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Groveland Four case to be heard by clemency board



Three of the four members of the Groveland Four are pictured after their arrest with Sheriff Willis McCall, right. [SUBMITTED]

By Jim Saunders
News Service of Florida

TALLAHASSEE – Just three days after they are sworn into office, new Gov. Ron DeSantis and members of the Florida Cabinet are expected to take up the Groveland Four case of four African-American men accused in 1949 of raping a white woman.

DeSantis, new Attorney General Ashley Moody, new Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried and returning

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis are scheduled to meet at 9 a.m. Friday at the Capitol and then will hold a clemency board meeting to discuss the Groveland Four case, according to an agenda posted online.

The discussion will follow calls to pardon the Groveland Four – and DeSantis' statement last month that he wanted to make the issue a "priority."

"Seventy years is a long

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Trump plans address, border visit

President to speak to nation tonight on wall plan as government shutdown continues

By Catherine Lucey and Lisa Mascaro
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON – With no breakthrough in sight to end the partial government shutdown, President Donald Trump plans a Tuesday night address to the nation and a Thursday visit the U.S.-Mexico border to highlight his demands for a border wall. Newly empowered House Democrats – and at least a few Republican senators – are stepping up pressure on Trump and GOP lawmakers to reopen the government.

Trump said he would discuss the "Humanitarian and National Security crisis on our Southern Border" at 9 p.m. EST. He maintains that more than \$5 billion for a wall is necessary to secure the border. White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders tweeted Monday that Trump will use the visit to "meet with those on the front lines of the national security and humanitarian crisis."

As the shutdown lurched into a third week, many Republicans watched nervously from the sidelines as hundreds of thousands of federal workers went without pay and government disruptions hit the lives of ordinary Americans.

Trump has offered to build the barrier with steel rather than concrete, billing that as a concession to Democrats' objections to a solid wall. They "don't like concrete, so we'll give them steel," he has said.

But the Democrats have made clear they see a wall as immoral and ineffective and

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Looking ahead to 2019



The City of Leesburg continues making millions of dollar worth of improvements to Venetian Gardens to restore its place as a local gathering spot. [Daily Commercial]

LOOKING AHEAD

Today: Tavares and Leesburg
Wednesday: South Lake
Thursday: Schools and Lake County at large

Leesburg, Tavares finishing major improvements this year

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Area cities, schools, community groups and other decision-makers were busy in

2018, launching a raft of projects intended to make local communities more inviting and better situated to handle the continued growth here and around the rest of Central Florida. Many of those projects are expected to come to fruition in 2019, and others will emerge out of necessity, or out of a desire to improve quality

of life for residents

Here is a look at what the cities of Leesburg and Tavares are working on in 2019.

LEESBURG

In Leesburg, the city's new community building is

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Warren bashes banks, rich in first 2020 campaign swing

By Joshua Green and John McCormick
Bloomberg

Sen. Elizabeth Warren's first trip to Iowa as a likely presidential candidate highlighted her fiery anti-Wall Street populism and could set the tone for the sprawling

field of Democrats expected to jockey for the right to challenge President Donald Trump in 2020.

In a weekend swing that saw overflow crowds at every stop, the Massachusetts liberal harshly critiqued a Washington political culture she called "corrupt"

and "beholden to giant corporations."

Warren's critiques of Wall Street's political influence struck a chord with many of the Iowans who came to see her, 13 months ahead of the Iowa caucuses that formally kick off the nomination race.

"Trump says Make

America Great Again, but he's making corporations great – he doesn't give a sh_t about us, and his flunkies don't care either," said Dana Evans, 69, of Aurelia, Iowa, president of Vietnam Veterans of Northwest Iowa.

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EUSTIS' BOWERS BOUNCES BACK, EARNS ALL-CONFERENCE HONORS

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IN BRIEF

UNION, S.C. Deputies kill 81-year-old man who they say fired gun first

Authorities say police officers in South Carolina shot and killed an 81-year-old man who fired a gun at them as they tried to take him into custody for a mental evaluation.

Union County Sheriff's deputies said they were called Saturday night to a home near Union after a neighbor said Harold Thompson fired a gun in the air after his dog barked at him. Deputies say Thompson didn't answer his door and, after several tries, they obtained a court order for a mental evaluation.

A sheriff's statement says when deputies entered the home to take Thompson into custody, he walked out of a room with a gun, didn't drop the weapon when ordered and fired at officers.

FLINT, MICH. Another misdemeanor deal in Flint water investigation

Michigan's former drinking water regulator has pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor in the Flint water investigation.

It's a break for Liane Shekter Smith, who was facing felony charges, including involuntary manslaughter, in an investigation of Flint's lead-tainted water and a Legionnaires' disease outbreak.

Smith pleaded no contest Monday to disturbance of a lawful meeting and agreed to testify against others, if necessary. Special prosecutor Todd Flood praised her "candor and truthfulness." Defense attorney Brian Morley says the case likely will be dismissed in six to 12 months.

LIBREVILLE, GABON Gabon government thwarts coup attempt, 2 plotters dead

Gabon's government thwarted an attempted military coup on Monday, retaining control of the oil-rich West African nation after two plotters were killed and other army officers were arrested, the government said.

Authorities regained control of state broadcasting offices and a major thoroughfare in the capital, Libreville, which were the only areas taken over by the officers, government spokesman Guy-Bertrand Mapangou told Radio France International.

He said five army officers who took over state radio were arrested. Two other coup plotters were killed when security forces took over and freed some hostages, according to a presidential statement reported by RFI.

The Associated Press



Actor Kevin Spacey arrives at district court Monday in Nantucket, Mass., to be arraigned on a charge of indecent assault and battery. [STEVEN SENNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

Spacey pleads not guilty to groping young man at bar

By Alanna Durkin Richer
The Associated Press

NANTUCKET, Mass. — Kevin Spacey pleaded not guilty Monday to groping an 18-year-old busboy in 2016 in the first criminal case brought against the disgraced actor following a string of sexual misconduct allegations that crippled his career.

Spacey's court appearance came more than a year after former Boston TV anchor Heather Unruh accused the former "House of Cards" star of sexually assaulting her son in a bar on the Massachusetts resort island of Nantucket.

Nantucket District Court Judge Thomas Barrett ordered Spacey to stay away from his accuser and the man's family. Spacey will not have to appear at his next hearing on March 4, but he must be available by phone, Barrett said.

The judge also ordered Spacey's accuser and the man's then-girlfriend to preserve text messages and other data on their cellphones from the day of the alleged assault and six months after. Spacey's attorney Alan Jackson told the judge they believe the cellphones contain information that is "likely exculpatory" for Spacey.

The actor and his lawyers

declined to comment as they left the courthouse amid a crush of reporters. Spacey, wearing a gray suit, navy vest and polka dot tie, didn't speak during the hearing and his lawyers entered the not-guilty plea on his behalf.

In court documents, Spacey's lawyers called the accusations "patently false" and noted that prosecutors have no witnesses to the alleged groping. Spacey's lawyers wrote that the teen lied about his age, "welcomed" drinks bought by Spacey, left the bar with him to smoke a cigarette and gave Spacey his phone number.

"At best, this describes two people engaged in mutual and consensual flirtation, nothing more," his attorneys wrote.

If convicted of felony indecent assault and battery, the 59-year-old two-time Oscar winner could face as many as five years in prison.

Unruh's son told police that he wanted to get a picture with the former "House of Cards" star and went over to talk to him after his shift ended at the Club Car, a popular island bar and restaurant, according to court documents. The man said Spacey bought him several drinks and tried to convince him to come home with him before unzipping the man's

pants and groping him for about three minutes.

The accuser told police that he tried to move Spacey's hands, but the groping continued, and he didn't know what to do because he didn't want to get in trouble for drinking. The man said he fled when Spacey went to the bathroom.

The Associated Press does not typically identify people alleging sexual assault.

The civil attorney for the accuser said in a statement ahead of the hearing that his client is "leading by example."

"By reporting the sexual assault, my client is a determined and encouraging voice for those victims not yet ready to report being sexually assaulted," said lawyer Mitchell Garabedian, who has represented hundreds of clergy sexual abuse victims. Garabedian is not a part of the criminal case against Spacey.

Media trucks lined the street before dawn, and locals on the island, which teems with tourists in the summer but quiets down in the winter, drove by slowly to take photos of reporters standing in line in the cold. When the doors opened, more than two dozen journalists packed the courtroom hours before Spacey was

scheduled to appear.

A judge denied Spacey's bid to avoid appearing in person Monday. Spacey had argued that his presence would "amplify the negative publicity already generated" by the case.

After the charge was announced last month, Spacey released a video in the voice of Frank Underwood, his character on "House of Cards," in which he said, "I'm certainly not going to pay the price for the thing I didn't do." It was unclear whether he was referring to the charge.

Spacey was ousted from the Netflix series and other productions after he was accused of sexual assault and inappropriate behavior by numerous people amid the #MeToo movement.

His first accuser, actor Anthony Rapp, said Spacey climbed on top of him on a bed when Rapp was 14 and Spacey 26. Spacey said he did not remember such an encounter but apologized if the allegations were true.

Spacey remains under investigation on suspicion of sexual assault in Los Angeles for an incident that allegedly occurred in 2016. Prosecutors declined to file charges over a 1992 allegation because the statute of limitations had expired.

DATELINES

PARIS



Riot police officers take positions Saturday at the Champs Elysees avenue during a yellow vest protest in Paris. A man identified as a former boxing pro and suspected of viciously attacking riot police officers with his fists and feet during the latest yellow vest protests in France has turned himself in and was placed in custody on Monday, authorities said. [MICHEL EULER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

JERUSALEM



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opens the weekly cabinet meeting Sunday at the prime minister's office in Jerusalem. In what was billed as a "dramatic announcement," Netanyahu used a prime-time address on Monday to again dismiss a series of corruption allegations against him. [GALI TIBBON/POOL VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

LOTTERY

Sunday, Jan. 6
Fantasy 5: 6-14-15-28-34

Monday, Jan. 7
Pick 5
Afternoon: 6-8-4-4-9
Pick 4
Afternoon: 6-0-6-4
Pick 3
Afternoon: 6-8-4
Pick 2
Afternoon: 2-0

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NEWS BRIEFS

CLERMONT Man defiant after arrest for sexually assaulting woman

A Clermont man was charged with sexually assaulting a woman following a night on the town Saturday.

According to an arrest affidavit, police were called to a home after a naked woman showed up there crying hysterically and disoriented. The woman told officers she had been out having drinks and talking with Avinash Persaud, 26, then they returned to Persaud's house on White Blossom Lane, but she was too intoxicated to drive home. The woman climbed into a bed but said Persaud climbed on top of her and tore off her clothes. When she slapped him, he became enraged, choked her and threatened to kill her.

The woman said he forced her to perform oral sex briefly, but she pulled away and he punched her in the face with a closed fist three times. At some point, he forced her into a bathroom. When Persaud turned his back briefly, she ran out the door naked and escaped to a neighboring home.

Officers found Persaud at his mother's house and asked him to recount what happened but said he replied, "Just (expletive) take me to jail. I got money. It ain't nothing but a ride. I'll be out in a few hours."

He was charged with sexual battery, assault and simple battery and was being held on \$26,500 bail.

ST. PETERSBURG Fast food employees to strike after viral video

A group of Florida fast food workers are striking after a female colleague was attacked by a customer.

A viral video shows Daniel Taylor grabbing Yasmine James' shirt and attempting to pull her over the counter after he asked for a straw at a St. Petersburg McDonald's last week. James hit him several times in the face.

Taylor was charged with two counts of simple battery. Police said he also kicked another worker.

The group Fight for \$15 said it will strike during Tuesday's lunch rush to demand fast-food chains protect workers from safety threats.

McDonald's employee Gail Rogers said in a statement that she's planning to strike because she doesn't feel safe on the job. She said workers are subjected to all types of behavior including sexual harassment.

LEESBURG Pilots to offer free flights for young people

The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 534 will offer free general aviation first flights for young people ages 8 to 17 from their EAA hangar at the Leesburg International Airport, weather permitting.

The Young Eagle flights will take place on Saturdays, Jan. 19 and Feb. 16. Kids, along with a parent or guardian, should convene at the EAA hangar at 9 a.m. on those days. Enter the airport grounds by Wilco Drive off of U.S. Highway 441 and take the first right turn.

EAA has been offering free general aviation flights to young people for over 25 years and has flown over two million nationally. This is all done through local EAA chapters whose members donate their planes, pilots and staff to make it happen.

If you would like more information about the Young Eagles program you may go to the following web site. www.young eagles.org/join

Schools address teacher turnover rate

By Payne Ray
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TAVARES — Lake County Schools reported its latest numbers on teacher turnover Monday, revealing both the impact of a state-wide teacher shortage and a renewed commitment to retaining faculty.

District officials presented three years of data showing a steady turnover rate of 15 percent.

According to Chad Farnsworth, the district's chief of staff, it's a trend recruiters are seeing across the state as they struggle to fill

vacancies. But Lake County school officials are zeroing in on a strategy that aims to hold onto the teachers they already have.

"In the past, it used to be we need to focus on recruitment," Farnsworth said. "Now, it's more like the reverse of that."

Farnsworth said they are inviting teachers to help them understand what the district can do to keep them around.

Starting in November, district staff began collecting data from exit

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The Lake County School Board is investigating the factors that make teachers leave and those that make them stay as it tries to improve its retention efforts. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

Slow and steady



Ed Bowman is walking from Mount Dora to Tallahassee to convince legislators to pass Clara's Law, which would flag healthcare workers with troubled pasts. [ROXANNE BROWN/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

Ed Bowman entering day four of his walk for 'Clara's Law'

By Roxanne Brown
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LEESBURG — Before the sun was up on Saturday, Edward Bowman hit the streets on a trek that started at the Mount Dora Police Department and will conclude in Tallahassee, where he hopes to convince legislators to pass a law that would flag healthcare workers with troubled pasts.

Bowman estimates it will take him at least 34 days to get to Tallahassee at a pace of about seven miles per day.

Two days in, he is only

now reaching the Leesburg border but said he's "having a blast" talking to anyone who will listen to him speak about "Clara's Law."

With it, he said, sexual predators could potentially be stopped from moving from one job to another, and from state to state, without facing consequences.

That's what happened to his wife, Clara, who was assaulted by a male nurse at Health Central in Ocoee in 2006 but went on to work at six different facilities and rack up 19 charges before being arrested.

Bowman said all weekend, drivers have been honking their car horns and some stop to take pictures of him in

his "Pass Clara's Law" T-shirt, offering words of support and donating toward his cause.

"I had one lady tell me she was in her car telling her friend about me, when she looked up and spotted me right at that very moment," Bowman said. "She pulled up, stopped, handed me \$20 and took my picture. That's how it's been all along."

"People are beginning to recognize me and everyone is being encouraging and giving me nothing but positive feedback."

It hasn't been easy in the early going, though.

Bowman said on the first day he suffered

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Man guilty of felony murder, but not the felonies

By Frank Stanfield
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TAVARES — A man charged with felony murder in a burglary is guilty of the felony murder, but not the felonies, a jury decided Monday.

Tareak Ilarreza, 20, was arrested with two other men in the wake of a chaotic shootout that resulted in the death of his cousin.

Luis Robles-Carmona, who lived at Raintree Apartments on July 30, 2017, told Lake sheriff's deputies that he grabbed a pistol when someone knocked on his

door at about 3 a.m. He said he looked through the peep hole in his door, did not recognize the man, but opened the door anyway. The stranger at the door, later identified as Aswad Valesquez, shot at Robles and missed. Robles did not, with one shot grazing the man's head and four hitting him in the back as he laid on the ground and kept moving.

More shots were fired and a neighbor narrowly missed being shot when she opened her door to see what was going on, while a man rushed up and dragged the wounded man down the stairs.

"Has the state even proven that Tareak was there?" defense attorney Alison Kerestes said, posing the question in her closing remarks to jurors. "If you think they did, what did he do?"

The state said in its charges that he was guilty of attempted murder of Robles; his wife, who suffered a minor injury in the apartment; and the neighbor; as well as burglary.

There was no debate about whether Ilarreza was at Celebration Hospital 15 minutes after the 3 a.m. shooting, however. He

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New first lady wants to listen, 'move the ball forward'

By Dara Kim
News Service Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Saying she "wants to take a page out of Oprah's playbook," Florida's next first lady, Casey DeSantis, charmed an audience of mostly Republican women Monday, the day before her husband, Ron, will be sworn in as governor of the third-largest state in the nation.

"I really look forward to listening," Casey DeSantis, 38, told reporters after addressing an early-morning crowd in the kickoff of festivities surrounding

Tuesday's inauguration.

The mother of two young children regaled the crowd with tales of her travels throughout the state last year while campaigning for her husband.

Riding around on an electric moped in Daytona Beach during Bike Week — and winding up surrounded by Harleys — was just one of the ways she helped her husband get elected.

"I get it. I know how hard it takes. I know there's a lot that goes into making it happen," Casey DeSantis, a

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Gov. Ron DeSantis leaves his voting site with his son Mason, wife Casey and daughter Madison on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

[WILL DICKEY/AP PHOTO]

Funeral Services

Janet C. Brown

Janet C. Brown of Leesburg, Florida, age 85, passed away on January 5, 2019. She was born in Fruitport, Michigan to Roy and Gladys Lower in 1933. Janet attended college at Florida Southern in Lakeland, Florida. She was part of a traveling chorus from Florida Southern. She later met her husband, Gary and they had 5 children. She obtained her Master's Degree in counseling from Stetson University while raising her children. Janet was a teacher at Beverly Shores Elementary School for over 30 years and was active in First Baptist Church of Leesburg, regularly participating in church visitations to shut-ins. In addition to teaching, Janet opened a restaurant known as "The Total Affair" in downtown Leesburg, which later became Beacon College.

Despite her always hectic schedule, Janet loved animals of all kinds, enjoyed riding horses, traveling, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many friends. Janet is survived by her children, Denise (Steve), Lisa (Ray), Gina (Darrell) and Layna (Hoby), grandchildren, Brian, Austin, Reese and Colt, and great-grandchildren, Preston, Paisley and Raysen. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters (Hazel and Elsie), and son, Dennis. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church of Leesburg in the Chapel on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. The family requests donations be made to Hospice of Marion County or to The First Academy of First Baptist Church in lieu of flowers.

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former morning-television host, said.

Speaking to reporters after the event, titled "Women Transforming Florida: A Tribute Breakfast," at Goodwood Museum, DeSantis said she hasn't limited her agenda as first lady to a single issue.

"I'd like to pick more than one," she said. "I want to take a page out of Oprah's playbook. She said what makes the best interview are people who listen. So, what I want to do is approach this with humility and say that I might not know all the answers out of the gate. I want to listen to what the people say ... and then I want to be able to help in any way that I can to really move the ball forward for the people of this state."

Much of the morning's program was devoted to praising women, including Republican voters who helped boost Ron DeSantis and Lt. Gov.-elect Jeanette Nuñez to victory in the 2018 elections.

"I'm inspired to pave the way and encourage young girls and women of all ages in all walks of life to follow their dreams. It's taken a lot of work. It's taken a lot of sacrifice," Nuñez, 46, said. "But most importantly, it's taken a lot of faith."

Nuñez, a former legislator from Miami, will become the state's highest-ranking Hispanic woman in history after taking office Tuesday.

"She is a rock star," Casey DeSantis said.

The new governor, his wife and their two young children — 2-year-old Madison and 10-month-old Mason — intend to move into the governor's mansion, marking the first time in a half-century since a young family has resided at 700 North Adams St.

Casey DeSantis called it an "honor and a privilege" to live in the mansion.

"The first thing I said was, we need to take all of Florida's irreplaceable historic artifacts and move them up four feet, right? I was thinking about this beautiful early 20th-century wallpaper. Orange crayon wouldn't look so good on that. So one of the first steps is to make sure that we baby-proof the mansion to preserve all of Florida's history," she told reporters. "Ron and I understand that this is the people's house. It's not our house. And so we want to make sure that people have the opportunity to see two young children growing up in the mansion. This is the

first time that this has happened in 50 years. So it's an honor and we look forward to really sharing the kids with everybody and sharing what I'm sure will be some hilarious stories."

Some view Florida's political lineup, with Casey DeSantis expected to play an important role in her husband's administration, Nuñez, incoming Attorney General Ashley Moody and Agriculture Commissioner-elect Nikki Fried, as a reflection of the 2018 elections, viewed nationally as the "year of the woman."

DeSantis and Nuñez top the "amazing, strong, accomplished females taking leadership roles," Melissa Stone, a Republican political consultant who was one of outgoing Gov. Rick Scott's chief advisers, told The News Service of Florida during a break in the Monday breakfast event.

Their presence in the administration will be an inspiration for other women, Stone predicted.

"The more you have a great number of women working together, that is what is going to make a real impression on women everywhere, encourage them and inspire them to take leadership roles," she said.

Expect the female leaders to play an important part in the 2020 elections; politicians of both parties — including President Donald Trump, whose early endorsement helped boost DeSantis to a Republican primary victory — consider Florida a must-win state.

When asked how she would boost turnout among women, Casey DeSantis pointed to a focus on issues that "everyone" believes in.

Cleaning up the state's waterways — "the lifeblood for our economy" — is at the top of her list, she said.

"It's not only for the economy. It's also about the flora and fauna that call some of the most beautiful areas in Florida home. It's for the businesses. We have to make sure that we're doing everything that we can to support their interests. And then it's also, as a mother, when you talk to people on the campaign trail and they say, 'I would never let my kid swim in that water,' or they say, 'I let my child swim in that water and I wound up in the emergency room the next day,' that's not OK," she said. "We're gonna fix it. It just needs to be done because it's the right thing."

When asked for specifics on her plans, DeSantis smiled.

"Stay tuned. We're gonna be busy," she said.

BOWMAN

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horrible leg cramps, but a long soak in a hot bath at a hotel provided relief.

He'll avoid a repeat of that problem by rotating between three pairs of tennis shoes his daughter gave him in preparation for the trip, and he'll stop to rest when his legs feel tired.

His rolling suitcase has presented a challenge as well. Loaded with his clothes, shoes, paperwork, insulin, a suit and tie, jacket, toiletries and more, it can be cumbersome, so he will try pushing it ahead of him at times instead of pulling it behind him.

And to those who question whether he can make it, Bowman says, "Don't worry about me."

"I am determined and have every confidence in the world I can do this. I'm one of these people that if I make up my mind to do something, by golly, I'll do it," he said. "I believe the good Lord put me on this earth to do this and I believe he won't let me leave here 'til I get it done."

There is no question Bowman is on a mission. Over the years, he



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[ROXANNE BROWN/DAILY COMMERCIAL]

has picketed the hospital where his wife was assaulted and government facilities and talked to legislators and government officials about helping him pass the law, to no avail.

In 2015, Senator Geraldine Thompson helped him write a bill but it was never fully sponsored by both the House and Senate.

In New York where is originally from, a Clara's Law made it through some of the process before dying. Bowman

said the bill is scheduled to be heard again later this year and he will be there to help get it passed.

After that, he will go to Washington D.C. to try to get a federal law passed.

Bowman said he does not feel discouraged because he continues to get support from city councils and people all over Florida. In fact, his suitcase contains three proclamations, one each from Ocoee, Umatilla and Apopka, supporting such a bill.

Bowman said along the way, he also hopes he can inspire people to stand up for what is right and to see that, sometimes, one person really can make a difference.

"My wife didn't deserve what happened to her, and nobody else does either, and that's why I am doing this," he said. "People need to learn to stand up for what they believe in because if you don't stand up, you'll fall for anything."

"I've been standing all my life. That's just me."

TEACHERS

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surveys and a new internal survey, both designed to find out what caused instructors to leave and what caused them to stay.

Among the 15 percent of teachers who left the district altogether, a fifth of them failed to recertify, Farnsworth said.

Almost 30 percent said they left for personal matters, while around 15 percent were retirements and 18 percent found other teaching opportunities in Florida.

The recertifications were especially troubling, as it's a significant chunk of teachers, around 100, who might have remained if they could qualify.

Farnsworth said many teachers weren't always prepared for the expensive process of earning their teacher certification, especially if they didn't study education in school.

The general knowledge exam, which is required

by all teachers in Florida and encompasses math, science and reading, has been stumping a number of Lake's teachers, he said.

There are also teachers operating on a temporary certificate who eventually have to face a potentially expensive certification process to get a professional license.

Depending on the teacher's background and what subject they want to teach, they may have to take up to five college classes to certify.

Someone with an art degree looking to teach math, for example, would have to take extra math courses before they could teach math.

The district offers in-house courses to help teachers get certified, but it costs \$1,800, which is charged through a payroll deduction.

That option might be cheaper than classes, but it's still enough to price some people out.

District staff have discussed the possibility of paying a teacher's way through, Farnsworth said during the presentation, but because of tight

funds, teachers have been left with the choice of paying up or looking elsewhere for work.

The survey sent to teachers who stuck with the county, which got about 1,000 responses, asked why teachers had stuck around and revealed another interesting trend, Farnsworth said.

The number one reasons teachers gave for staying were their students and school culture.

The second was support from administrators.

But 46 percent of teachers also said that they'd consider leaving the school district for a job completely outside of teaching, while 44 percent said they'd take another teaching job in a different district.

School Board member Marc Dodd said those results were startling.

He said part of the reason is the high cost of being a teacher. Many pay for classroom supplies out of pocket.

The problem was listed in the survey results as the second largest source of dissatisfaction, behind pay.

The problem is more acute at poorer schools.

Stuart Klatte, president of the Lake County Education Association, pointed out the district's poorest schools saw extreme turnover last year, especially from teachers transferring to Lake's higher-performing schools.

When comparing Beverly Shores Elementary to The Villages Elementary of Lady Lake, the difference is stark.

Each school had roughly 60 teachers last year, but only three left The Villages, which is relatively affluent, while Beverly Shores lost more than half its teachers.

Of those teachers that left, 30 percent went to other Lake Schools.

Klatte said he thought the district was doing well and was showing commitment to retaining teacher, but if they want to focus their attention anywhere, it should be on the least of its schools.

"There were 7 schools with turnover over 40 percent," Klatte said. "I think that's worth investigating."

ILARREZA

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could be seen in a security camera video with cousins Lawrence Alexis and Isiah E. Velaquez carrying Aswad into the emergency room. They stayed in a consulting room until deputies arrived and Robles was brought to the Osceola County hospital to identify the men.

After the verdict was announced, Kerestes said she did not understand how the jury reached its verdict of felony murder without the felonies.

The jury deliberated for more than six hours. About halfway through, jurors got permission to again view hospital surveillance camera video.

There was also a hint of things to come when they wanted to know if the charge of being a principal applied just to the murder charge.

Circuit Judge Lawrence Semento told them that would be up to them.

They also asked if the law of "action" versus "inaction" applied in this case. The judge told them that the jury instructions touched on

the only applicable law. The lawyers seemed baffled by the question, since there is apparently no such law.

Ilarreza was seen in the hospital video wearing a white shirt, but by the time sheriff's deputies arrived, he was bare-chested. The shirt, covered with Aswad's blood, was found in a trash can in a room where the cousins were sitting, along with a bloody rubber glove, hidden beneath water bottles and other trash.

It's what lawyers call "consciousness of guilt," Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Olson told jurors in his closing remarks.

Moreover, other blue latex gloves were found in the parking lot of Raintree apartments, Olson said.

Kerestes said her client was merely "trying to save a life." He told a detective seven minutes into questioning that he threw the shirt into the trash can.

But he "flat lied," when he told the detective that he and the others were watching street races when a random shot felled Aswad, Assistant State Attorney Jonathan Olson said.

He couldn't say where he was, how many people were there, or anything else, Olson said.

Kerestes continued to cast doubt on Robles' story.

Why didn't he turn on the porch light? How could Aswad miss at point-blank range? Why didn't investigators find his gun, if he had one? Why did he shoot Aswad five times, four times in the back? And why didn't deputies find any guns linked to Ilarreza or any of the others, she asked?

The only gun that was found was Robles', she said. Even a bullet that slammed into the neighbor's door was a .380-caliber projectile fired by him, she asserted.

But there were plenty of shell casings from other weapons fired, including 9mm and .30-caliber carbine, Olson noted.

The neighbor that opened her door to see what was going on saw one man on the staircase of the third-floor apartment holding a carbine, which required two hands to hold it.

The neighbor also said the man was light-skinned. Ilarreza, who had just arrived from

his home in St. Croix, had darker skin at that time, Kereste said. She said Alexis is also light-skinned.

There was also testimony about two vehicles seen pulling into the Four Corners apartment complex, a neighbor seeing five men in the parking lot and the hospital video that shows the men in an Acura waving to occupants in a mystery SUV.

"We can't give you everything," Olson conceded in his closing remarks. "We know the SUV was involved."

Olson credited jurors with wrestling with the case for a long time before rendering a decision. An hour before finding Ilarreza guilty, they said they were deadlocked.

The judge has ordered a presentence investigation.

Home invasion robberies or burglaries often have some kind of drug ripoff or pay-back element.

Robles has no record and his apartment was searched and no drugs were found, an investigator told the Daily Commercial on Monday. But Robles was a witness in another murder case, he said.

Trump may try to suppress some of Mueller report

By Chris Strohm and Shannon Pettypiece
Bloomberg

The White House may try to block portions of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's final report from being shared with Congress and the public in a fight that could end up before the Supreme Court.

Mueller may submit his findings on Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign to the Justice Department as early as February, according to one U.S. official. After that, things could get messy.

Democrats who now control the House have said they'll demand that the department hand over the report — and that they intend to make it public. The White House may counter by asserting executive privilege to prevent key findings from being turned over, according to people familiar with internal deliberations.

Under the federal regulation that authorizes special counsels, Mueller is required only to submit his report to department leaders. There's no mandate that any part of Mueller's findings be provided to Congress or the public.

What happens next would be decided by Acting Attorney General Matthew Whitaker or by William Barr, Trump's nominee for attorney general, if he's confirmed by the Senate by then. In the past, both have criticized Mueller's investigation into whether anyone around Trump colluded in the



Special Counsel Robert Mueller leaves a June 21, 2017, meeting with members of the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington. [ERIC THAYER/BLOOMBERG]

Russian meddling and whether the president sought to obstruct the probe.

Trump and his lawyers expect to get an advance look at the report if there's a chance it will be shared beyond the Justice Department. They may assert executive privilege to withhold any information related to Trump's time in the White House or during the transition, depending on what's included.

"We will look at it and see if the president thinks there is a valid claim and if there is, do we want to make it," said Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani. "We reserve the right. We don't know if we have to, but we haven't waived it."

Giuliani said the White House would be willing to fight in court to preserve material it considers privileged.

Executive privilege is the long-disputed doctrine used by a number of presidents who have argued that they must be able to keep internal deliberations private to protect their ability to get candid advice from aides.

It's an option that Trump's team has intentionally kept open, the people familiar with White House deliberations said. The White House voluntarily turned over tens of thousands of pages of records to Mueller's investigators, avoiding a subpoena fight with the special prosecutor.

The lawyers believe that preserved the president's option to assert later that the information can't be shared outside of the executive branch. Had Mueller subpoenaed the documents and won, the White House would have lost the ability to block their public release.

The White House could base an assertion of executive privilege on a 2008 opinion by Attorney General Michael Mukasey, under which information was withheld from Congress concerning the investigation into the leaking of CIA officer Valerie Plame's identity. The White House also might try to cite former President Barack Obama's use of the privilege to prevent the release of documents related to the "Fast and

Furious" gun-walking scandal, although a district judge rejected the argument.

Democratic Representative Jerrold Nadler of New York, the new chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, predicted any effort to suppress Mueller's report "will not hold up in court." He said a claim of "executive privilege can always be pierced by a specific and legitimate criminal or congressional inquiry."

John Dean, who was White House counsel to President Richard Nixon — and became a witness against him in the Watergate scandal — said it would be an "absurd" legal strategy for the White House to claim executive privilege after having turned over material to Mueller.

Still, Dean said it could be a successful "stalling tactic" that could "tie it up in the lower courts for a couple of years."

Mueller's findings also could be embroiled in controversy over the protection of intelligence sources and methods and legal requirements to withhold grand jury and other sensitive law enforcement information.

U.S. intelligence agencies probably would seek to redact material in the report that relates to classified matters, another official said. Mueller and Justice Department lawyers also are required to withhold information that pertains to grand jury proceedings or ongoing sensitive law enforcement operations, the official said.

Supreme Court's Ginsburg misses arguments for 1st time

By Mark Sherman
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is missing arguments for the first time in more than 25 years as she recuperates from cancer surgery last month, the Supreme Court said.

Ginsburg was not on the bench as the court met Monday to hear arguments. It was not clear when she would return to the court, which will hear more cases Tuesday and Wednesday, and again next week.

Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said the 85-year-old justice is continuing to recuperate and work from home after doctors removed two cancerous growths from her left lung on Dec. 21.

Ginsburg was discharged from a New York hospital on Dec. 25.

Chief Justice John Roberts said in the courtroom Monday that Ginsburg would participate in deciding the argued cases "on the basis of the briefs and transcripts of oral arguments."

Ginsburg had two earlier cancer surgeries in 1999 and 2009 that did not cause her to miss court sessions. She also has broken ribs on at least two occasions.

The court said doctors found the growths on Ginsburg's lung when she was being treated for fractured ribs she suffered in a fall at her office on Nov. 7.

After past health scares, Ginsburg has come back to work relatively quickly. In 2009, she was at the court for

arguments on Feb. 23, 18 days after surgery for pancreatic cancer.

Weeks after her fall in November, Ginsburg was asking questions at high court arguments, speaking at a naturalization ceremony for new citizens and being interviewed at screenings of the new movie about her, "On the Basis of Sex."

Her latest surgery was a procedure called a pulmonary lobectomy at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York. The court said in a release issued the day of the surgery that doctors found "no evidence of any remaining disease" and scans taken before the surgery showed no cancerous growths elsewhere in her body.

No additional treatment is currently planned, the court said.

Appointed by President Bill Clinton in 1993, Ginsburg rebuffed suggestions from some liberals that she should step down in the first two years of President Barack Obama's second term, when Democrats controlled the Senate and would have been likely to confirm her successor.

She already has hired clerks for the term that extends into 2020, indicating she has no plans to retire.

If she did step down, President Donald Trump would have another opportunity to move a conservative court even more to the right. On the day she had surgery, Trump tweeted his wishes for Ginsburg's "full and speedy recovery!"

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scheduled to open in July at Venetian Gardens. The \$8 million project, which included demolition of the old building and uprooting the community pool, also includes landscaping, driveway and drainage improvements. Also coming is a new restaurant to be built by a private vendor on the waterfront, with docks and boat slips.

The improvements are part of a major overhaul of the park, including a boat ramp at Ski Beach. It is unclear if any shovels will go into the ground soon for a new pool to replace the landmark Venetian Gardens swimming hole, but it will be a major topic of discussion for staff and commissioners, according to Al Minner, city manager. Another hot-button issue will be talks surrounding a proposed teen center.

So far, there has not been any word from The Villages on when it will begin construction of

2,800 new homes and other buildings on the 1,200 acres the city sold to the developer in 2018. However, the developer is not known for letting grass grow underfoot, unless it is a golf course.

The mega retirement community is expanding rapidly eastward from Sumter County, where it will join up with the Leesburg portion - The Villages of West Lake - at Florida's Turnpike and County Road 470.

Meanwhile, the developer of Lake Square Mall is erecting new, covered drop-off points, upgrading the façade and adding new entertainment venues, thanks in part to a \$500,000 economic development grant from the city.

"The hard work that has been put into this challenge is paying off," said Meir Benzaken, principal owner. The company is finding new tenants and is looking to land nationally known restaurants on outparcels.

Benzaken's company paid \$23 million for the mall in 2017.

TAVARES

Residents in Tavares have a lot to look forward to in 2019, with projects focusing on expansions and beautification as the city continues to grow.

That includes the completion of a 38,000-square-foot public safety complex, located at 911 Gateway Drive on the former site of the Lake County School Board's bus maintenance facility near Alfred (now Gateway Drive) and Caroline streets.

Richard Keith, the city's fire chief and project manager for the facility, said construction should be done by the end of February, and by April the city's Police Department and downtown Fire Station No. 28 will move out of their outdated and crowded buildings and into their new digs.

Keith said residents should then expect to hear about a ribbon cutting and grand opening celebration sometime in June.

The \$14 million building, which broke ground in Nov. 2016, will also contain special decontamination and cancer-prevention protocols for the first responders, will include more than 10,000 square feet of space for

future expansions and will house the city's first dedicated Emergency Operations Center.

"We've been working on this for over 10 years. It really is a dream come true because the need has been there all that time and to see it come to fruition is just amazing," Keith said.

With that, the Historical Society of Tavares will be able to move out of its current location on Alfred Street and into the historic train station, which currently houses the Fire Department.

That means a much larger office space but also more room for the organization's museum, made up of local artifacts.

Also coming soon is the completion of the Ruby Street Stormwater Improvement and Beautification Plan, a \$5.6 million project that will transform 8 acres in downtown Tavares into an ecological park complete with wooden bridges and lush landscaping atop man-made ponds designed to treat storm water runoff that will be collected and discharged as clean water into Lake Dora.

According to City

Administrator John Drury, the storm water treatment park is part of the city's master plan for economic development in the Downtown Community Redevelopment Area, designed to lure more people to restaurants, shops and attractions along Ruby Street.

City officials also believe the treatment park will add to the beauty and serenity of Wooton Park and, because Lake Dora will be cleaner, more water-related recreational activities could be held there.

Construction on the project began in July, 2016 and finishing touches should be completed in about 30 days.

Other projects in the works are the scheduling of community planning workshops for an update to the city's Comprehensive Plan, the construction of a new Public Works building, a rebuild of the city's seaplane base and marina which was destroyed by Hurricane Irma and studies for a new performing arts center and a trail that would connect Tavares, Mount Dora and the YMCA facility they share.

BORDER

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prefer other types of border security funded at already agreed-upon levels.

White House officials affirmed Trump's funding request in a letter to Capitol Hill after a meeting Sunday with senior congressional aides led by Vice President Mike Pence at the White House complex yielded little progress. The letter from Office of Management and Budget Acting Director Russell Vought sought funding for a "steel barrier on the Southwest border."

The White House said the letter, as well as details provided during the meeting, sought to answer Democrats' questions about the funding request. Democrats, though, said the administration still failed to provide a full budget of how it would spend the billions requested for the wall from Congress. Trump campaigned on a promise that Mexico would pay for the wall, but Mexico has refused.

The administration letter includes a request for \$800 million for "urgent humanitarian needs," a reflection of the growing anxiety over migrants traveling to the border - which the White House said Democrats raised in the meetings.

CLEMENCY

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time," DeSantis said in the Dec. 20 statement. "And that's the amount of time four young men have been wrongly written into Florida history for crimes they did not commit and punishments they did not deserve. Justice was miscarried for the Groveland Four beginning with events set in motion in 1949. Though these men now lie in graves, their stories linger in search of justice."

DeSantis, Moody, Fried and Patronis will be formally sworn into office Tuesday after winning

elections Nov. 6. The agenda for Friday's meeting does not provide details of what will be discussed about the Groveland Four case, but the idea of pardons has gained momentum since the November elections.

In 2017, the Legislature approved a resolution apologizing to the Groveland Four and calling for pardons. The resolution said the men were "victims of gross injustices and that their abhorrent treatment by the criminal justice system is a shameful chapter in this state's history."

Under state law, the governor and Cabinet serve as the clemency board.

Ernest Thomas, Charles Greenlee, Samuel

Shepherd and Walter Irvin were the Groveland Four, with author Gilbert King winning a Pulitzer Prize in 2013 for his book about the case, "Devil in the Grove."

Thomas was killed by a posse after the rape accusation. The three other men were beaten to coerce confessions before they were convicted by an all-white jury.

Greenlee, at 16 was given a life sentence. Shepherd and Irvin, both U.S. Army veterans, were sentenced to death. Shepherd and Irvin were later shot, with Lake County Sheriff Willis McCall claiming the two handcuffed men tried to flee while being transported to a new trial. Shepherd died. Irvin told

the FBI he was shot in cold blood.

Gov. Leroy Collins commuted Irvin's sentence to life in prison. Irvin was paroled in 1968 and died a year later. Greenlee, released from prison in the early 1960s, died in 2012.

In addition to discussing the Groveland Four case, DeSantis and the Cabinet on Friday are also expected to take up DeSantis' recommendations of state Rep. Danny Burgess, R-Zephyrhills, to serve as executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs and Jim Zingale to serve as executive director of the Florida Department of Revenue. Filling the jobs is subject to Cabinet approval.

WARREN

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More than two dozen Democrats are believed to be seriously contemplating bids for the party's 2020 nomination, although none - with the possible

exception of former Vice President Joe Biden - are obvious front-runners. Biden is nearing a decision on whether to run, the New York Times reported on Sunday.

Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kamala Harris of California are some of Warren's Senate

colleagues likely to join her soon as either preliminary or full-on candidates. Both made trips to Iowa to help Democrats ahead of November's election, where the party won three of the state's four Congressional seats.

Julian Castro, a former U.S. Housing and Urban Development secretary from Texas who's already announced a presidential exploratory committee, was scheduled to make several stops in Iowa on Monday. Former representative John Delaney of Maryland has also established a presidential campaign.

Pledging to forsake corporate contributions if she runs for president, Warren challenged her Democratic competitors to do likewise. She also repeatedly criticized the

idea that wealthy presidential hopefuls might use their personal fortunes to fund campaigns, a notion she said Democrats should find offensive.

"Campaigns should not be for sale," she said at a stop in western Iowa. "As Democrats in a Democratic primary, we ought to be building grassroots support. We ought to be building a movement [and] not having billionaires buy these campaigns, whether we're talking about super PACs or self-funders."

Although Warren didn't mention them by name, billionaires Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg have indicated they're considering joining the Democratic fray and have the resources to finance their own campaigns if they wanted to do so.

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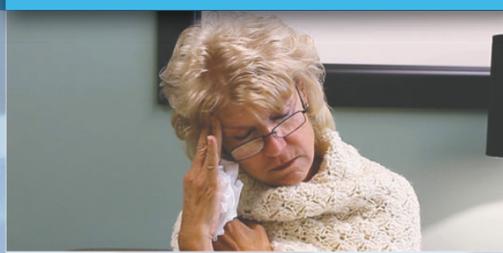
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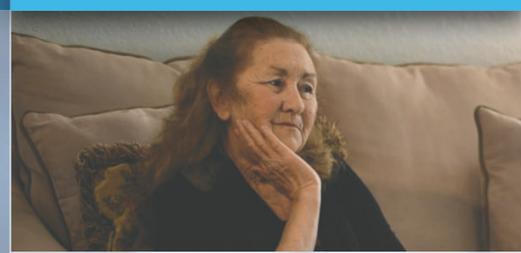
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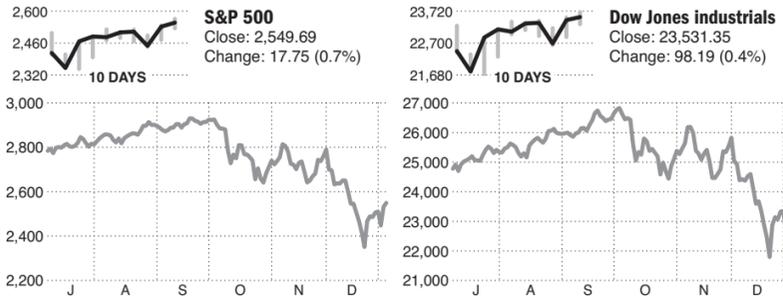


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Advanced	2243	2226
Declined	595	707
New Highs	8	27
New Lows	6	17

	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	YTD
DOW	23687.74	23301.59	23531.35	+98.19	+0.42%	+0.87%
DOW Trans.	9356.32	9143.17	9296.23	+71.21	+0.77%	+1.37%
DOW Util.	708.34	700.74	704.45	-7.46	-1.05%	-1.19%
NASDAQ	6855.60	6741.40	6823.47	+84.61	+1.26%	+2.84%
S&P 500	2566.16	2524.56	2549.69	+17.75	+0.70%	+1.71%
S&P 400	1715.36	1690.52	1702.82	+18.48	+1.10%	+2.39%
Wilshire 5000	26491.77	26048.54	26331.38	+250.58	+0.96%	+2.26%
Russell 2000	1411.90	1380.84	1405.37	+24.62	+1.78%	+4.21%

MARKET WATCH

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Nasdaq	6,823.47	▲	84.61
S&P	2,549.69	▲	17.75
Russell	1,405.37	▲	24.63
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Gold	1,286.80	▲	4.10
Silver	15.669	▼	.026
Platinum	818.40	▼	3.60
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MARKET MOVERS

- **General Electric Co., up 51 cents to \$8.74:** Bloomberg News reported that private equity firm Apollo Global Management might try to buy GE's aircraft leasing business.
- **Intercontinental Exchange Inc., down \$2.29 to \$73.38:** A group of Wall Street firms is getting ready to launch a new, low-cost stock exchange.

BRIEFCASE

BEIJING US-China trade talks start amid cooling growth

Facing a March deadline, talks aimed at ending a trade war between China and the U.S. are underway, with the world's two biggest economies expressing optimism over the potential for progress but neither indicating its stance has changed.

Cooling economic growth in both countries is increasing pressure to reach a settlement. As the talks began Monday at the Chinese Commerce Ministry, Beijing complained about a U.S. warship in what it said were Chinese waters, but it was unclear if that would disrupt the proceedings. Both sides have provided scant information about their discussions.

NEW YORK Eli Lilly to spend about \$8B on Loxo Oncology

Eli Lilly is spending about \$8 billion in cash to buy Loxo Oncology, as the drugmaker bulks up on cancer treatments that target certain gene abnormalities.

Loxo Oncology could launch a drug next year and targets an abnormality that occurs in several tumor types, including some lung and thyroid cancers, Lilly said in a prepared statement announcing the deal Monday.

WASHINGTON US service firms grew at slower pace in December

U.S. service firms grew in December at the slowest pace in five months, a possible indication that various headwinds from turbulent markets to trade tensions could be having an impact on economic activity.

The Institute for Supply Management, which is composed of purchasing managers, reported Monday that its service index fell to 57.6 percent last month, down from a November reading of 60.7 percent.

The Associated Press

Brave new world

Home items are getting smarter – and creepier – like it or not



The HiMirror uses skin analysis technology to assess for wrinkles, fine lines, dark circles, dark spots, red spots, roughness and pores. [ROSS D. FRANKLIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Anick Jesdanun

The Associated Press

One day, finding an oven that just cooks food may be as tough as buying a TV that merely lets you change channels.

Internet-connected "smarts" are creeping into cars, refrigerators, thermostats, toys and just about everything else in your home. CES 2019, the gadget show opening Tuesday in Las Vegas, will showcase many of these products, including an oven that coordinates your recipes and a toilet that flushes with a voice command.

With every additional smart device in your home, companies are able to gather more details about your daily life. Some of that can be used to help advertisers target you — more precisely than they could with just the smartphone you carry.

"It's decentralized surveillance," said Jeff Chester, executive director for the Center for Digital Democracy,

a Washington-based digital privacy advocate. "We're living in a world where we're tethered to some online service stealthily gathering our information."

Yet consumers so far seem to be welcoming these devices. The research firm IDC projects that 1.3 billion smart devices will ship worldwide in 2022, twice as many as 2018.

Companies say they are building these products not for snooping but for convenience, although Amazon, Google and other partners enabling the intelligence can use the details they collect to customize their services and ads.

Whirlpool, for instance, is testing an oven whose window doubles as a display. You'll still be able to see what's roasting inside, but the glass can now display animation pointing to where to place the turkey for optimal cooking.

The oven can sync with your digital calendar and recommend recipes based

on how much time you have. It can help coordinate multiple recipes, so that you're not undercooking the side dishes in focusing too much on the entree. A camera inside lets you zoom in to see if the cheese on the lasagna has browned enough, without opening the oven door.

As for that smart toilet, Kohler's Numi will respond to voice commands to raise or lower the lid — or to flush. You can do it from an app, too. The company says it's all about offering hands-free options in a setting that's very personal for people. The toilet is also heated and can play music and the news through its speakers.

Kohler also has a tub that adjusts water temperature to your liking and a kitchen faucet that dispenses just the right amount of water for a recipe.

For the most part, consumers aren't asking for these specific features. After all, before cars were invented, people might

Stocks of Local Interest

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE		CLOSING		CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	YTD	1YR	P/E	DIV
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AT&T Inc	T	26.80	39.29	30.89	+5.5	+1.8	▲	▲	▲	▲	+8.2	-14.9	6	2.04f
Advance Auto Parts	AAP	102.15	186.15	161.14	+2.33	+1.5	▲	▼	▲	▲	+2.3	+43.3	28	0.24
Amer Express	AXP	87.54	114.55	98.17	+5.3	+0.5	▲	▼	▲	▲	+3.0	-1.7	14	1.56
AutoNation Inc	AN	32.87	62.02	37.66	+6.1	+1.6	▲	▲	▲	▲	+5.5	-32.2	8	...
Brown & Brown	BRO	24.34	31.55	27.37	-0.2	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.7	+6.9	24	0.32f
CocaCola Co	KO	41.45	50.84	46.95	-6.2	-1.3	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.8	+6.6	89	1.56
Comcast Corp A	CMCSA	30.43	44.00	35.43	-3.8	-1.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	+4.1	-10.1	17	0.76
Darden Rest	DRI	82.38	124.00	103.94	+2.54	+2.5	▲	▼	▲	▲	+4.1	+5.7	19	3.00
Disney	DIS	97.68	120.20	110.56	+9.5	+0.9	▲	▼	▲	▲	+0.8	-0.8	15	1.76f
Gen Electric	GE	6.66	19.39	8.74	+5.1	+6.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+15.5	-53.6	dd	0.04m
General Mills	GIS	36.42	60.69	40.48	+6.6	+1.7	▲	▲	▲	▲	+4.0	-29.7	12	1.96
Harris Corp	HRS	123.24	175.50	133.79	+8.7	+0.7	▲	▼	▲	▼	-0.6	-4.9	24	2.74f
Home Depot	HD	158.09	215.43	177.04	+3.42	+2.0	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.0	-6.7	19	4.12
IBM	IBM	105.94	171.13	118.15	+8.3	+0.7	▲	▼	▲	▼	+3.9	-23.6	9	6.28
Lowe's Cos	LOW	81.16	117.70	95.65	+1.78	+1.9	▲	▲	▲	▲	+3.6	+3.1	21	1.92
NY Times	NYT	18.50	28.72	22.86	+3.9	+1.7	▲	▼	▲	▲	+2.6	+23.7	cc	0.16
NextEra Energy	NEE	145.10	184.20	172.28	-2.5	-0.1	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.9	+17.2	13	4.44
PepsiCo	PEP	95.34	122.51	109.53	-9.5	-0.9	▼	▼	▼	▼	-0.9	-3.6	32	3.71
Suntrust Bks	STI	46.05	75.08	54.67	+9.3	+1.7	▲	▼	▲	▲	+8.4	-15.7	9	2.00
WalMart Strs	WMT	81.78	109.98	94.54	+1.10	+1.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	+1.5	-4.0	54	2.08f
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Stocks climb on trade talks

By Marley Jay
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rose again Monday, led by gains in retailers and smaller companies after a report showed strong orders last month for service-sector companies, where most Americans work. Investors were also encouraged by the resumption of trade talks between the U.S. and China.

That helped stocks build on the huge gains they made Friday. The U.S. economy has been a top concern for investors over the last three months, and the strong report on service companies showed that banks, health care and construction companies were holding up well.

Dollar stores and other retailers, clothing companies and car makers all climbed. Amazon surpassed Microsoft to become the most valuable publicly-traded company. The two-day gain followed a huge pullback last Thursday, when a weak report on manufacturing helped send large multinational companies sharply lower.

"The portion of the economy that's domestically focused is doing better than the portion that is exporting, and arguably that is coming from the trade winds and the tensions we see from that," said Jason Pride, chief investment officer of private clients at Glenmede.

Smaller companies, which tend to be more closely linked to how well the domestic economy is doing, did far better than the rest of the market. The Russell 2000 jumped 24.62 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,405.37.

While trading has been rough over the last two weeks, stocks have moved higher as investors hoped that the U.S. and China will finally make progress in trade talks. But Wall Street is fearful that the trade dispute is far from a resolution. The U.S. and China both placed tariffs on billions of dollars' worth of each other's exports in 2018, and those taxes are likely to rise in March if they don't make progress in negotiations.

Reports of the latest round of trade discussions contributed to the market's big rally Friday.

"This is the biggest wild card, because you don't know exactly how these parties are going to reach an agreement," said Pride. "Just keeping the tariffs that have been announced so far and not going ahead with new ones would be a positive surprise for the market."

HEALTH

TIP OF THE WEEK

AT-HOME COLD HACKS

If you catch a cold, consider the following care tips from health and wellness expert Cassie Sobelton and Robitussin Honey:

- Refill your medicine cabinet with cough and cold medicines formulated for daytime and nighttime use.

- Carry disinfectant wipes or sprays so you can clean up surfaces that may have been exposed to germs.

- Maintain a balanced diet and drink plenty of water.

For more tips, visit www.robitussinhoney.com.

HEARTBURN AND CANCER

GET EARLY TESTING

If you are among the millions of Americans with chronic heartburn, the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ASGE) wants you to think differently about your condition. It may indicate something more serious — changes in the cells lining your esophagus that could lead to a common form of esophageal cancer.

Gastroenterologists can now more reliably detect these cell changes when they are still harmless, and more easily treat or remove them before they can progress to cancer.

Visit www.PreventHeartburnCancer.org for more information.

PERSONAL CARE

BRIGHTEN YOUR SMILE

To brighten your face, Colgate recommends staying hydrated, eating well and whitening your smile. Turning your teeth white, even if they've been discolored by time and/or the frequent consumption of coffee, tea and red wine, can be easy if you find the right product.

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Health snapshots

How biometric screenings can help you improve your health

By JoAnne Viviano

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The woman was just 25 years old, and a runner. So it was surprising when her total cholesterol registered at 343 milligrams per deciliter of blood — significantly higher than the desired level of 200 or less.

She took the results to her doctor, changed her diet and exercise regimens and, in six months, saw the number drop by more than 100 points.

The improvement came after a biometric screening performed at 614Fitness, a health studio in Columbus, Ohio.

Co-owner Jim Hofstetter said the screenings are part of an overall health regimen.

“What a biometric screening does is give them a window into that physical side of their life,” Hofstetter said. “It’s just a picture, a snapshot.”

Those snapshots are widely being offered at workplaces, pharmacies and even fitness clubs in an effort to detect risk factors for heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

People can then be guided to primary-care physicians, specialists or programs that might help them get healthier.

The screenings generally measure blood pressure, heart rate and body mass and involve a finger prick to get a drop of blood to also collect cholesterol and blood-sugar levels.

Other measures might include nutrition, fitness or vaccine screenings, body fat percentage and the A1C blood test that can indicate prediabetes.

“Knowledge is power, right? So we want to make sure patients know where they stand so they can continue to improve their health,” said Hope Hill, a patient-practice coordinator for Kroger, which conducts screenings in its pharmacies and through workplaces that provide them to employees.

About three-quarters of large employers surveyed by the National Business Group on Health offer biometric screenings, a number that has stayed consistent the past few years, said LuAnn Heinen, vice president of well-being and productivity at the Washington, D.C.-based group.

Employers aren’t privy to individual results, she said, but use aggregated data to help guide employee offerings, such as smoking-cessation programs, healthier vending choices or on-site gyms.

Screenings are pretty much expected at large companies, but also are seen at some smaller employers, said Dr. Daniel Wendorff, president of Columbus-based Mount Carmel Health Partners.



Registered nurse Katrina Burton explains the results of Gina Bericchia's biometric screening at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Ohio. [TYLER SCHANK/DISPATCH PHOTOS]



Patients can expect a finger stick to measure glucose and cholesterol levels, blood pressure, and height, weight and waist measurements to be taken during the screenings.

He said they have a “triple aim” of decreased cost, better care for the individual and, perhaps most important, addressing population health, allowing employers to focus on, for example, prediabetes if it is indicated in a large number of people.

Marissa Michaels, vice president of OhioHealth employer services, called screening “a foundation for understanding where you fall related to health and wellness” that can help an employer drive down risk factors across an entire population while also giving individuals the opportunity to make changes.

Michaels said they’re more prevalent than ever, and some allow for a person with a risk factor to be referred to an on-site program to make an immediate connection. That might be a smoking-cessation program, a prediabetes program or a virtual walking program, a web-based program that provides virtual incentives for walking.

“It’s not just the sharing of the information, it’s a coaching of what to do next,” she said. “We’re doing it to make sure folks get help.”

The caveat, Heinen said, is that no one wants an employer managing their health.

“Framing this as something that we’re doing with and for employees to support employees is really important, because each individual owns his or her life journey. And when it comes to making changes to support health, that really can

What happens during a screening?

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only come from within,” she said. “So it’s got to be pull, not push, to entice people down the path.”

Kari DuBro, manager of employee wellness at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, said specific targets are prediabetes and metabolic syndrome, a cluster of symptoms — high blood pressure, high blood sugar, excess fat around the waist and high cholesterol and triglycerides — that increase a person’s risk of heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

The results guide program choices, and employees can benefit from such services as health coaching or classes at the hospital’s wellness center.

Since screenings started 10 years ago, there have been decreases in metabolic syndrome and other elevated risk factors among Nationwide Children’s employees, results that, DuBro noted, could be attributed to a number of factors.

As for benefits to employers, she said, health-care costs go down if a disease such as diabetes never fully develops.

But the financial benefits don’t come quickly, Wendorff noted. Though positive return on investment might be seen in the short run because of fewer employee absences, the dollar savings come over years, not months.

“This really is an indication to your colleagues that you’re in it for the long run with them,” he said.

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TODAY'S WORKOUT

Power walk into the new year

By Marlo Alleva

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Happy New Year! It is 2019, and time for all those fresh starts and resolutions.

A new year is a great time to start something new, get rid of a bad habit, or revisit a routine that has been lost in the shuffle.

Fitness is always a good choice. And starting easy is even better.

Our move today is a power walk. And all you need is a safe area to walk, such as a neighborhood, track or a treadmill. Wear

something comfortable and have on a good pair of shoes and you are ready to go. Start with a few simple lower body stretches to warm up your muscles to help prevent an injury.

Power walking is a total body movement. Keep your chest tall, engage your core and use your arms to assist your body with a quick forward motion. Keep your steps and strides quick and swift as this will get your heart rate up and help burn extra calories.

Set out for a desired distance or a set time. Keep track of times and distances

as you may want to challenge yourself as your endurance increases. The great thing about walking is it can be done practically anywhere. It’s great to have your friends join you, not only for the companionship but the encouragement for one another as well.

Now get out there and start 2019 on the right foot!

Marlo Alleva, an instructor at Gold’s Gym and group fitness coordinator at Fontaine-Gills YMCA, in Lakeland, Florida, can be reached at faluvzpa@msn.com.



Marlo Alleva demonstrates power walking. [PIERRE DUCHARME/THE LEDGER]

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ANOTHER OPINION

Mattis has done much

“What’s he done for me?” That was one of the questions President Donald Trump posed publicly in response to questions about the resignation of Defense Secretary James Mattis.

Well, let’s see: In leading the Pentagon since January 2017, Mattis — a well-read, no-nonsense Marine — put up with the president’s enormous ego, his lack of discipline, his simplistic approach to complicated matters and his failure to respect allies, including those who work for him.

Mattis also gave Trump the opportunity to part ways with grace. His Dec. 20 resignation letter was frank but based on differences of principle and policy rather than personal pettiness.

But, to no one’s surprise, Trump could not reciprocate: He advanced Mattis’ proposed departure date of Feb. 28 to Jan. 1 and, during a public portion of a Cabinet meeting Wednesday, declared he had “effectively” fired his defense secretary.

Trump added, “What’s he done for me? How has he done in Afghanistan? Not too good. Not too good. I’m not happy with what he’s done in Afghanistan and I shouldn’t be happy.”

U.S. policy in Afghanistan has been fair game for criticism, though what that policy was — and is — remains unclear. Unfortunately, the buck doesn’t stop with this president, so Americans and their allies can only guess.

(Meanwhile, Trump’s recent declaration that he would order the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Syria, a move Mattis opposed and one that has drawn bipartisan criticism, has further cast doubt on America’s commitments.)

Mattis’ style and penchant for questioning civilian leaders about the potential outcomes of their policies grated on Trump, just as it did on President Barack Obama and his security team when the general was head of the U.S. Central Command and advocated tougher actions against Iran.

What’s more, Mattis’ comparatively long resignation letter most likely got under Trump’s skin.

But “what has he done for me?”

In addition to serving as secretary of defense under difficult circumstances, Mattis, according to his resume, commanded Marines at all levels, from an infantry rifle platoon to a Marine Expeditionary Force. He led an infantry battalion in Iraq in 1991, an expeditionary brigade in Afghanistan after the 9/11 terror attack in 2001 and a Marine Division in the initial attack and subsequent stability operations in Iraq in 2003, and led all U.S. Marine Forces in the Middle East as Commander, I Marine Expeditionary Force and U.S. Marine Forces Central Command.

Mattis did all of that, and more, not only for civilian Trump but for all Americans. He deserved better.

The general also did the nation a favor by reminding us, in his resignation letter, of the importance of multilateral relationships and respect for allies: “One core belief I have always held is that our strength as a nation is inextricably linked to the strength of our unique and comprehensive system of alliances and partnerships. While the U.S. remains the indispensable nation in the free world, we cannot protect our interests or serve that role effectively without maintaining strong alliances and showing respect to those allies.”

In order words, America First need not mean America Alone.

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Feds are focused on ending modern-day slavery

Human trafficking in the form of sexual slavery is a real problem in our country, one that the federal government is fighting hard to dismantle. The ability of traffickers to sell their victims for sex on the internet has caused this problem to proliferate. In response, federal investigative and prosecutorial efforts have increased dramatically in recent years.

For example, in 2009, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania initiated a sex-trafficking working group with the FBI and the Philadelphia Police Department, leading to an exponential increase in the number of federal investigations in our district. As a result, over the past decade, we have federally prosecuted dozens of trafficking ventures (and individual traffickers) in Philadelphia and the eight other counties within our district operating on the internet, in area hotels and in residential properties.

Federal judges have imposed sentences typically in the range of 30 years to life imprisonment, with no possibility of parole in the federal system. For example, Kevino Graham was sentenced to 100 years for running a brothel in Philadelphia and subjecting three young women to sadistic sexual

violence. Christian Womack was sentenced to life in prison for trafficking a teenager in multiple states as well as the attempted trafficking of other young women by force. Cordero Cody was sentenced to 30 years for the sex trafficking of minors and adults by force.

Moreover, last year we joined a task force that includes the Philadelphia Police Department, the Salvation Army, the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security, which is working to identify and prosecute targets, provide essential services to victims and educate both law enforcement and the public. In addition, my office’s human trafficking coordinator, Michelle Morgan, has engaged the community, high school students, law enforcement officers, judges, and nonprofit organizations in countless forums across the district, providing ongoing education and awareness. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, too, has joined the fight, posting a human trafficking hotline in many stations, trains and subway cars. Change is afoot.

The avoidable tragedy in the current landscape is the common misperception of what the crime actually is. Most people engaging in prostitution in our district are doing it

against their will, for another person’s exclusive profit. Most people engaging in prostitution in our district are American citizens of color, a vast portion of whom are juvenile females, recruited in their neighborhoods, in public transit stations, outside their public schools, or on social media, by “Romeo pimps” posing as would-be boyfriends. Most people engaging in prostitution in our district were recruited drug-free, and then introduced to serious drugs by their traffickers as a means of coercion. The Philadelphia District Attorney’s new policy of normalizing prostitution, most significantly by not adequately penalizing or even charging the buyers, sends the wrong message to our community — that local prosecutors do not view trafficking as serious enough to do everything possible to stop it (or, to put it more bluntly, do not view it as a problem at all). Until we stop pretending that prostitution is engaged in only by consenting adults as some sort of lifestyle choice, we will be crippling ourselves in our ability to combat this problem. And more young victims will continue to suffer.

William M. McSwain is the U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

ANOTHER OPINION

Prepare for slower growth and greater risks in 2019

2018 likely will be remembered for achieving solid economic growth, a highly volatile stock market, and an emerging trade war with China. In 2019 we can expect slower growth, continued volatility, and China to resist significant market-based reforms. These and other factors, combined with an environment of political uncertainty, could create greater risks.

The U.S. economy is estimated to have grown by 3 percent in 2018. This rate is based on various components, including strong retail and construction sectors, and a real estate market that has slowed due to a housing shortage, rising mortgage rates, and high home prices, which have kept some buyers on the curb. And consumer spending, which represents 70 percent of U.S. output, is reflected in relatively strong, but slightly decreasing consumer confidence, says the Conference Board, a U.S. think tank.

The labor market is another

issue that has real impact. The exceptionally low unemployment rate has been good for workers. But it has contributed to a labor and skills deficit that’s not good for businesses struggling to find them. Consequently, there are more than 7 million non-farm job openings that have not been filled, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Many industries, including manufacturing, construction and trucking, are experiencing the largest labor shortages in decades. If companies can’t find the employees and skills they need, they can’t grow resulting in downward pressure on economic growth.

But one of the biggest factors that will impact the U.S. economy in 2019 is international trade. Although the changes are minimal and likely to lead to higher priced automobiles, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, known as USMCA, if passed by Congress essentially resulting in a modified NAFTA, will help to reduce

uncertainty and market volatility. And the likelihood that the U.S. and European Union can reach a favorable trade agreement in 2019 will be another step in the right direction.

But trying to get China to comply with all the demands made by President Trump will be unlikely by March 1 — the end of the 90-day trade truce agreed to by Trump and Chinese President Xi at the G20 meeting in Buenos Aires on Dec. 1. And here’s why.

For decades, China has been subsidizing its state-owned enterprises thereby giving them an unfair competitive advantage, pressuring U.S. companies to hand over technology in exchange for market access, and placing market restrictions on U.S. companies. In addition, enforcement of Chinese intellectual property protection laws have been weak resulting in lost profits for American firms.

To adequately address many of these concerns, as well as achieve higher levels of

sustainable economic growth, China needs to press ahead with many market-based economic reforms it agreed to implement when it joined the World Trade Organization in December 2001. But the speed at which this might occur, if at all, could have positive or negative consequences. For example, Beijing should eliminate subsidies from its 100,000 state-owned enterprises, many of which underperform and put a drag on its economy. But to do so too quickly could cause unemployment and social unrest to rise — something feared by the ruling Communist party. On the other hand, reforms initiated slowly that in the long run would alleviate trade tensions may not satisfy the White House timetable.

How Trump perceives China’s offer in March and presents it to his base will determine if it is a win for the administration or a reason to ratchet up the trade war that could turn into a cold war. And the latter would generate

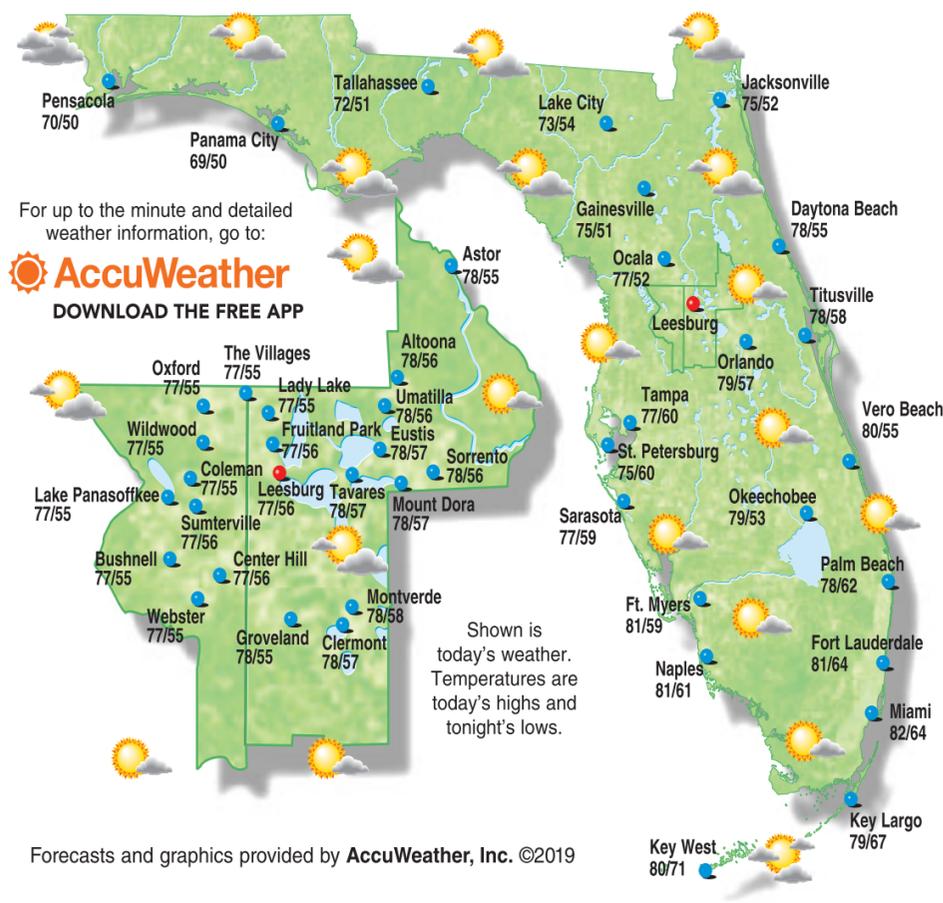
greater uncertainty and volatility — the enemy of prosperity. In turn, American investors and consumers would be inclined to spend less putting downward pressure on U.S. economic growth. The Federal Reserve and The Wall Street Journal’s Economic Forecasting Survey predict the U.S. growth rate will decline to 2.3 percent in 2019. This is based on metrics we can see and analyze.

But it’s the direction of U.S.-China trade and relations, political uncertainty, volatility in the stock market, or a combination of factors that could create new risks affecting the economy. As a result, 2019 will require American consumers, households, businesses and investors to operate very cautiously.

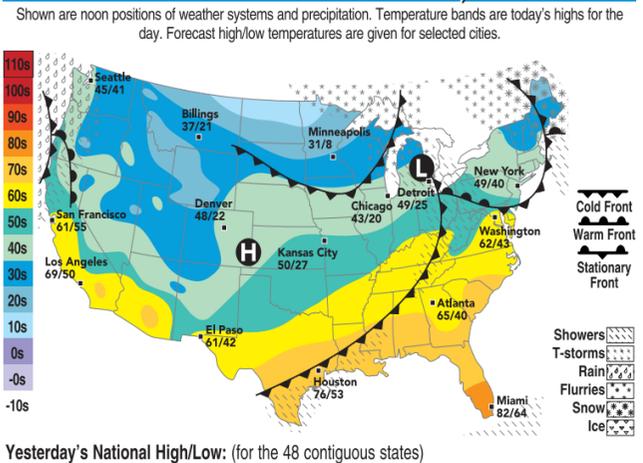
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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR LEEBSBURG

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny and pleasant	Nice with times of clouds and sun	Mostly sunny and cooler	Sunny to partly cloudy	Pleasant with partial sunshine
HIGH 77° LOW 56°	HIGH 71° LOW 41°	HIGH 59° LOW 44°	HIGH 69° LOW 53°	HIGH 73° LOW 60°



NATIONAL WEATHER FOR JANUARY 8, 2019



UV INDEX TODAY

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0-2 Low, 3-5 Moderate, 6-7 High, 8-10 Very High, 11+ Extreme

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SOLUNAR TABLE

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Major	Minor	Major	Minor
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Wed. 1:46 a.m.	7:57 a.m.	2:08 p.m.	8:20 p.m.

THE SUN AND MOON

	Today	Wednesday	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise	7:22 a.m.	7:22 a.m.				
Sunset	5:46 p.m.	5:47 p.m.				
Moonrise	9:11 a.m.	9:49 a.m.				
Moonset	8:12 p.m.	9:05 p.m.				

TIDES

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	5:40 am	1.4	2:54 pm	0.0
Wed.	6:25 am	1.4	12:45 am	0.3

Day	High	Feet	Low	Feet
Today	9:19 am	4.1	2:52 am	0.0
Wed.	9:55 am	4.0	3:28 am	0.2

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Albuquerque	46 25 s	46 31 pc	Chicago	43 20 sh	24 14 c	Greensboro, NC	64 37 pc	48 25 pc	Oklahoma City	55 31 s	52 36 pc
Anchorage	13 9 c	13 7 pc	Cincinnati	58 26 pc	31 19 c	Hartford	42 36 c	43 29 c	Omaha	48 22 s	36 22 s
Asheville	62 33 pc	41 20 pc	Cleveland	54 30 t	32 25 sf	Honolulu	83 67 pc	82 68 pc	Philadelphia	53 39 pc	44 30 c
Atlanta	65 40 pc	52 28 s	Columbia, SC	70 43 pc	58 28 s	Houston	76 53 c	64 42 pc	Phoenix	69 49 s	72 50 pc
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Baltimore	57 38 pc	44 27 pc	Dallas	66 40 s	58 41 pc	Jackson, MS	70 42 pc	55 31 s	Portland, ME	40 33 sn	42 25 r
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Birmingham	67 38 pc	52 28 s	Denver	48 22 s	51 29 pc	Las Vegas	58 42 pc	59 44 pc	Providence	45 37 sn	47 31 c
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Boston	44 39 sn	48 31 c	Duluth	26 2 c	10 -1 c	Memphis	62 37 s	51 27 s	Richmond	65 42 pc	50 28 s
Buffalo	47 30 sh	33 20 sf	El Paso	61 42 s	56 44 pc	Milwaukee	41 19 pc	25 16 c	Sacramento	60 55 c	61 47 r
Burlington, VT	39 34 sn	36 27 sn	Fargo	20 -3 c	6 -3 pc	Minneapolis	31 8 c	15 10 c	St. Louis	52 29 s	38 20 s
Charleston, SC	73 50 pc	60 33 pc	Fairbanks	-16 -20 pc	-5 -19 sf	Nashville	64 36 sh	45 22 pc	Salt Lake City	40 28 c	44 27 pc
Charleston, WV	61 35 pc	36 21 c	Flagstaff	41 21 pc	49 25 pc	New Orleans	73 51 c	61 42 pc	San Antonio	76 49 c	62 43 c
Charlotte, NC	68 40 pc	52 26 s	Grand Rapids	43 22 sn	26 20 sf	New York City	49 40 r	44 32 c	San Diego	68 53 pc	65 53 c

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Lee shows signs of improvement

Eustis baseball coach was diagnosed with congestive heart failure

By Frank Jolley
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GAINESVILLE — Eustis High School baseball coach David Lee showed signs of improvement over the weekend, but remains too sick to be placed on a heart transplant list.

According to his wife, Tina, Lee's doctors said his liver and heart appeared stronger following surgery to attach a

machine to help pump blood throughout his body, but his kidneys had shown little improvement.

"That does not mean he won't need a (heart) transplant," Tina Lee wrote on Facebook. "It just means his body is working towards improving so he can get the transplant. (However, his kidneys) must (improve) in order to get to the next step of the transplant process."

Lee, 55, has been in the Intensive Care Unit at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida in Gainesville since

Thursday evening after being diagnosed with congestive heart failure — a chronic progressive condition that affects the pumping power of the heart.

Don Rixie, Lee's brother, said doctors and a physical therapist helped Lee stand up on Sunday and "had him march in place for a few seconds." Rixie added that Lee has also been struggling with an upset stomach.

Lee underwent a six-hour procedure on Friday

See LEE, B4



Eustis coach David Lee speaks with his team between innings during a 2017 game at Stuart Cottrell Field in Eustis. [DAILY COMMERCIAL FILE]

THE NEXT LEVEL

Bowers earns All-Conference honors



Ave Maria defensive back Kobi Bowers returns an interception 85 yards for a touchdown against LeGrange in a 2016 game. Bowers, a former Eustis standout, sat out the 2017 season, but returned in 2018 and was named to the All Sun Conference first team. [AVE MARIA UNIVERSITY / SUBMITTED]

Former Eustis standout bounces back after sitting out 2017 season

By Frank Jolley
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Kobi Bowers' 2018 season at Ave Maria University was one to remember.

Especially after the former Eustis High School football standout sat out the 2017 season with an injury.

A redshirt junior, Bowers' play in the defensive secondary helped the Gyrenes — an NAIA program — improve from a 1-4 record in the Sun Conference in 2017 to a 5-1 mark in 2018, good enough to for division title. Along the way, Bowers earned his team's Most Improved Player award, finishing third on the team with 62 tackles and three interceptions.

He also recorded four tackles for loss, one quarterback sack, two fumble recoveries and two passes broken up.

Bowers was also one of 10 Gyrenes to earn All-Conference honors. He was Ave Maria's only defensive back to be named All Conference.

Arguably, Bowers best game of the season was against Lindsey Wilson on Sept. 8 in Columbia, Kentucky. Despite Ave Maria losing 44-15, Bowers led the Gyrenes with 14 tackles (four solo and 10 assists).

His three interceptions this season were against nationally ranked opponents — Faulkner, Southeastern, and Keiser.

As a sophomore in 2016, Bowers had 25 in eight games and returned an interception 85 yards for a touchdowns. Bowers burst onto the scene

as a freshman with 35 tackles, one fumble recovery and one interception.

Keon Ellis, Florida Southwestern State

It's not uncommon for freshmen to struggle with their consistency.

They often can go from a stellar game to one they would rather forget and vice versa.

Keon Ellis' last two game are proof of that.

Ellis, a two-time state champion with the Leesburg High School boys basketball team, was virtually unstoppable in a win on Dec. 29, scoring 21 points in a 98-71 win at home. However, just a few days later he couldn't find the basket in one of the worst offensive performances of his young college career.

The 6-foot-5 guard's

odyssey began with the Buccaneers' blowout win in Fort Myers against Louisiana State University-Eunice. In his third start of the season, Ellis established a new career high with 21 points on 10 of 14 shooting (71.4 percent), including 1 of 2 from distance in the 98-71 victory.

It was the first time Ellis had more points (21) than minutes played (17) in his college career.

However, on Jan. 5, Ellis got humbled in a 79-73 road win against St. Petersburg College, scoring just two points and failing to record a field goal. Ellis got off only two shots in 15 minutes and recorded his only points of the game from the free throw line.

Such is the fickle nature of sports.

See NEXT, B4

Alabama already among greatest college dynasties

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

Editor's note: The College Football Playoff National Championship game featuring Alabama and Clemson finished after the Daily Commercial's press deadline. Go to dailycommercial.com for full coverage of the game.

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — With five national championships in the past nine seasons, Alabama already has accomplished something never done before in the AP poll era that began in 1936.

Whether the Crimson Tide won or lost Monday night against Clemson, Alabama already stands above other college football dynasties, but a victory would vault this team into the conversation about the best runs in all of college sports.

Not that coach Nick Saban is worried about any of that.

"I'm always looking ahead. I think I'm always sort of focused on the next challenge," he said this week. "It's a lot like climbing a mountain; you push a rock up a mountain, but when next year starts, it's a new mountain, and you'd better be focused on that, and that's the way we try to approach it with the individuals in our organization as well as our players."

Before Alabama began this run by winning its first title under Saban in 2009, there were several other schools that could stake a claim to greatest college football dynasty in the poll era.

Coach Frank Leahy led Notre Dame to four No. 1 rankings

See DYNASTY, B4

Defenses ruled the day on NFL's wild-card weekend

By Barry Wilner
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Maybe it was the absence of all those high-powered offenses on byes.

Perhaps it was the jitters for some younger teams, particularly their quarterbacks: Deshaun Watson, Mitchell Trubisky and Lamar Jackson.

Or maybe defense actually still has a place in the NFL, especially in the playoffs.

The most points anyone scored during wild-card weekend, when only Dallas won at home, was 24 by the

Cowboys. In total, 145 points were scored, an average of 36.2 per game. The Chiefs averaged 35.3 all by themselves this season.

As Nick Foles — St. Nick in Philly for his clutch work as a relief pitcher and, oh yes, as a Super Bowl champion — observed following the Eagles' 16-15 comeback escape in Chicago: "Our defense really kept us in this game. It was a hard-fought defensive battle tonight and we were able to come up big in the end."

Or as coach Anthony Lynn noted following the Chargers'

23-17 win at Baltimore in which Los Angeles forced three turnovers and held the Ravens to 229 total yards, 90 on the ground: "Our defense was outstanding. We held that team down to 100 yards rushing. No one has played that team the way our defense played today. I was really impressed with the way our defense stepped up."

All the winning defenses will need to step up a few more rungs next weekend. Consider that aside from the Chiefs scoring 565 points this season, the Rams got 527, the Saints

504 and the Patriots 436. All of them will be at home.

The Colts (11-6) head to Kansas City (12-4) on Saturday, followed by the Cowboys (11-6) at the Rams (13-3). On Sunday, the Chargers (13-4) are at the Patriots (11-5), while the Eagles, who lost 48-7 at the Saints during the season, finish off the divisional round at New Orleans (13-3).

While the NFL loves to tout all the scoring records set during the 2018 season, all of the yards gained and general

See NFL, B4



Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott (4) flies for the goal line against Seahawks defensive end Frank Clark (55) during the second half of an NFC wild-card game Saturday in Arlington, Texas. [RON JENKINS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

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SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL (MEN'S)

7 p.m.
 BTN — Maryland at Minnesota
 ESPN — Duke at Wake Forest
 ESPN2 — Tennessee at Missouri
 ESPNEWS — Iowa State at Baylor
 ESPNU — Texas at Oklahoma State
 FS1 — St. John's at Villanova
 SEC — Texas A&M at Kentucky
 8 p.m.
 CBSSN — Loyola Chicago at Evansville
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — North Carolina at North Carolina State
 ESPN2 — Purdue at Michigan State
 ESPNEWS — Oklahoma at Texas Tech
 ESPNU — Mississippi State at South Carolina
 SEC — Alabama at LSU
 10 p.m.
 CBSSN — Wyoming at San Diego State
 11 p.m.
 ESPN2 — UNLV at New Mexico

NBA BASKETBALL

7:30 p.m.
 SUN — Denver at Miami
 8 p.m.
 NBA — Minnesota at Oklahoma City
 10:30 p.m.
 NBA — New York at Golden State

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — Philadelphia at Washington
 SUN — Columbus at Tampa Bay

SPORTS BRIEFS

COLUMBUS, OHIO

Buckeyes QB Haskins declares for NFL draft

Record-setting Ohio State quarterback Dwayne Haskins Jr. says he is leaving school to enter the NFL draft.

The third-year sophomore announced Monday on Twitter that he will depart the program after one year as a starter in which he broke most school and Big Ten single-season passing records. He also finished third in Heisman Trophy voting.

Haskins is projected to be a first-round draft pick. His decision comes after he completed 25 of 37 passes for 251 yards and three touchdowns in the Rose Bowl, which also was the last game for retiring coach Urban Meyer.

NEW YORK

Top 4 unchanged, rest of AP Top 25 poll a jumble

The top four in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll remained unchanged for the third straight week. The rest of the poll, however, underwent major changes after three top-10 teams lost.

Duke remained at No. 1 in the AP Top 25 released Monday, receiving 37 of 64 first-place votes. No. 2 Michigan received nine first-place votes, No. 3 Tennessee 13 and No. 4 Virginia five. Then the jumble begins, thanks to losses by Kansas, Nevada and Florida State.

No. 5 Gonzaga, which is finally back to full health, and No. 6 Michigan State each moved up two spots. No. 7 Kansas dropped two spots after losing to Iowa State, which moved back into the poll at No. 20. No. 8 Texas Tech and No. 9 Virginia Tech each moved up after Nevada lost on the road to New Mexico and fell four places to No. 10. Florida State dropped four spots to No. 13 after being shut down by Virginia.

NEW YORK

Notre Dame back at No. 1 in women's poll

Muffet McGraw and Notre Dame are back where they started the season: at No. 1.

The Fighting Irish returned to the top spot in in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, barely edging second-ranked Louisville, after former No. 1 UConn lost to then-No. 8 Baylor last week. The new Nos. 1-2 meet this week in South Bend, Indiana.

"It's a big game on Thursday we need to be ready for," McGraw said after Sunday's win over Georgia Tech.

UConn, which on Thursday saw its 126-game regular-season winning streak snapped, fell to third in the poll and Baylor moved up four spots to fourth.

MOSCOW

WADA to return to lab in search of elusive data

The World Anti-Doping Agency is returning to the Moscow anti-doping lab this week in hopes of obtaining data it did not receive before a Dec. 31 deadline.

The Russians were supposed to turn over the data as part of an agreement to reinstate Russia's anti-doping agency. But WADA officials were turned away last month when Russia raised a late objection that the equipment they brought was not certified according to Russian law. A WADA committee is scheduled to consider reimposing the ban next week, but that could be forestalled if WADA's experts obtain the data during their visit on Wednesday. Russian Sports Minister Pavel Kolobkov told state news agencies on Monday "all the technical issues have been straightened out."

The committee chairman, Jonathan Taylor, says declaring the Russians noncompliant is "a last resort" that is to be pursued only after "every opportunity to comply" has been presented.

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
WILD-CARD ROUND
Saturday's Games
 Indianapolis 21, Houston 7
 Dallas 24, Seattle 22
Sunday's Games
 L.A. Chargers 23, Baltimore 17
 Philadelphia 16, Chicago 15

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

Saturday, Jan. 12
 Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)
 Dallas at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)
Sunday, Jan. 13
 L.A. Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
 Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday, Jan. 20
NFC: TBD, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)
AFC: TBD, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

PRO BOWL

Sunday, Jan. 27
At Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

SUPER BOWL LIII (53)

Sunday, Feb. 3
At Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

LATE SUNDAY CHARGERS 23, RAVENS 17

L.A. CHARGERS	6	6	0	11	- 23
BALTIMORE	0	0	3	14	- 17

First Quarter
 LAC—FG Badgley 21, 6:59.
 LAC—FG Badgley 53, 1:08.

Second Quarter
 LAC—FG Badgley 40, 3:22.
 LAC—FG Badgley 34, :00.

Third Quarter
 Bal—FG Tucker 33, 8:30.

Fourth Quarter
 LAC—Gordon 1 run (Mi.Williams pass from Rivers), 14:44.
 LAC—FG Badgley 47, 9:09.

Bal—Crabtree 31 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 6:33.
 Bal—Crabtree 7 pass from L.Jackson (Tucker kick), 1:59.
 A—70,432.

	LAC	BAL
First downs	14	11
Total Net Yards	243	229
Rushes-yards	33-89	23-90
Passing	154	139
Punt Returns	4-46	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-78	6-106
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-32-0	14-29-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-6	7-55
Punts	5-35.4	6-44.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	5-35	7-41
Time of Possession	33:40	26:20

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Los Angeles, Gordon 17-40, Ekeler 11-29, Rivers 3-15, J.Jackson 2-5, Baltimore, L.Jackson 9-54, Edwards 8-23, Dixon 6-13.
PASSING—Los Angeles, Rivers 22-32-0-160. Baltimore, L.Jackson 14-29-1-194.
RECEIVING—Los Angeles, K.Allen 4-37, Gates 4-35, Ekeler 4-14, Benjamin 3-11, Mi.Williams 2-42, Ty.Williams 2-9, Green 1-8, Gordon 1-3, Watt 1-1. Baltimore, Dixon 3-53, Sneed 3-50, Andrews 3-31, Crabtree 2-38, Jo.Brown 2-14, Ma.Williams 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Baltimore, Tucker 50.

EAGLES 16, BEARS 15

PHILADELPHIA	3	0	7	6	- 16
CHICAGO	0	6	0	9	- 15

First Quarter
 Phi—FG Elliott 43, 9:32.

Second Quarter
 Chi—FG Parkey 36, 9:38.
 Chi—FG Parkey 29, :00.

Third Quarter
 Phi—Goedert 10 pass from Foles (Elliott kick), 5:20.

Fourth Quarter
 Chi—FG Parkey 34, 14:13.
 Chi—Robinson 22 pass from Trubisky (pass failed), 9:04.
 Phi—Tate 2 pass from Foles (run failed), :56.
 A—62,462.

	PHI	CHI
First downs	21	17
Total Net Yards	300	356
Rushes-yards	23-42	18-65
Passing	258	291
Punt Returns	1-(-1)	0-0
Kickoff Returns	2-35	3-65
Interceptions Ret.	0-0	2-0
Comp-Att-Int	25-40-2	26-43-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	2-12
Punts	5-45.2	6-40.5
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	3-25	3-52
Time of Possession	30:48	29:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Philadelphia, Sproles 13-21, Smallwood 8-20, Adams 1-2, Foles 1-(minus 1). Chicago, Howard 10-35, Gabriel 2-20, Trubisky 3-9, Cunningham 1-2, Cohen 1-0, Mizzell 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Philadelphia, Foles 25-40-2-266. Chicago, Trubisky 26-43-0-303.
RECEIVING—Philadelphia, Jeffery 6-82, Ertz 5-52, Tate 5-46, Agthor 3-32, Goedert 2-20, Smallwood 2-20, Sproles 2-14. Chicago, Robinson 10-143, Gabriel 4-37, Miller 3-34, Cohen 3-27, Shaheen 3-13, Braunecker 2-15, Bellamy 1-34.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—Chicago, Parkey 43.

ODDS

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At Phoenix	Off	Off	Sacramento
At Golden State	17½	230	New York
At LA Clippers	6½	230½	Charlotte

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
Duke	20½	At Wake Forest
At Minnesota	2	Maryland
Iowa State	3	At Baylor
At Cent. Michigan	Pk	Akron
At Kent State	6½	W. Michigan
At Bowling Green	4½	Ohio
Texas	3½	At Oklahoma State
At Buffalo	9½	Toledo
At Kentucky	12½	Texas A&M
At Ball State	11½	E. Michigan
Tennessee	8	At Missouri
At Indiana State	8	Missouri State
At Villanova	6	St. John's
At Miami (Ohio)	1½	N. Illinois
At Drake	2½	S. Illinois
At Valparaiso	3½	Bradley
At Illinois State	6	N. Iowa
Loyola of Chicago	6	At Evansville
Mississippi State	6½	At South Carolina
At NC State	1	North Carolina
At Texas Tech	6½	Oklahoma
At LSU	6	Alabama
At Michigan State	8	Purdue
At San Diego State	11½	Wyoming
At New Mexico	4	UNLV

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
At Boston	Off	Minnesota	Off
At NY Islanders	-123	Carolina	+113
At Pittsburgh	-182	Florida	+167
At Buffalo	Off	NewJersey	Off
At Washington	Off	Philadelphia	Off
At Detroit	Off	Montreal	Off
At Tampa Bay	-176	Columbus	+164
At Winnipeg	-161	Colorado	+151
At St. Louis	-106	Dallas	-104
At Vegas	-250	NY Rangers	+220
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

FAVORITE	OPEN TODAY	O/U	UNDERDOG
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Sunday
 At New England 5 4 46 L.A.Chargers
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American League

DETROIT TIGERS — Named P.J. Jones, John Stockstill and Josh Wilson major league scouts; Joey Lothrop, Steve Taylor and Matt Zmuda area scouts; Josh Kragness senior software engineer; Beau Horan, Aidan Kearns and Zach Wolf analysts; Rafael Martinez director of Latin American player development; and David Allende and Jim McKew coordinators of player development. Promoted Jim Logue to director of baseball analytics; Drew Jordan, Maggie O'Hara, Shane Piesik and Danny Vargovick to senior analysts; Wilfredo Crespo and Jimmy Ortiz to administrators of the Dominican Academy; and Justin Henry and Dave Lottsfeldt to regional crosscheckers.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Named Sarah Kincart manager/business communications.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Named James Stone trainer of Omaha (PCL); Darryl Kennedy manager, Doug Henry pitching coach, Abraham Nunez hitting coach, Nelson Liriano bench coach, Justin Kemp trainer and Will Gilmore strength and conditioning coach of Northwest Arkansas (TL); Scott Thorman manager, Larry Sutton hitting coach and Saburo Hagihara trainer of Wilmington (Carolina); Brooks Conrad manager, Danny Accola trainer and Tyler Burks strength and conditioning coach of Lexington (SAL); Clayton Mortensen pitching coach, Masa Koyanagi trainer and Jamie Collins strength and conditioning coach of Idaho Falls (Pioneer); Chris Widger manager, Andy LaRoche hitting coach, Brad Groleau trainer and Yannick Plante strength and conditioning coach of Burlington (Appalachian); Julio Pimental pitching coach and Gareth Webber strength and conditioning coach of the AZL Royals; Jeff Suppan roving minor league pitching coach; Leon Roberts senior minor league hitting adviser; Andre David roving minor league hitting coach; Jeff Diskin director of professional development; Malcolm Culver assistant to player development; John Wagler minor league strength and conditioning coordinator; and Jarret Abell assistant minor league strength and conditioning coordinator.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Signed OF Billy Burns to a minor league contract.

National League
NEW YORK METS — Named David Wright special adviser to the chief operating officer and general manager.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Named Jose Oquendo minor league instructor, Joey Prebyski major league game plan coach and Chris Bourjos, Filiberto Fernandez and Jesus Perez scouts. Promoted Adam Olsen to director of medical operations, Thomas Knox to assistant director/performance, Lance Thomason to major league strength coach, Brian Seyfert to baseball development/senior developer, Emily Wiebe to baseball development analyst/player development & performance, Javier Duran baseball operations analyst and Elijah Tupoula and Craig Richmond to scouts.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Named Mack Jenkins pitching coach and Will Lindholm strength and conditioning coach of Hagerstown (SAL), Ralph Wheeler manager and Ryan Gross strength and conditioning coach of Auburn (NYP), Gabe Torres strength and conditioning coach of the GCL Nationals and Shane Hill strength and conditioning coach of Potomac (Carolina).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS — Waived Gs MarShon Brooks and Michael Carter-Williams.
HOUSTON ROCKETS — Traded G Michael Carter-Williams and cash to Chicago for a protected 2020 second-round draft pick.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Waived G Ron Baker.

NBA G League
CAPITAL CITY GO-GO — Acquired F Duje Dukan from the available player pool.
Women's NBA
LOS ANGELES SPARKS — Named Danita Johnson president and chief operating officer.

FOOTBALL

National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Signed OL David Bright and DB Ashton Lampkin to reserve/future contracts.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed TE Jerrell Adams, RB Josh Ferguson, G Maurquice Shakir, OT David Steinmetz, LBs Davin Bellamy and Chris Landrum and WRs Jester Weah and Isaac Whitney to reserve/future contracts.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed LB Sam Eguavoen to a reserve/future contract.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Announced the contract of running backs coach James Saxon will not be renewed.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Waived WRs Carlos Henderson and ArDarius Stewart.

Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Agreed to terms with PK Justin Medlock on a two-year contract extension.

Pacific Pro Football
PPF — Named Don Yee CEO and Ed McCaffrey commissioner.

GOLF

LPGA TEACHING & CLUB PRO DIVISION — Elected Marvin Bernard national president.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
COLORADO AVALANCHE — Assigned D Josh Quenneville to Binghamton (AHL). Recalled D Egor Yakovlev from Binghamton.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Reassigned G Brandon Halverson from Maine (ECHL) to Hartford (AHL).
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Assigned D Jordan Schmalz to San Antonio (AHL). Recalled F Sammy Blais from San Antonio.

TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Recalled D Oleg Sosnov from Orlando (ECHL) to Syracuse (AHL).

American Hockey League
AHL — Suspended San Antonio F Sam Blais one game and Cleveland F Kole Sherwood two games.

GRAND RAPIDS GRIFFINS — Returned F Tyler Spezia to Toledo (ECHL).
ROCKFORD ICEHOGS — Assigned D Neil Manning to Idaho. Announced the retirement of F Adam Gilmour.

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Released F Anthony McVeigh.
NORFOLK ADMIRALS — Claimed D Don Oliveri off waivers from Atlanta.

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Traded F Curt Gogol to Allen.
RAPID CITY RUSH — Released F Tab Lardner.
UTAH GRIZZLIES — Traded F Ryan Misiak to Florida.

WICHITA THUNDER — Waived G Ed Minney.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USA CYCLING — Named Rob DeMartini president and CEO.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer
CLUB INTERNACIONAL DE FUTBOL MIAMI — Named Niki Budalic director of soccer operations.
MONTREAL IMPACT — Transferred M Alejandro Silva to Club Olimpia (Primera Division-Paraguay).
National Premier Soccer League
NEW YORK COSMOS — Signed F Aaron Dennis.

COLLEGES

CHATTANOOGA — Named Ethan Reeve director of strength and conditioning.

ILLINOIS — Announced graduate WR A.D. Miller is transferring from Oklahoma.

IOWA STATE — RB David Montgomery will enter the NFL draft.

KANSAS STATE — Dismissed C Maary Lakes from the women's basketball program.

MIAMI — Named Blake Baker co-defensive coordinator.

NYU — Named Ophir Sadeh assistant softball coach.

OHIO STATE — QB Dwayne Haskins Jr. will enter the NFL draft. Named Greg Mattison and Jeff Hafley co-defensive coordinators.

PAINT — Named Ashley Jones esports coach.
SARK JOSEPH'S — Promoted Fred King to associate head women's soccer coach.

SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA — Announced QB Cole Kelley is transferring from Arkansas.

All times Eastern EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Boston	23	15	.605	5
Brooklyn	20	21	.488	9½
New York	10	29	.256	18½
SOUTHEAST DIVISION	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	19	19	.500	—
Charlotte	19	20	.4	

Dolphins should now try to get John Harbaugh

By Joe Schad
Gatehouse Florida

If the Dolphins can obtain John Harbaugh at a reasonable cost, of course they must do it.

Perhaps Kris Richard, Brian Flores or Eric Bieniemy end up in the Hall of Fame one day as a coach. Of course, at the moment, none of those three rising stars has ever been a head coach.

Head coaching experience should not be a requirement for general manager Chris Grier and owner Stephen Ross, of course, but Harbaugh has more than coaching experience. He has a Super Bowl ring. And many, many playoff victories.

For some reason, the Ravens have not presented Harbaugh with a contract extension that has the dollars or the length to satisfy his preference to retire in Baltimore. (OK, well, at least to finish his career there).

None of the people who know the dynamics of this situation have disputed Ross' admiration for the Harbaugh family.

While Ross, a significant Michigan benefactor, would prefer Jim stay



John Harbaugh? Well, yeah, of course the Dolphins should try to acquire the Ravens coach. [BILL INGRAM/GATEHOUSE FLORIDA]

right where he is, Ross would love John in aqua and orange.

In fact, Ross has a "burning interest" in John Harbaugh, according to someone who would know.

These things can change on a dime, of course. It makes no sense for Miami — in self-described rebuilding mode — to sacrifice two first-round picks or even one, in a trade for Harbaugh, who has one year left on his current contract. Harbaugh does not want to see any team trading for him give up too many assets, too. But two second-rounders? Now

we can talk.

Harbaugh would bring stability to a franchise that badly needs it. He'd bring toughness, maturity and organization, too.

Would Harbaugh want to go into a rebuilding situation? To a franchise without a franchise quarterback? Would he agree to a contract extension in Miami?

One thing Ross has is money. And we're told he might strongly consider creative ways to boost the financial attractiveness of a package.

We also hear the Harbaugh family has connections to Florida and is not flatly opposed to the

idea.

In an ideal world, John Harbaugh would be a free agent and the press conference would be today.

Life is not always ideal. Ask Cody Parkey. Or Lamar Jackson.

The Dolphins are not currently one of the most attractive jobs open on the NFL market. Coaches and their agents, however, do routinely point out there are only 32 of such jobs.

Ross is willing to try something different here. He's given authority to Grier to lead this search and to lead this organization.

He's trusting Grier to make this call, whether it's to go for a young up-and-comer (and the idea of going for a defensive coach when the rest of the league goes offense is intriguing, too) or a veteran with a bit more experience. But if Ross' interference and connections to the Harbaughs can help facilitate such an acquisition, surely Grier would be on board.

One risk here is that the three coaches mentioned at the top of this story have other suitors. How long would it take

to work through a Harbaugh trade? Certainly the Ravens are in no rush to assist the Dolphins. They have stated publicly their desire to keep Harbaugh as their coach for next season.

What if Miami waits and in turn, misses out the coach they otherwise would have hired?

Sometime in the near future, Miami does plan to speak with special teams coach Darren Rizzi, who has the admiration and respect of the locker room. Harbaugh, like Rizzi, cut his teeth coaching special teams, which used to not be a path to head coaching opportunities.

The Dolphins did request interviews with former Titans coach Mike Munchak and veteran Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio. But for now, a date for neither interview has been confirmed. And the Fangio interview will probably not happen at all. Miami has interviewed Saints defensive coordinator Dennis Allen, who had a failed brief stint as Raiders coach but who is one of the most respected defensive minds in football. And Miami does need

to fix their defense.

Flores, the Patriots' defensive play-caller is said to be aggressive, demanding, fiery, humble and smart.

Bieniemy, the Chiefs' offensive coordinator, is described as an intense, vocal, determined, no-nonsense communicator who commands respect.

Richard, the Cowboys' defensive coordinator is said to be intelligent, charismatic, inspiring and demanding of attention to detail.

All three coaches will likely run their own teams at some point. But they aren't yet what John Harbaugh already is — a proven winner.

If there's any way Grier, with an assist from Ross, can pull off that acquisition, yes, of course they should do it.

Miami Dolphins NFL Draft 2019: How valuable is the 13th pick?

Miami Dolphins coaching search: Why Brian Flores is hot

Miami Dolphins coaching search: Why Eric Bieniemy is an in-demand candidate

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After further review, the NBA needs to change its policy

By Tim Reynolds
The Associated Press

Imagine this: Kevin Durant is out of bounds by an enormous margin, all three referees somehow miss the obvious infraction and Golden State winds up getting a basket that it didn't deserve to take the lead with a few seconds remaining.

It seemed implausible. That is, until it happened.

When such a scene played out last week in the Houston-Golden State overtime thriller, James Harden kept a ton of egg from landing on the NBA's face when he connected on a 3-pointer to give the Rockets a win in a game they would have screamed bloody murder about otherwise. But what if he missed? Or worse, if a call that big got missed in Game 7 of the NBA Finals?

"How do you miss that?" TNT analyst Reggie Miller mused while watching the Durant replay.

An obvious question, with an obvious answer: It's time for a change.

Everyone in the NBA replay center in Secaucus, New Jersey that night surely saw Durant standing out of bounds. But there is no mechanism for the replay crews to trigger a review of such a play — since, under NBA rules as they're written now, they can only get involved if a call is made on the floor.

The league doesn't want a system where every call is challenged or reviewed because games would take forever. There are bang-bang plays in every game, and someone will always be mad when a block-charge call doesn't go their way. But the NBA has been thinking about changes, such as adding a coaches' challenge option that they've tinkered with in the G League and at summer league.

For now, here's a solution:

Give the referees sitting in Secaucus that night the option of triggering a review late in games based on what they see. It would just make sense, because the NBA insists the top priority in these situations is getting calls right. True, a call made in the first 2 minutes might have just as much effect on an outcome as one in



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant, left, defends against Houston Rockets' James Harden during the first half Thursday in Oakland, Calif. [BEN MARGOT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

the last 2 minutes, but people just seem more fixated upon the stuff at the end.

"We're dealing with human beings," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said last year. "And people lose their cool under pressure at times."

Cameras aren't affected by pressure. So use them.

BATTLING WIZARDS

To say that Washington's Bradley Beal had high hopes entering this season is an understatement.

"If you look at us on paper, we look absolutely amazing," Beal said back at media day.

They look much different now. But they're still fighting.

John Wall's season is over. Dwight Howard's season hasn't really gotten started. Markieff Morris' season won't resume for a few more weeks, at least. The Wizards are 11th in the Eastern Conference, yet insist their resolve is still intact — as was evident in their win over Oklahoma City on Sunday night.

"We're banged up and I haven't heard one player, nor coach, feel sorry for ourselves that we've got guys missing," Wizards coach Scott Brooks said. "It's just what we have to do. Sure, we would love to have everybody here all season long, but that hasn't been the case and now we know guys are going to be out for the rest of the season and we've just got to tie the laces up and compete for one another."

The Wizards started 2-9, then went 9-5 in their next 14 games and looked as though they were righting the ship.

It's been one bad break

after another since, but they're still fighting to get back into the playoff hunt.

"That's what we have to do," Beal said. "We have to step in for John, for Keif, for Dwight — those are key guys and we need everybody to be able to step up and fill in those roles in whatever way possible. Whatever it looks like, as long as we get a win. That's something we continue to preach every day."

HALFTIME

For the first time in five years, Golden State will not have the best record in the NBA at the midway mark — after 41 games.

This year, that distinction will go to Milwaukee, Toronto or Denver.

Few would have picked that to be the case three months ago.

The Bucks, at 27-11 with three games left in the first half of their schedule, are in position for their best 41-game start since opening 30-11 during the 1980-81 season.

Toronto matched a franchise best by opening 29-12 — tying what it did last year, even while dealing with the coaching change from Dwane Casey to Nick Nurse, the addition of Kawhi Leonard and Danny Green, the departure of DeMar DeRozan and injuries to Jonas Valanciunas and Kyle Lowry.

The Nuggets, 26-11 so far, might end up with their best 41-game start ever. They were 29-12 in 1976-77.

MILESTONE WATCH

Golden State's Stephen Curry loves the 3, and San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich has said he hates the 3.

No. 6 Michigan State surging with fewer stars than last year

By Larry Lage
The Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State is proving it doesn't need NBA-ready talent to succeed.

The Spartans have surged to No. 6 in the AP Top 25 with eight straight victories, including an 86-77 win against then-No. 14 Ohio State on the road Saturday.

They're clicking with a team that seems to have much more experience than jaw-dropping talent. Juniors Cassius Winston, Nick Ward and Joshua Langford are good college players and may end up in the NBA eventually, but scouts aren't projecting them as first-round picks this year.

A year ago, future NBA lottery picks Miles Bridges and Jaren Jackson were leading the way on a team that ended up winning 30 games and the Big Ten regular-season title. Michigan State was the top-ranked team midway through last season with winning streaks of 14 and 12 games.

The Spartans' season ended with a thud. The third-seeded team lost to 11th-seeded Syracuse in the second round of the NCAA tournament, a setback that still stings coach Tom Izzo.

"It'll sadden me until the day I die that last year's



Michigan State forward Nick Ward, left, drives against Ohio State forward Kaleb Wesson during the second half Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. Michigan State won 86-77. [PAUL VERNON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

team didn't get to totally show what they were," Izzo said Monday.

Winston said each player on the roster worked hard to improve, and the team is benefiting from the collective effort.

"Guys found their role and played it to perfection," said Winston, who leads the team with 17.7 points and 7.6 assists a game. "Guys don't try to do too much. Guys are playing with more confidence. And, we've had some guys step up that maybe surprised people this year."

Senior forward Kenny Goins, a former walk-on, is averaging 6.6 points and 9.3 rebounds to more than triple his production in each category from last season. Senior guard Matt McQuaid and junior

guard Kyle Ahrens are also having their best seasons after having an injury-free offseason to develop after various ailments stunted their careers. Forward Xavier Tillman has gone from being a seldom-used freshman to a key sophomore, averaging 8.5 points and 7.9 rebounds.

"Last year, we depended on Miles and depended on Jaren," Tillman said. "We depended on our older guys and our more talented guys. This year, new guys are just stepping up. It's really just a different team."

Izzo said January will be a "critical" month for his team in part because it will end the month with four out of five games on the road after hosting Purdue (9-5, 2-1) on Tuesday night.

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Young, Ismail highlight Hall class

Texas QB and Notre Dame speedster to enter along with 11 other players, two coaches

By Ralph D. Russo
The Associated Press

Texas quarterback Vince Young and Notre Dame speedster Raghb Ismail have been selected for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame, along with 11 other players and two coaches.

Young was the Heisman Trophy runner-up and led



Young



Ismail

the Longhorns to the 2005 national championship with a memorable performance in the Rose Bowl against Southern California. Ismail, better known as Rocket, was an electric receiver and kick returner for the Fighting Irish and the Heisman runner-up in 1990.

The rest of the players to be enshrined at the National Football Foundation's award banquet in December include Arkansas running back Darren McFadden, Oklahoma defensive back Rickey Dixon, John Carroll linebacker London Fletcher, Texas A&M defensive lineman Jacob Green, North Carolina State receiver Torry Holt, Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer, USC defensive back Troy Polamalu, Wisconsin offensive tackle Joe Thomas, Florida State defensive back Terrell Buckley, Michigan State

running back Lorenzo White and Mississippi linebacker Patrick Willis.

Dennis Erickson, who coached Miami to two national championships, and Joe Taylor, who won 233 games at historically black colleges, were selected for induction as coaches.

Young was the first FBS player to pass for more than 3,000 yards and run for more than 1,000, leading Texas to an undefeated season in 2005. Against USC in the Rose Bowl, Young passed for 267 yards,

ran for 200 and scrambled for a game-winning touchdown on fourth down with 19 seconds left in a 41-38 victory.

Ismail was part of Notre Dame's 1988 national championship team and had six return touchdowns in his career, including five on kickoffs. He is best remembered for taking two kicks back for touchdowns against Michigan in 1989.

The Goodyear Blimp was also named an honorary member of the College Football Hall of Fame.

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For the season, Ellis has seen action in 17 games and is averaging 8.4 points and 3.2 rebounds per game.

Ellis has scored in double figures in seven games this season and pulled down a season high nine rebounds on Dec. 1 in an 80-75 win against fifth-ranked Salt Lake Community College.

Florida Southwestern State sport a 16-1 record and is fifth in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association Division I rankings. Next up for the Buccaneers is Hillsborough Community at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Suncoast Credit Union Arena in Fort Myers.

Michael Devoe, Georgia Tech

Michael Devoe was a key component last season in Montverde Academy's run to a 36-0 regular-season record and a fourth mythical national championship.

He scored 21 points against Fort Lauderdale University to win the national title in New York City and drilled a 3 pointer with one second to play in a 69-67 win against Henderson (Nevada) Findlay Prep in the championship game of the Montverde Academy Invitational Tournament.

Devoe's time at Montverde Academy not only helped earn him a scholarship with Georgia Tech, but it also prepared him for playing in the Atlantic Coast Conference, one of the nation's top basketball leagues.

And he has certainly delivered.

Devoe is averaging 9.1 points per game for the Yellow Jackets, who sport a 9-5 record, including a 1-0 mark in ACC play. In Georgia Tech's last game, a 92-79 win against Wake Forest in its ACC opener, Devoe scored a college career high of 16 points, along with four assists and four rebounds in 34 minutes.

The game also marked his fifth consecutive start.

A 6-foot-4 guard, Devoe has hit at least 50 percent of his shots in his last four games and is shooting 44 percent for the season.

Next up for Georgia Tech is Virginia Tech at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at McCamish Pavilion in Atlanta.



Former Leesburg standout Keon Ellis squares up for a jump shot during a recent game for Florida Southwestern State College in Fort Myers. A two-time state champion at Leesburg, Ellis is averaging 8.4 points per game as a freshman for the Buccaneers. [BRAD YOUNG / SUBMITTED]

DYNASTY

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during a seven-year span in the 1940s, missing out only during the two years he served in World War II and in 1948 when the Irish finished No. 2 to Michigan thanks to a tie against Southern California.

Oklahoma then dominated for a stretch in the 1950s under coach Bud Wilkinson, winning back-to-back titles in 1955-56 and a record 47 straight games from 1953-57.

Miami went on a memorable run starting with the 1983 championship under coach Howard Schnellenberger. The Hurricanes added another title under Jimmy Johnson in 1987 and two more under Dennis Erickson in 1989 and '91. But a loss in the Sugar Bowl the following year to Alabama denied Miami a fifth title in that run.

Nebraska and USC had shorter stretches of dominance, with the Cornhuskers winning consecutive titles in 1994-95 and then sharing the championship with Michigan in 1997.

The Trojans shared a title in 2003 with LSU before repeating as solo champion the next season. USC took a 34-game winning streak into the BCS title game at the Rose Bowl the following year before losing to Texas.

Here are a look at some of the greatest dynasties in other college sports:

UCLA BASKETBALL: John Wooden's Bruins are the standard when it comes to college sports dynasties. UCLA won 10 titles in 12 seasons, including a staggering seven in a row from 1967-73. UCLA finished undefeated in four of those seasons, won a record 88 straight games from 1971-74 and made the Final Four 10 straight years. The run featured some of the game's greatest players



Alabama head coach Nick Saban leads his team on the field before the College Football Playoff championship game against Georgia Jan. 8, 2018, in Atlanta. [DAVID GOLDMAN/AP FILE]

from the first title team in 1964 led by Walt Hazzard and Gail Goodrich, to Lew Alcindor's three straight championships from 1967-69 to Bill Walton's run in the early 1970s.

UCONN WOMEN'S HOOPS: Geno Auriemma's Huskies have put together a run to rival the one engineered by Wooden. Auriemma took over a program that had only one winning season before he arrived in 1985 and built an undefeated champion a decade later. But the real run of dominance started at the turn of the century with the school's second championship in 2000. Things really took off with three straight titles led by Diana Taurasi from 2002-04 before a brief slide that ended with Maya Moore's arrival. UConn won back-to-back titles in 2008-09 led by Moore and then four in a row with Breanna Stewart from 2012-16. Auriemma's 11 titles are one more than Wooden for the most in Division I basketball, and the UConn coach had a record 111-game winning streak that finally ended in the 2017 Final Four against Mississippi State.

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN'S SOCCER: Anson Dorrance led the Tar Heels to their first three NCAA titles starting in 1982 and then a run of nine in a row from 1986-94 behind some of the greatest players in the sport such as

Mia Hamm and Kristine Lilly. He had a 103-game unbeaten streak, won 21 NCAA titles and had 13 players combine to win 20 Player of the Year awards. Dorrance was the first coach to win 20 NCAA titles and has won more than 90 percent of the games in his career.

USC BASEBALL: Coach Rod Dedeaux put together the best run in college baseball history, winning five straight College World Series titles from 1970-74 with rosters full of players who went on to be big-name stars in the majors. Among the players on those teams to become big league All-Stars were Dave Kingman, Fred Lynn, Roy Smalley, Steve Kemp and Steve Busby. The Trojans went 256-71-2 during that span.

IOWA WRESTLING: Dan Gable followed up a brilliant wrestling career that featured a 117-1 record in college at Iowa State and a 1972 Olympic gold medal by building the biggest dynasty in the sport. Gable's teams at Iowa had a 355-21-5 record in dual meets during his career from 1976-97. He won 17 NCAA titles, including a record nine straight from 1978-86 before being denied by Iowa State. The Hawkeyes won 17 NCAA championships and 21 Big Ten titles in his 22 seasons as coach.

LEE

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to connect him an Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation machine — the first of two surgeries doctors hope will prepare him for a transplant. Similar to a heart-lung bypass machine used in open-heart surgery, the ECMO oxygenates blood outside the body, then warms the blood back to body temperature and pumps it back into the body.

"The ECMO device seems to be doing its job," said Rixie.

Lee was visited by relatives and friends on Saturday, including his father, brothers and daughters.

"David was awake during the visits, but still a little groggy — probably kept that way intentionally," said Rixie. "But, his mind was functioning quite normally. He was alert, knew who everyone was and even joked with us and his

nurses."

Rixie said doctors and family members are encouraged by the improvement Lee has shown since Thursday, but stressed his brother still has a long way to go in the recovery process.

The lack of improvement with his kidney function, he said, is a concern because they are barely functioning and must return to an "acceptable level" — along with other essential organs, such as his liver — before he can be placed on a transplant list.

Nonetheless, Rixie remains confident Lee will eventually improve and receive a new heart.

"David is from strong stock," Rixie said. "He is tough as and doesn't give up. As all of us, he has the ability to be downright mean when in a situation that calls for it.

"I know, without a doubt, that he knows he will walk out of Shands at some point."

Lee, who is also the media

specialist at Eustis' Curtright Campus, is in his second stint as head coach at Eustis.

Since returning for the 2010-11 school year, Lee has a 152-66 record, including four seasons with at least 20 wins. He had previously coached the Panthers from 1995 to 2000, winning the Class 3A state championship in his final season and compiling a 129-58 record.

Lee's overall record at Eustis of 281-124 makes him the winningest baseball coach in school history.

A Leesburg High School graduate, where he was a catcher for legendary coach Buddy Lowe, Lee returned to his alma mater in 2001 and fashioned a 77-64 record in five seasons as head coach. He left Leesburg for Apopka in 2006, where he spent five years and compiled a 77-57 record before returning to Eustis.

His head-coaching career began in 1991 at Mount Dora, where he spent four seasons.

NFL

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wide-openness of weekly contests, when it comes down to deciding who winds up in the conference title games, maybe the guys trying to stop those video-game offenses will have a say.

It's unlikely that any of the wild-card victors can win a Super Bowl without being balanced. The Eagles will need to play far better defense in the Big Easy or Drew Brees will have, well, an easy time picking apart a secondary playing mostly backups. The Chargers likely will require more than 24 points to succeed in Foxborough, where the Patriots had the NFL's only unbeaten home record this season.

Dallas needs more offensive imagination and another huge performance against the run to win at L.A. Only Indianapolis, which was superb on both sides of the ball at Houston, displayed enough of the formula needed to get the conference championship game.

Then again, the Colts must slow down All-Pro quarterback Patrick Mahomes and crew at Arrowhead Stadium.

"We're not worried about who's on the other side," said Colts rookie linebacker Darius Leonard, himself an All-Pro. "We always talk about whoever's playing on the opposite side is gray matter. So we're always talking about doing what we can do and controlling what we can control, and that is going out, playing each play, play by play and going from there."

What about the four teams coming off byes? Which ones are best suited to come up with a solid defensive showing?

The two most suspect are the Chiefs and Rams. Sure, KC averaged all those points weekly. It also yielded 26.3, including 43, 54, 29 and 38 in its losses, and the 421 points opponents scored by far were the most any playoff team surrendered. The Rams allowed 384, easily the most of any NFC postseason qualifier; L.A. had seven games in which it allowed at least 30 points.

New England also can be vulnerable on defense even though it's been stingy at times when it comes to giving up touchdowns. The Patriots aren't a force in the pass rush and against quality quarterbacks the linebackers and secondary have had trouble in coverage.

New Orleans probably has the most well-rounded roster, with some standouts on defense to accompany Brees and All-Pro receiver Michael Thomas and the terrific running back duo of Alvin Kamara and Mark Ingram.

And don't think defense won't be needed through the rest of January and into February.

DIVERSIONS

Teen surprised to discover she is attracted to women

DEAR ABBY: I am a 19-year-old college student (female) who needs advice regarding something I'm trying to figure out. An ex-boyfriend I'm good friends with recently introduced me to his new girlfriend, and I took a more-than-friendly liking to her at first meeting.

My feelings about her confused me at first. Then I began thinking about my past and realized I'm attracted to both men and women. I always thought I was simply curious, but now I'm sure it's more than that.

My family and friends are liberal and open-minded. I know they'll love me no matter what, but I'm confused about how I feel. While I have dated only men so far, I'd be more than willing to call a woman a partner as well. How do I come to terms with this personal revelation while I'm still exploring it? -- **BI-CONFUSED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR BI-CONFUSED: The

JEANNE PHILLIPS

DEAR ABBY



logical way to come to terms with the revelation would be to follow it and see where it leads. I would only caution you to make sure the person is available and the interest is mutual when you do.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Aiden," and I have been together for eight months. We're both in our 20s. We go to his parents' house every other week for dinner. I get along with them quite well.

The problem is, Aiden's family eats very quickly, and I'm always the last one done. My family, on the other hand, tends to spend about an hour around the dinner table when we gather. Even when I try to eat quickly, I'm still way behind Aiden's family.

How can I politely address this? I hate to keep people waiting, but I believe it's wrong to leave food on my plate when I'm still hungry. -- **CHEWING AS FAST AS I CAN**

DEAR CHEWING: I agree you shouldn't leave food on your plate if you are still hungry. Eating slowly, thoroughly chewing one's food and enjoying a meal in a relaxed manner is healthy. Wolfing down one's food really isn't. You are not going to change Aiden's family's lifestyle. If you bring this up, they may become defensive. Just enjoy your food as you have been, and let them enjoy theirs in the way they are used to.

DEAR ABBY: What is an appropriate age to stop sending money or gifts to nieces, nephews and grandchildren? I have two nephews, and one of them turns 22 next month. I have been sending gifts or money for birthdays and Christmas ever since they were born, and I worry that they expect me to keep

doing this until I pass away.

It is not that I can't afford to send these gifts, but as adults they shouldn't expect me to continue sending them money. I dread when my nephews start having children. Does that constitute another long-term obligation? -- **BUYING THEIR LOVE IN ATLANTA**

DEAR BUYING: The appropriate age to turn off the automated gift spigot would be when the "child" stops showing appreciation for the gifts or reaches adulthood. You are not obligated to give your nephews gifts for their children unless you are attending their baby showers or birthday celebrations.

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Good things come in small packages

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ 9 8 7 5
♦ K J 6 2
♣ Q 5

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

EAST
♠ 9 6
♥ 6 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2

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

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 ♣ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

There are many players who, upon picking up the East hand, would decide that this was a good time to review their plans for the rest of the day, or perhaps just take a short nap. They would reason that they were unlikely to do much bidding or contribute anything to the defense if, as seemed likely, an opponent wound up playing the contract.

But they would be dead wrong, because there is a card in the East hand that will sink South's four-heart contract, but only if East is paying full attention at the critical moment.

It is a card that would not carry much weight in most deals, but it makes all the difference in this one.

North-South reached four hearts after locating their 4-4 heart fit. West led the king of spades and continued with the ace, East and South following to both spades. West then led another spade.

If East thought at this point that South must have another spade for his two-notrump opening, or if he had simply lost interest in the proceedings, he might have woodenly ruffed with the deuce. If so, declarer would have overruffed with the three, played the A-K of trumps, conceded a trump to West and claimed the remainder to make his contract.

But a more alert East might realize that with the 9-8-7-5 of trumps in the dummy, ruffing with the six could do some serious damage to the contract if West held the A-10-x, K-10-x or Q-J-10 of trumps and declarer had actually started with a doubleton spade. In each case, ruffing with the six would promote an extra trump trick for West and so set the contract.

The deal occurred in a regional pairs championship, and to the credit of all those present, not a single declarer made four hearts. This means that no East was asleep at the switch at the critical moment, and that every East fully appreciated the potential value of the "lowly" six.

Tomorrow: A challenging situation.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR TUESDAY, JAN. 8, 2019:

This year you will transform from a practical, businesslike personality to a more open and friendlier sign. You might feel quite comfortable not being so serious. If you are single, you will expand your immediate circle of friends. You will meet many new people throughout the year. If you are attached, you and your sweetie seem to enjoy your relationship in various different situations. The strength and stability of your bond comes from the many private days and weekends you have shared together. **AQUARIUS** understands friendship well.

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19) You will approach a matter that comes from out of left field in an assertive, positive way. Expect some frustration if others don't get your message or the gist of the situation. Listen to what is being shared. Imagine walking in others' shoes.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20) You could be confused by the mixed messages that are coming from a specific person. A partner encourages an investment. A close friend might give you a very different opinion. Ultimate-

ly, you have the final say. Do the needed research.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20) Reach out to a loved one at a distance. This person will be delighted to hear from you. Because you live so far apart, a conversation shows you just how different various parts of the country are. Someone who demands respect could be quarrelsome.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22) One-on-one relating takes you down a new path. You could become tired and withdrawn when someone talks about a particular matter. You would be wise not to discuss this issue right now. Give yourself a day or two to think through the problem.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22) Defer to others who are only too happy to run with the ball. You might delight in their enthusiasm. You cannot help but feel appreciated. A partner could be reactive and feeling a little jealous, as he or she needs your attention too. Be flattered.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22) Pace yourself, and focus on what you must do. You will feel better once you get through your to-do list. Do not forget to schedule an ap-

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pointment with the doctor or dentist. You can't get out of your yearly checkup.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22) Make that extra effort to wrap up certain details involving a work situation. You might be excellent at juggling various facets of your life, but you will respond to the one that requires your attention the most. Try to be more present with others.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21) You might not be comfortable with a domestic matter that rears its ugly head. You could be juggling more than your usual amount of responsibilities. If someone in your life becomes demanding, you might want to walk away, even for a short while.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21) You feel energized. You will want to chat on

the phone, catch up on news and possibly make plans. You could find that a roommate or family member is being outstandingly difficult. Consider distancing yourself from this person for now.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19) You could be in a situation where you need to be responsive. You might be angry with the other party and need to express your opinions and feelings. Do not commit to spending more than you want to under any circumstances.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18) You can turn a problem into a success story, as long as you are allowed the space to act freely. You express unusual creativity when you are with others. Do not hesitate to voice your opinions in a brainstorming session.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20) You might not be conscious of your extra drive and focus. You could be pushing someone to do something that he or she doesn't want to do. Stop and try to be more connected to this person's wants and needs. Take some time for yourself, too.

» TODAY IN HISTORY

TODAY IS TUESDAY, JAN. 8, the eighth day of 2019. There are 357 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:

On Jan. 8, 2011, U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., was shot and critically wounded when a gunman opened fire as the congresswoman met with constituents in Tucson; six people were killed, 12 others

also injured. (Gunman Jared Lee Loughner was sentenced in November 2012 to seven consecutive life sentences, plus 140 years.)

ON THIS DATE:

In 1918, Mississippi became the first state to ratify the 18th Amendment to the Constitution, which established Prohibition.
In 1935, rock-and-roll legend

Elvis Presley was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.

In 1968, the Otis Redding single "(Sittin' On) The Dock of the Bay" was released on the Volt label almost a month after the singer's death in a plane crash.

In 1975, Judge John J. Sirica ordered the early release from prison of Watergate figures John W. Dean III, Herbert W.

Kalmbach and Jeb Stuart Magruder.

In 1982, American Telephone and Telegraph settled the Justice Department's antitrust lawsuit against it by agreeing to divest itself of the 22 Bell System companies.

In 1987, for the first time, the Dow Jones industrial average closed above 2,000, ending the day at 2,002.25.

WORD SCRIMMAGE™

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1st DOWN: 4th Letter + 6 PTS

2nd DOWN: 2nd Letter + 7 PTS

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4th DOWN

JUDD'S TOTAL = 336
AVERAGE GAME 215-225 PTS

Directions: Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters on each yardline. Add points to each word or letter using scoring directions. Seven-letter words get a 60-point bonus. All words can be found in Webster's New World College Dictionary.

1-8-19 **JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW**

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	9	6	1		2	3	5	
			9		3			
9	1					2		3
5	4					1		6
			3		6			
	7	5	2		4	6	3	
6	4		7		5		2	9

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

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

8	5	6	9	1	2	7	4	3
7	4	9	3	8	5	1	2	6
2	3	1	7	6	4	5	9	8
9	2	5	8	7	6	4	3	1
3	7	8	1	4	9	2	6	5
1	6	4	2	5	3	8	7	9
6	1	3	5	2	7	9	8	4
4	8	7	6	9	1	3	5	2
5	9	2	4	3	8	6	1	7

How to play: Fill in the blank squares with the numbers 1 through 9 so that each horizontal row, vertical column and nine-square sub-grid contains no repeated numbers.

Puzzles range in difficulty from one to six stars.

The solution to today's puzzle will be in tomorrow's paper.

» CRYPTOQUOTE

A XYDLB AAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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.

1-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

ONJOZN QAZZ BJS ZJJC

LJYQTYV SJ OJWSNYASG QPJ

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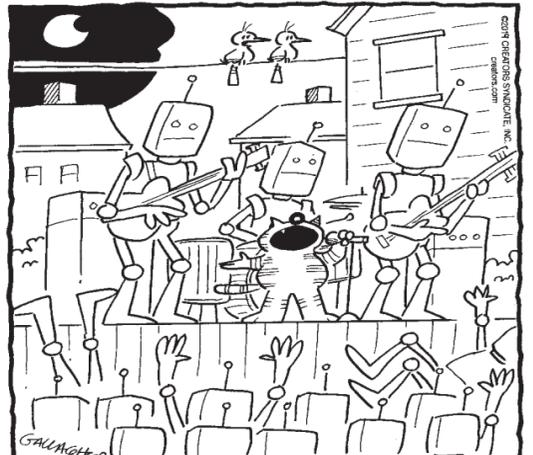
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"Mommy, what do I have to major in at college to be a king?"

HEATHCLIFF

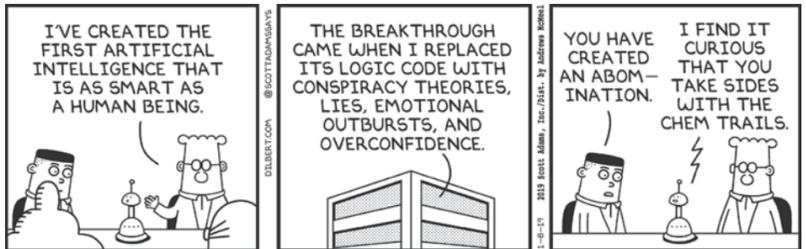


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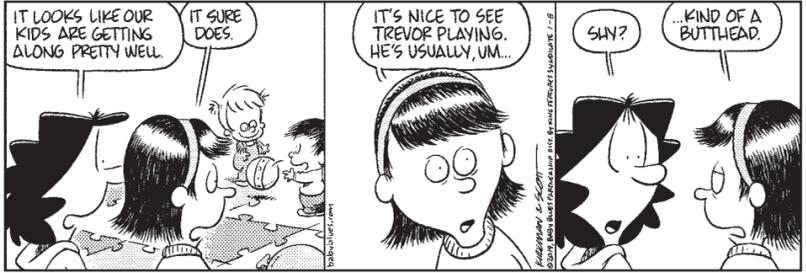
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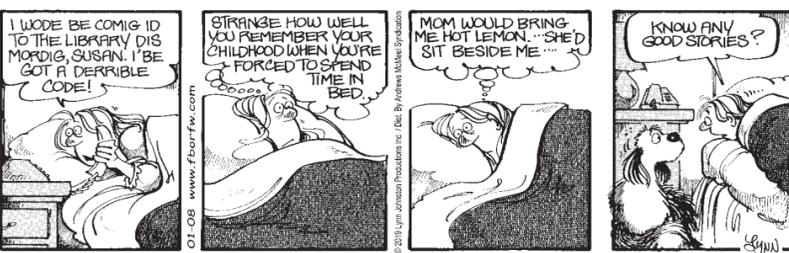
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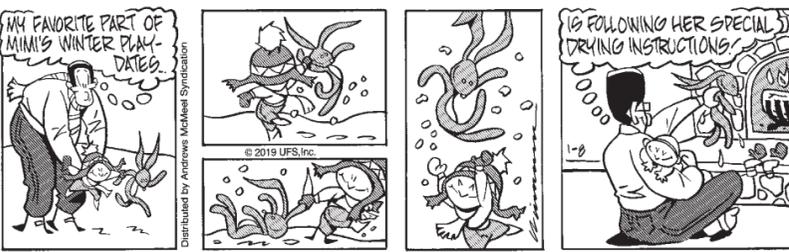
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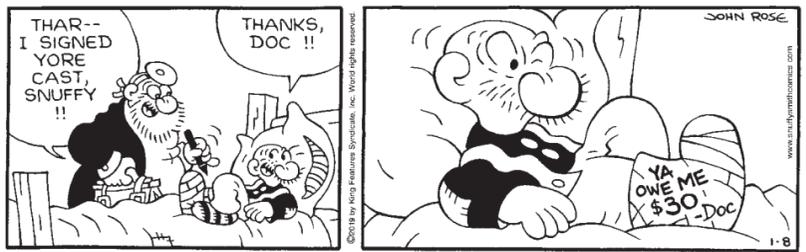
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File No. 18-CP-1999

Division:

IN RE: ESTATE OF

THEODORE HEWITT WOERNLE,

Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of THEODORE HEWITT WOERNLE, deceased, whose date of death was February 4, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Lake County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 550 W. Main St., Tavares, FL 32778. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

The date of first publication of this notice is: January 8, 2019.

Submitted By: Robert D. Hines, Esq. Attorney for Personal Representative Florida Bar No. 0413550 Hines Norman Hines, P.L. 1312 W. Fletcher Avenue, Suite B Tampa, FL 33612 Telephone: 813-265-0100 Email: rhines@nhn-law.com Secondary Email: jrvera@nhn-law.com

KATHLEEN WOERNLE Personal Representative 512 Woodbury Way Bel Air, MD 21014

Ad No: 10083860 January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CASE NO.: 2018-CA-002203

BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company

Plaintiff

vs.

WILLIAM L. SHOUSE, MAUREEN A. ATTINGER N/K/A MAUREEN SHOUSE, UNKNOWN TENANT #1 N/K/A MATHEW BARCIA, UNKNOWN TENANT #2 N/K/A HALEY REVELLE, FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY,

Defendant,

NOTICE OF ACTION

TO: WILLIAM L. SHOUSE 740 N Woodland Blvd. Deland FL 32720 (last known residence)

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following described property in LAKE COUNTY, Florida:

Lots 45 and 46, in Block 23, in Replat of Lake Kathryn Heights, a subdivision in Lake County, Florida, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 11, Page 98, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Together with that certain 1988 RICH, mobile home, ID#N131644 & N13164B and all appurtenances thereto.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Plaintiff's attorney, STRAUS & ASSOCIATES, P.A., 10081 Pines Blvd. Ste. C, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 on or before thirty (30) days from the first date of publication and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service upon Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise, a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed herein.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at LAKE COUNTY, Florida this 27 day of December 2018.

Clerk of the Circuit Court By: Shari Durham As Deputy Clerk

0001 LEGALS

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January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 35-2018-CA-000638-AXXX-XX

JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. LANUM, DECEASED; MICHAEL THOMAS HETTICH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated 10/9/18, and entered in 35-2018-CA-000638-AXXX-XX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for LAKE COUNTY, Florida, wherein JAMES B. NUTTER & COMPANY is the Plaintiff and THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. LANUM, DECEASED; MICHAEL THOMAS HETTICH; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT are the Defendant(s). Neil Kelly as the Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lake County Courthouse 550 W. Main St. 1st Floor, Near Information Desk, Tavares, FL 32778, at 11:00 AM, on JAN 22 2019, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

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Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 11 day of Oct., 2018.

GARY J. COONEY As Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ Trish Roberts As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

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Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L. Attorneys for Plaintiff Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L., Boca Raton, FL 33487 Telephone: 564-241-6901 Fax: 564-997-6909 17-078351 - DaW

Ad No: 10083572 January 01, 2019 & January 08, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA Case Number: 2018CA-001846

CENTERSTATE BANK, N.A., a national banking association, f/k/a CenterState Bank Mid Florida, successor by merger to CenterState Bank West Florida, N.A.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

GADEARY SOMWARU, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GADEARY SOMWARU and TUSCANY ESTATES AT THE LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the final judgment dated December 12, 2018, entered in case number 2018CA-001846 in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein CENTERSTATE BANK, N.A., a national banking association, f/k/a CenterState Bank Mid Florida, successor by merger to CenterState Bank West Florida, N.A., is Plaintiff, and

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GADEARY SOMWARU, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF GADEARY SOMWARU and TUSCANY ESTATES AT THE LAKES OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation, are Defendants, I will sell at public sale on February 19, 2019 to the highest bidder for cash, at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, First Floor, Tavares, Florida 32778, beginning at 11:00 a.m. eastern time, the following described real property as set forth in said final judgment, to wit:

Lot 26, Tuscany Estates at the Lakes, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 55, Page(s) 56 and 57, of the public records of Lake County, Florida

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens, must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse, P.O. Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 742-4221, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711 or (352) 742-3890.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court on this 21 day of December, 2018.

Gary J. Cooney Clerk of the Court

By: /s/ D. Davis Deputy Clerk (COURT SEAL)

Ad No: 10083601 January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

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

CASE NO.: 2018 DR 2471

IN RE: The Dissolution of marriage of:

BOBBIE LOUISE BALDAZO, Petitioner/Wife,

vs.

JUAN BALDAZO, Respondent/Husband.

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: JUAN BALDAZO 7100 Parkway Drive Parkland, Florida 33343

and

7100 Loxahatchee Road Parkland, Florida 33067

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses if any, to it on BOBBIE LOUISE BALDAZO through her attorney, Pamela J. Helton, Esquire, at Law Office of Pamela J. Helton P.A., whose address is 245 Citrus Tower Blvd., Suite 203, Clermont, Florida 34711, on or before February 25, 2019, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court at 550 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a Default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the Clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedures requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.

Dated: 12-21-18

GARY J. COONEY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: K. Przybyls Deputy Clerk

Ad No: 10083632 January 01, 2019 & January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019 & January 22, 2019

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

CASE NO. 2018-CA-001926

CITIZENS FIRST BANK,

Plaintiff,

vs.

CLAUDIA LYNN THOMAS, SHANTELL ZABALA, HARBOR HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and TD BANK, N.A., as successor by merger to MERCANTILE BANK,

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WNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., and TD BANK, N.A., as successor by merger to MERCANTILE BANK,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated the 14th day of December, 2018, and entered in Civil Action No. 2018-CA-001926, of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Florida, wherein the above-named Plaintiff and the above-named Defendants were the parties, that I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Lake County Courthouse, 550 West Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778, at the sale scheduled for FEB 14, 2019, beginning at 11:00 A.M., the following described real property:

Lot 6, Block Q, Harbor Hills Unit 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 30, Page 13, Public Records of Lake County, Florida.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date as of the lis pendens must file a claim within sixty (60) days after the sale.

DATED this 14 day of Dec., 2018.

GARY J. COONEY Clerk of the Circuit Court

By: /s/ D. DAVIS Deputy Clerk 00373546 - 1

Ad No: 10083654 January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 35-2018-CA-002374-AXXX-XX

BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff,

vs.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JENNETTE L. ROODE REVOCABLE TRUST, UNDER AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 8, 1987 AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JENNETTE L. ROODE, DECEASED, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE

TO: UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JENNETTE L. ROODE REVOCABLE TRUST, UNDER AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 8, 1987, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JENNETTE L. ROODE, DECEASED, whose residence is unknown if he/she/they be living; and if he/she/they be dead, the unknown defendants who may be spouses, heirs, devisees, grantees, assignees, lienors, creditors, trustees, and all parties claiming an interest by, through, under or against the Defendants, who are not known to be dead or alive, and all parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property described in the mortgage being foreclosed herein.

UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE JENNETTE L. ROODE REVOCABLE TRUST, UNDER AGREEMENT DATED DECEMBER 8, 1987 930 MEDIRA DRIVE LADY LAKE FL 32159

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, BENEFICIARIES, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHERS WHO MAY CLAIM AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF JENNETTE L. ROODE, DECEASED 930 MEDIRA DRIVE LADY LAKE FL 32159

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property:

LOT 31, ORANGE BLOSSOM GARDENS HACIENDA VILLAS, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN MAP OR PLAT BOOK 33, PAGE- 43-46 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on counsel for Plaintiff, whose address is 6409 Congress Ave., Suite 100, Boca Raton, Florida 33487 on or before 30 days from Date of First Publication of this Notice and file the original with the clerk of this court either before service on Plaintiffs attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for

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the relief demanded in the complaint or petition filed herein.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this Court at Lake County, Florida, this 27th day of December, 2018.

Gary J. Cooney CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ Linda Benson DEPUTY CLERK

Submitted By: ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, AND SCHNEID, PL ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF 6409 CONGRESS AVE., SUITE 100 BOCA RATON, FL 33487 PRIMARY EMAIL: MAIL@RASFLAW.COM 18-222583 - JeS

Ad No: 10083915 January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 35-2017-CA-001704-AXXX-XX

BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY, Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD L. HUDRICKA/K/A RICHARD LEO HUDRICK, DONNA FERRANTE, SHERREE RICH, CAROL VAN BEBBER, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 1, UNKNOWN TENANT IN POSSESSION 2, UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF RICHARD L. HUDRICK A/K/A RICHARD LEO HUDRICK,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Summary Final Judgment of Foreclosure filed December 12, 2018 entered in Civil Case No. 35-2017-CA-001704-AXXX-XX of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit in and for Lake County, Tavares, Florida, the Clerk of Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at Lake County Judicial Center, 550 West Main Street, First Floor, Tavares, FL 32778 in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes on the day of FEB 20, 2019 at 11:00 AM on the following described property as set forth in said Summary Final Judgment, to-wit:

ALL OF LOT 22 AND PARTS OF LOTS 9 AND 10 IN A MAP OF HACKETT S SUBDIVISION OF LOTS 19 AND 20 GULLER HOMESTEAD, IN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 4, PAGE 25, PUBLIC RECORDS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT 22, THENCE RUN NORTH 00°13'11" WEST ALONG THE WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF HACKETT COURT A DISTANCE OF 59.83 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 9, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°55'21" EAST A DISTANCE OF 59.52 FEET TO A POINT ON A LINE THAT IS 37.40 FEET WEST OF, AS MEASURED AT RIGHT ANGLES THERETO, TO THE EASTERLY BOUNDARY LINE OF SAID LOT 10, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°13'11" EAST ALONG SAID LINE A DISTANCE OF 9.67 FEET TO A POINT ON THE NORTH LINE OF SAID LOT 22, THENCE RUN EAST ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF LOT 22, A DISTANCE OF 65.65 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 22, THENCE RUN SOUTH 00°13'11" EAST A DISTANCE OF 50.08 FEET TO SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 22, THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT 22 A DISTANCE OF 125.17 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE DESCRIPTION.

Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this 13 day of Dec. 2018.

GARY J. CONNEY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT As Clerk of the Court

By: TRISH ROBERTS Deputy Clerk

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator at the Office of the Trial Court Administrator, Lake County Courthouse, P.O. Box 7800/550 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida 32778, Telephone (352) 253-1604, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Ad No: 10083930 January 08, 2019 & January 15, 2019

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION CASE NO. 35-2017-CA-000257-AXXX-XX

DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCREDIT LOANS, INC., MORTGAGE ASSET-BACKED PASSTHROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-QS9,

Plaintiff,

vs.

PETER G TSIRNIKAS A/K/A PETER TSIRNIKAS, et al. Defendant(s).

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vs.

PETER G TSIRNIKAS A/K/A PETER TSIRNIKAS, et al. Defendant(s).

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Dated this 2 day of January, 2019.

Gary J. Cooney
As Clerk of the Court

By: D. Davis
As Deputy Clerk

IMPORTANT

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the ADA Coordinator for Lake County, Susan Berg, at (352) 253-1602, at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Submitted by: Robertson, Anschutz & Schneid, P.L.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
6409 Congress Avenue, Suite 100,
Boca Raton, FL 33487
Telephone: 561-241-6901
Fax: 561-997-6909
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