extremely high level."

The root of Miami's problems right now is its offense, and the struggles there are renewing calls from some fans on social media about Richt's playcalling.

Those concerns about the offense had Richt playing

defense.

"I respond to it in that there's nothing wrong with the plays being called, quite frankly," Richt said. "What's wrong is we haven't executed well enough. If anybody got in the room with us and saw what we were doing and how we're doing it and why we're doing it, if they knew football, they'd know we have to do a better job executing of what we call, quite frankly."

Duke's defense forced a total of nine turnovers in its five wins — and zero in the three losses.

"It has to become important to everybody in the organization to create turnovers and take care of the football," Cutcliffe said.

Here's some of what to know going into Saturday night:

BREAKING POINT

Miami has held the lead for 6.6 percent of the time in its last three games — all of that coming in the final 11:52 of the massive comeback against Florida State — and hasn't scored first in any of its last seven games against ACC opponents going back to last season. Out of the 28 quarters in those seven games, Miami has held the end-of-period lead only eight times.

COMPARING SCORES

Comparing scores is a silly method of deciding whether one team should beat another, especially in the Coastal Division. Duke exemplifies why that method is futile. The Blue Devils beat Georgia Tech by 14 and lost to Virginia Tech by 17. So naturally, Georgia Tech beat

Virginia Tech by 21 points. The only shared opponent Miami and Duke have so far this season is Virginia; the Hurricanes lost to the Cavaliers by three, the Blue Devils lost by 14.

FIRST TO 20

The magic number on Saturday might be 20. Miami is 5-0 when it scores 20 points or more, 0-3 when it does not. Duke is 5-1 when it scores 20 or more, 0-2 when it does not.

RIGHT AT HOME

Miami has won its last eight ACC home games, by far the Hurricanes' best such streak since entering the conference in 2004. Before this current run started in 2016, Miami — somewhat unbelievably — had never won more than three consecutive ACC home contests. Miami actually started 17-18 in its first 35 ACC home games, and has gone 17-6 in those games since. Duke hasn't won at Miami since 1976, losing its last six trips.

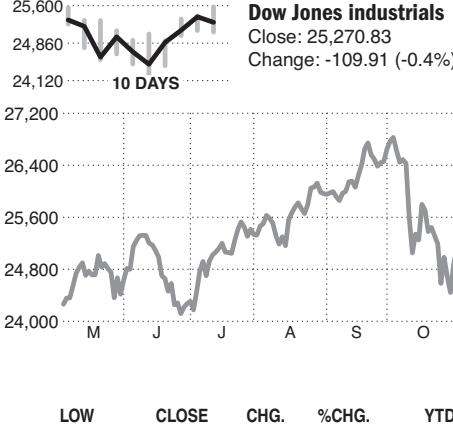
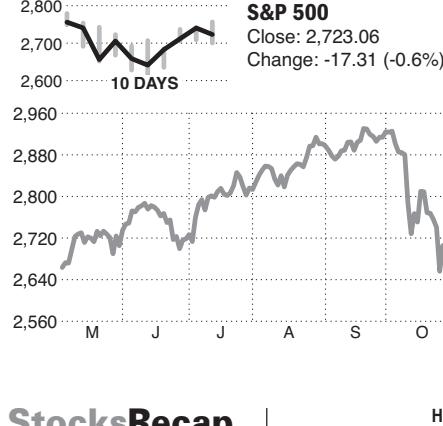
IT ALL CHANGED

The third anniversary of Miami's eight-lateral, shouldn't-have-counted kickoff return for a touchdown to beat Duke in 2015 was this week. Fortunes seemed to change on that play. Duke had won 25 of 34 games (.735) going into that game and has gone 18-21 (.462) since. Miami had won 22 of its last 40 games (.550) before that night in Durham, North Carolina, and has gone 28-12 (.700) since

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S&P 500	2756.55	2700.44	2723.06	-17.31	-0.63%	+1.85%
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Brown & Brown	BRO	24.28	31.55	28.18	-.05	-0.2	▲	▼	▼	+13.9	+25	0.32	...
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Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	30.43	44.00	37.66	-.29	-0.8	▲	▲	▲	-5.6	+7.2	18	0.76
Darden Rest	DRI	79.18	124.00	105.30	+.44	+0.4	▲	▼	▼	+9.7	+31.1	20	3.00
Disney	DIS	97.38	119.69	115.18	-.92	-0.8	▲	▲	▼	+7.1	+18.9	15	1.68
Gen Electric	GE	9.54	20.75	9.29	-.29	-3.0	▼	▼	▼	-46.8	-49.8	dd	0.48
General Mills	GIS	41.01	60.69	42.17	-.21	-4.9	▼	▼	▼	-28.9	-11.1	9	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	135.16	175.50	147.03	-.98	-2.0	▼	▼	▼	+3.8	+11.1	26	2.74
Home Depot	HD	160.53	215.43	179.93	-.53	-0.3	▲	▼	▼	-5.1	+11.5	23	4.12
IBM	IBM	114.09	171.13	115.67	-.16	-1.0	▼	▼	▼	-24.6	-20.2	9	6.28
Lowe's Cos	LOW	75.36	117.70	96.82	-.62	-0.6	▲	▼	▼	+4.2	+24.2	20	1.92
NY Times	NYT	16.95	28.72	27.83	-.40	-1.4	▲	▲	▲	+50.4	+57.7	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	145.10	176.83	168.15	-.23	-1.4	▼	▼	▲	+7.7	+14.0	12	4.44
PepsiCo	PEP	95.94	122.51	111.17	-.34	-0.3	▲	▼	▼	-7.3	+4.4	32	3.71
Suntrust Bks	STI	56.30	75.08	62.49	-.01	...	▲	▼	▼	-3.3	+6.1	11	2.00
Wal-Mart Strs	WMT	81.78	109.98	101.34	+.76	+0.8	▲	▲	▲	+2.6	+16.7	24	2.08
Xerox Corp	XRX	23.52	37.42	28.32	-.20	-0.7	▲	▲	▲	-2.8	-2.5	cc	1.00

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MARKET MOVERS

- **Apple Inc., down \$14.74 to \$207.48:** The company's revenue forecast disappointed Wall Street and it said it will stop reporting quarterly iPhone sales.
- **Starbucks Corp., up \$5.69 to \$64.32:** The coffee chain's sales were stronger than analysts expected, helped by higher prices.

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WASHINGTON
US trade gap grew to \$54 billion in September

Record imports expanded the U.S. trade deficit for the fourth straight month in September, as the politically sensitive trade deficit in goods with China hit a record.

The Commerce Department said Friday that the gap between what America sells and what it buys abroad climbed to \$54 billion, up 1.3 percent from \$53.3 billion in August and the highest level since February.

Imports climbed 1.5 percent to a record \$266.6 billion, led by an influx of telecomcommunications equipment and clothing.

Exports also rose 1.5 percent to \$212.6 billion, led by increases in shipments of civilian aircraft and petroleum products.

BEIJING
Xi promises tax cuts, other help to entrepreneurs

President Xi Jinping has promised tax cuts and other help to China's entrepreneurs in a renewed effort to revive growth in a cooling, state-dominated economy amid a mounting tariff battle with Washington.

Xi's comments, reported Friday by state media, follow a decline in Chinese economic growth to a post-global crisis low of 6.5 percent over a year ago in the three months ending in September.

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND
Palau to ban sunscreen as it tries to save its reefs

In an attempt to protect the coral reefs that divers so admire they have dubbed them the underwater Serengeti, the Pacific nation of Palau will soon ban many types of sunscreen.

President Tommy Remengesau Jr. last week signed legislation that bans "reef-toxic" sunscreen from 2020. Banned sunscreens will be confiscated from tourists who carry them into the country, and merchants selling the banned products will be fined up to \$1,000.

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U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff, vs.

VANESSA TOMPKINS; FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; HIGHLAND HOLDINGS, INC; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF VANESSA TOMPKINS; UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY, Defendants.

RE-NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Order Resetting Foreclosure Sale dated the 17th day of October, 2018, and entered in Case No. 2017 CA 001592, of the Circuit Court of the 5th Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION is the Plaintiff and VANESSA TOMPKINS FLORIDA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION; and HIGHLAND HOLDINGS, INC UNKNOWN TENANT N/K/A JAIME VEGA IN POSSESSION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTY are defendants. GARY COONEY as the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the LAKE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 550 W. MAIN STREET, TAVARES, FL 32778, 11:00 AM on the 3rd day of January, 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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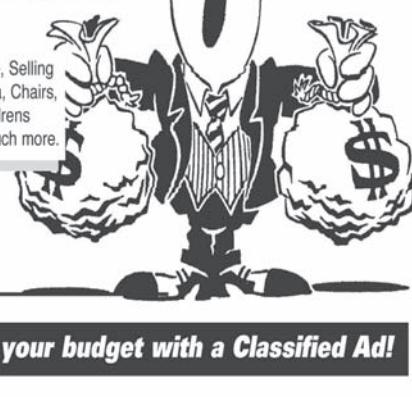
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ENJOY ALL SEASONS

Creating an outdoor living space will give you an extra "room" to enjoy in all types of weather. Here are some ideas from www.realcedar.com:

- Using real wood for your deck is the key to creating a natural, beautiful outdoor living space.

- Add a fire pit, chimenea or fireplace.

- Include an outdoor kitchen so you won't be stuck inside preparing dinner while your family and friends chat on the deck.

- Shelter lets you enjoy it in all types of weather.

ENTERTAINING

PLAN FOR GAME DAY

Follow these tips from LG to make this year your best season yet.

- Set up designated seating for your friends based on team affiliation. You can also build a simple stage to create a stadium seating environment.

- Plan a mini game to take place during halftime, or simply go outside and throw a football around for a while.

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How to **SAVE** electricity [in ways that really count]

By Laura Firszt

Network

Before we look at how to save electricity, let's talk about why. Most electric power comes from burning non-renewable fossil fuels, which give off greenhouse gases that pollute our planet. So scaling down electricity consumption reduces your carbon footprint. Another more tangible benefit is that using less electricity lowers your utility bill.

It helps, though, to figure out how to save electricity without driving yourself (and your household) crazy, or freezing in the dark. Here are easy, effective ways to reduce your electrical power use.

1. Insulate your ductwork. This is No. 1 on the list for all kinds of reasons — it's simple, it's cheap, it only needs to be done once, and it won't hurt a bit ... really. How to save electricity by insulating your ductwork? Well, insulation will prevent your forced-air heating and air conditioning from leaking out of the ducts. You and your loved ones will be just as comfortable while using less HVAC, because you will be getting the full benefit of your heating and cooling system.

2. Turn down the heat — comfortably. Heating your home (or air-conditioning, in summer) accounts for over half of your electricity consumption! So give serious thought to dialing back your HVAC a few degrees; it doesn't have to leave you shivering. Tried-and-true solutions like wearing several lightweight, cozy layers and keeping your head warm really help. Hire an electrician to install a programmable thermostat or smart home system and program your thermostat to lower the heating a little more during the hours you'll be asleep. Ditch the electric

blanket in favor of an energy-smart alternative: a hot water bottle, warm compress, or space blanket. (Your furry friends will be happier at cooler temps if you supply them with a self-warming pet bed. I just bought one for my Jack Russell, who heartily approves.)



3. Make your kitchen an electricity-saving hot spot. Skip "heat dry" at the end of your dishwasher cycle; open the door to let dishes air dry instead. Opt for toaster oven or microwave meals, which consume less power. When you do turn on your full-sized oven, prepare multiple dishes (for instance, roast sweet potatoes while you bake a couple of cakes — one for tonight and one to freeze). Cover stovetop pots and turn off the burner a few minutes early. Set your refrigerator and freezer at their most energy-efficient temperatures (35-37 degrees F and minus .4 F, respectively); they work extra-efficiently when full, so if necessary, stock their shelves with a few plastic bottles of water. Even if you're la-di-da enough to have a dining room, eat in the kitchen in winter to take advantage of the heat generated by your cooking.

4. "Stalk" your family. Track your household electricity consumption with a DIY tool like Energy Star's Home Advisor, and see where you can cut down quite comfortably — for example, installing power strips and using a "smart switch" app to turn off electronics or small appliances when not in use. Try motion-sensing light controls and thermostats so you folks won't be wasting electricity when no one's in the room. (Speaking of

thermostats, placement is crucial for an accurate reading. Position your thermostat on an interior wall, in a room that you use often.) Get the whole family on board with incentives for successful energy savers like privileges or treats.

5. Replace electricity hogs. Reduce and reuse are two favorite words among energy-conscious consumers ... and with good reason. But when it comes to outdated "energy hog" appliances, it's worth replacing them (and recycling whenever possible, of course). This applies not just in the kitchen and laundry room — where most homeowners are aware that Energy Star certified appliances will save electricity — but also in the home office and all around the house. For example, replacing your old desktop computer with a laptop or mobile device or buying a new television in place of your old clunker is a great way to save electricity.



Laura Firszt writes for networkx.com.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Homes in Partnership offers a pathway to homeownership



Don Magruder

For the working families in Lake and Sumter Counties, the conventional path to home ownership is nearly impossible because of the down payment, paperwork, bureaucracy and the fact that life happens. Living paycheck to paycheck with unexpected expenses and surprises makes saving money nearly impossible given the huge increases in rent and utilities.

Let's face it, it's hard for medium- to low-income families with children in today's society. Most have little training in household budgeting. As a result, their credit scores suffer because



Finding your way through all the red tape can be daunting for first-time homebuyers, so get advice and take your time. [METROCREATIVE]

many of these families fall victim to predatory lending, which takes advantage of those struggling to survive. Just look at the increased activities of payday loan establishments and car lots that advertise "buy here, pay here." Families with a damaged credit history and are trapped in bad loans have little hope

for ever owning a home.

Homes in Partnership Inc., is a nonprofit organization specializing in helping families who want to break free from this cycle of high rent and poor credit decisions. The first step is to apply to participate in the Homes in Partnership program, which is only for first-time homebuyers who are U.S. citizens

or legal residents. Applicants must have worked at their current place of employment for at least six months, provide two years of tax returns, meet minimal guidelines and be willing to participate in certain aspects of construction.

The neat thing about this program: If there is an area in which the applicant currently does not meet a qualification, Homes in Partnership will assign a housing counselor who will help them through the process, even if it takes a couple of years.

Once all the qualifications have been met, the applicant is required to attend a Homebuyer Education Course that will help the family manage their finances, so that they can purchase a home and stay in their home. Homes in Partnership puts a great deal of

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FROM THE EXTENSION

'Ruminate' on the tiny miracle you are witnessing

Megan Mann

Picture it: A rolling pasture of lush green grass upon which a herd of cattle grazes. This pastoral scene is familiar to many in Lake County, where cattle have been raised on grass for generations. Viewed through ordinary eyes, this peaceful image is certainly pleasing, but when viewed through the eyes of an animal scientist it is a downright miracle.

Mammals, including cattle, lack the enzymes needed to break down the beta bonds of cellulose. Put more simply: they are unable to digest grass. But, you say, cows eat grass all the time, what gives? Cattle and other ruminant animals, like sheep and goats, have a four-chambered stomach that includes a rumen. The rumen is a fermentation vat with a 50-gallon capacity. This fermentation vat is home to billions of microbial organisms, including bacteria, protozoa and fungi. There are so many microbes in the rumen that if you were to take just one milliliter of rumen fluid, you would have 10 times as many microbes in that tiny sample as there are people on the planet. These microbes comprise a

complex and delicately balanced ecosystem — an entire universe inside one cow.

While the cow is unable to break down grass, the microbes are really, really good at doing just that. Cellulolytic microbes break down cellulose that cattle cannot and produce volatile fatty acids as a byproduct. These fatty acids are then absorbed through the rumen wall and travel to the liver via the hepatic portal vein. Once in the liver, they undergo a process called gluconeogenesis (literally the creation of new sugar) whereby they are converted into glucose (sugar) that cattle can use for energy. In addition to volatile fatty acids, rumen microbes also produce B and C vitamins and microbial protein. Cattle have a symbiotic relationship with their microbes. The ruminant animal provides the microbes with shelter and nutrition, and the microbes convert an unusable food (grass) into energy for the animal.

One of the less desirable byproducts of microbial fermentation is the greenhouse gas methane. Methane, produced by rumen microbes, exits the cow at both ends via eructation, that's a scientific way to say burp, or flatulence, another scientific term for an even less desirable bodily function. Animal scientists are constantly looking at ways to improve feed efficiency in cattle and minimize methane



Cattle in Central Florida are hard at work converting grass into beef. Lake County cattle have been raised on grass for generations. [SUBMITTED]

production. In fact, modern cattle are more efficient than they have ever been, a direct result of nutritional research and careful breeding. Methane production is, for now, the cost of doing business with ruminant animals, but there are a lot of benefits as well. Cattle often graze land that is not suitable for growing other crops. Grass species can survive and thrive in soil that is not fit for growing vegetables, grains, or fruits. Cattle are also able to access land that is too remote, hilly, rocky, or otherwise unsuitable for farming or developing. Thus cattle, with the help of their miraculous microbes, convert

an unusable resource, grass-land, into meat and milk for humans. Not only does meat and milk taste a whole lot better than grass, it is much more nutritionally valuable as well. Ruminant animals "upgrade" the protein that they consume in grass and produce proteins with a more valuable amino acid profile as a result. Meat from ruminant animals is not only a good source of protein, it's also high in micronutrients such as iron and zinc. Milk is also an excellent source of protein. Additionally, milk is high in calcium, a mineral that is crucial to developing and maintaining strong bones.

So, next time you are out

and about in Lake County and happen upon a herd of grazing cattle take a minute to "ruminate" on the tiny miracle you are witnessing. A cosmos of tiny microbes, invisible to the human eye, are hard at work converting grass into filet minion. How cool is that?

For information on livestock production or human nutrition, call the UF/IFAS Lake County Extension Office at 352-343-4101 or visit sfyl.ufl.edu/lake.

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MAGRUDER

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effort into helping families and the educational part of their process is vital to success in this program.

Then the fun stuff begins. Homes in Partnership has affordable lots across Lake, Sumter and Marion counties. The prospective

homeowner can pick a lot and style of house they would like to build. Yes, these are new homes and the client gets to choose the style and colors they want in their new home. Once the lot and home style have been decided, the loan paperwork is processed and submitted to the United States Department of Agriculture for approval. Homes in Partnership leverages government housing programs to fit its

homebuyer's income and housing needs. After the loan is approved, construction on the home begins and a family who thought they would never own a home gets a chance of a lifetime.

During the process, specialists and counselors from Homes in Partnership work with the family to keep them from getting discouraged or overwhelmed. There is no sugarcoating this process — it takes time. However, the

rewards are a new home and a much lower house payment.

Homes in Partnership has been helping working families in Central Florida since 1975, and they know how to get them into new homes. This program is probably the best hope for these families to ever own a home.

If you would like to know more about Homes in Partnership and their affordable home program, contact them at their office in Eustis or

call them at 407-886-2451. This program really works,

but you must be willing to go through the process and stop making poor credit decisions, which are keeping you from your American dream.

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A visit with the garlic guru yields advice

By Adrian Higgins
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — One of the most satisfyingly tactile jobs in the autumn garden is the planting of garlic cloves. You take plump bulbs, which are both firm and silky to the touch, peel off the outer dried tunic and separate the cloves. You might extract from five to a dozen before the central stalk falls away like a discarded pencil.

If your garlic bed is fluffy enough, you can just poke your finger into the soil and plant the clove so its pointy nose is about level with the soil line. By December, you should see grasslike wisps from these points, letting you know that your seed garlic is growing roots and is firmly anchored and entirely safe from the coming freezes.

Come spring, the top growth becomes full and spreading, and by the time the leaves start to dry and wither, in early summer, the single clove has miraculously formed an entire bulb.

Homegrown garlic is both strong and sweet; the flavors are simply more intense than those from bulbs found at the supermarket. No cook-gardener should be without it.

Having sold you on the ease and delight of garlic planting, I now have to admit that I haven't planted garlic for about five years, for a couple of related reasons. My garden is small, so growing garlic meant giving up a fair portion of precious real estate for nine months of the year. In the same span of time, I could grow kale and get continual harvests, or a couple of crops of cut-and-come-again lettuce.

The second problem was that the bulbs were always



Tony Sarmiento demonstrates garlic clove spacing in his Silver Spring, Maryland, garden. [ADRIAN HIGGINS/THE WASHINGTON POST]

disappointingly small, about half the size I would like. I put this down to the vagaries of latitude and climate but have come to see that the problem may have had more to do with the gardener. Time to consult an expert.

Tony Sarmiento, who gardens in suburban Silver Spring, Maryland, is a guy versed in the theory and practice of garlic cultivation. From simple raised beds between the neighboring garage and his own vine-clad garden shed, he

cultivates approximately 120 bulbs a year, setting the cloves in loamy soil in simple grids a hand span apart.

We decided I need to grow them in a sunnier bed, to place them six inches apart instead of four, and to make sure they're watered sufficiently once spring arrives.

After putting me straight, he gave me some bulbs to plant, and I promised to mend my ways.

We agreed that the world of seed garlic can get needlessly complex. Garlic bought

in supermarkets is usually a softneck type, which stores well but has a lot of smaller cloves. Sarmiento prefers to grow hardneck varieties, which offer a couple of bonuses for the home cook. The cloves are bigger, full of flavor, and simply more pleasant to handle and use. Also, the stalks, or scapes, are edible and can be used like scallions. But the key is to harvest them before they grow too tall, Sarmiento said, so they remain tender and don't

divert energy from the bulb.

The other thing to know is that seed garlic is not cheap — the selling point being that you have disease-free named varieties. I calculated that planting 120 cloves might cost as much as \$70. I have known thrifty gardeners who go to the grocery store to pick up some bulbs to break up and plant. This goes against the standard advice — such bulbs may have been treated with growth retardant and may be diseased. You'd also be getting softneck varieties.

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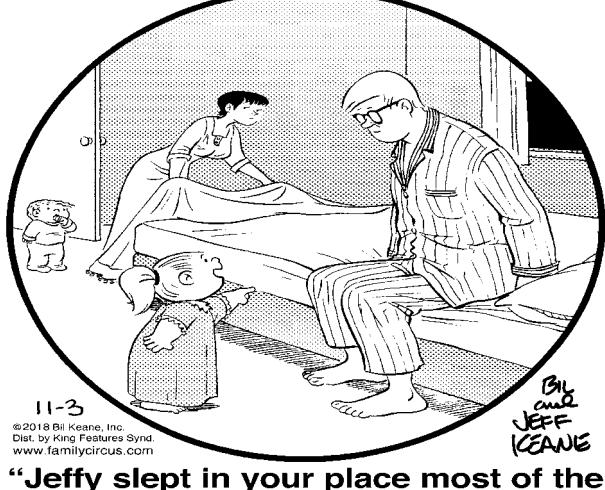
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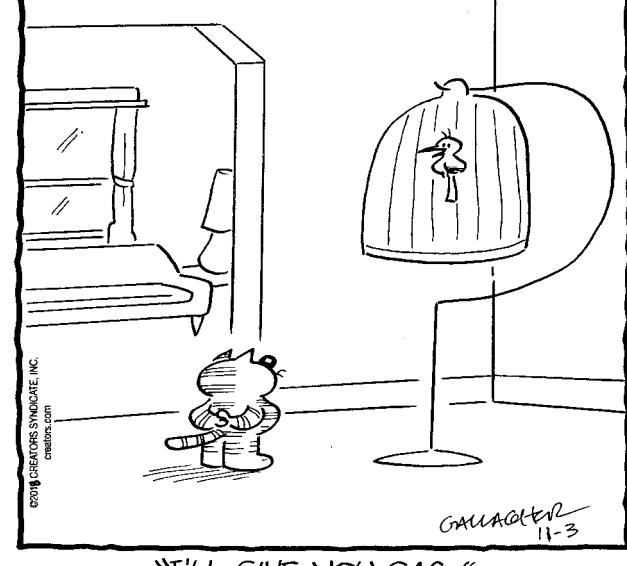
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Teacher weighs reaching out to former student behind bars

DEAR ABBY: Twelve years ago, I taught a boy I'll call Brandon in my first-grade class. I was very fond of him, and we had a strong connection. I knew Brandon had a tough home life and did my best to provide him a safe place in my classroom. I stayed in contact with his aunt over the years on social media because she had been a co-worker of my mother's, and we would occasionally discuss how Brandon was doing.

As he grew older, he began to associate with a bad crowd. He got in more and more trouble at school and eventually dropped out. A few months later, he was sent to prison for a violent crime.

His aunt has asked me to send Brandon a letter because he had always thought so much of me as his teacher. Without giving it much thought, I agreed.

Well, my husband is very opposed to the idea of me contacting Brandon. We have two young children with special needs, and I'm now a stay-at-home mom so I can help

JEANNE PHILLIPS
DEAR ABBY



my children. My husband thinks I'm already dealing with too much stress, and he doesn't like the idea of a man who has been convicted of violence being in contact with me.

I am torn about what's the right thing to do. I feel like I am abandoning Brandon like so many others in his life, but I also see my husband's point. Abby, please help me to decide what to do. -- **CONFLICTED IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR CONFLICTED: I think you should write Brandon ONE letter of encouragement. In it, tell him how highly you thought of him when he was in your class because he probably hasn't received many compliments for a long time.

Point out that although he is physically incarcerated, his mind doesn't

have to be, and suggest he direct his efforts toward improving his life once he is released. Furthering his education now would be a way to accomplish it, and if there's an opportunity for him to earn a degree while he's inside, he should take it. Also, if there are any books you or his aunt think he might find helpful or inspiring, recommend them.

Close your letter by explaining to Brandon that you have no time for correspondence now because you are caring for two special-needs children, but you did want to reach out this once and you will keep him in your prayers.

DEAR ABBY: I wanted to write you in response to letters you have published in your column about stressful, traditional, iron-clad holiday celebrations becoming too much for the hosts.

For most of 40 years, my parents hosted all holiday dinners, which were attended by as

many as 14 people. My wife and I finally said, "No more!" We made reservations for Thanksgiving at a nice restaurant and hosted the family. It was beautiful -- family, food, cocktails and no preparation or cleanup. Mom and Dad said it was the best Thanksgiving they could remember. We thought so, too. Just sayin'. -- **SHARING A MEMORY IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR SHARING: I'm sure your parents enjoyed the process of entertaining the family for the many years they did it. But it is also nice when someone else does the work. I'm printing your letter so other readers can see there is more than one way to skin a cat -- or enjoy a turkey with stuffing.

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» BRIDGE

Seesaw

East dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

♦A
♦Q 10 9 4 3
♦A J 5
♦A K J 2

WEST

♦A J 10 9 8
♦V 7
♦9 7 6 3 2
♦A K J 8 5 2
♦9 8 4

EAST

♦K 7 6 4 3
♦8

SOUTH

♦P 5 2
♦6
♦K Q 10 4
♦Q 10 6 5 3

West

♦J 10 9
♦9
♦A K
♦P 5
♦Q 6

the rest of the tricks.

South now has a difficult problem to solve. He cannot afford to draw West's last trump; if he does, he will be unable to ruff two spades in dummy. So he stops playing trumps for the moment and cashes four diamond tricks. South then leads a spade to the ace, producing this position:

North

♦Q 10
♦J 2

South

♦K 7
♦A K

East

♦P 5
♦Q 6

When dummy now leads the jack of clubs, East is in trouble. Whatever he discards, South takes the rest of the tricks.

If East discards a spade, declarer overtakes the jack of clubs with the queen and ruffs a spade, felling East's king and establishing South's queen.

And if East discards the heart king when the club jack is led, South retains the lead in dummy and ruffs the ten of hearts, felling East's ace and establishing dummy's queen.

Hands of this type are uncommon and usually require perfect timing to be successful. The play itself is known as a seesaw squeeze.

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» HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, NOV. 3, 2018:

This year you express an unusual amount of creativity. Though you might not always be realistic, you always seem to have a new idea ready to share. Curb a tendency to go overboard, especially financially. If you are single, you easily could become woven into a very romantic bond. You could feel quite fortunate to have met this person. If you are attached, you have established a rhythm with your significant other. There could be a new addition to your family, if you are at the right stage in life. VIRGO annoys you with his or her fussiness.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) You might feel or believe one thing, yet the facts are unlikely to support its validity. You will need to ask more questions and/or do more research. Avoid a person who has too much sway in your life -- at least for the moment.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 19) Your creativity emerges, which allows you to see situations in a new light. Understand that you can't always use logic to clarify certain hunches. You might

want to avoid someone who affects you subtly but wields a heavy hand of power.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) You could be exhausted by all the recent mood changes of those around you. You'll want to see a particular situation from a more positive, creative perspective. Do that and you might be inspired. Others seem critical and fussy.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 20)

22) Your feelings seem to be close to the surface right now. Know that you could be dealing with a particularly sensitive issue. You are seeing this issue through the lens of your emotions. You might have a hard time being completely rational.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22)

22) What a partner presents as a great idea could easily dissolve right in front of your eyes. Be kind, but do not make any decisions just yet. Enjoy this person, but stay out of situations where your actions could have long-term implications.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22)

22) A wave of confusion surrounds your words. You might wonder if it is your choice of words or your tone that is creating or adding

to this confusion. Be sure that those listening know the true essence of your thoughts.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22)

You wish you could verbalize some of your thoughts and ideas. You understand the importance of using the right words and not hurting anyone else's feelings. Since you might not be sure of your message, it probably best to say little for now.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21)

21) Use caution with your funds. You might not be as careful with your budget as you probably need to be. You do not want to suffer a loss or miscount your change. In the present moment, brainstorm all you want, but do not make any final decisions just yet.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21)

21) You might not be aware of a family secret or that a roommate could be withholding some information from you. You sense a lack of focus at your home, but you might not be sure what is going on. Don't pressure others; just do your thing.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19)

Your hunches seem to be right on. If you're playing bridge or another card game, you could be unusually lucky because of your sixth sense. Use your intuition well, but do not rely on it too heavily; otherwise, it could cause you a problem.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18)

18) You might be surprised to learn how much fate can affect your finances. Try to use good sense when out and about. If you are 100 percent sure of what you need to do, talk to someone who frequently plays devil's advocate.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 18)

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» CRYPTOQUOTE

A X Y D L B A A X R
is L O N G F E L L O W

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-3 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Z S S K D J S C A N Z O J D Z K , N L ' B

D L L J S S Z K R M W R F G D G Q .

— B D Q C S Y S Z B R Z

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, YOU'LL FIND A WAY. IF YOU DON'T, YOU'LL FIND AN EXCUSE. — JIM ROHN

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