



HCSO: Response to campus incident best under circumstances

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — “In a perfect world” there would have been instant communications between South Florida State College officials and a deputy after the deputy learned Tuesday that a man had a gun on campus, Scott Dressel, public information officer for the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office, said.

But considering how the event was first reported and the speed in which the suspect was apprehended, the deputy assigned to the campus did what he was supposed to do, Dressel said. The campus was not

put on lockdown and students and faculty were not notified immediately someone had a gun on campus.

Dressel said that the Highlands County Sheriff’s Office is open to discussing the response policy and procedures to a gun incident on campus with the college and to determine whether any tweaks are necessary.

The questions came after Highlands County deputies arrested Kevin S. McHargue Jr., 20, of Sebring, and charged him with possession of 20 grams or less of marijuana, carrying a concealed weapon without a permit,

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Exploring the possibilities



MARC VALERO/STAFF

From left: Sebring High sophomores Justin Barrett and Anthony Colon speak with Allison Huggins of CliftonLarsonAllen, which offers accounting, financial and business services.

Leadership Highlands career fair highlights employment options

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County high school students got a glimpse of their possible future in the workplace during a career fair Thursday that was organized by the Leadership Highlands Class of 2017.

Many businesses and institutions participated in the event, which was held at the Highlands News-Sun Center in Sebring.

The participants spoke with students about their careers and offered informational handouts and small giveaways.

Some display tables had demonstrations or visual components related to the careers they represented.

In a bit of an engineering challenge, offered by Cool and Cobb Engineering Co., Avon Park, students attempted to stack washers as high as possible within a bowl of sand.

“It is a great opportunity for high school students



Students listen to a representative from Swaine & Harris P.A. Attorneys at Law on Thursday at the career fair sponsored by the Leadership Highlands Class of 2017. The event was held at the Highlands News-Sun Center.

to get an interest or get an idea of what they want to do in their future,” said Sebring High junior Nyah Bonhomme.

Sebring High sophomore Justin Barrett was impressed by the size and scope of the event.

“It is a lot more than I thought it was going to be,” he said. “It is very

interesting with all of these careers coming down in one place just to share information with everybody.”

Sebring High sophomore Anthony Colon said, “It’s actually really interesting; there are a lot of booths around for everyone to look; it is really cool.”

Florida Hospital Director of Quality and Patient Experience for Health Partners Sandi Bernardo said at the career fair they can show students all the careers that work in hospitals, along with doctors and nurses, that they are not aware of.

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SFSC gun incident: Mother of victim speaks out

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

AVON PARK — On Tuesday afternoon, Kevin S. McHargue walked onto the campus of South Florida State College, ostensibly to visit his girlfriend, 18-year old GED student Essence Marc, and got into an argument with a student. He then took a gun from his girlfriend’s purse and tucked it into his waistband after threatening the other student with it.

Due to safety concerns, the victim’s name is being withheld. Kutanya McKeithan is the mother of the young man who was threatened. Her son told her that he and several other friends and students were hanging out at the Panther Central bookstore and lounge, when McHargue began talking to them about gangs. Her son replied that

they were not into gangs and an argument ensued. According to McKeithan, that was when the suspect took a gun from Marc’s purse and threatened him with it. McHargue and Marc left and were detained later.

McKeithan wants answers. She is concerned about the school’s lack of lockdown procedures and of a delayed notification, and the seemingly absence of an emergency protocol. McKeithan said her son called her to pick him up at about 1:40 p.m. She knew the school was not under lockdown when she arrived and was surprised to see students milling around.

“By the time I got to school about 2 or 2:15, the kids were getting out of class and walking all over campus,” McKeithan said. “When I got there, I

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Lake Placid subdivision votes to annex into town

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The residents of Kingswood Manor Townhouses cast their ballots Tuesday evening, Nov. 28, to vote on whether or not to voluntarily annex into the Town of Lake Placid. The vote was unanimously in favor of the annexation.

Highlands County Supervisor of Elections Penny Ogg oversaw the election.

“This was an all-mail election,

which meant we didn’t open a precinct but that every eligible elector in that area to be annexed received a ballot, which they were able to return via mail or drop it off at our office,” Ogg said. “We mailed out 58 ballots and received 24 back, We ended up with a 46.15 percent turnout. The voting was unanimous; all of the 24 ballots were for annexation.”

Ordinance 2017-752 passed with flying colors and, per the ordinance, the effective date of

the annexation will be 30 days form the approval of the majority of the voters. Kingswood Manor residents will celebrate the new year as town members, with 47 new households being added into the town of Lake Placid.

The town has been picking up the neighborhood’s garbage as a courtesy twice weekly while waiting for the elections. Homeowners in the condo association will be billed \$123.40 per year for their

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KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

Kingswood Manor Townhomes will become part of the Town of Lake Placid through voluntary annexation after the unopposed voting on the issue on Tuesday night.



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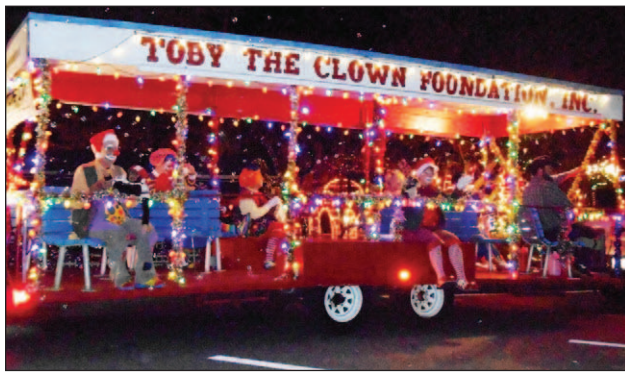
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SEBRING — The Sebring Christmas Parade is tonight at 7 p.m. in downtown Sebring. The parade will encompass the downtown area and Circle Park and can be viewed from sidewalks along Ridgewood Drive and Commerce Avenue and, of course, the park on the Circle.

The Avon Park-Sebring Jaycees leadership team and parade committee announced that children, known as littles, who are served by Big Brothers Big Sisters and their mentors, known as bigs, will serve as this year's parade grand marshals. They will lead the 2017 parade in a float sponsored by the Jaycees.

The theme of this year's Christmas Parade is "A Very Merry Hometown Christmas." The theme was chosen to highlight the community's volunteers, organizations and businesses.

According to press



FILE PHOTO

In this 2016 file photo, floats from the Toby the Clown Foundation wind down downtown Sebring during the Christmas parade.

release the from the Jaycees, the organization wanted a grand marshal that some person or group that exemplifies part of the Jaycees creed "...that service to humanity is the best work of life." After Hurricane Irma, the community had many examples of that creed.

According to the Jaycees, "one organization that stood out to us throughout this year is Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast. Their mission is to provide

children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. For many of these children, this will be the only time they will participate in a town parade in this capacity, and we're excited for them to be our lead float this year."

Locally, BBBS supports 75 children through mentorship and other programs. Additionally, 30 more identified children

in need are waiting for placement with a "big" mentor. During and after Irma, BBBS along with the United Way worked with the Sebring Raceway to provide various items to their affected families. Many of these families were still feeling the ramifications of the storm such as not having money for diapers, basic toiletries and food. Some of the mentored families were displaced and were forced to move out of their homes into new homes due various reasons.

Earlier this week, BBBS's community

resource director Shawn Beumel said, "Here at BBBS we feel that time spent mentoring a child is never wasted. It is so important that the children in our community see that they can be anything they want to be and that with hard work and perseverance, they can succeed in life. Mentoring is essentially taking everything that you have learned growing up such as ethics, hard work and instilling it in a young mind. Today's children are tomorrow's leaders and we have a duty to make sure that tomorrow's

leaders are productive citizens in society. We are very thankful and honored that the Jaycees chose BBBS to represent the community."

The Jaycees sponsor several families during the holidays. A majority of the parade profits from this year were donated to AgAngels. The Jaycees is a group of young professionals ages 21-40 living in the Sebring/Avon Park area.

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Cans needed to circle the Circle

By PHIL ATTINGER
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SEBRING — Maj. Tim Roberts of The Salvation Army said the annual Circle of Cans has never actually circled the Circle with canned goods.

He'd like to see that happen, though. The Salvation Army and Sebring Noon Rotary will collect funds and canned goods at the Circle for The Salvation Army food pantry, from 7 a.m. today until 3 p.m., when they have to close down ahead of the Sebring Christmas Parade. Roberts said last year's event, though pushed back by weather — pulled in \$1,000 in donations and 650 cans.

The previous year had equal money donations and approximately 600 cans of food. As always, he hopes it's even better this time.

"We're always hoping for a wonderful year," Roberts said. "(This) helps us out throughout Christmas and after for when we're making up food bags."

The Circle of Cans, an annual tradition for much longer than Roberts' four years in Sebring, has volunteers with The Salvation Army kettles at the junctions of at least half of the intersections going into Circle Park Drive in downtown Sebring. They collect both monetary and canned good donations. Those donating canned goods can also park nearby and walk them to Circle Park. There, other volunteers line cans up around the curb of the park, facing out toward passing motorists.

The line of cans only goes once around the park, if it completes the Circle at all.

"It's kind of difficult because the backside toward the (former) bank gets a little bare there," Roberts said. "Unfortunately, we haven't made it all the way around the Circle."

Either way, the cans close a gap between what food people have and what they need.

Mary Strenth of Sebring Noon Rotary organized Rotarian volunteers to help alongside The Salvation Army people. As of Wednesday morning, she said she had 24 signed up, but expected to have more. Roberts said he usually sees 30-40 Rotarian volunteers alongside a few of his own.

Strenth also said she'd received several hundred dollars to buy cans for the food pantry, a good sign in contrast to last year.

"It's more money this year than we had," Strenth said.

She hoped to go bargain shopping for food, she said, to get the most canned goods she can.

Whether or not there will be enough to circle the Circle remains to be seen.

The Salvation Army also already has bell ringers and donation kettles at several local businesses for its annual Christmas campaign for monetary donations.

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By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Highlands County commissioners' discussion Tuesday, Nov. 21 about how to handle complaints against County Administrator June Fisher took priority over fire services.

However, Commissioner Don Elwell said he attended the regular meeting of the volunteer fire chiefs, where he learned they would like to have incentives for their volunteers to stay on their crews and

continue their training. In addition to having the county pay for training, there were requests for per diem expenses and/or per-call incentives to help get more volunteers to incidents.

Fisher said, at the last commission meeting, that she had contacted the county's labor attorney to explore options on per diem reimbursements.

Elwell pointed out that paid firefighters need to also be trained as emergency medical technicians. He recommended the

county place that under its in-house training program. At present, he said, the county has 12 volunteer firefighters in the Firefighter 2 class.

"We want to hire from within Highlands County, so we want them to be qualified," Elwell said.

He said this is a matter that goes back to actively engaging with staff and having good communication with the current volunteer fire chiefs. Commissioner Greg Harris, elected in November as the board chair, agreed.

"We have chiefs who don't know we're talking (about this) at these meetings," Harris said.

On Monday, Nov. 27, Fire Services Manager Tim Eures pointed out that the county has always required EMT training for paid firefighters, ever since the county first started hiring full-time firefighters for Highlands Lakes and DeSoto City stations.

Right now, Eures said, the county is offering to pay for Firefighter 1 and 2 classes. He said Fire Services is asking for

the same arrangement with EMT training. The county may move toward providing EMT training, he said, if the volunteer firefighters complete their training and stay on as a volunteer for a year.

That is not "solidified," Eures said. It's only a discussion.

He said Elwell was going to discuss the matter at greater depth before the county commission brought Fisher's leadership into question. Eures said Highlands County Community Safety Coordinator Scott

Canaday has also taken the matter under advisement.

It's a high-level decision, said Eures, who years ago headed up Emergency Services, over both Fire Services and Emergency Management. In order for the county to expend funds, without reimbursement, Eures said, it takes a decision by the Board of County Commission and the county administrator.

Unless county commissioners decide otherwise, that means Fisher.

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waste pickup whereas the county was charging \$173. The same level of county service would cost the condo \$2,331 more per year, according to the town's website. The town will charge 3.65 millage, which has been the same for the last five years.

Another benefit that residents will have is being on the town's water supply, which is 25 percent less than those outside of the town. And as town residents, they have the right to run for offices such as mayor or council members if they choose.

"I am real proud that the residents of Kingswood realized the value of annexing into the town," Town Administrator Phil



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

The homeowners of Kingswood Manor voted to annex into the Town of Lake Placid on Tuesday, Nov. 28. In 30 days they will officially be included as residents of the town.

Williams said. "This was a case where it worked out for both of us. With our garbage services being better suited to their needs, it will work out financially that we are able

to save them money and we will be able to make money from the water, garbage and taxes."

Williams created a detailed study on all of the properties in the

development to show exactly where each homeowner stood with fees.

"I wanted everyone to go into it with their eyes open, and I wanted to make sure that the town

put in writing, what they were committing to," Williams said. "We have a good product. We have a good clean product that always passes muster and good people taking care

of it. I am also proud of our sanitation too."

This annexation comes after the residents of the Pines of Lake Huntley also unanimously voted to annex in May.

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“We are really enjoying the kids and giving them a little peek at some of the different careers,” she said.
 Highlands County Economic Development Manager Taylor Benson conducted an informal survey, which had students thinking about Highlands County and the future.
 She had students write on a post-it note what they love about Highlands County and what they would like to see in the future in the county.
 Leadership Highlands Class of 2017 President Garrett Roberts said the Leadership Class wanted to get all the ninth- and 10th-graders

together to expose them to the different types of careers that are available to them in Highlands County.
 “Before they start making behavioral mistakes and before their grades are bad, the concept is ‘if you can see it, you can achieve it,’” he said. They hope students will start working toward some kind of a goal at a young age when they still have the ability to make a career decision.
 Many businesses, institutions and agencies participated to show students the broad range of careers that are available to them, Roberts said.
 The first round with Sebring High School’s ninth- and 10th-graders was so successful that they are bringing their 11th- and 12th-graders as well, he said. “It has been a great success with everybody I talked to.”



MARC VALERO/STAFF

ABOVE: Avon Park High juniors Marquasha Brown and Keesh Gholston pose with a prop from Highlands County Economic Development.



RIGHT: From left: Florida Hospital Director of Quality and Patient Experience Sandi Bernardo instructs Lake Placid High sophomore Vanessa Ramirez on a CPR simulator.

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expected to see a heavy police presence but I only saw the one officer’s car that is always there. It seemed to me that SFSC didn’t have a plan or protocol in place for a situation such as this.
 “No one seemed to know what to do; the staff were literally asking the students what happened,” McKeithan said. “The SFSC

police officer apologized to me about not being knowledgeable about how to deal with the situation and that the chain of command was totally screwed up as to who to notify and when.
 “I am appalled at the lack of police presence, the response time for police and school notification,” she said.
 Highlands County Sheriff Deputy Zachary Lehman explained what happened to her as best he could.
 “My main thing was,

when my son called me, I expected that call to have been made from either the police or a representative from the school,” McKeithan said. “I didn’t get a text warning until about 3 or 4 p.m. Even afterward, you would think the school would have called and notified somebody.”
 She is still waiting for that call but says she won’t hold her breath.
 “I am just concerned with what is going to happen from here on out,”

McKeithan said. “How can they assure me that when my son steps onto campus that he’s going to be safe there? They don’t have metal detectors; I can understand that they don’t have those types of items going into classrooms but this is the central area of the school. Do you mean to tell me that they don’t have a way to secure that part of the school?”
 McKeithan was not sure if the suspect would have really shot her son or not.

McHargue has an extensive criminal background with charges that include battery and gun-related charges.
 “I can’t say if he really would have hurt him,” McKeithan said. “My son was on the phone and so he didn’t see the suspect get the gun from Marc’s purse. But I think that if he took the time to take the gun from a purse and put it in his waistband, he was serious. I want to know what’s going to be done about the safety of my child

from here on out.”
 The college sent out a text message at around 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29 from SFSC President Thomas Leitzel that expressed concern for student safety, and praised the actions of Deputy Lehman and the officer’s ensuing actions. The message said that the situation was over within minutes and if there “had been an active threat, the text alert system would have been activated immediately.”

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possession of a firearm or ammunition by a convicted felon, tampering with evidence and possession of a weapon on school property. His girlfriend, Essence Tenay Marc, 18, of 2000 W. Oxnard, Avon Park, was charged with carrying a concealed firearm and possession of a weapon on school property.
 Authorities said that McHargue, who is not a student, came on campus

and got in an argument with several students. At some point, they said, he got a gun from Marc’s purse and put it in a concealed position in the waistband of his pants. A report said McHargue showed the students he had a gun. Authorities said he never pointed it at anyone or fired the gun.
 The Sheriff’s Office got an initial report of a verbal altercation, Dressel said. After determining that a gun was involved, a deputy assigned to the campus [Deputy Zachary Lehman] called for backup, he said.
 Within 10

minutes, deputies arrested McHargue as he walked toward Memorial Drive.
 SFSC Vice President Glenn Little said that campus officials didn’t become aware of the situation until after authorities arrested McHargue.
 At that point, they were told the threat no longer existed, which nullified a need for a campus lockdown or notifying students and faculty immediately.
 Little said he’s confident that the Sheriff’s Office would have notified campus authorities if a continuing threat existed.
 As to the possibility that

the suspect could have started shooting people between the time the deputy learned of the gun situation and the arrest, Dressel said, “You can what if a situation to death.”
 “The deputy did exactly what he was supposed to have done,” Dressel said. The deputy called for backup and investigated in hopes of finding the direction in which the suspect headed, he said.
 The situation was over very quickly, Dressel said, adding that “almost by the time we found out what was going on, we had the guy.”

If the situation had warranted campus lockdown and notification of students and employees, Little said, campus officials have the ability to broadcast messages over the intercom and to send text messages.
 “It would certainly be challenging to lock down the entire campus,” Little said. Entrances would be barricaded and the perimeter would have to be secured in addition to locking doors, he said.
 Melissa Kuehnle, spokeswoman for the college, said all faculty and staff receive mandatory training in

regard to responding to an active shooting incident. It is offered to students, she added.
 A campus policy regarding armed intruders, hostages and lockdown calls for anyone confronting such a situation to call 911, as well as campus security.
 Lockdown can be initiated by phone, intercom, email or texting, the policy says.
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1. Tartan is the correct word for that specific pattern unique to each Scottish clan or region. The term plaid comes from the Gaelic word, plaide, which referred to the actual blanket or outer layer that kept Scots toasty during harsh weather.
 2. After the Jacobite Rebellion of 1745, the British parliament passed the Dress Act of 1746, which made wearing any tartan—the uniform associated with the rebel armies — illegal.
 3. Punishments for disobeying were harsh: imprisonment for the first offense, then deportation.
 4. In 1822 — 40 years after the ban on plaid was lifted — King George IV made a visit to Scotland. To mark the occasion, novelist Sir Walter Scott organized a welcome ceremony featuring hordes of Scots dressed in their regional tartans. The event led residents to become mad about plaid once more, helped by a king who decided to wear his own kilt.
 5. In 1997, Congress established April 6 as National Tartan Day as a way to recognize Scottish-American citizens.
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OBITUARIES

Tina L. Carver



Tina Lynn Dishman Carver was born May 4, 1968, in Clewiston, Florida, the daughter of Katherine Partlow and David Dishman, and later loved and raised by stepfather Richard Partlow. She was married to James Carver in 1986. One brother, David Dishman Jr., also preceded her in death. She peacefully went home to the Lord Jesus Christ on Nov. 26, 2017. A Celebration of Life memorial service with family and friends will be conducted at 11 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 (exact location will be provided via Facebook once determined). Tina was primarily raised and went to schools in southern Florida and was a proud graduate of Clewiston High School. She would later graduate trade school as a licensed cosmetologist and work alongside her mother. Tina never met a stranger and loved all whom she encountered. Tina had a deep passion for raising and riding horses along with spending time in the outdoors participating in camping and mud bogging. She resided in Chiefland, Florida and is survived with her love and life partner, Richard Cole; her children whom she adored, Dustin Carver, Cheyenne Cody Carver, and Jay Carver (Sarah). Tina cherished two grandchildren, along with brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and

many friends. She came to know and accept the Lord in April 2014, and will missed by many. We can rest easy knowing she is now renewed at home in Heaven rejoicing in her Lord and Savior.

Larry D. Stubelt

Larry D. Stubelt, of Lake Placid, died early Wednesday morning, Nov. 29, 2017. Larry was a Michigan native. He was born Oct. 15, 1938, in Benton Harbor, the son of Ms. Julie and Arthur Stubelt. Larry was a military veteran serving in the U.S. Navy. He has been a Lake Placid resident for the past seven years. Larry was a self employed painter and worked at his trade for more than 20 years. He was a Baptist in his faith. Larry is survived by his loving wife Elizabeth; children, Carol Wallace, Steven Stubelt, Pamela Rosa (Robert); siblings, Charles and Loretta France; eight grandchildren and he was blessed with 11 great-grandchildren. Services celebrating his life will begin at noon, Friday Dec. 1 at the Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home. Military honors will be presented following the service. Memorial arrangements are under the loving devotion of Michael A. Brochetti Funeral Home, 404 Plaza Ave., Lake Placid. 863-465-9997.

OBITUARY POLICY

OBITUARY POLICY: Obituaries are accepted from funeral homes or individuals with verifiable source. Full obituaries and death notices will be subject to an advertising charge. Deadlines: 1 p.m. Monday through Friday for the following day publication; 4 p.m. Friday for Sunday and Monday publication. The American flag accompanying an obituary indicates a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces. Send emails to legals@highlandsnewssun.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Rudolph Round-Up Toy Drive ends soon

SEBRING — Pepper Natural Health & Wellness is excited to support the 13th annual Rudolph Round-Up Toy Drive. All toys will be donated to Heartland for Children, a local not-for-profit child welfare agency. These toys will be given to children in foster care or protective custody in Highlands, Hardee and Polk counties. The final day new toys can be donated at the office is Monday, Dec. 11. The office is at 2827 Alt. 27 South, Sebring.

Christmas on Main Avenue

LAKE PLACID — Christmas on Main Avenue will be held from 6-8 p.m. today. Enjoy dining and holiday shopping, and specials and refreshments in participating stores and restaurants in downtown Lake Placid. The evening will feature a photo op with Santa, a free gift for each child, free cookie decorating, free kids crafts and live music. The Lake Placid Middle School chorus will sing Christmas carols and a free movie, “Alvin and the Chipmunks,” is slated for 8 p.m. in the Journal Plaza.

Highlands Park Estates fall dinner

LAKE PLACID — The annual fall dinner for Highlands Park Estates Association will be at

1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at the firehouse located on Columbus, one block North of County Road 621, around the corner from the VFW Turkey. Drinks are provided by the Association and those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own plate and flatware. Door prizes will be given. If you have one to donate call Helen or Marie. All property owners are invited to attend. Call Helen at 269-932-8934 or Marie at 863-465-0645 for information.

Democratic Party dinner

SEBRING — The Highlands County Democratic Party will hold a holiday celebration at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 4. Bring a dish to share at the Democratic Party Headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway. Donations or community service pledges will be collected at the door. Everyone welcome.

Celtic American Society to meet

SEBRING — The Celtic American Society of the Highlands meets at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at First Presbyterian Church of

Sebring. The next meeting is Dec. 7. Visitors and those interested in celebrating the Celtic heritage are welcome. The society will be celebrating the birth of Robert Burns with an annual dinner on Jan. 20 at the All American Grill. Tickets are \$20. For more information, call 863-385-0695.

Nu-Hope Clay Shoot

OKEECHOBEE — The Tommy Todd Memorial NU-Hope Clay Shoot will help raise funds to restore and reopen the Lake Placid Dining Center, which was damaged by Hurricane Irma. The shoot is set for Sunday, Dec. 17 at Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee. Registration is 8:30-9:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. Cost \$125 per person or \$500 for a four shooter team. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information, visit nuhopeclayshoot.com.

Semper Fi meeting

SEBRING — The new chapter of the Marine Corps League will meet at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 5 at the Veterans Service Center. For more information, call Keith Braden at 863-632-3802.

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Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency 2018 Meeting Schedule

The Sebring Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has one scheduled meeting on the second (2nd) Monday of each month in the City Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 pm.

The CRA has the fourth (4th) Monday of each month reserved for emergency meetings or workshops in the City Council Chambers beginning at 5:30 pm. One or more City Council members may be in attendance.

The schedule for calendar year 2018 is as follows:

- January 8th and **22nd**
- February 12th and **26th**
- March 12th and **26th**
- April 9th and **23rd**
- May 7th and **21st**
- June 11th and **25th**
- July 9th and **23rd**
- August 13th and **27th**
- September 10th and **24th**
- October 8th and **22nd**
- November 12th and **26th**
- December 10th

*Bold Dates are Reserved CRA Meeting Dates

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OUR VIEW

Official end to 'cane season

After a decade of relative peace and quiet, Floridians this week could look back at a six-month Atlantic hurricane season with a sense of relief: It could have been a whole lot worse.

That, despite the fact Hurricane Irma, which made landfall in South Florida the morning of Sept. 10, caused widespread damage and dislocation in Southwest Florida.

Highlands County commissioners learned Tuesday that as of Monday, contracted crews had collected 824,102 cubic yards of storm debris. It is expected the county will pick up 900,000 cubic yards before it's done, at an estimated cost of \$10.6 million. A big part of that will go to contracted crews, who have to pay their employees.

The debris pickup is funded, presumably, through FEMA. You may still notice the business signs that were blown apart and still not replaced.

After Irma passed through, tens of thousands in our county were left without electrical power for days and, in some cases, well over a week. This was a serious inconvenience during a record-hot summer — a real hardship for many.

Millions statewide evacuated their homes and fled north during the weekend of Irma. That was an unexpected expense and, also, a hardship. Thousands more spent a days, some weeks, in a hurricane shelter. As well as those shelters were operated — and we heard many compliments about the quality and dedications of local staff — the experience was taxing.

Still, perceptions of this hurricane season were filtered by the recognition that, it could have been a whole lot worse. The days before Irma hit, the storm had record-sustained winds of 185 miles per hour. Frightening. The width of the storm was unusually large, threatening the entire Florida peninsula, east to west coast.

It appeared fierce. It was, in fact, both fearsome and devastating in the U.S. Virgin Islands, the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico and the Florida Keys. It lingered for hours with winds not seen here since the summer of 2004 when Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Jeanne came across the state.

By the time Irma swept through our communities, the storm had become relatively weak.

Hence, the relief. Despite actual damage. Trees down. Power lines down. Power out; fresh food ruined. Roads flooded and/or washed out. Homes damaged by falling debris. Scores displaced and thousands inconvenienced.

The Legislature is in the process of assessing response of public officials to the emergency.

Good, and glad the threat is over for this year.

JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Letters are welcome on virtually any subject, but we do have some rules. We will not accept any Letters to the Editor that mention a business in a negative tone, as they have no means to defend themselves. Please keep Letters to the Editor to less than 250 words. Letters will be edited to length as well as for grammar and spelling. All letters must be signed with full name — not initials. An address and telephone number must be included. The phone number and address are not for publication, but must be provided. In the case of letters that are emailed, the same rules apply.

Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only four letters per person per month.

The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. The newspaper takes no responsibility for the content of these letters.

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Vote No on the Koch brothers welfare act

GUEST COLUMN

Polly Parks

The Koch brothers mouthpiece Phil Kerpen's analysis of the Republican tax bills in his Monday column is wrong. The idea that the Republican tax cuts are going to increase take-home pay of lower- and middle-income people is ridiculous.

There are zero incentives in the Senate or House bills for our 21st Century Robber Barons to increase wages — or invest new-found corporate profits in the U.S.

On Nov. 26, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) issued the Senate bill analysis[1] and it shows that the one- to 10-year temporary lower individual federal tax burden is not going to be a "raise". The only way to keep the Republican corporate and passive LLC tax

cuts "revenue neutral," is to increase the tax burden on individual taxpayers, starting in 2018.

The CBO analysis states that the "largest revenue increases would result from the provision to repeal deductions for personal exemptions" and "the repeal of certain itemized deductions." Secondly, revenue increases would result from disallowing certain losses by active LLC's and other pass-throughs (the main forms of small business entities) as well as changing the inflation measure to index tax parameters and reduce outlays for refundable credits.

In English, that means if you get a paycheck you might get a few dollars more per week next year but watch out for years two to 10. For active small business owners, it means you are screwed.

The CBO also warns that

the "bill's most significant effects on outlays" is to strip 4 million people who need health insurance in 2019 with the number mounting to an estimated 13 million in 2027. In addition, premiums are calculated to increase about 10 percent higher annually than the Senate Finance Committee estimates.

Stripping people of health care coverage "saves" \$318 billion over 10 years. Contrast that to the CBO estimate of a \$1.329 trillion "revenue reduction" by dropping the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 20 percent.

By 2027, the Republican Senate bill would increase on-budget deficits by \$1.441 trillion. This is before addressing infrastructure rebuilding, planning for a recession or two thrown into the next decade, or unknown attacks on our national

security.

The Koch brothers and their rich friends have been doing just fine under our current tax system. They need to pay their fair share. After all, this is the United States of America, not the anti-religious fantasy, Atlas Shrugged.

Taxpayers: Let's put the swamp creatures out of their misery. Call Senator Marco Rubio 407-254-2573 and Senator Bill Nelson 239-334-7760 and demand a Nay vote on the Senate tax bill.

[1] <https://www.cbo.gov/system/files/115th-congress-2017-2018/costestimate/reconciliationrecommendationsfc.pdf>

Polly Parks, is a resident of Sebring. Formerly, she was a Washington representative for a multinational metal recycling firm handling policy issues and federal contracting.

YOUR VIEW

Studies needed before allowing expansion

There was a recent article about a local bottled water plant expanding. I am always in favor of bringing more employment opportunities to Highlands County.

I hope several studies have been done.

In the Plant City area and northern Tampa, there has been a sinkhole problem. These sinkholes have swallowed houses and killed at least one person. Some have said that one of the causes was pumping huge amounts of water from the underground aquifer and other sources. There may have been other contributing factors.

I do hope the county commission has looked into this.

David Molloy
Sebring

In response to this climate of hate

Albert Einstein, the famous Jewish Nobel Prize winning scientist, fled Hitler's Germany. Madeleine Allbright, Secretary of State, fled Czechoslovakia first from the Nazis and then the Communists.

Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar, a Hindu Nobel Prize winner for work in astronomy, immigrated from India and then England to the United States. "I have one advantage here in the United States. I have enormous freedom. I can do what I want. Nobody

bothers me."

Humayun Khan, a Muslim who immigrated from the United Arab Emirates, won a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart because he died in a bombing defending his fellow Army soldiers.

Sundar Pichai, Google CEO, came from India and said there would be serious consequences for employees who questioned his position and gender equality.

Mariah Carey, the singer, is Venezuelan, African and American and Irish.

Gloria Estefan, Latin singer, fled Cuba when Communist Dictator Fidel Castro came into power.

Sigmund Freud, Jewish founder of psychoanalysis, fled Austria when Hitler invaded his country.

Soledad O'Brien, famous journalist, is of Afro-Cuban and Irish Australian parentage.

Anderson Cooper, famous journalist, TV personality and author, is a member of the LGBT community.

Celia Cruz, "Black Queen of Salsa," fled Cuba because of communism. Fidel Castro would not let her return for her mother's funeral.

Stephen Colbert, the TV show host and comedian, is a Catholic not afraid to talk about his views.

Rita Hayworth, an actress and pinup goddess, was a Roma (gypsy) woman.

Elie Wiesel, a Romanian-born American Jew, was a Nobel Prize winner and author of 30 books, was a survivor of Buchenwald and Auschwitz.

Luis Enrique,

Grammy-winning musician, came from Nicaragua and could not to college because he was illegal.

Cesar Millan, famous dog trainer, was an illegal alien from Mexico.

Mariano Rivera, one of the most respected Major League pitchers, immigrated from Panama. When his three-year contract expired, he didn't attempt to leverage the Yankees for a higher salary. He simply resigned for two more years at the same price, even though he was offered a higher salary from another team.

Geeno Rocero, a Filipino American supermodel, is transgender. She said, "We should allow them to be who they are because then we end up with healthy kids."

When I walk my dog, who I named after my favorite singer, Juan Gabriel, who was gay, I pass the home of a lovely Haitian woman, Ginette, who came with her husband Lionel to America to escape the dictator, "Papa Doc" Duvalier, whose military, the Tontons Macoutes, killed, raped, stole and terrorized the poor and blamed it on the "elite" so he could stay in power. Their whole family has been an asset to America. Ginette owned a preschool. Lionel taught English as a second language, is a poet and an author. Together, they have formed a non-profit foundation to send money and supplies to poor Haitians. Two daughters are nurses, sons are counselors and one is a real estate developer.

My oldest sister-in-law married a black Puerto

Rican, who in 1930 received a full scholarship to the University of Michigan.

His family was so poor that was the only way he could possibly have attended the university. When he got his degree, he returned to Puerto Rico because of the discrimination he encountered here.

Iman Monje Malak Abdul Muta Noel Jr. is the U.S. Navy's first Muslim chaplain.

George Washington Carver was the African American scientist who developed 300 new products from peanuts and others from sweet potatoes.

Three thousand six hundred Japanese Americans entered the armed forces to prove they were not "enemy aliens" after Japanese were placed in internment camps during World War II. The 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry were highly decorated.

Both sets of grandparents immigrated from Hungary in the early 1900s to escape the terrible poverty they had to endure. I am not a scientist, entertainer or soldier, but I spent 54 years of my life working and/or volunteering with children. Some of those years I taught first grade and for 28 years, I was the children's librarian at the busiest branch of the Cleveland Public Library. I hope I made a difference in some of their lives. I married a Puerto Rican so I would probably be on that march to some extermination camp.

Draw your own conclusions.

Mary Ann Triesko Sotero
Sebring

Punching the clock



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Dorothy L. Harris

We have fallen back with Daylight Saving Time and I feel ready to fall over most evenings. While we gained an hour of sleep on that particular day, there have been many hours since that I have spent awake. Am I the only one popping alert an hour earlier than I'm supposed to?

My alarm clock dings shortly after 5 a.m. most days. Since Nov. 5, I wake shortly after 4 a.m. and believe me, it's getting old. While the dingo barely bats an eye and the cat stretches and curls back into slumber, I find my mind alert and occupied in all manner of duty.

Struggling with the time shift, my thoughts are engaged long before the neurons should be firing. This is not a good form of exercise.

This somewhat uncommon trait of waking before the alarm clock has been a curse and blessing since I was a teen. My first alarm clock was one of those horrid bell-types and it would nearly scare me to death as it chimed. Somehow I developed the skill of waking just

before it would rattle, slapping the peg to prevent the blasted noise and soaring heart rate.

Throughout life, I have found that as long as I'm not completely exhausted I can just decide when to get up. As I fall asleep, I remind myself to wake at a certain time and when morning rolls around, my eyes pop open and the brain slips into gear for the day. The alarm clock is merely a backup. Almost always it is about five minutes before the alarm would go off.

A blessing for sure I've got somewhere to go, but weekends and vacations do little to change my mindset. Routine, at least for this gal, is a hard habit to break. Thus I wake at least an hour too early with this swing in time.

I'm hoping as the weeks go by, my brain will reboot to allow my exhausted self to wake at the appropriate hour. The worst part is I'm so tired the extra time holds no productivity. Not awake enough to clearly

think, yet too alert to slip back to snoozing.

While DST has been in use for over 100 years, there are some countries that do not follow this time change conundrum. Most of Arizona also stays on Standard Time throughout the year, which has to be confusing for those traveling during DST or summer time. Short of moving to the desert, I shall continue to augment my bleary hours with a half cup of jet fuel java.

For these dark mornings of rambling mental exercise before rising, I try to focus on praying more than stressing over the many details of life. It's a real challenge and the lack of mental acuity is quite frustrating for me. Being awake without being able to utilize the time wisely seems such a waste. DST is meant to increase productivity and save energy but so far it has sapped mine.

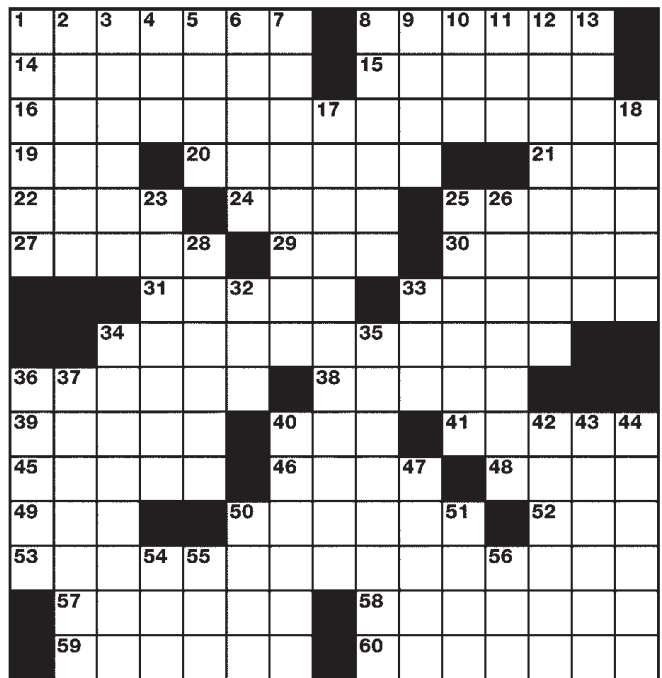
Hopefully my brain and body will soon reach agreement and this shall pass with the time.

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Newsday Crossword

DOUBLY COOL LINES by S.N.
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Grocery clerk's machine
 - 8 Name on the cover of *A Moveable Feast*
 - 14 Causing corrosion
 - 15 Cherbourg's region
 - 16 With 53 Across, "miles to go" poem
 - 19 Mild rebuke
 - 20 Films with stagecoaches
 - 21 Vitamin std.
 - 22 Extremely dry
 - 24 ___ a (no)
 - 25 Get a cast credit for
 - 27 Lugged
 - 29 Whisper endearments
 - 30 Kennel club category
 - 31 Car category
 - 33 Photo descriptor
 - 34 Author of 16/53 Across
 - 36 Airport near Rainier
 - 38 Two-tone treats
 - 39 *Silas Marner* novelist
 - 40 Middle of the second century
 - 41 Gourd family fruit
 - 45 Highly charged
 - 46 Dept. at the Citadel
 - 48 Toddler's word
 - 49 Smidge
 - 50 Squeaking bone, e.g.
 - 52 Bylaw, briefly
- DOWN**
- 1 Creepy Cruise character
 - 2 Jazz trumpeter Sandoval
 - 3 Mishandle a ground ball
 - 4 Uncommon sense
 - 5 Slimming procedure, for short
 - 6 Water source near Lake Geneva
 - 7 Travel business
 - 8 Beginning stage
 - 9 Arms of a starfish
 - 10 Compass pt.
 - 11 Prefix for tourism
 - 12 Over first
 - 13 Big sellers in bear markets
 - 17 Science of seniors
 - 18 Yellowish-red
 - 23 Chrysler autos of yore
 - 25 In full flower
 - 26 Gone over, as a span
 - 28 Parliamentary procedure
 - 32 Big mo. for *Messiah*
 - 33 College student's SAT
 - 34 Yard-sale ad info
 - 35 Corn concoctions
 - 36 Skirmish
 - 37 Name related to Nellie
 - 40 Spoke proudly
 - 42 Roundup gear
 - 43 Danish port
 - 44 Persistent critic
 - 47 Long for
 - 50 Allotment
 - 51 Restaurant review site
 - 54 Nine-symbol message
 - 55 Un- or in-
 - 56 Birth-named, on society pages



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Look for a third crossword in *The News Wire* section.

Answer to previous puzzle

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12/1/17

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CITY OF AVON PARK PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

Please take notice that the City of Avon Park Planning & Zoning Board will hold a public hearing Tuesday, December 12, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. in the City of Avon Park Council Chambers 123 E. Pine St. Avon Park, Florida to hear the following:

A City-initiated text amendment to the City of Avon Park Land Development Code to permit certain new uses in the C-4 zoning district by special approval.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the City of Avon Park Planning and Zoning Board, Highlands County, Florida, in public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made which will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based. Any person with disabilities requiring accommodations in order to participate should contact the City Clerk (863) 452-4405 at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled meeting.

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

ACROSS

- 1 Qualifier for a hall entry?
- 5 Excuse descriptor
- 9 Med. recordings
- 13 Over, in much Twain dialogue
- 14 "___ my way"
- 15 Relatives of windsocks
- 17 Hugo character memorably portrayed by Charles Laughton
- 19 Fuming
- 20 Uncle ___
- 21 Risk pieces
- 22 Type of large TV
- 23 With 36- and 44-Across, what 17-Across might have said when his job became too repetitious?
- 26 Sitarist Shankar
- 28 Metal sources
- 29 Important part of a whale's diet
- 31 Feigned
- 33 Many an IRS employee
- 36 See 23-Across
- 39 "Got it now?"
- 40 Parts of Walmart work uniforms
- 41 Frodo's home, with "the"
- 42 Gentlemen
- 43 Actor Omar
- 44 See 23-Across
- 51 Lengthy account
- 52 Participate in a race, maybe
- 53 Fluoride-touting org.
- 56 Blazing
- 57 17-Across' workplace
- 59 Problems electric razors should prevent
- 60 Avoid getting into deep water?
- 61 "Lobster Telephone" artist
- 62 "___ who?"
- 63 Monthly Roman calendar occurrences
- 64 Turned yellow, perhaps

DOWN

- 1 Customer info sources
- 2 Lago contents
- 3 '80s cop show featuring Ferraris
- 4 USN rank
- 5 Keep in check
- 6 Merged gas company
- 7 Auto datum
- 8 Brian of music
- 9 What superheroes seek to thwart
- 10 Gold fitness units
- 11 Grind
- 12 "They ___ up!": scapegoat's cry
- 16 Alteration target
- 18 Infamous Amin
- 22 Intrinsically
- 24 Rank partner
- 25 Doesn't do much
- 26 Classic movie theaters
- 27 "Alfred" composer
- 30 Red state?
- 31 Broadway choreographer for "Chicago"
- 32 PC key
- 33 Cuts into, with "at"
- 34 Cop's collar
- 35 Iowa college town
- 37 Jones or Gillingham of Monty Python
- 38 Passé pronoun
- 42 Impertinent in tone
- 44 PBS "Mystery!" host Cumming
- 45 LP players
- 46 Erie Canal city
- 47 More than fear
- 48 Circumflex cousin
- 49 Doesn't do much
- 50 Satisfied
- 54 Editor's mark
- 55 Like much of New Mexico
- 57 Md. airport serving D.C.
- 58 Not quite right

By Jeffrey Wechsler

12/1/17

Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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Highlands County loves these young adult books



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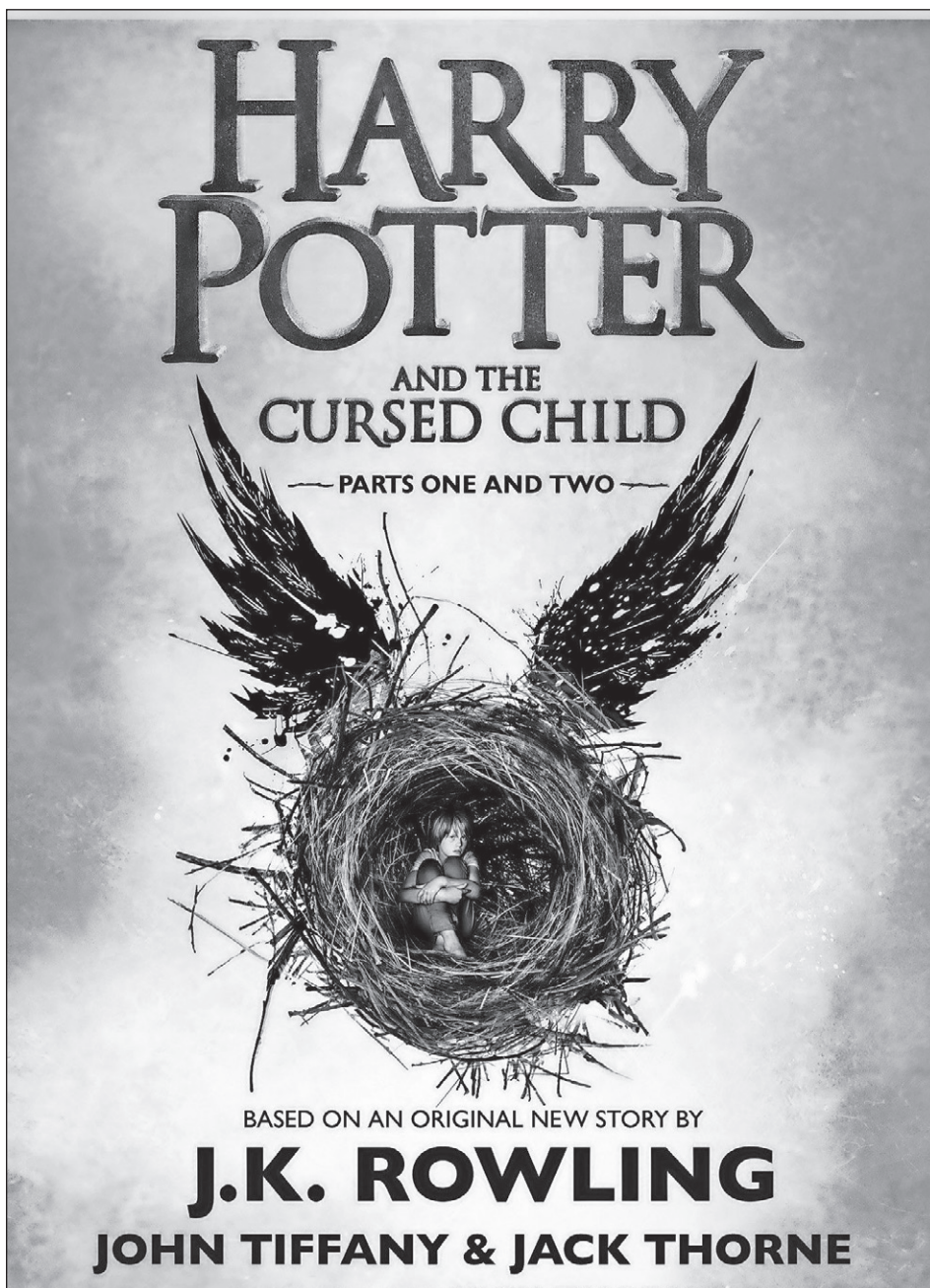
Samantha Gambill

All of the Harry Potter books consistently top Amazon.com's bestseller list so it comes as no surprise that "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child Parts One and Two," by J.K. Rowling, John Tiffany, and Jack Thorne is Highlands County's best read young adult fiction book this year.

Despite the unusual format (this is actually the script for the popular play of the same name), people really want to read the eighth installment in the series. "Cursed Child" takes place a whopping 19 years after the seventh book and finds our heroes and their children dealing with even more interesting challenges. As with all the other Harry Potter books, "Cursed Child" carries a strong anti-bullying message in addition to other complex themes.

Coming in next is another modern classic. Although it seems nothing will ever top Harry Potter in terms of its perennial selling power and popularity, Suzanne Collins gives it a good try with her "Hunger Games" trilogy. It is the same-named, first installment in the series that Highlands County readers have loved so much this year. Collins' story follows protagonist Katniss Everdeen as she attempts to survive a corrupt and decadent government and its annual, violent "Hunger Games" competition.

"The Sun is Also a Star," by Nicola Yoon, rounds out our top three best loved young adult fiction books so far this year. Published



in 2016, Yoon's book is a heartfelt romance about the consequences of a seemingly impossible love-at-first-sight. Natasha is 12 hours away from being deported back to Jamaica when she locks eyes with Daniel. "Every moment in our lives has brought us to this single moment. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true?"

Another of Nicola Yoon's novels ranks fourth. "Everything, Everything," is a boy-next-door romance with a twist. "Maddy is a smart, curious and imaginative 18-year-old who is unable to leave the protection of the hermetically-sealed environment within her house because of an illness. Olly is the boy

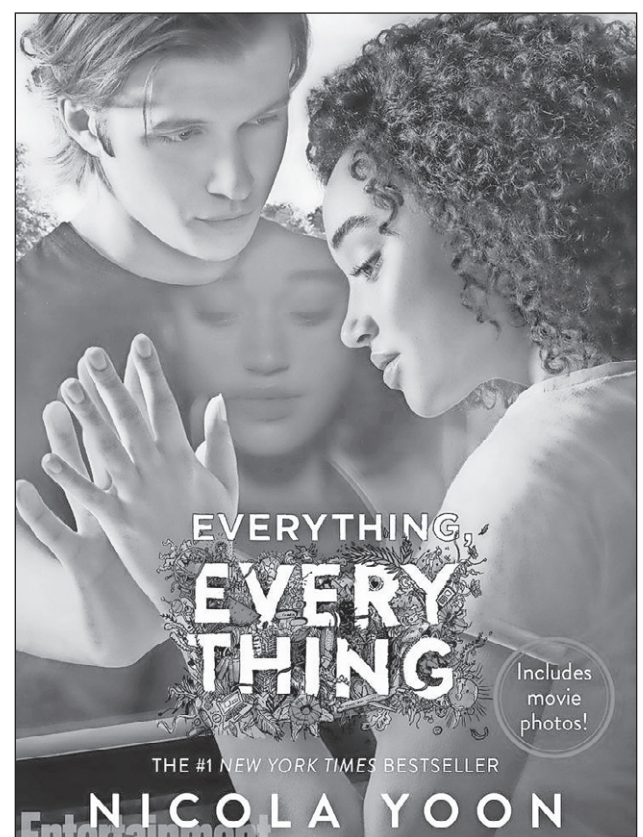
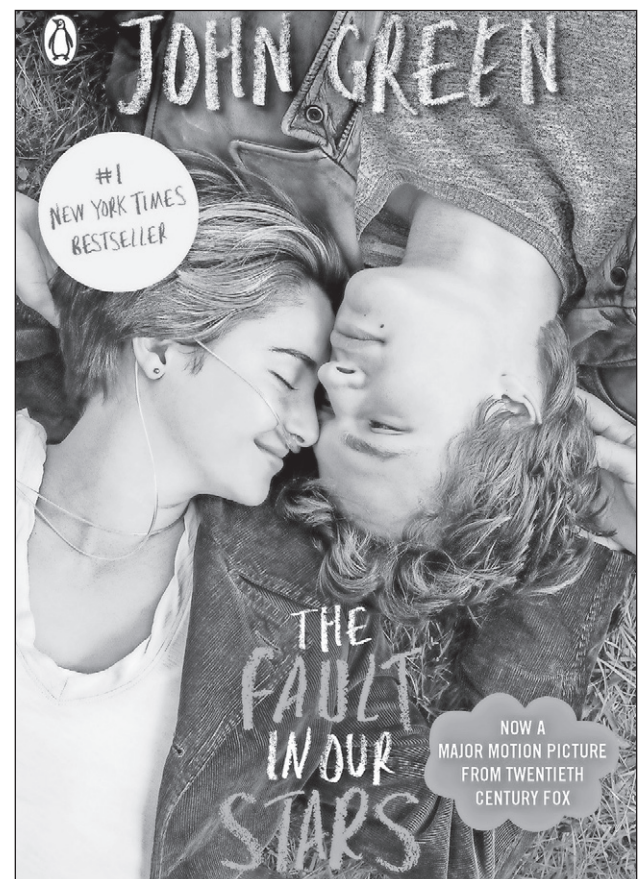
next door who won't let that stop them from being together."

"The Fault in Our Stars," by John Green, explores themes of love, grief, and what it means to truly live. "Despite the tumor-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at the Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten."

Also making Highland's County's Top 10 are "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," by J.K. Rowling, "The Maze Runner,"

by James Dashner, "Catching Fire," by Suzanne Collins, and "The Red Pyramid," by Rick Riordan.

Young adult fiction is interesting no matter your age. We hope you'll visit your local library and seek your adventures and romances in a new genre.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Classic 12 Hour underway Airplane fly-in will take place this afternoon

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN
SPORTS STAFF

Drivers and fans alike were treated to a beautiful Sebring afternoon, as the second Historic Sportscar Racing Classic 12 Hour at Sebring, Pistons and Props, Presented by Alan Jay Automotive Network began on Thursday.

There are still three days of action on and off the track, as the airplane fly-in is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. today and the planes will remain in the paddock area until Sunday morning.

The Classic 12 Hour is also being run along with the Sebring Historics, the season-ending event of the regular HSR season.

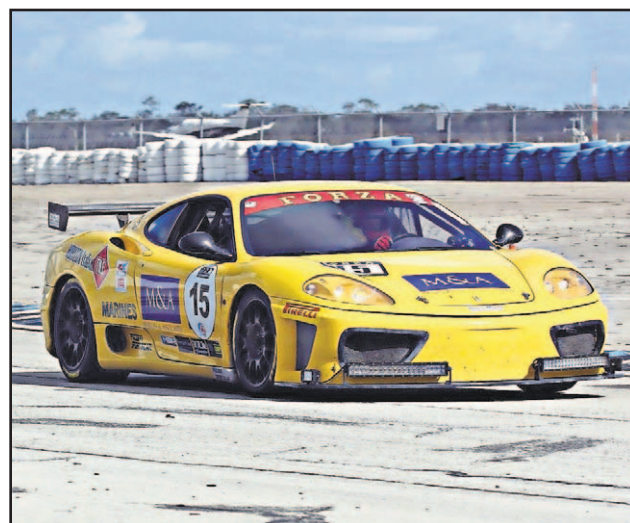
Among those participating in the Sebring Historics is Lake Placid's Dennis Dobkin, who has a new toy to play with, a 2013 Radical SR8.

A number of the drivers and cars will be competing in both separate races, such as Chris Dyson and Travis Engen.

The quality of the

Sebring Historics is impressive in its own right, with something for everybody, including several old NASCAR cars, Corvettes, Corvette Daytona Prototypes, Porsches, Mustangs, BMWs and plenty more.

Action will begin at 8 a.m. today and will



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 15 Ferrari Modena races at Sebring International Raceway on Thursday.

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Wildcats top Red Devils



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

McKeel Academy's Kyndal Severit (1) attempts a shot as the Red Devil defense closes in during Tuesday night's Class 2A-District 10 soccer match at Joe Franza Stadium.

McKeel blanks Avon Park in girls soccer

By JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK – The Avon Park Red Devils girls soccer team continues to make strides though they were no match against an undefeated McKeel Academy Wildcat squad in a Class 2A-District 10 match on Tuesday night at Joe Franza Stadium.

The 8-0 victory improved the talented Wildcats to an impressive 8-0-1 on the season and 4-0 in district play.

The loss dropped the very young Red Devils' squad to 0-4 overall and 0-3 in the district.

"It's a confidence issue," said Avon Park Head Coach Christopher Sboto. "A lot of our girls have all the skills, they just lack the confidence when playing on the big field to put it all together.

We are working on that. I thought they played very well defensively, but when the goals did come, so did the mental lapses."

McKeel Academy (Lakeland) took several shots as they controlled the ball on the Avon Park side of the field. Each missing their target until Lavnoja Knight scored in the sixth minute on a 25-yard rocket from the middle of the field that put the Wildcats up 1-0.

Over the next twelve minutes, McKeel continued to apply offensive pressure on the Red Devil defense, taking eight shots, five that were defended by the Avon Park goal keeper Alexis Sboto.

The Wildcats scored on their ninth attempt at the 18-minute mark to take a 2-0 advantage.

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Avon Park's Haley Collinsworth clears the ball from in front of the goal during Tuesday night's soccer match against McKeel Academy.

Florida Open set for St. John's River High school tourney on tap

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
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The Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) High School Fishing will wrap up the 2017 fishing season with the upcoming Bass Pro Shops FLW High School Fishing Florida Open bass-fishing tournament on the St. John's River.

The no-entry fee event is open to any High School Fishing team from across the country, and the top 10-percent of finishers will automatically advance to the 2018 High School Fishing National Championship.

The tournament is set for Saturday, December 9, on the St. John's River at the Palatka City Dock and Boat Ramp.

The Bass Pro Shops FLW High School Fishing Florida Open is a two-person (team) event for students in grades 7-12. Registration for anglers and their coach, who will provide the boat they compete in, is online at FLWFishing.com.

Takeoff will be at Palatka City Dock and Boat Ramp at 7:30 a.m. and the weigh-in will also be held at the ramp, beginning at 3:30 p.m. High School Fishing takeoffs and weigh-ins are free and open to the public.

For more information about this event contact the FLW High School Fishing National Youth Director Scott Ellison at (270)-205-6864.

A preliminary list of schools participating will not be available as teams can still register

up until the morning of the event.

The top 10 percent of each Open and state championship field will advance to the High School Fishing National Championship. The High School Fishing national champions will each receive a \$5,000 college scholarship to the school of their choice.

Full schedules and the latest announcements are available at FLWFishing.com and HighSchoolFishing.org.

About FLW

FLW is the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, providing anglers of all skill levels the opportunity to compete for millions in prize money in 2017 across five tournament circuits.

Headquartered in Benton, Kentucky, with offices in Minneapolis, FLW conducts more than 258 bass-fishing tournaments annually across the United States and sanctions tournaments in Canada, China, Mexico, South Africa and South Korea.

FLW tournament fishing can be seen on the Emmy-nominated "FLW" television show, broadcast to more than 564 million households worldwide, while FLW Bass Fishing magazine delivers cutting-edge tips from top pros. For more information visit FLWFishing.com and follow FLW at Facebook, Twitter,

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Foyt named grand marshal of 12 Hours

Legendary driver will also be inducted into the Sebring Hall of Fame

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS
NEWS-SUN

SEBRING — Racing legend A.J. Foyt will serve as Grand Marshal at the 66th Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, March 14-18, 2018, at Sebring International Raceway.

Foyt recorded the final

win of his illustrious driving career at the 1985 Sebring 12-hour race, co-driving with Bob Wollek in a Porsche 962. Other Sebring Podium finishes for Foyt were a second-place in 1967 driving a Ford GT with Lloyd Ruby and third place in 1984 driving a

Porsche with Wollek and Derek Bell.

Foyt's incredible career includes four Indianapolis 500 victories, plus a fifth win as a car owner. Foyt teamed with Dan Gurney to win the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1967, and he won the Daytona 500 in 1972.

Foyt also recorded two wins at Daytona's Rolex 24. "Super Tex" holds the United States Auto Club (USAC) record with 159 career wins.

"A.J. Foyt is America's greatest race car driver," said Sebring Raceway



CHRIS OWENS/INDYCAR PHOTO

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A. J. Foyt, right, follows his team during an IndyCar event.

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The Avon Park defense struggled over the next few minutes as McKeel added two more goals, both by Wildcat team captain Kaitlyn Ford as the lead expanded to 4-0 at the 20-minute mark.

McKeel scored in waves as they made three more goals in a five minute period, as their lead swelled to 7-0 with ten minutes left in the half.

The Wildcats put the game away with a goal five minutes later by Kaylee Couey that made the official score 8-0.

"Our goal keeper had a rough one today," said Sboto. "She is usually more on point, some of those goals she normally gets, but she is a little banged up at the moment, so we will see what is going on



Avon Park's Abby Smith (9) and McKeel Academy's Kaitlyn Susar-check (44) battle for the ball near the Red Devil goal.

with her." Avon Park was able to make four or five pushes of the ball up the field, which according to Sboto, is a first in which

they have been able to move the ball into the opposition's territory. "We are going to keep learning and keep pushing forward, coach Sboto



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park goalie Alexis Sboto makes a diving save to stop the pass to McKeel Academy's Kaitlyn Ford (7) during Tuesday night's district soccer match.

said. "Each match has been an improvement." Avon Park

hosted the Lake Placid Green Dragons on Thursday night at Joe

Franza Stadium. Results were not available at press time.

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President Wayne Estes. "Whether in sports cars, Indy cars, stocks cars or anything with four wheels, and whether on a road course, superspeedway, dirt or mountain-side, A.J. Foyt fielded and drove winners in every form of motorsport.

That he put his final exclamation point on his incredible driving career by winning at Sebring makes his return here all the more meaningful to the fans and competitors at the 66th Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring."

"I really used to enjoy racing at Sebring in my younger days, and am glad to have won the 12

Hour race there with my good friend Bob Wollek," stated Foyt. "It's an honor to be named Grand Marshal and I'm looking forward to that weekend."

In addition to serving as Grand Marshal, Foyt will be inducted into the Sebring Hall of Fame in 2018. Other inductees and details of the ceremony will be announced at a later date.

Sebring's 12-hour race is the second round of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship. Gates open at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14th.

Tickets are available at sebringraceway.com or by calling 800-626-7223....

INDYCAR PHOTO

Right: AJ Foyt after his 1961 Indianapolis 500 victory.



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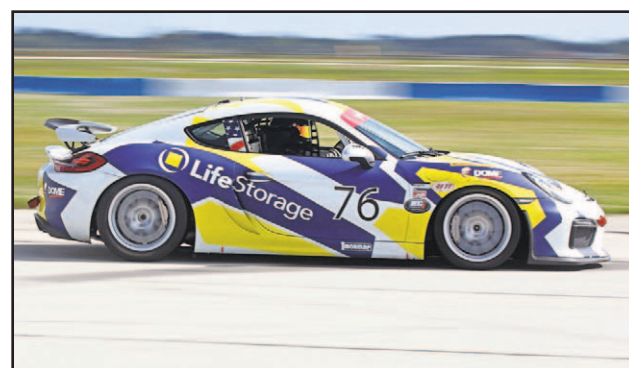
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consist of qualifying and several Sebring Historics sprint races, along with an hour-long enduro beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday is the big day, with on-track action starting at 8:30 with four spring races, followed by the Classic 12 Hour — a collection of 12 one-hour races that will essentially begin at noon and end at midnight.

On Sunday, there will be four more Sebring Historics sprint races, followed by the final four Classic 12 Hour races.

The Historic SportsCar Racing crew will also



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

The No. 76 Porsche Cayman GT4 races at Sebring International Raceway as part of the Classic 12 Hour at Sebring.

be returning to Sebring in March as a support series for the 12 Hours of Sebring. HSR has run during the 12 Hours of Sebring in the past, although they were exhibition races. In 2018, HSR will hold actual points races during

the 12 Hour week, which was met with applause during the driver's meeting on Thursday.

Tickets are available at the gate and are \$30 for today or Sunday and \$40 for Saturday. You can also pick up a three-day pass for \$80.

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may be cleared outright and can begin their fitness regimens immediately. It's also wise to inform doctors of fitness plans and goals so they can help track your progress.

Don't eat heavy meals before exercising. Avoid large meals before engaging in strenuous physical activity. A light, healthy snack gives you a little fuel without affecting your ability to exercise.



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FIT | 2 Staying motivated and avoiding injury can help people get in shape and maintain healthy lifestyles for years to come.

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It is not uncommon for bald eagle nests to become damaged, dislodged, and/or destroyed during storm events.

The bald eagles will most likely rebuild the nest in the same tree shortly after returning to their breeding territory.

If it is possible (i.e. safe) to leave nest material on the ground, the eagles will often use these nest remnants when they rebuild.

Any nest material that is cleaned up should be promptly and properly disposed of. Federal law prohibits keeping or collecting eagle nests, feathers, and

other parts.

If both the eagle nest and nest tree were destroyed during the storm, the eagles will likely build a new nest in a suitable tree closest to where their nest tree was located.

Please email BaldEagle@MyFWC.com with the location of the nest (e.g. FWC nest ID, street address, or GPS coordinates) and report of nest and nest tree destroyed.

The largest trees remaining near the original nest tree should be protected and preserved to the extent possible to allow the eagles to re-nest upon their return to the breeding territory.

If a nest tree and/or trees adjacent to a nest tree have been severely damaged during the storm and present(s) a safety hazard, please refer to the

USFWS eagle permitting website External Website or contact the USFWS Southeast Regional Office at:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Email: permitsR4MB@fws.gov

Eagles in tree
On April 20th, 2017, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission approved revisions to the state's bald eagle rule (68A-16.002, F.A.C.). The approved rule revisions eliminate the need for applicants to obtain both a state and federal permit for activities with the potential to take or disturb bald eagles or their nests. Under the approved revisions, only a federal permit is required. For permitting guidance, please see FWC's eagle

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JOHN ROUSCH

Flightline

Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

It is the time of year when we start thinking about what to get the person you know who loves aviation. There are many options and I'll share some of my ideas. Other than getting a new Cessna 172 at \$300,000 plus, these suggestions are more practical, and I hope useful.

At the top of my list would be the DVD "Living in the Age of Airplanes" by Brian Terwilliger. It is an amazing perspective of how the airplane has changed our world and connected so many parts of the earth and it's people. There are some amazing extra features on the DVD, and this is a must for anyone interested in aviation. His earlier DVD "One-Six Right" is another wonderful perspective on the busy Santa Monica, CA, airport and the pilots who fly in and out. You can get these from Amazon.

Another DVD that is always fun is the annual EAA AirVenture DVD, aka; Oshkosh. You can get the current and past years through the EAA national web site; "www.eaa.org". EAA has some of the very best videographers that capture the annual aviation spectacle. If you could not get there, or even if you have been, it will put right up front on the flight-line to see some most spectacular aircraft in the world and airshow performers. If it flies and is unique, it is at "Oshkosh".

In our hustle and bustle of day-to-day activity, it may be hard to find a time to sit and read a book or two, but don't deny yourself the pleasure of exploring the follow favorites. "The Wright Brothers" by two-time Pulitzer Prize author David McCullough is a compelling and detailed perspective of Orville and Wilbur Wright. I thought I knew their story, but I learned so much more about them from McCullough's book. "The Last Great Ace" is the life of our local hero, Major Thomas B. McGuire, Jr. His tours during WW II is a fascinating read. "SR-71 Revealed, The Inside Story" will take you inside and on the missions of the super-secret spy plane that could go higher and faster than any other aircraft or missile. Written by my friend Col. Richard Graham, USAF Retired, it is a detailed and reveling story of the SR-71 Blackbird. Rounding out the reading selections would be "Forever Flying", an autobiography by R.A. Bob Hoover, with a forward by Chuck Yeager. It is fifty years of high-flying adventures from barnstorming in prop planes to dogfighting Germans, to testing supersonic jets. Just be sure when you are reading it, that your seat belt is securely fastened, and you seat is in the fully upright position. A coffee table book that is very special is "Chasing Lewis & Clark Across America, a 21st Aviation Adventure". Written by Ron Lowery and Mary Walker, published by Windsock Media, it is a photo aerial tour of the

Fire ants and floods

ARCHBOLD BIOLOGICAL STATION

Fire ants can't think or speak, but even if they could they wouldn't be phoning FEMA. Floods favor fire ants. The region of South America where the imported fire ant originated is largely flat and subject to seasonal flooding. When these fire ants were

(accidentally) brought to Alabama and Florida they got off the boat already adapted to their new home.

Dr. Mark Deyrup, Program Director of the Entomology Program at Archbold Biological Station states, "With the rain during and after Hurricane Irma local fire ants once again demonstrated their water

resistance. As soil became soaked, fire ants emerged from their subterranean tunnels and began to build the typical mounds of loose soil in which an entire colony could take refuge. When water rose further, colonies relocated to slightly higher land, or the bases of trees and shrubs. If a building was the driest place around, fire ants didn't wait for an invitation, as many of us discovered. When a fire ant colony was completely overwhelmed by water its members may have joined together in a big ball of ants drifting along until it reached land or an object such as a floating log."

When waters recede after a flood fire ants are already around, ready to rapidly colonize areas that are relatively free of other kinds of ants that were not so resilient. Dr. Deyrup explains, "At Archbold Biological Station, where ants have been studied for over 30 years, fire ants are generally absent from naturally dry areas such as Florida scrub. They are more likely to be found in disturbed areas and around the edges of seasonal wetlands. Many natural wetlands are free of fire ants; in these wetlands researchers have found many colonies of native ants that inhabit tussocks of native



Red imported fire ant (*Solenopsis invicta*)

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permit webpage. The bald eagle, our national bird and a symbol of the United States, is a conservation success story.

Today, Florida, has one of the densest concentrations of nesting bald eagles in the lower 48 states. While no longer listed under the U.S. Endangered Species Act or the Florida Endangered and Threatened Species rules, bald eagles remain protected by both the state eagle rule (68A-16.002, F.A.C.) and federal law.

FWC staff is currently developing a Species Action Plan for the bald eagle. This plan will replace the 2008 Bald Eagle Management Plan. A non-regulatory conservation plan, the Species Action Plan will outline actions necessary to continue to maintain a stable or increasing population of bald eagles in Florida, in perpetuity.

To report a new or previously undocumented bald eagle nest, email the nest location and available photos of the nest to BaldEagle@MyFWC.com.

For the safest and least intrusive viewing experience, please follow



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE PHOTOS

Help to keep bald eagles safe by watching out for them.

Eagle Watching Etiquette when observing or photographing eagles.

If you find a dead or injured bald eagle, contact the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922 or a local wildlife rehabilitator for assistance.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife removed the bald eagle from the federal endangered and threatened species list in 2007. The USFWS continues to manage eagles under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. To learn more, visit the USFWS eagle website.

Additional Links of Interest:

Locate an Eagle Nest Territory: Includes an interactive map, address search, export functions, and printable maps. New or undocumented nests may be reported to BaldEagle@MyFWC.com.

Federal Guidelines for Activities near Nesting Bald Eagles: A self-guided key that allows you to determine if activities are likely to disturb eagles and whether a federal permit is needed.

Federal permits are always required for removal of a bald eagle nest.

FWC Eagle Nest Monitoring Reports: FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute surveys bald eagle

nesting territories in Florida. Data collected are used to determine the statewide breeding population size and trends. The data is available in annual reports and in an FWRI published paper, Status of the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) breeding population in Florida, 2009-2014.

Volunteer your time to help monitor eagles: Audubon of Florida's Eagle Watch program is a volunteer citizen-science group that conducts annual nest monitoring. Call 407-644-0190 or e-mail eaglewatch@audubon.org if you would like to participate.

FIRE ANTS

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grasses. These native ants might exclude or compete with fire ants, although there is little research on this. There are mysteries about the natural history of even the commonest insects."

In our region fire ants seem to thrive best in open areas of low grass and vegetation where the soil is often damp. "This pretty much describes our cherished lawns," remarks Dr.

Deyrup. The absence of a diverse native ant community in lawns and most roadsides may help explain the overabundance of fire ants in such places.

Dr. Deyrup mentions, "A visiting rancher once puzzled Archbold scientists by claiming that he had a barbed wire fence on his ranch that fire ants were unable to cross. He later explained that one side of the fence was native bunchgrass prairie, the other side had been plowed and seeded with

turf grass such as Bahia. In the latter pasture fire ants had achieved more or less maximum occupancy."

The ferocity of imported fire ants is also a kind of adaptation to flooding. When soil is wet the entire colony, including all the larval fire ants, is in a loose mound of dirt, where it is supremely vulnerable to predators. Worker ants with their powerful stings vigorously defend this colony. "The fire ant is a classic stand-your-ground animal," explains

Dr. Deyrup. "Unlike most humans, however, fire ants lack the intellectual ability to analyze the reality of an apparent threat. It is unlikely that fire ants can make a distinction between the toe of your shoe and the snout of a marauding ant-eating animal."

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After eating, the body diverts blood flow to the gastrointestinal tract to aid with digestion. Exercising while this blood flow is centralized in the gastrointestinal tract may cause muscle cramps or generalized weakness. Nutrition experts at the University of California, Los Angeles, say that people who exercise strenuously on a full stomach also may experience reflux, hiccups, nausea, and vomiting. Wait at least an hour after eating full meals to exercise.

Warm up. It's important to warm up muscles before beginning a workout. Stretches, light movements and range of motion exercises can improve flexibility and prepare the body for more to come. If muscles aren't fully stretched and warm, injuries like strains and tendon tears may occur. Take the time to warm up; otherwise, you may find yourself on the sidelines.

Wear the appropriate equipment. Invest in quality athletic shoes and other equipment made for the activity you will be performing. The right equipment can help prevent injury. Athletic shoes that fail to provide adequate support can increase your risk of injury. Good shoes do not have to cost a fortune, as there are plenty of brands that will work quite well. If you need suggestions, discuss your exercise regimen and goals with a podiatrist

or orthopedist. Orthotic inserts can be used to modify footwear and provide additional support. You also may need equipment specific to a given activity. For example, wrist supports and quality gloves are essential for kick-boxing classes. Speak with a trainer or gym employee if you need assistance.

Take weather into consideration. Ice, snow, rain, and wind can make jogging or other outdoor activities more challenging, if not dangerous. Always exercise caution when your workout regimen involves exercising outdoors. Stay indoors if you see thunder and lightning.

Stay hydrated. The Better Health Channel of the Victoria State Government says a person can lose around one and a half liters of fluid for every hour of exercise. Drink water before, during and after each exercise session. If you need water while exercising, take small sips.

Be aware of your body. Take notice of how you feel. If something doesn't feel just right, then stop immediately, rest and/or seek medical attention.

Pace yourself and take the time to rest. Don't try to do everything all at once. Slowly build up your durability and stamina by gradually increasing the intensity of your workouts. Give yourself time to recover between workouts as well.

Exercise is a key part of a healthy lifestyle. Remember to do so safely and effectively.

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If your aviation special person does not have time to read a book, a subscription to a monthly aviation magazine might just be the right thing. "Flying" and "Plane and Pilot" are two magazines that I enjoy each month.

Besides being the "Holiday Season", it could also be called the "Catalog Season". Being on the mailing list for some of the aviation magazines, and a frequent customer of "Sporty's Pilot Shop, on line", here are some things from the Sporty's catalog I found that would be nice to find wrapped under the Christmas tree. Are you reading this Becky? Dual



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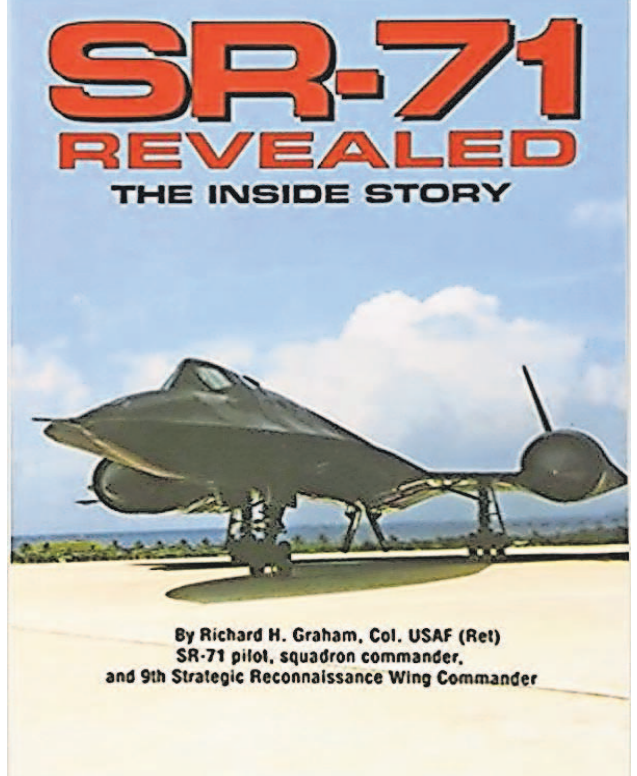
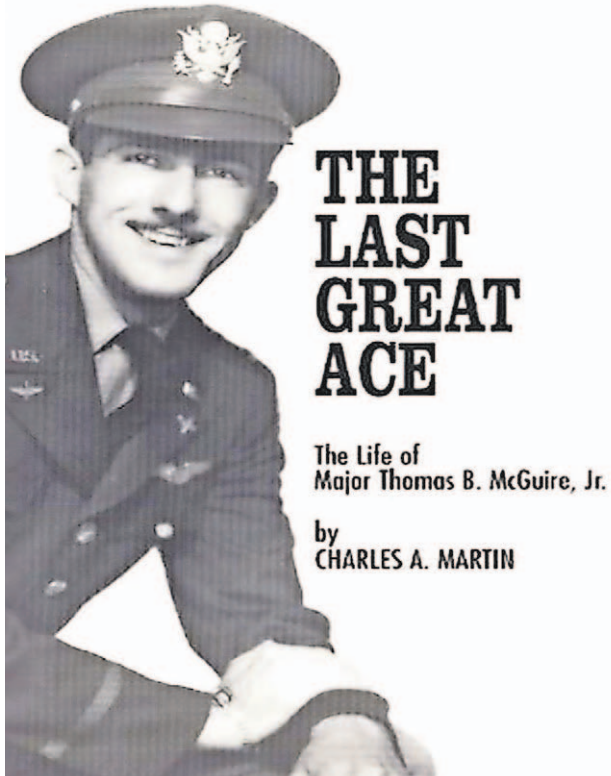
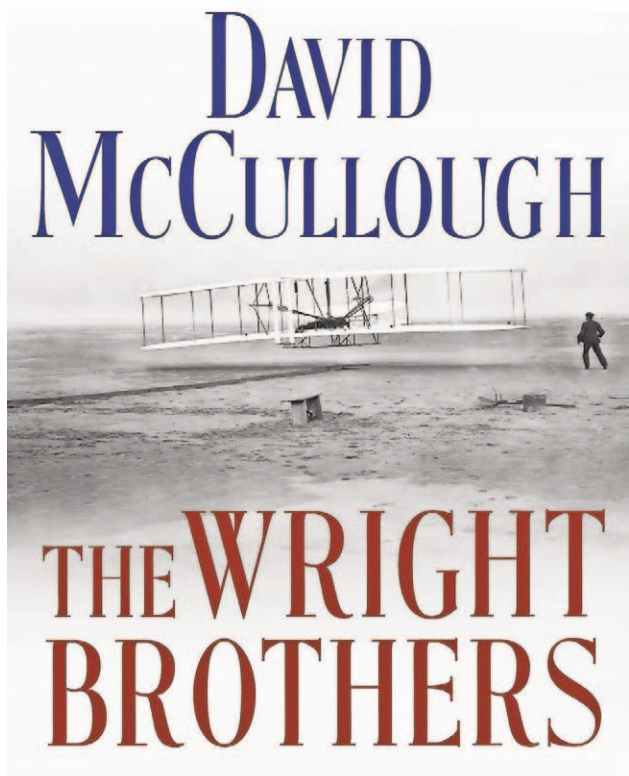
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panel. The Runway Beach Towel is colorful and functional featuring runway 22 and 4, or an Aviation Keychain with a selection of embroidered sayings on a nylon band. A great stocking stuffer is a deck of Airplane

Spotter Playing Cards. First issued in 1943 these cards were used to train Civil Defense ground observers in aircraft recognition. All these things can be seen and ordered through www.sportys.com or call

1-800-776-7897. I hope these ideas will help you surprise your aviation enthusiast. There is still time to get whatever you want in time for Christmas. Most importantly, is the reason for the season, to celebrate the birth of Christ and all that it means. Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward men is something we could use much more of. So, do your part and share your blessings, help a stranger, put something in the red kettle where you hear the bell ringing, and love those close to you. Don't forget about the upcoming EAA pancake breakfast at 8 AM on Saturday December 9th, Sebring Airport, with the Japanese Zero program at 10 AM. Young Eagle flights will also be available for youth 8 to 17 years old. For more information about our EAA programs, call or text John Rousch at 863-273-0522 or e-mail jhr@stratmail.net.



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Help your body after cancer treatment

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Cancer treatments like chemotherapy and radiation therapy can take a toll on patients' bodies. Though the side effects vary depending on the type of cancer and the treatment being administered, cancer patients may experience both short- and long-term consequences related to their treatments, leaving many with some work to do once their treatments have proven successful.

Fatigue, bruising and bleeding and skin irritation are some of the more common short-term side effects associated with cancer treatments.

But cancer patients may also experience long-term side effects. For example, Susan G. Komen, a tax-exempt organization that aims to address breast cancer

through various initiatives, notes that early menopause is a potential long-term consequence of breast cancer treatments.

Helping their bodies recover after cancer treatment is a primary goal for many cancer survivors. While cancer survivors should work with their physicians to devise a post-treatment recovery plan, the following are some helpful tips for survivors to keep in mind as they get back in the swing of things.

Recognize the importance of exercise. Cancer survivors who did not exercise much prior to their diagnosis should recognize the important role that exercise can play in their lives going forward.

According to the Mayo Clinic, cancer survivors who exercise may benefit



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Regular exercise after treatment can help cancer survivors regain strength and may even reduce their risk of recurrence.

from improved mood and sleep, and many report feeling less anxiety than they did during or prior to treatment.

And the American Cancer Society notes that some evidence suggests that maintaining a healthy weight, eating right and being physically

active may reduce the risk of cancer recurrence and other serious, chronic diseases.

Take it slow. Cancer survivors should approach their post-treatment recovery slowly at first as they reacclimate their bodies to regular exercise. According to

the ACS, cancer survivors should aim for at least 30 minutes of exercise five or more days per week. As the body grows more accustomed to exercise, survivors can increase the intensity and duration of that exercise. But some low-intensity yet routine exercise once treatment has ended is a great first step on the path to recovery.

Don't downplay feelings of fatigue. While fatigue is generally a short-term side effect of cancer treatment, survivors should not downplay any feelings of fatigue that linger even after treatment has run its course.

On days when cancer survivors lack the energy for vigorous physical activity, a walk around the block or something similar can take the place of more strenuous

activities. Report prolonged feelings of post-treatment fatigue to your physician.

Focus on nutrition. The ACS notes that a healthy diet can help cancer survivors regain their strength and rebuild tissue. The ACS recommends that cancer survivors try to eat at least 2 1/2 cups of fruits and vegetables each day and include plenty of high-fiber foods in their diets. In addition, the ACS suggests limiting red meat intake to no more than three to four servings per week.

Bouncing back from successful cancer treatments may take survivors some time, but staying committed to exercise and a healthy diet can help survivors regain their strength and potentially reduce their risk of recurrence.

Getting your pool ready for winter

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Closing a pool at the end of the swimming season can be bitter-sweet. Homeowners may be sad to bid adieu to the lazy days of splashing and swimming, but ready to embrace the cooler weather and the beauty of autumn. Before the leaves begin to fall from the trees, pool owners must prepare to close, or winterize, their pools.

Gather your supplies. Make a list of the supplies you need to close the pool. Having everything on hand will make the process far more efficient than trying to wing it. Closing a pool can be a large job, so it pays to have some extra hands available. Enlist some helpers who will be available to hand you materials or to assist with placing the cover on the pool which can be challenging to do on your own.

Don't wait until the last minute to purchase necessary chemicals. The chemicals used throughout the season will also be needed in the winterization process. Therefore, be sure you have enough before pool supplies become difficult to find in area stores. These include sanitizer, algaecide and pH-balancing chemicals.

Clean the entire pool area. Ensuring the pool water and the surface of the pool is clean can make reopening the pool easy. Vacuum the pool thoroughly, removing

any debris and organic matter that can contribute to algae growth.

Don't forget to brush down the walls of the pool and clean the jets and area where the filter skimmer meets the pool. Pool walls have plenty of crevices where algae can hide and multiply.

Test the water. Leading pool products manufacturer Hayward recommends adjusting the pH to between 7.2 and 7.8 to prevent stains, scaling and algae growth. Alkalinity should be 80 to 125 ppm for plaster/gunite pools and 125 to 150 ppm for other pool

types. Test the level of available chlorine, and super-chlorinate the pool to maintain a sanitation level of at least 4 ppm. Once the pool cover is on, the amount of chlorine that escapes due to sunlight and evaporation will decrease. An algaecide may be used, if desired, as well. In very cold climates, a pool-water antifreeze may be necessary. Check with your pool supply retailer for more information.

Run the filter. Run the filter at least 24 hours before disassembling the filter for the season. This will help circulate

any chemicals added through the water.

Drain the pool water to the appropriate level. Water should fall just below the skimmer opening. Many pools do not need to be completely drained for the winter.

Shut off the filter pump, heater and any other equipment. Let all water drain out and allow equipment to dry before storing them away. Follow the manufacturer's directions for lubrication and covering. Install freeze plugs if you choose to use them.

Adjust electricity settings. Turn off the circuit to outdoor outlets that feed the pool equipment, testing to make sure the power is off.

Put accessories away. Remove any ladders, diving boards, slides, external drain lines, and other recreational materials from the pool, storing them in a garage or shed so they are not subjected to potentially harsh winter weather.

Inflate air pillows to roughly 80 percent full if you will be using them. Gather your helpers to

attach the pool cover or leaf catcher net. Secure it thoroughly with anchors, water bags, wire fasteners, or whatever method is applicable for the cover and pool type. Remember, a quality pool cover will last for several years and keep leaves, dust and other unwanted items out of the water.

Come early autumn, homeowners can begin closing their pools to keep them secure and clean until the next swimming season begins.

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Highlands Social Dance Club

The Highlands Social Dance Club meets every Friday at 3400 Sebring Parkway between 7 and 9:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Call Lois 863-655-5241 for more information.

The Marlins at Sebring Village

SEBRING — “A family of professional musicians,” the Marlins will perform at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Sebring Village Club House at 4343 Schumacher Rd. Tickets are \$10 per person. Call Cil D’Alessandris at 863-273-0875.

Highlands Ridge Chorale presents ‘Carols and Candles’

SEBRING — The Highlands Ridge Chorale proudly presents its annual Christmas concert, “Carols and Candles.” Enjoy a wide range of holiday music, both familiar and new. There will be two performances: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2 at Founders Hall, Highlands Ridge, and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 3 at Emmanuel United Church of Christ, 3115 Hope St., Sebring. There is no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Highlands County Concert Band Christmas concerts

SEBRING — The concert band, under the direction of Vic Anderson and Tera Stadler will perform at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 4 at the Genesis Center in Lake Placid and at 7 p.m. on Thursday Dec. 7 at the Alan Jay Wildstein Center for the Performing Arts at South Florida State College. Christmas favorites. Everyone is invited to join in the fun in a Christmas Sleigh Ride Concert. For more information call 863-386-0855.

Lake Placid Elks Lodge Christmas Dinner Dance

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Elks are holding a Christmas dinner/dance for “the most wonderful time of the year. on Saturday, Dec. 2. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Dinner menu will be pit ham, fresh vegetables, scalloped potatoes and dessert. Music by Allen Chamberlain will follow dinner. Tickets are \$15 per person and are available at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge, which is located at 200 CR 621 E, in Lake Placid behind CVS.

Moose Lodge 2259 Christmas Dinner Dance and Toy Drive

SEBRING — A Christmas dinner, dance and toy drive will take place Saturday between 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2 at the lodge. Entertainment by Larry Musgrave. Dinner is stuffed pork tenderloin with cranberry glaze, roasted red potatoes, vegetable and chocolate mousse. Reserved tickets \$25 per person, a new toy

or cash donation. Call 863-655-3920 for more information.

Buttonwood Bay Country Western line dancing

SEBRING — Buttonwood Bay’s first Friday night dance will be from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8. DJ Tim Stewart will play for the dances and new dance instructor Margaret White will be giving dances for all levels. Also back is long-time dance instructor Betty Giem. This will be a fun night with some old and new dances. The cost for residents is \$1 and all non-residents are \$2.. Bring your own snacks and drinks. All dances are in the Recreation Hall at the south end of the park. Buttonwood Bay is located on Highway 27 between Sebring and Lake Placid. For more information contact 765-546-1441.

Sebring High School Choral performance

SEBRING — The Sebring High School Choral Department will present its Winter Concert at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at First Baptist Church of Sebring. The public is invited to come enjoy a variety of musical selections including holiday,

classical, popular and spirituals. Five choirs will perform, including Show Choir. Donations will be taken at the door to help support choral music at Sebring High School.

Sebring High’s choral students recently performed with the Disney orchestra at EPCOT’s Candlelight Program with celebrity narrator, Ana Gasteyer.

Lake Placid Elks New Years Eve

LAKE PLACID — The Lake Placid Elks will holding a New Year’s Eve dinner and dance at the Lake Placid Elks Lodge on Sunday, Dec. 31. Friends and family are invited. Prime rib dinner, baked potato, fresh vegetables, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$28 per person. Social begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Music with the Hatley Band will follow dinner. The Hatley Band plays rock, oldies, country and everything else to get you on the dance floor. Tickets are available in the Elks Lounge at 200 CR 621. Cost at the door will be \$35 per ticket.

Wacaster Concert

LORIDA — The Wacaster Family will be in concert at 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Lorida, 1927 Blessings Ave. on Sunday, Dec. 10. A love offering will be

accepted. For questions call 863-655-1878.

Lake Country Cruisers

LAKE PLACID — Lake County Cruisers will hold its monthly car show from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, October through May at the parking lot of Big D’s Garage Barn and Smokeshack Restaurant, located at 800 US 27 South, the site of the former Lake Placid bowling alley. For more information, call either John Meyerhoff 465-6263 or Dave Walters 1-239-287-4865. Information about the Lake Country Cruisers Car Club will be available at each show.

Healthy Heart 5K and 10K Run/Walk

SEBRING — The Healthy Heart 5K and 10K Run/Walk in memory of Jimmy Polatty for the Champion for Children Foundation and Sebring High School Key Club will take place Saturday,

Dec. 2, at 8 a.m. Location is in Downtown Sebring starting at the Champion for Children Foundation Office at 419 E. Center Avenue (across from Sebring Middle School).

The 5K course runs through the Highlands County Sports Complex with a turn-around in the Sebring High School campus student parking lot. The 10K adds a cross country element with a second lap around the perimeters of both the Sports Complex and the perimeter of Sebring High School.

Proceeds benefit the Champion for Children Garden of Joy and a scholarship(s) to a High School student in memory of Jimmy Polatty.

Cost for the race is \$10 for students and \$15 for adults.

Applications are found on Facebook- Heart for Health Run in memory of Jimmy Polatty, the Sebring High School web page or may be picked up at the Champion for Children office at 419 E. Center Ave. in Sebring.

Sebring Historic Preservation Commission

2018 Meeting Schedule

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 am in the Sebring City Hall Council Chambers. One or more City Council members may be in attendance.

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Be eco-friendly for the holidays

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The color green is synonymous with the holiday season, as Christmas trees, mistletoe and holiday wreaths feature prominently throughout the month of December. But there are ways to make this holiday season even greener.

Going green around the house can save homeowners substantial amounts of money and benefit the planet in various ways. Yet come the holiday season, many people unintentionally eschew eco-friendly practices in an effort to make their homes as festive as possible. Fortunately, there are several ways to enjoy an eco-friendly holiday season.

Choose LED holiday lights. Holiday lighting displays help make the season even more special. But traditional incandescent holiday lights consume considerable amounts of energy and burn out much more quickly than more eco-friendly alternatives. According to Energy.gov, LED holiday lights consume less energy than incandescent holiday lights, and they're also safer because LED lights burn cool, reducing the risk of combustion. In addition, LED lights are more resistant to breaking than incandescent bulbs, which should please homeowners who want to avoid broken or burned out bulbs that can ruin holiday lighting displays.

Get creative with wrapping paper. The United States Environmental Protection Agency notes that household waste increases by 25 percent between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

That translates to about one million extra tons of waste in the roughly five-week holiday season. Much of that waste is wrapping paper. Instead of purchasing holiday wrapping paper that will ultimately end up in landfills, wrap gifts in reusable gift bags or old newspapers lying around the



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Enjoy the holidays in an eco-friendly way this year.

house.

If you must use wrapping paper, choose recycled paper. In addition, save bows, ribbons and undamaged wrapping paper to use again next season.

Turn down the thermostat. Holiday music fans know that the weather outside can be frightful during the holiday season. But holiday hosts inviting friends and family over this year can turn down the thermostat to save energy and make conditions inside the home more comfortable.

Extra bodies inside the house will warm the place up, allowing homeowners to turn down the thermostat during parties. If you're traveling for the season, program your

thermostat so you're not heating an empty home.

Send e-cards. Holiday cards are a tradition in many families. But paper cards contribute heavily to that extra million tons of holiday-related waste noted by the EPA. In lieu of paper cards, send e-cards. E-cards can be emailed to friends and family, saving the cost of postage and the fuel required to deliver those cards. In addition, e-cards save families the hassle of signing each individual card.

The holiday season is not the most eco-friendly time of year, but celebrants can take steps to reduce their carbon footprints between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Create a safe backyard play area

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Homeowners often aspire to have attractive backyards that look like they belong in a magazine. While these can be picturesque and functional for adults, they may not be entirely practical for homeowners who have young children, especially when the majority of the yard is covered with paving stones or concrete.

When young children are part of a household, homeowners may benefit by designing yards that are both functional and fun. Incorporating safe play areas for kids is one way to unlock the potential of both big and small backyards.

As children run off to enjoy a playground, safety is the last thing on their minds. Kids are most interested in scaling ladders to treehouses or coasting down slides.

That's why adults must take it upon themselves to keep injury prevention in mind.

SafestPlayground.com indicates that playground-related injuries routinely result in severe fractures, internal injuries, concussions, and dislocations. In the majority of playground injuries to children younger than age 5, the head and face are affected.

Children between the ages of 5 and 9 experience more leg and arm injuries than younger kids. The Consumer Product Safety Commission states 70 percent of children's injuries occur on home playgrounds.

More than 28,000 children are injured each year on playgrounds across Canada, according to Parachute, a national injury prevention organization.

When considering playground equipment for the yard, parents need to make safety a priority. The Canada Safety Society advises parents to follow the 5 Ss of Playground Safety: Surface, structures, site, supervision, and safety.

Surface: Parents should assume that children will fall. To lessen the blow of falls, choose playground equipment with a perimeter of six feet of a softer surface, such as sand, pea gravel, rubber pieces or wood chips. This material should be between six and 12 inches deep.

Structure: The structure of

the play equipment should be built from sturdy materials. Pressure-treated lumber was once the standard, but it's not advisable for kids playgrounds, as the chemicals used in the lumber can leach and young children may actually bite or pick at the wood. Use cedar or another wood that resists decay. Once the structure is built, inspect it frequently for damage.

Site: Look around the landscape for an ideal place to locate the playset. There should be no obstacles that children can hit while sliding or swinging. Avoid overhanging branches and do not place equipment too close to trees or fencing.

Try to keep the set out of direct sunlight, which can make components heat up and scald young bodies.

Supervision: Do not leave children alone while they are playing. Prevent children from using the playset in an incorrect manner.

Safety: Follow the directions for installation. Make sure all posts are anchored into the ground securely. Railings should be spaced so that children cannot get stuck between them.

Check that metal components have not rusted and that there is no additional excessive wear. Be sure that no tools or other dangerous items are left around the yard.

Backyard playgrounds should be built with safety in mind. Learn the rules of play equipment and yard safety.



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Artificial reef program is working

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The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), Division of Marine Fisheries Management administers a state artificial reef program legislatively created in 1982, authorized under s. 379.249 Florida Statutes External Website and Chapter 68E-9 Florida Administrative Code.

The program was transferred to the Commission from the Department of Environmental Protection on July 1, 1999. The primary program objectives are to provide financial and technical assistance to coastal local governments, nonprofit corporations and state universities to develop artificial reefs and to monitor and evaluate these reefs.

Under the program, reefs have been constructed with one or more of the following intended objectives:

enhance private recreational and charter fishing and diving opportunities; provide a socio-economic benefit to local coastal communities;

increase reef fish habitat; reduce user conflicts; facilitate reef related research; and, while accomplishing objectives 1-5, do no harm to fishery resources, Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) or human health.

Other reef building objectives undertaken in Florida, beyond the scope of the FWC artificial reef program include mitigation or restoration reefs replacing hard bottom habitat lost through such activities as beach re-nourishment, repair of reef system damage caused by vessel groundings, substrate for the regeneration of oyster reefs and protection of re-planted vegetated shorelines vulnerable to erosion

from wave activity.

Florida has one of the most active artificial reef programs among the 14 Gulf and Atlantic coastal states involved in artificial reef development. The Florida artificial reef program is the only state program that is not exclusively run at a state agency level where the state holds all the reef area permits.

Because of the extent of coastline and state-wide involvement in reef activities, the FWC program continues a cooperative partnership with local coastal county governments. Today, some local coastal cities, universities and qualified nonprofit corporations also work directly with the FWC in artificial reef development and monitoring activities.

Thirty-four of Florida's 35 coastal counties spread along 8,426 miles of tidal coastline (1,200 miles fronting the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic



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Artificial reefs have many benefits.

Ocean) are, or have been, involved in artificial reef development.

Starting in the 1940s through August 2012, more than 2,700 planned public artificial reefs have been placed in state and federal waters off these counties. Most of

the artificial reef development has taken place since the inception of the Florida Artificial Reef Program in 1982.

Local coastal governments hold all of the more than 300 active artificial reef permits off both Florida coasts.

About half of these sites are in federal waters.

Fishing clubs, nonprofit corporations and interested private individuals work through their local governments as the liable permit holders to provide input into public reef building activities.

Climate change affects Mangrove forests

FLORIDA FISH WILDLIFE

A Mangrove forest study investigates modern and historical rates of organic carbon burial and peat accretion in

order to understand how mangrove ecosystems might adapt to future sea-level rise (SLR) and climate change.

Researchers exploring wetlands

Mangrove forests represent important habitat that incorporates characteristics of both marine and terrestrial ecosystems. Climate change and associated sea-level rise (SLR) stand to alter these important ecosystems, yet the potential response in Florida mangroves is poorly understood.

Thus, it remains difficult to identify appropriate management priorities and develop meaningful adaptation strategies.

Florida mangrove ecosystems and the species that rely on them for habitat would not exist without the organic carbon produced within them. Therefore stability of these systems depends on burial of organic matter at a sufficient rate to allow accretion

to keep pace with SLR or retreat landward where SLR out-paces sediment accretion.

Thus, a scientific understanding of modern organic carbon burial and peat accretion rates, along with past response to sea-level rise is needed to prioritize management strategies to best manage and protect Florida's mangrove

forests (and the organisms that depend on them) from the threat of sea-level rise and climate change.

To address this, core-based studies of mangrove peats will provide information on: 1) historical and modern rates of peat accretion in mangrove forests; 2) organic carbon content and burial rates within

the mangrove peats; and 3) past sea-level history and ecosystem response to recent sea-level rise.

Such information will allow the formulation of potential adaptation strategies to sea-level rise and climate change for mangrove ecosystems along their native range on the west coast of Florida from Florida Bay to Tampa Bay.



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The FWRI coastal wetlands team and project partners from the University of South Florida Saint Petersburg collect a peat core from the mangrove forest floor.

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New North Korean ballistic missile

North Korea released dozens of photos Thursday of the Hwasong-15, a new intercontinental ballistic missile it claims can reach any target in the continental United States. **See page 12**



Trump tweets strain US-Britain 'special relationship'

By JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A few days after his inauguration, U.S. President Donald Trump stood beside British Prime Minister Theresa May in the White House and proclaimed the strength of the “most special relationship” between their two countries.

Ten months later, that relationship looks decidedly strained. As May and Trump traded criticism Thursday over his retweets of a far-right group's anti-Muslim videos, British lawmakers labeled the U.S. leader a hate peddler.

They also urged May's government to revoke an invitation for Trump to visit Britain as a guest of Queen Elizabeth II.

The furor erupted after Trump, who has almost 44 million Twitter followers, on Wednesday retweeted three anti-Muslim videos posted by a leader of the far-right group Britain First. The tiny group

regularly posts inflammatory videos purporting to show Muslims engaged in acts of violence, but without providing context or supporting information.

The U.K. ambassador in Washington, Kim Darroch, complained to the White House, and May's spokesperson said the president was wrong to retweet the group's content.

Trump responded with a tweet urging May to focus on “the destructive Radical Islamic Terrorism that is taking place within the United Kingdom” instead of on him.

May countered Thursday that “we take the need to deal with the terrorist threat very seriously” and rebuked the leader of Britain's closest ally.

“The fact that we work together does not mean that we are afraid to say when we think that the United States have got it wrong and to be very clear with them,” May said Thursday during a visit to



AP FILE PHOTO

This is a January 27 file photo of U.S. President Donald Trump as he shakes hands with British Prime Minister Theresa May in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington. British Prime Minister Theresa May insisted on Thursday Nov. 30, that she is not afraid to criticize a key ally, saying U.S. President Donald Trump's retweets of a “hateful” far-right group were “the wrong thing to do.” But May's government dug in its heels over mounting calls to cancel Trump's planned state visit to the U.K. Trump's retweeting of anti-Muslim videos from far-right fringe group Britain First has been widely condemned in Britain.

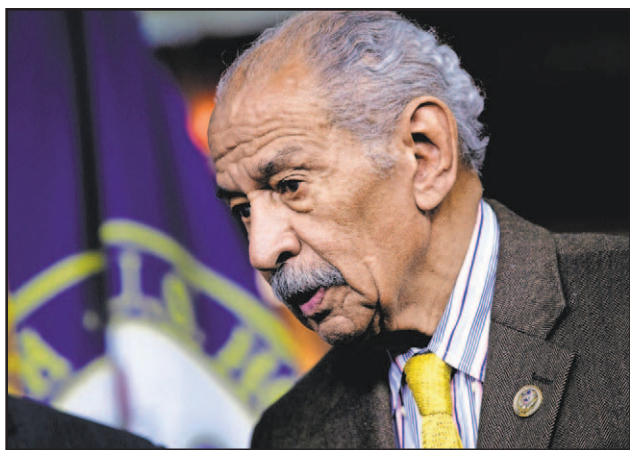
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Democratic pressure mounts on Rep. John Conyers Jr. to resign

By CATHLEEN DECKER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — House Minority leader Nancy Pelosi said Thursday that the longest-serving member of Congress, Democratic Rep. John Conyers Jr. of Michigan, should resign due to “serious, disappointing and very credible” accusations of sexual harassment leveled against him.

Pelosi's announcement signaled a remarkable reversal after a public outcry and was quickly followed by similar statements by other prominent Democratic lawmakers, including Rep. James Clyburn of South Carolina, who, like Conyers, is a



AP FILE PHOTO

In this file photo from Feb. 14, Rep. John Conyers, D-Michigan, attends a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.

longtime leader of the Congressional Black Caucus.

As recently as Wednesday, Clyburn had questioned the veracity of Conyers' accusers.

Clyburn's change of position was first reported by Politico.

House Speaker Paul D. Ryan, speaking to

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National science panel calls for steps to control drug prices

By NOAM N. LEVEY
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — The U.S. must take urgent steps to rein in the out-of-control cost of prescription drugs, including aggressive government intervention to negotiate lower prices for American patients, a panel of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recommended Thursday in a sweeping new report on pharmaceutical pricing.

The report — titled “Making Medicines Affordable: A National Imperative” — includes a strongly worded indictment of the nation's prescription drug

market, which it warns is failing millions of sick patients.

And the 201-page report takes aim at several of the pharmaceutical industry's cherished practices, including direct-to-consumer marketing and efforts by drugmakers to block and delay the introduction of lower-priced generic medicines.

“Simply stated, the current system is not sustainable,” concluded the panel's chairman, Norman Augustine, former chief executive of Lockheed Martin Corp., one of the world's largest defense companies.

“Consumer access to effective and affordable medicines is an imperative for public

health, social equity and economic development, and this imperative is not being adequately served by the biopharmaceutical enterprise as it functions today.”

The report's authors, including a mix of academics, current and former health care executives and government health officials, praised the many advances that drugmakers have made in helping to treat patients with complex diseases.

But they noted: “There is little value in new drugs that patients cannot afford.”

While the share of Americans reporting they are delaying care

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Trump weighs plan to oust Tillerson, put CIA's boss in position

By JOSH LEDERMAN and JILL COLVIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — After months of clashes on policy and personality, President Donald Trump is considering ousting Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and replacing him with hard-nosed CIA Director Mike Pompeo following less than a year on the job, senior U.S. officials said Thursday as turmoil within Trump's national security team burst into the open.

The White House plan, which Trump has not yet signed off on, would force a major realignment early in his term, also creating a vacancy atop the CIA that officials said could be filled by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas. The overhaul could produce a significant shift in both the tone

and direction of the president's foreign policy, removing it from the understated former oil man whose style has never fit well with Trump's.

It is exceedingly rare for a secretary of state, America's face on the global stage, to be fired or to serve for a year or less. Nor is it common for presidents to have such a significant Cabinet revamp so soon after taking office. Too much churn could fuel the perception of chaos in the Trump White House — perhaps one reason he has yet to pull the trigger.

Tillerson's likely ouster, which was first reported by The New York Times, loomed awkwardly over an Oval Office meeting Thursday between Trump and the visiting Bahraini crown prince. Asked by a reporter whether he wanted Tillerson to stay on the job, Trump was

coy, merely pointing out that Tillerson was in fact in the building.

“He's here. Rex is here,” the president said.

Timing for any move was uncertain.

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis, Tillerson's closest ally in the administration, simply brushed off the report. “There's nothing to it,” he said when asked.

But White House spokesperson Sarah Huckabee Sanders didn't deny it. She did suggest that no move was imminent, saying the president and Tillerson planned to “work together to close out what we've seen to be an incredible year.”

Does the president still have confidence in Tillerson? “When the president loses confidence

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Secretary of State Rex Tillerson answers a reporters question about North Korea while he meets with German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel at the State Department in Washington on Thursday.

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Hawaii revives Cold War relic: nuke warning system

By CALEB JONES and
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — Just days after North Korea tested its most powerful missile yet, Hawaii is dusting off a relic not heard on the islands since the end of the Cold War.

The monthly test of Hawaii's siren warning system for tsunamis and other natural disasters will have a new tone when it sounds Friday — one designed to alert residents of an impending nuclear attack.

"We believe that it is imperative that we be prepared for every disaster, and in today's world, that includes a nuclear attack," Hawaii Gov. David Ige said, adding that the possibility is remote.

Ige said the new test will ensure the public knows what they should do in case of an imminent attack. If a missile is launched, residents and tourists would have less than 20 minutes to take shelter, officials said.

"There needs to be different action taken should there be a nuclear attack than what is expected for a hurricane or tsunami," the

governor said this week.

The attack warning will produce a different tone than the long, steady storm siren that people in Hawaii have grown accustomed to. It will include a wailing sound in the middle to distinguish it from the other alert.

Vern Miyagi, administrator for Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, said the state delayed the test for a month to let people know it would be happening. Hawaii turned to public service announcements on TV and radio, town hall meetings, information on agency websites and media stories.

"The public can handle it. They're not going to panic," Miyagi said.

The test comes the same week that North Korea fired a powerful nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile it calls the Hwasong-15, leading analysts to conclude the nation has made a jump in its missile capability. The weapon would have a range of more than 8,100 miles, easily reaching the U.S. mainland.

Hawaii is the closest state to North Korea, and its large military presence



AP PHOTO

A Hawaii Civil Defense Warning Device, which sounds an alert siren during natural disasters, is shown in Honolulu on Wednesday.

could make it more of a target. The island of Oahu is home to the U.S. Pacific Command, the military's headquarters for the Asia-Pacific region. It also hosts dozens of Navy ships at Pearl Harbor and is a key base for the Air Force, Army and Marine Corps.

Miyagi has previously said a nuclear strike on

Hawaii would result in thousands of deaths, thermal radiation, severe damage to critical infrastructure, widespread fires and other chaos.

Hawaii lawmakers have been urging emergency management officials to update Cold War-era plans for coping with a nuclear attack.

Jim Nabors dead at 87

By RACHEL DESANTIS
NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

Jim Nabors, who starred as the bumbling gas-station-attendant-turned-Marine Gomer Pyle on "The Andy Griffith Show" and his own subsequent spinoff, died Thursday morning in Hawaii. He was 87.

His death was confirmed by his husband, Stan Cadwallader.

While best known for his role as Pyle, Nabors also had a successful singing career, briefly hosted a variety show and held several stunts on stage in Las Vegas.

Nabors was born in June 1930 in Alabama, and after graduating from the state's university, he moved to New York and briefly worked as a typist.

A bad case of asthma forced him to pack up and move to the West Coast, where he worked as a film cutter for NBC and performed at nightclubs like the Horn in Santa Monica.

It was there in 1962 that Andy Griffith, then the star of his own self-titled show on CBS, spotted Nabors and gave him his big break.

"I'd sing like this (in a baritone voice) and talk like this (in a Pyle twang). It made no sense to anybody. Even Andy commented: 'I don't know what you do, but you do it very well,'" Nabors told The Deseret News in 1984 of his hiring.

Griffith cast Nabors that year as Pyle, a bumbling gas station attendant who quickly won the hearts of fans with his good-natured naivety.

As a 1967 Time profile described, Pyle "wears a gee-whiz expression, spouts homilies out of a lopsided mouth and lopes around uncertainly like a plowboy stepping through a field of cow dung. He is a walking disaster area. Yet in the end, Gomer's goodness always wins out."

The character proved so popular that Nabors scored a spin-off, "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C." in 1964, in which the character entered the Marines opposite Frank Sutton's Sergeant Vince Carter.

The show was a success, though Nabors quit in



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 7, 1992, file photo, Jim Nabors, a cast member from "The Andy Griffith Show," appears in Nashville, Tennessee. Nabors died peacefully at his home in Honolulu on Thursday with his husband Stan Cadwallader at his side. He was 87.

1969 after five seasons, citing a need to "reach for another rung on a ladder."

He hosted his own variety show, "The Jim Nabors Hour," from 1969 to 1971, and earned an Emmy nomination for the short-lived program.

After retiring Pyle, Nabors continued with small roles on both primetime and children's shows, like "The Lost Saucer" and "The Carol Burnett Show."

He briefly left Hollywood after becoming "burned out," but stepped back into the spotlight at the request of Burt Reynolds. In 1983, Nabors appeared alongside Reynolds in "Stroker Ace," and a year later, in "Cannonball Run II."

He also enjoyed a stint in Las Vegas in the '80s, starring in productions of "Moulin Rouge" and "The Music Man."

Nabors abandoned California for a more laid-back life in Hawaii in 1976, though he suffered health woes in 1994 after a case of hepatitis B caused his liver to fail.

Pal Carol Burnett helped secure him a liver transplant that ultimately saved his life.

From 1972 up until 2014, Nabors also regularly lent his baritone to "(Back Home Again in) Indiana," the tune used annually to kick off the Indianapolis 500.

The gig came as part of a successful singing career that included more than 20 albums, among them one platinum record.

Nabors wed Stan Cadwallader, his partner of 38 years, in 2013.

Police: Reno gunman didn't appear to be targeting people

By SCOTT SONNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. — The gunman who took a woman hostage and opened fire from a high-rise condominium in downtown Reno before a SWAT team killed him didn't appear to be aiming at anyone on the street below, police said Thursday.

No one was seriously injured when Lucas Stone, 30, fired shots for 20 minutes just a block off the main casino drag Tuesday, initially stirring fears of another massacre like the one in Las Vegas two months ago. The hostage escaped unhurt.

Police in the neighboring city of Sparks, who are investigating Stone's killing by officers from other agencies, said their initial findings show that the shooting was not planned and had no apparent targets.

Authorities have said Stone, who had moved to Reno within the past year from Sacramento, California and had no criminal history, may have been hallucinating.

"It is believed the suspect acted alone and the shooting was not a pre-planned event," Sparks police Lt. Michael Keating said, adding that it appears Stone "was shooting at subjects that did not exist."

"There is no current evidence to support that the suspect was targeting citizens," he said in a

statement.

One resident in a neighboring condo suffered a superficial injury to her hand but did not require medical attention, Keating said.

Two Reno police officers and a Washoe County sheriff's deputy have been placed on paid administrative leave while Sparks police investigate. The leave is standard practice in officer-involved shootings.

Two officers fired at Stone early in the incident, Keating said. A third officer shot at him after a SWAT team entered the condo where he had barricaded himself with the hostage. Stone was alive when apprehended but later died at a hospital.

It's not clear if either Stone or the hostage lived in the condo at The Montage apartment building. Public records show Stone earlier this year lived at an apartment east of downtown after moving from Sacramento.

Stone divorced his ex-wife, Melody Stone, in Reno in June, according to documents.

The hostage has not been identified. Sparks Officer Ken Gallop said in an email that he could release no further details.

A search of public records suggests Stone was never charged with a crime. The Reno Gazette-Journal first reported that he had no prior criminal history.



AP PHOTO

Law enforcement block downtown Reno, Nevada, streets during an active shooter response at the Montage apartment building, on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Feds seek 60-year prison sentence for Michigan sports doctor

DETROIT (AP) — Federal prosecutors are seeking a 60-year prison sentence for a Michigan sports doctor who was caught with child pornography while under investigation for sexual assault.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in western Michigan says Larry Nassar "poses an immense risk to the community." Nassar will be sentenced for child porn crimes on Dec. 7.

The 54-year-old worked at Michigan State University and at USA Gymnastics, which trains Olympians.

In the last week, he has pleaded guilty to molesting teens and younger girls in two Michigan counties. They mostly were seeking treatment for gymnastics injuries. Meanwhile, more than 100 women and girls are suing him.

Quake hits Mid-Atlantic region; no immediate damage reports

DOVER, Del. (AP) — An earthquake has jolted the Mid-Atlantic region of the East Coast, but there are no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The U.S. Geological Survey says the 4.1 magnitude quake struck just after 4:45 p.m. Thursday, and was centered about 6 miles east-northeast of Dover, Delaware. It was felt as far away as Baltimore.

The quake jolted downtown Dover, sending lawmakers and workers in the statehouse outdoors to see what happened. Police and emergency officials did not have any immediate reports of damage or injuries.

Paul Caruso is a geophysicist with the USGS's earthquake information center in Colorado. He said the quake was widely felt around the Mid-Atlantic region.

Caruso said he didn't expect any significant damage, given the small size of the quake.

US troops get freeze-dried plasma for battlefield bloodshed

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — All of the U.S. military's special operations fighters now being sent to war zones have freeze-dried blood plasma, a crucial addition to first-aid kits that can prevent badly wounded troops from bleeding to death on the battlefield.

The Marines Corps' special ops command says all its units began carrying freeze-dried plasma into the field last month. The plasma helps clot blood and can prevent badly wounded troops from bleeding to death on the battlefield.

U.S. special ops units have received about 1,000 kits of the plasma from the French military over the past five years. The U.S. Special Operations Command said it's been used at least 24 times, with 15 patients surviving to reach a hospital.

Now Congress is deciding how to speed up approval for an American-made replacement that could someday also be used in civilian medicine.

Commission seeks fracking ban in watershed supplying NYC

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — A commission that oversees water quality for the watershed that supplies Philadelphia and half of New York City with drinking water is taking another step toward permanently banning natural gas drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

The Delaware River Basin Commission on Thursday published regulations to enact a formal ban on drilling and fracking, the technique that's spurred a U.S. production boom in shale gas and oil. It also puts additional restrictions on the industry disposing wastewater within the watershed or using water from the river and its tributaries.

The commission imposed a moratorium on drilling and fracking in 2010 and voted in September to start the process of a ban.

The area supplies drinking water to 15 million people.

Deaf man shot 5 times by Oklahoma officer, autopsy shows

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma's medical examiner says a deaf man killed by an Oklahoma City police officer after not responding to commands was shot five times in the chest, pelvis and upper arm.

The autopsy, released Thursday, also shows that a stun gun was used on Magdiel Sanchez, who was fatally shot Sept. 19 outside of his home.

Police have said officers who responded to a hit-and-run crash encountered Sanchez holding a metal pipe. According to police, witnesses yelled "he can't hear you" before the officers fired, but they didn't hear them.

Sanchez's family has said he was completely deaf, developmentally disabled, and that he used the pipe as a walking stick. The autopsy found no drugs or alcohol in Sanchez's system.

Prosecutors have not yet determined whether the fatal shooting was justified.

White man indicted on murder charges in black men's killings

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — A Louisiana grand jury has indicted a white man on murder charges in the shooting deaths of two black men, attacks that police have said may have been racially motivated.

Kenneth Gleason's indictment on Thursday charges the 23-year-old with first-degree murder and second-degree murder in the separate Baton Rouge shootings that killed 49-year-old Donald Smart and 59-year-old Bruce Cofield in September.

Authorities have said surveillance footage and DNA link him to the crimes. In each case, police say the killer opened fire from his car and walked up to the victim as he lay on the ground and fired again repeatedly.

Gleason also was indicted on charges he fired gunshots into the home of a black family that lives down the street from his parents' house.

STATE

Proposal to ban Florida greyhound racing gets backing

By **JIM SAUNDERS**
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THE NEWS SERVICE
OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — After repeated legislative debates in recent years about the greyhound industry, Florida voters could decide in 2018 whether to ban dog racing in the state.

A proposed constitutional amendment designed to shut down greyhound racing began moving Thursday through the Florida Constitution Revision Commission, which has the power to put such proposals directly on the November 2018 ballot.

Supporters of the proposal pointed to issues such as greyhound injuries and deaths in arguing to shut down racing — a staple for decades of Florida's gambling industry.

"This is, for me, a matter of conscience," said commission member and state Sen. Tom Lee, a Thonotosassa Republican who is sponsoring the proposal. "Our society has changed. We are evolving as a people. We are becoming more sensitive to those who occupy this world with us, regardless of their species, and to those who are going to follow us for generations to come. And that's a good thing. And as we've evolved, we've banned all sorts of activities that have been considered cruel to animals — bullfighting and cockfighting and all kinds of things. To me, this is just the next step on that plane of becoming more sensitive to this kind of inhumanity."

The commission's General Provisions Committee on Thursday approved the proposal



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(Proposal 67), which would ban greyhound racing as of Dec. 31, 2019. The proposal will go to the commission's Executive Committee before it could be considered by the full 37-member commission, which meets every 20 years to consider constitutional changes.

Representatives of pari-mutuel facilities and greyhound breeders

and owners did not speak during Thursday's meeting. But during past legislative debates about curbing greyhound racing, representatives of breeders and owners have argued, in part, that such moves would lead to job losses.

Greyhound racing has lost popularity in recent years as other forms of gambling have grown. But it still plays an

important role because dog tracks are required, by law, to run live races if they want to offer more-lucrative types of gambling such as card rooms.

Some of the legislative debates in recent years have focused on the idea of "decoupling," which would allow pari-mutuels to operate card rooms and, in some cases, slot machines without

running live races. But lawmakers have never approved such proposals.

Constitution Revision Commission member Don Gaetz, a former Senate president from Niceville, said Thursday that greyhound-racing proposals have become tangled in broader lobbying battles about gambling. Such lobbying battles have helped doom attempts to revamp the gambling industry.

"Every time that we have tried to deal with the greyhound issue, it has become a magnet for a wider array of issues associated with gaming," Gaetz said.

If the overall Constitution Revision Commission puts Lee's proposal on the 2018 ballot, the racing ban would need to receive approval from 60 percent of voters to pass.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Florida deputies suspended for neglecting job during Irma

TAMPA (AP) — Four Florida deputies have been suspended for allegedly neglecting their duties during Hurricane Irma.

According to an investigation by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, one deputy told supervisors he wasn't reporting for duty and was aware of the consequences, another evacuated instead of reporting for duty at the jail, another showed

up for an hour but then went home. Sheriff Bob Gualtieri said they all had family at home and didn't make arrangements beforehand.

Three deputies will receive 40 hours without pay with part of the punishment delayed if they stay out of trouble. Two were demoted from narcotics detectives to patrol duties. The fourth was given 16 hours without pay.

Gualtieri said the officers stepped out "when everyone else was stepping up."

The Tampa Bay Times

report four Largo city employees lost their jobs for similar reasons in September.

Sen. Steube files bill to put lights out on daylight saving time in Florida

BRADENTON — State Sen. Greg Steube, R-Sarasota, has filed a bill that proposes doing away with the observance of daylight saving time in Florida.

Steube's legislation, SB 858, proposes that Florida and all its political

subdivisions observe standard time year-round. The bill was filed on Nov. 13.

If the bill passes and is signed by the governor, it would go into effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

Man ordered held without bond in deadly Tampa shootings

TAMPA (AP) — A 24-year-old college graduate arrested in a string of deadly shootings that terrorized a Florida neighborhood was ordered held without bond Thursday on four counts



DONALDSON

of pre-meditated first-degree murder. Howell Emanuel Donaldson was arrested Tuesday after he asked a co-worker at a McDonald's restaurant to hold a bag carrying a gun. The co-worker looked inside the bag, spotted the weapon and approached a Tampa police officer seated in the restaurant doing paperwork. When Donaldson returned to the McDonald's, police

were waiting.

The arrest brought immense relief to the Seminole Heights neighborhood of Tampa, where many outdoor activities had stopped since the first death Oct. 9. Two more fatal shootings happened in the following weeks and the fourth in November.

Judge Margaret R. Taylor set a Tuesday hearing to determine whether Donaldson will remain jailed until trial.

Arrest records didn't list an attorney for Donaldson and police said they didn't know if he had a lawyer yet.

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

This is an abbreviated report. Not every state is represented.

ALABAMA Montgomery: A former Alabama Jail Association treasurer was convicted of first-degree theft. Marianne Adams will be on probation for three years.

ALASKA Kodiak: A study will determine whether hatchery-raised red king crab can raise wild crab stocks, *The Kodiak Daily Mirror* reports.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: State forestry officials say the risk of wild-fires remains high in Arkansas.

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles: The California Science Center says artifacts from King Tut's tomb will go on view in March for 10 months.

CONNECTICUT Torrington: Police say a man accused of 22 break-ins at Dunkin' Donuts shops was supporting a \$300-a-day oxycodone habit, *The Republican-American* reports.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered a review of policies following a report that dozens of Frank W. Ballou High School students graduated last year without meeting requirements, *WTOP Radio* reports.

GEORGIA Athens: Three former Cedar Shoals High School students were cleared of rape charges but still face child molestation charges in an alleged assault of a 15-year-old girl, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* reports.

HAWAII Honolulu: Officials say campers have moved illegally into Sunset Memorial Park cemetery.

IDAHO Boise: The Bureau of Land Management is appealing a ruling that blocks wild horse sterilizations.

INDIANA Indianapolis: A former

Planned Parenthood advocacy group worker says she was denied medical leave after being diagnosed with cervical cancer, *The Indianapolis Star* reports.

IOWA Cedar Rapids: The City Council took its first vote to bar people from setting off fireworks in the city.

KANSAS Topeka: State officials say that \$164 million in eliminated and delayed payments to a pension fund for teachers and other government workers won't affect retirees, *Lawrence Journal-World* reports.

LOUISIANA New Orleans: A federal judge sentenced a man to more than four years for illegally re-entering the U.S. after his 2013 deportation.

MAINE South Portland: State forestry officials plan to set out parasitic flies to help control an invasive species of winter moths.

MARYLAND Baltimore: Education officials in Carroll County have halted school trips to Baltimore because of escalating violence in the city.

MASSACHUSETTS Hyannis: Opponents of a planned wind farm off Cape Cod are fighting a decision to save the long-stalled project's 46 square mile Nantucket Sound lease.

MICHIGAN Lansing: Lawmakers voted to prohibit legislators who quit or are expelled from running in special elections to fill their seats.

MINNESOTA Minneapolis: Hennepin County leaders approved changing Lake Calhoun's name to the Dakota name for White Earth Lake, *The Star Tribune* reports.

MISSISSIPPI Pascagoula: Members of five unions at Huntington Ingalls

shipyard approved a four-year contract extension, *WLOX-TV* reports.

MISSOURI Cadet: Authorities say five firefighters were treated for heat exhaustion and other problems after battling a blaze at Brother's Salvage Yard, *KSDK-TV* reports.

MONTANA Helena: Two state worker unions are moving toward merging, *The Great Falls Tribune* reports.

NEVADA Yerington: Officials say they've addressed racial bullying issues at Yerington High School, *The Reno Gazette Journal* reports.



NEW HAMPSHIRE Manchester: A water main break opened several holes on a city street, and a car fell in one of them, *WMUR-TV* reports.

NEW MEXICO Farmington: State wildlife officials plan improvements along the San Juan River downstream of Navajo Lake State Park.

NEW YORK Schuylerville: State officials are pushing the federal government to test for possible PCB contamination at Fort Hardy Park.

NORTH CAROLINA Lenoir: Police say a teenager was killed when the pickup truck he was riding in hit a log protruding from the back of a truck that was making a turn, *The News-Topic* reports.

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: The state has developed rules for using the controversial weed killer dicamba on soybeans next year.

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: A dog owner was ordered to face trial on a second-degree manslaughter charge that says his pit bulls fatally attacked an 82-year-old woman, *The Oklahoman* reports.

OREGON Portland: Authorities say a couple found a burglar asleep on their bedroom floor when they woke up Wednesday morning.

SOUTH DAKOTA Yankton: Snowy owls have made a temporary home in the Gavins Point Dam area, *The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan* reports.

TEXAS Austin: A new monument, "The Price of Liberty," will be installed Saturday at the state Capitol complex, *The Austin American-Statesman* reports.

UTAH Salt Lake City: State wildlife officers are using dogs to sniff out hunting and fishing violations, *The Deseret News* reports.

VERMONT Shelburne: State police and the FBI are investigating possible exposure to the deadly toxin ricin at Wake Robin retirement community.

WASHINGTON Olympia: Authorities broke up a protest of fracking opponents who blocked Union Pacific railroad tracks for more than week.

WEST VIRGINIA Morgantown: West Virginia University's chief economist estimates that the opioid epidemic cost the state economy \$1 billion.

WISCONSIN Cable: A Florida hospitality company will resurrect the landmark Telemark Lodge, *The Wisconsin State Journal* reports.

WYOMING Casper: An ex-police officer pleaded guilty to child abuse and child endangerment charges, *The Casper Star-Tribune* reports.

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Table of stock listings with columns: YTD Name, Last, Chg, and various stock symbols like AES Corp, AFLAC, AGNC Inv, etc.



Table with columns: HIGH, LOW, CLOSE, CHG., %CHG., WK, MO, QTR, YTD. Lists major indices like DOW Trans, DOW Util, NYSE Comp, etc.

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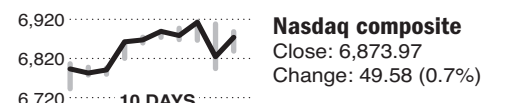


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Table with columns: V-W-X-Y-Z and various stock symbols like US OilF, USSteel, UtTech, etc.

Table titled 'Interestrates' showing Treasury yields for 3-month, 6-month, 52-wk T-bill, 2-year, 5-year, 10-year, and 30-year T-bond.

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Table titled 'Commodities' showing prices for Fuels (Crude Oil, Ethanol), Metals (Gold, Silver, Platinum), and Agriculture (Cattle, Coffee, Corn).

Table titled 'Stock Footnotes' providing detailed information about stock listings, including company names, symbols, and market status.

Friday, December 1, 2017

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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BOOK HIM, DANNO

North-South vulnerable, North deals

NORTH
 ♠ K Q
 ♥ K 8 7
 ♦ A K 10 5 3
 ♣ Q 9 4

WEST
 ♠ J 10 7 3 2
 ♥ Q 9 5
 ♦ Q 2
 ♣ J 3 2

EAST
 ♠ Void
 ♥ 10 4 3 2
 ♦ J 8 7 6 4
 ♣ A K 6 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 8 6 5 4
 ♥ A J 6
 ♦ 9
 ♣ 10 8 7

The bidding:
 NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST
 1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
 2NT Pass 3♠ Pass
 4♠ All pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

South's three-spade bid showed six spades and was forcing, therefore showing a better hand than if he had jumped to four spades right away. North, with a minimum for his bidding, declined to cue bid and just raised spades, ending the auction. The deal would have been a "no brainer" if the trumps had

divided 3-2. The 5-0 trump split meant that a brain would be required.

South ducked the opening club lead in dummy and was pleased to see the king from East, rather than the jack. East shifted to a low diamond — nine, queen, king. The king of spades revealed the horrid news and declarer took some time to make a plan. South crossed to his hand with a low heart to the ace and led a club to dummy's nine and East's ace. East's heart shift went to the jack, queen, and king. South cashed dummy's queen of clubs, followed by the ace of diamonds, shedding a heart. A heart was ruffed in hand and dummy was re-entered with a spade to the queen.

At this point, a three-card ending, South was down to the ace, nine, eight of spades and West had the J, 10, seven of spades. A diamond was led from dummy, which South ruffed with the eight of spades. West could over-ruff, but then had to lead a spade from the jack-seven into declarer's ace-nine. That's using your brain!

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this newspaper or to Tribune Content Agency, LLC., 16650 Westgrove Dr., Suite 175, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail: tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

CLUES

- 1 guy, in slang (6)
- 2 Lakers coach Luke (6)
- 3 word's linguistic relative (7)
- 4 schedule (5)
- 5 carries to Staten Island (7)
- 6 "taxing" curve (6)
- 7 number-cruncher's field (9)

SOLUTIONS

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Thursday's Answers: 1. REFLEXES 2. INDICATOR 3. PASSAGE 4. DANKLY 5. SANDWICHES 6. NEVERLAND 7. CONFOUND 12/1

A clean sweep for safety

Dear Heloise: I've been a chimney sweep for over 25 years, and if someone has a fireplace he or she likes to light in cold weather, I'd recommend getting a chimney sweep in to make sure everything is in working order and that we can make any needed repairs in time to start using it. Creosote, the black residue of a fire, clings to the interior of a chimney, and it's combustible if allowed to build up. This, in turn, can cause cracks in "fireproof" bricks and possibly a house fire.



Hints from Heloise

pots and pans, etc. I don't want people to think we don't want gifts, because we do, but we want them in the form of cash and gift cards. — Celeste J., Salt Lake City

Celeste, in many parts of the country, giving cash is the standard gift at a wedding. However, some people prefer to give something material. On your wedding website, you can state your preference, but please give guests a choice. You might also have your bridesmaids spread the word IF someone should happen to ask them what you need. As for saying something on the shower or wedding invitations, don't! It might be misconstrued. — Heloise

Write it down

Dear Heloise: As a professional financial planner, I've noticed so many people who are either retired or about to retire say they have a financial plan, but not in writing. When you put your financial goals, plans and budget in writing, you are more likely to accomplish those plans. Make sure you plan for emergencies, too, for those are the things that often interfere with your plans. — Robert D., Portland, Ore.

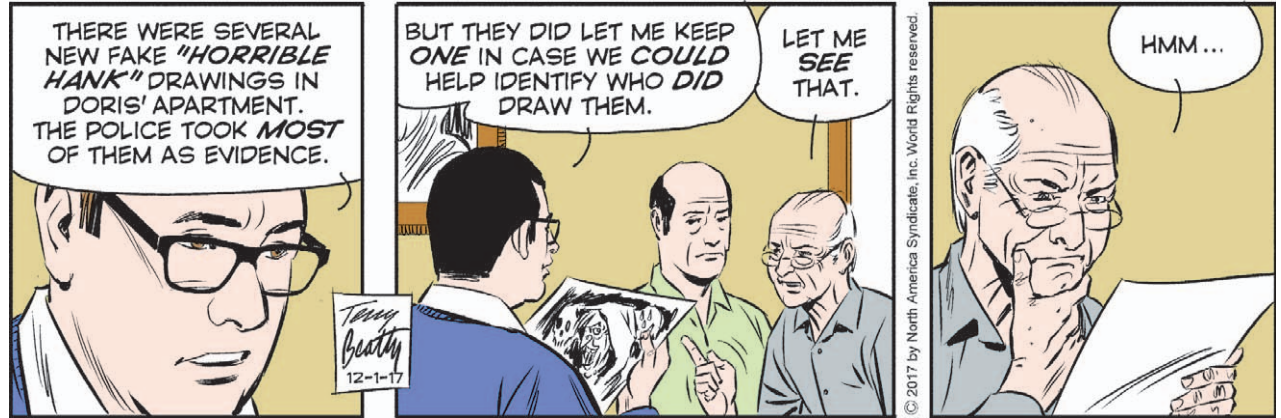
Money and gift cards, please

Dear Heloise: I would like to know your advice as to how to word a bridal shower and wedding announcement that lets people know we would prefer money or gift cards instead of gifts, such as

Tidy up!

Dear Heloise: Many years ago, I picked up a habit from a co-worker. We've all washed our hands in public sinks that were not very inviting. After washing and drying your hands in a restroom where you use a paper towel, use that same towel to give the edge of the sink and counter a quick wipe to get rid of any splashes. It makes things so much nicer for the next lady. — Mary Jane K., via email

REX MORGAN By Terry Beatty



ZITS By Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman



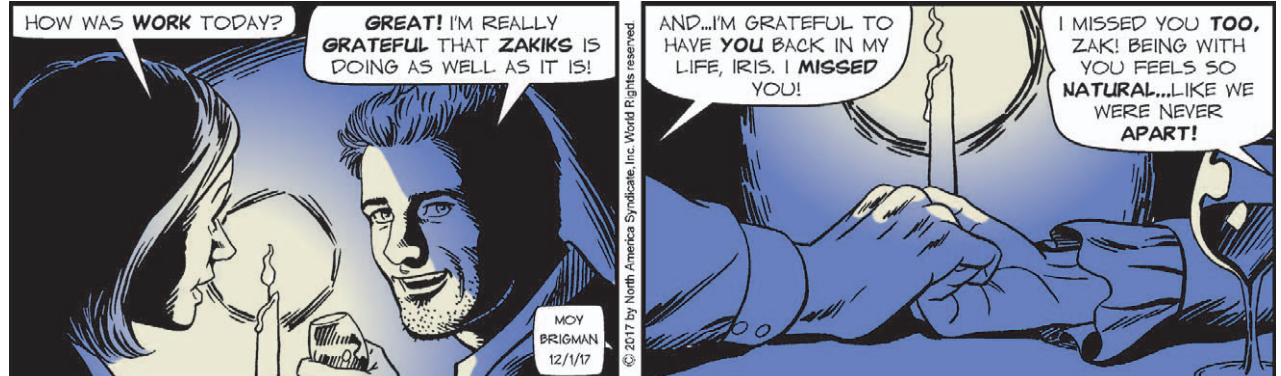
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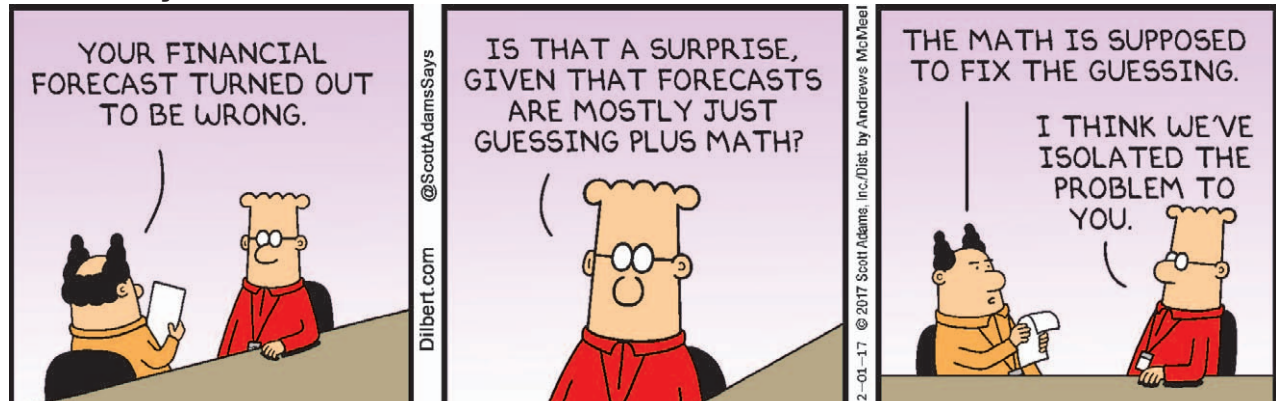
NON SEQUITUR By Wiley



MARY WORTH By Karen Moy and June



DILBERT By Scott Adams



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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 Barter
- 5 Mombasa's country
- 10 Yacht feature
- 14 Sanskrit dialect
- 15 Broadcast again
- 16 Internet fan
- 17 Idyllic spot
- 18 — to the teeth
- 19 Pleasant
- 20 Croquet hoop
- 22 Stretch
- 24 Orchid-like blossom
- 26 Dull
- 27 Poet Maya —
- 30 Garment parts
- 34 Beluga delicacy
- 35 Over
- 38 Behavior pattern
- 39 Zest
- 41 Scientist Carl —
- 43 European alliance
- 44 Basket willow
- 46 Kim of "Picnic"
- 48 Three before V
- 49 Sentimental, maybe
- 50 Tallest peak
- 52 Cartoon shrieks
- 55 King's address
- 56 Resolves a problem (2 wds.)

DOWN

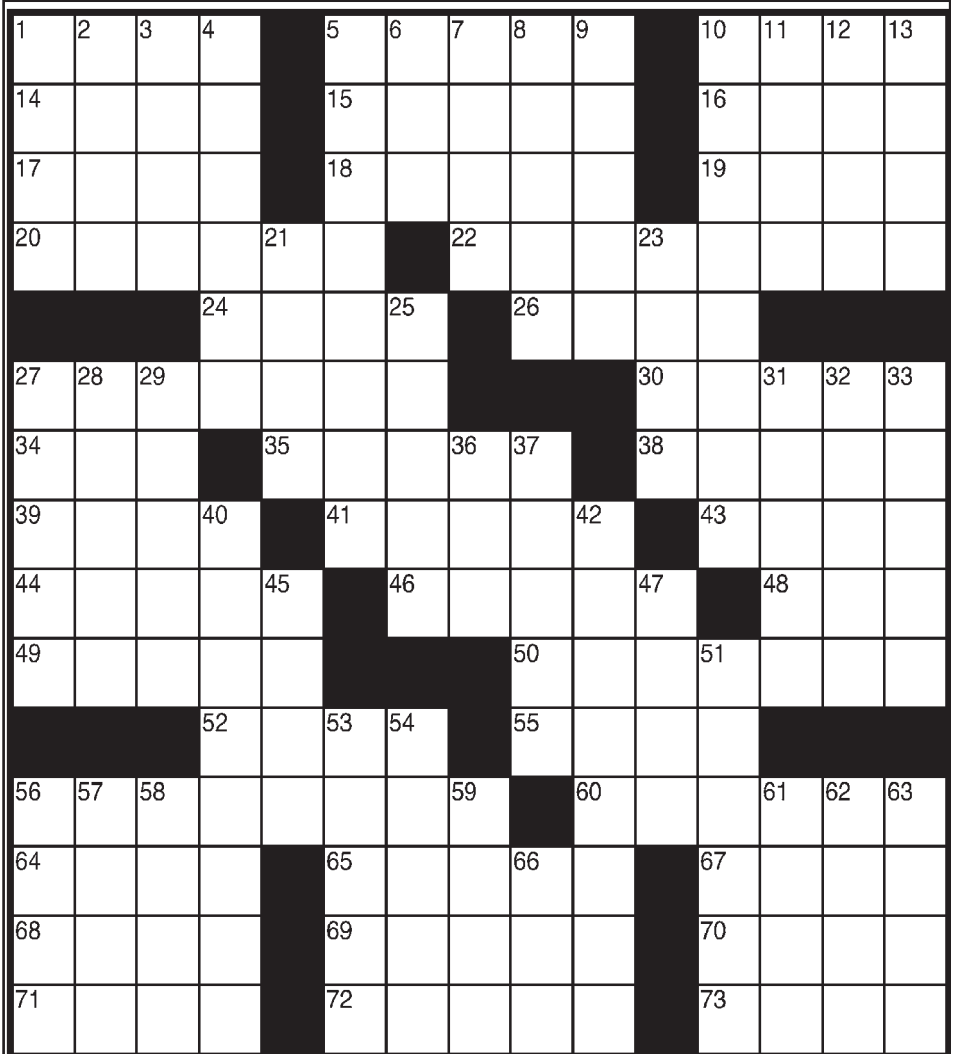
- 60 Hansel's sister
- 64 Temperament
- 65 Insurance center
- 67 Boxing win
- 68 Ax cousin
- 69 Shot
- 70 Co. honcho
- 71 Can't do without
- 72 Vista
- 73 Storage medium
- 1 Pour out
- 2 Dry watercourse
- 3 Actor —
- 4 Little finger
- 5 Some military meals (2 wds.)
- 6 At all times, poetically
- 7 Signature
- 8 Cede
- 9 Warmth of feeling
- 10 Asian legume (2 wds.)
- 11 — Minor
- 12 Splinter group
- 13 Fruit bearer
- 21 Perry's creator
- 23 Ogdon or old car
- 25 Khartoum's land
- 27 Item in a quiver

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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- 28 Disturbing sound
- 29 Spirit in a bottle
- 31 Bring down in status
- 32 Hands, slangily
- 33 Dark ale
- 36 Swelled head
- 37 Brubeck and Letterman
- 40 Relied
- 42 Steer
- 45 Whiskey grains
- 47 Deborah of old films
- 51 Had an odor
- 53 Weirdos
- 54 Poisonous shrub
- 56 Bowie's wife
- 57 Went by horseback
- 58 Slime
- 59 Duct —
- 61 Hack's vehicle
- 62 Inspects
- 63 Deadbolt
- 66 Barbarian



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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

TIODT

SERHF

UBANDO

ENOBMA

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



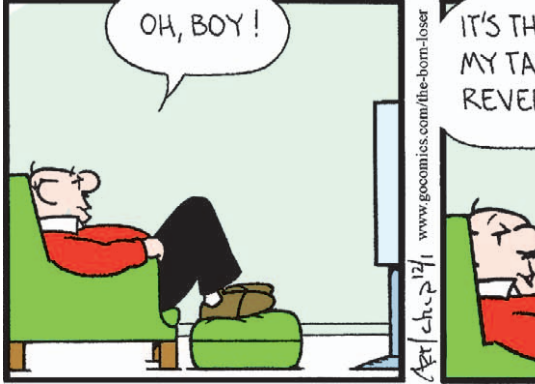
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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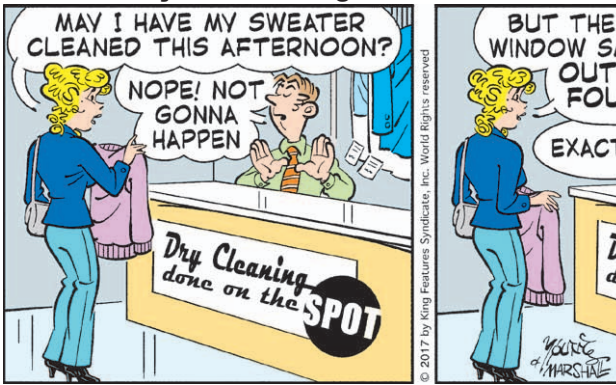
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CROAK SIXTY KERNEL RATHER
Answer: The stone wall would eventually get finished, in spite of the — ROCKY START

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom



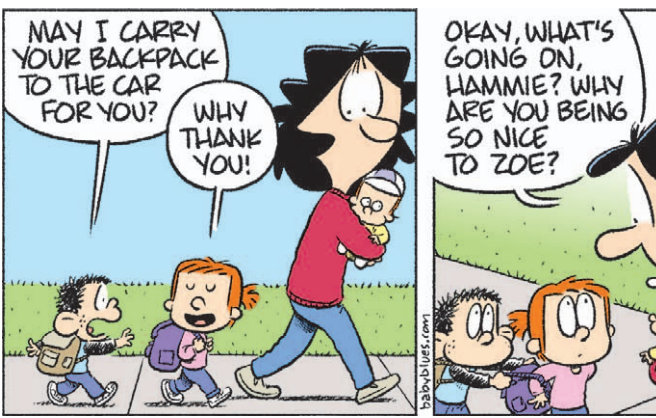
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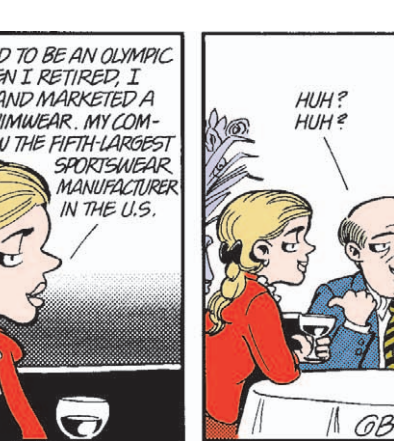
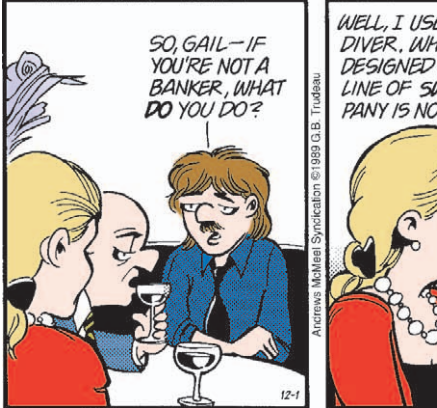
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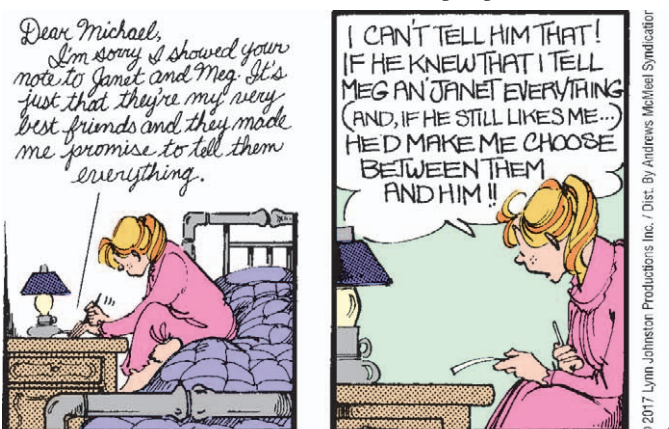
BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston



KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

7+		2÷	
2	2-		7+
3-	6x	2-	
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CHALLENGING

1	11+	10+	2÷	20x
3÷	3+			
		2÷	150x	3
12+	4		5-	
	10+	2-	3÷	
	4-		3	

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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
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- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

7+	4	1-	2	1
3	4	2-	1	3
4	2	1	3	4
2	1	12x	3	4
2-	1	2-	3	4
1	3	4	2	

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Memories of molestation cloud girl's thoughts of the future

DEAR ABBY: I'm almost an adult now, starting to think about having children and a good marriage of my own. But I have a disturbing childhood memory I have never been able to erase.



Dear Abby

When I was 6 or 7 and staying at my grandparents' house, and my grandmother would go outside to check the mail or water the flowers, my grandfather would try to put his hands on my private parts. He wouldn't speak a word to me EVER, even if she was around. In fact, I'm quite sure I never witnessed him say anything at all to anyone. But as soon as Grandma was out of sight, well, that was his chance to put his

hands on me, then laugh when I tried to wiggle away.

Recently, after I remembered those episodes again, I tried to bring this up with my mom in order to get her support. Abby, she reacted as if there was something really wrong with ME or that I was lying!

Not surprisingly, I don't want that man around my future children. I have no real relationship with him. I know this memory isn't something I just imagined or made up "to embarrass the family." What should I do in reference to Mom's response? — MOVING ON FROM THE PAST

DEAR MOVING ON: In reference to your mother's response when you told her her father molested you when you were little, conclude that the same thing likely happened to her. You should also conclude that, if that's the case, she knew what he was capable of and did nothing to protect you. For that reason, your grandfather should not

be allowed to be around your children — or any children, for that matter.

Because of the seriousness of what happened to you, it would be a good idea for you to contact R.A.I.N.N., the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network. Its website is rainn.org and the toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673.

DEAR ABBY: My elderly mother lost her husband and will be moving in with me. The problem is, Mom is one of those people for whom nothing is ever good enough. One of my siblings has already informed me that Mom told her my house, my neighborhood, my town, our hospitals, etc.

are not good enough for her. I'm worried that after she moves in and I hear her complain every day, I'll lose my temper. Do you have any words of wisdom for me? — DREADING IT IN THE SOUTH

DEAR DREADING: I sure do. Ask your mother now, before she relocates, if what your sibling said is true. And if it is, do NOT let her move into your home.

DEAR ABBY: Is it rude for someone not to cash a check you have written to them within a certain time period? I think it is, but maybe I'm wrong. Because I keep track of my banking online and not in a traditional

checkbook, I end up having to try to remember to adjust my available balance to include the check's amount. What do you think? — CHECK'S IN THE MAIL

DEAR C.I.T.M.: I agree that it's rude. When a canceled check does not show up — sometimes for months — it makes reconciling the giver's checkbook a pain in the neck and sometimes lower.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Challenger

DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to totals on right. Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

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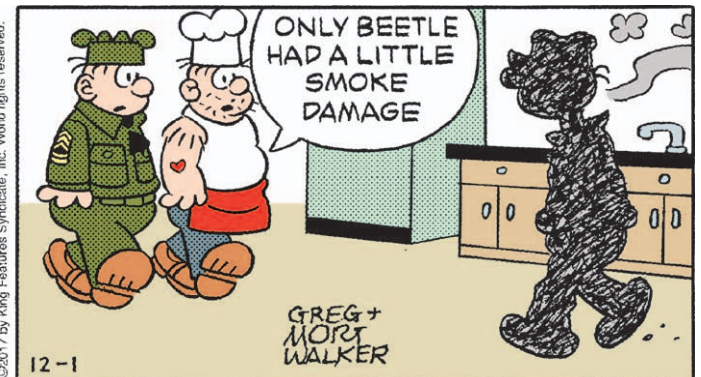
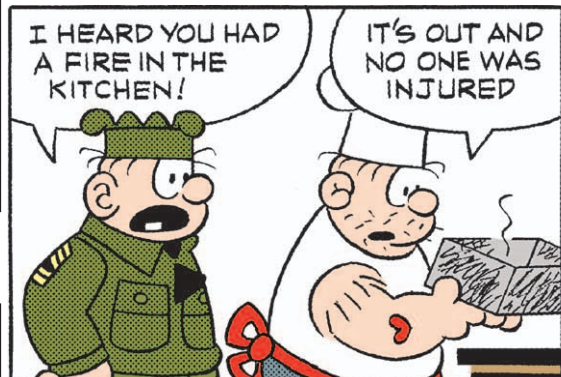
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

HI AND LOIS By Brian and Greg Walker



BETLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



Cryptoquip

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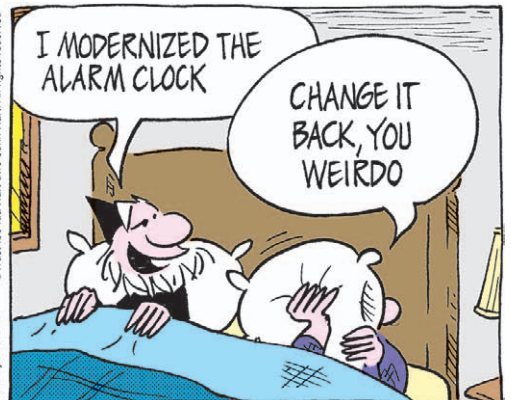
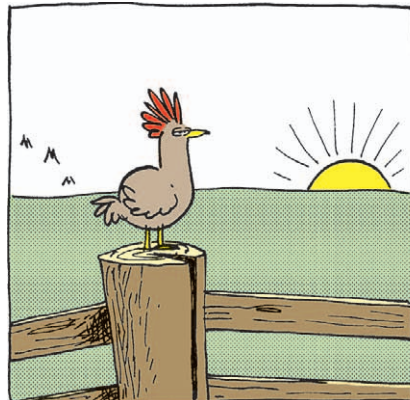
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I THINK THIS CHOICE BEEF IS SO FABULOUS IT SHOULD BE COOKED SLOWLY IN FAT. IT'S BRAISE-WORTHY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals P

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Chris Browne



THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters



WORD SLEUTH

PRESIDENTIAL MIDDLE NAMES

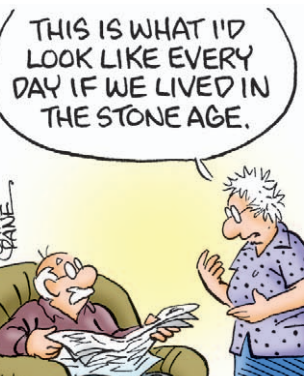
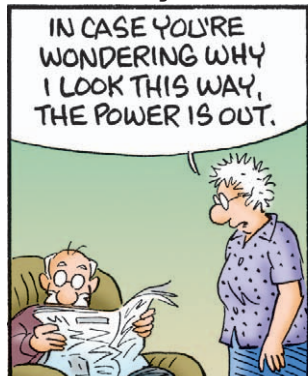
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Thursday's unlisted clue: KAREEM

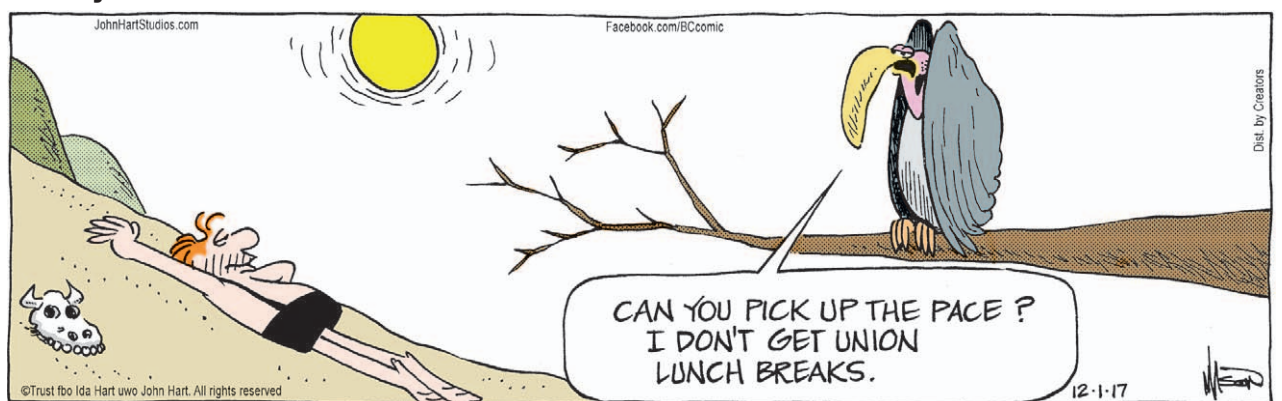
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Friday's unlisted clue hint: WILLIAM — HARRISON

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PICKLES By Brian Crane



B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



What's new in herpes treatments?

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am wondering about oral herpes. Have there been any advances made for treating or preventing oral herpes? I know about and use Abreva, but is there anything that works better? — L.P.



Dr. Roach

ANSWER: Herpes simplex virus type one is the cause of oral herpes, usually called “cold sores” or “fever blisters.” These often start as a clear fluid-filled blister on the lips or in the mouth. Many people carry the virus, and some people experience periodic outbreaks of these painful lesions.

Docosanol (Abreva) is an over-the-counter cream that prevents viral entry and replication of the virus. Several, but not all, studies show that it is effective at speeding healing. However, it is not as effective as the prescription cream penciclovir at reducing the size and number of herpes lesions. Unfortunately, the cost of penciclovir cream is prohibitive for many, with a single 5-gram tube retailing for around \$800 in the U.S. Another over-the-counter medication, benzalkonium (Viroxyn), was shown to be about as good as or better than Abreva at making cold sores go away faster, and it also contains an anesthetic to ease the pain.

We really need better treatments for this common, painful condition. There is hope for a vaccine in the future.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have some questions after a recent surgery. I had a lumpectomy on my left breast, and five lymph nodes were removed. I was told not to have my blood pressure taken from, shots given into or blood taken from that arm. I have asked a few doctors and nurses how long I have to wait to use that arm again for these procedures. I have been told anywhere from a year to the rest of my life. I also wonder what happens if I am in an accident and cannot talk and the medical responders use that arm. What is going to happen? No one seems to be able to tell me. — W.S.

ANSWER: The concern is that you may develop a condition called lymphedema. The lymphatic vessels normally take up fluid from the soft tissues of the body and return it to the circulation. If these vessels are damaged, through radiation, cancer or other means (sometimes we never know how it happens), then the affected limb can

swell. The swelling from lymphedema doesn't get better overnight as well as the swelling that comes from leaky valves in the veins (venous incompetence).

Because of the surgery, and especially if the lump was cancerous, you are at risk for developing lymphedema, which can be triggered by a simple medical procedure of the type you describe. Your condition is sometimes referred to as “stage 0 lymphedema,” meaning you have risk but no symptoms. In an emergency, of course the priority is to get you resuscitated. Even if you have an IV or blood pressure taken, you are not likely to develop lymphedema, but not getting these procedures done reduces your risk. Lymphedema has a very significant impact on people's quality of life, so it is much better to prevent this disease than it is to have to treat it.

I would recommend avoiding procedures on that arm for life. Also, any minor injuries on that arm, as simple as a paper cut or insect bite, should be treated aggressively with topical antibiotics, moisturizers and anti-itch medication to reduce any damage to the skin. It's infection that is the biggest risk for triggering symptomatic lymphedema.

The booklet on edema and lymphedema provides information on the causes of foot and ankle swelling. Readers can order a copy by writing:

Dr. Roach
Book No. 106
628 Virginia Dr.
Orlando, FL 32803

Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Can. with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu or request an order form of available health newsletters at 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803. Health newsletters may be ordered from www.rbmamall.com.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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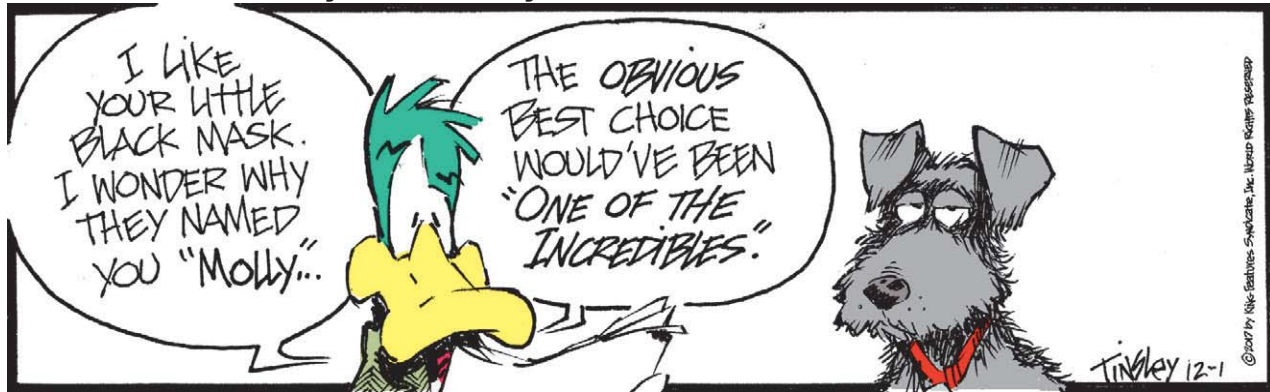
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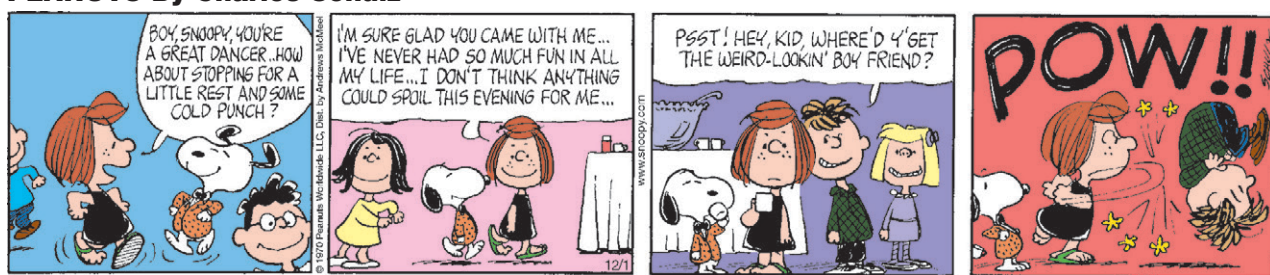
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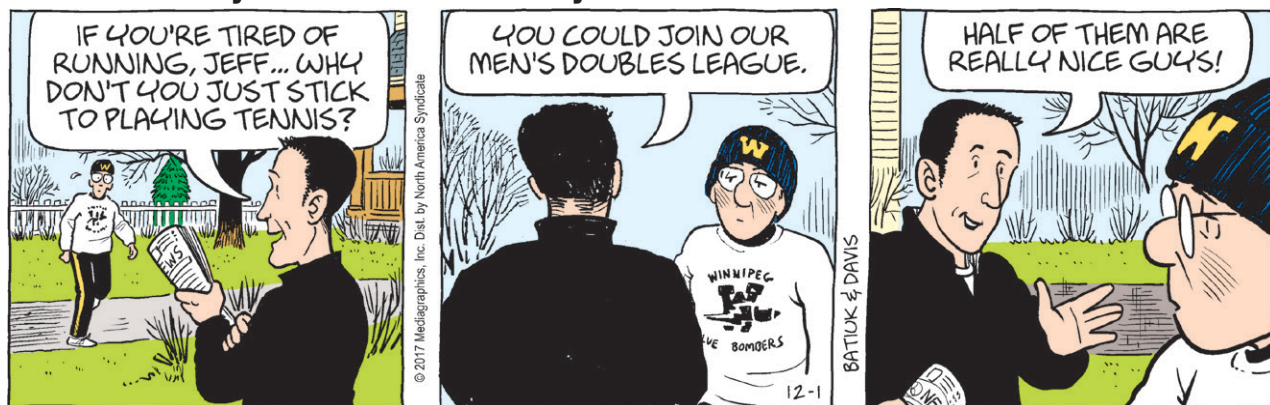
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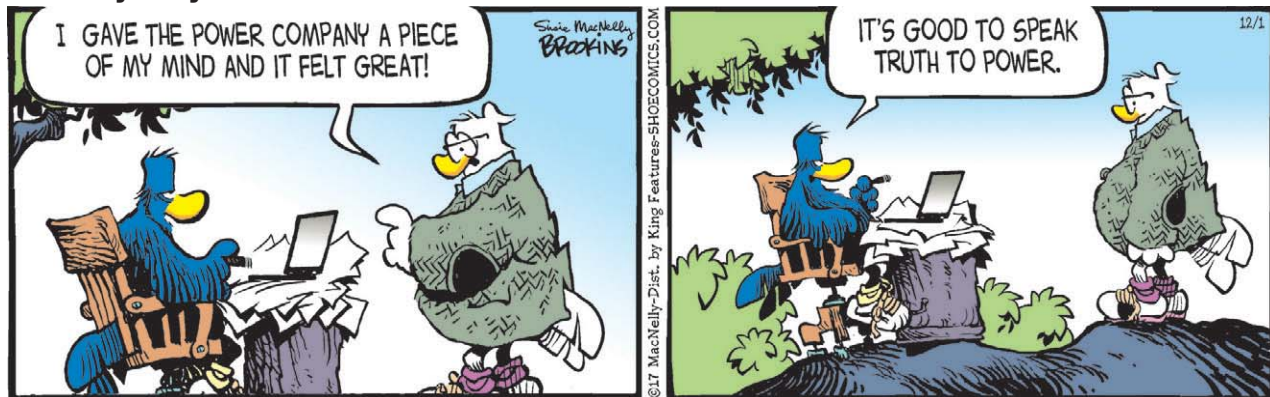
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CRANKSHAFT By Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers



SHOE By Gary Brookins & Susie



WORDY GURDY®

BY TRICKY RICKY KANE
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.

- Next to a person from Bangkok (1)
- Riot haul downward-sliding channel (1)
- “Wheel” host Pat’s cleanser brand (2)
- Kleenex debatable concern (2)
- Pancake pan center area (2)
- “Grand” gorge’s aerial-root trees (2)
- Feeling bitter about giving ceremonially (3)

ANSWERS
1. BY THAI 2. LOOT CHUTE 3. SAJAKS AJAX 4. TISSUE ISSUE
5. GRIDDLE MIDDLE 6. CANYONS BANYANS 7. RESENTING PRESENTING

12-1-17

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've earned the chutzpah you have, but you need a little more for what you want. You don't get to have the confidence for free. The price of confidence is doing what scares you. First you dare; then you become daring.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's hard to put a price on learning. But if you gain even one insight that changes you, makes you think differently, whatever brought you to that was worthwhile.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's something you keep locked away in your heart that's become a part

of you, reflected in your every move. Take it out; re-examine; and decide if it still belongs there. If not, toss it. If so, polish and return.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What keeps you good even when you don't feel like being good? Principles. Your principles will now be the restraint that keeps you on the path of being the best possible version of yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everything moves, not necessarily forward. Some backward slides are a positive relaxation of hypervigilance. Some backward slides are dangerous regression. Know the difference. In the latter case, take preventive action.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you believed that whatever or whomever you'd like to add to your life was within the realm of possibility, what would you do to get ready? Do that. Because with this kind of clearly defined wish, amazing things can happen.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's hard for some to clock the moves you're making, because you're simply going too fast for them. You're a blur! There's no reason to slow down, either, since there are plenty at your pace who will keep you company.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you write your priorities down, much will become clear about your life, what's working and what's not. Today, the

tic-tac-toe model will work well. If you have more than nine priorities, it's too many.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some people don't know the value of a thing until other people point it out. But if it's not apparent to them, is it really valuable or not? Maybe good things are only good to those who see the goodness.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When others throw stones at your ideas, don't even bother throwing them back. It's a waste of time and energy. Collect the stones as if they were a gift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your cravings will be informants that point to an underlying need, a

nutrient that your diet is lacking or an emotional nutrient that is currently absent in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You may not know exactly what you want to do now, and that's OK. As long as you have a framework that guides you, you'll be in a fine position.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 1). You give yourself to your loved ones, and you're a cherished part of the group. But to live for them is to deny the one life you've been given: your own. In summary, you're definitely a person, too. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 40, 45, 21 and 18.



U.S. WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Team formed a unifying bond at world championships; will look to build on that during Winter Olympics. **Page 6**

MLB: Rays

Rays trade Boxberger to Diamondbacks



By **MARC TOPKIN**
Tampa Bay Times

The Rays got tired of waiting for RHP Brad Boxberger after two straight injury-shortened seasons and traded him to Arizona for a minor-league pitcher.

The deal comes in advance of Friday's deadline to tender contracts, indicating the Rays were likely to cut him free rather than pay a projected \$1.9-million salary through arbitration and get something in return. That is RHP Curtis Taylor, a 22-year-old

who was 3-4, 3.32 in 13 starts last year at Class A Kane County before being shut down due to a right shoulder impingement. The Rays says he is expected to be ready for the start of the season.

Taylor is a Canadian who was a fourth-round pick in 2016 from the University of British Columbia and was ranked Arizona's No. 14 prospect by mlb.com.

Boxberger, an All-Star and AL saves leader in 2015, pitched in 30 games last season, many in a mop-up role, posting a 4-4, 3.38 record.

He was sidelined the first half of the season due to a flexor strain.

He missed much of the 2016 season as well with injuries.

Boxberger said he wasn't surprised to be dealt but was "caught a little off guard" it was this soon in the off-season. He said he was "definitely excited" about the opportunity in Arizona and felt his strong finish to the 2017 season was a sign he is poised to return to form.

"I think I'm going to have a good year no matter what team I'm

with," Boxberger said. "I'm looking to go in to Arizona and have the year I knew I was going to have in Tampa. Just to be able to come back fully healthy."

"I finished the year really strong so just kind of building off of that and just keeping the health in order to where it is right now and where I finished last year, feeling 100 percent with mechanics and health-wise and location and all that with all my pitches. So I'm definitely looking to keep doing that this coming year."

AP PHOTO

Tampa Bay Rays reliever Brad Boxberger checks a runner at first base. The Arizona Diamondbacks acquired Boxberger from the Tampa Bay Rays on Thursday for minor league right-hander Curtis Taylor.

GOLF: Hero World Challenge

HE'S BACK!



Woods returns with solid round and good start in Bahamas

AP PHOTO
Tiger Woods hits from the fourth fairway at the Hero World Challenge golf tournament at Albany Golf Club in Nassau, Bahamas Thursday.

By **DOUG FERGUSON**
Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — Tiger Woods looked a lot better in his return to golf than he did when he left.

Playing for the first time since his fourth back surgery, Woods returned from a 10-month layoff with a 3-under 69 on a breezy Thursday in the Bahamas that left him three shots behind Tommy Fleetwood after the opening round of the Hero World Challenge.

"For me, I thought I did great," Woods said with a smile.

SEE WOODS, 2



AP PHOTO
Tiger Woods, left, shakes hands with fellow U.S. golfer Justin Thomas after completing day one of the Hero World Challenge golf tournament at Albany Golf Club in Nassau, Bahamas, Thursday.

NFL: Bucs



AP PHOTO

An injured Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Jameis Winston stands on the sidelines during the first half Sunday in Atlanta.

Winston has no fear of suspension

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

Bucs quarterback Jameis Winston said Thursday he has "no fear" of a suspension resulting from an NFL investigation into an allegation that he groped a female Uber driver in Arizona in March 2016.

"I have no fear at all," Winston said, addressing the allegations publicly for the first time Thursday. "But like I said, I have to

respect our process."

News of the NFL investigation surfaced two weeks ago. Winston used his Uber app to summon a vehicle to Scottsdale, Ariz., around 2 a.m. on March 13, 2013.

According to BuzzFeed News, a small group of men allegedly told her she would be chauffeuring someone famous that night — Winston, 2013 Heisman Trophy winner and now

SEE WINSTON, 3

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Seminoles

Drama surrounding Fisher could be resolved soon

By **MATT BAKER**
Tampa Bay Times

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher had another opportunity to confirm that he'll hold that title next season. And again, he declined to do so.

"I'm not going to talk

about jobs," Fisher said Thursday afternoon in a previously scheduled interview on SiriusXM.

Fisher said his focus is on Saturday's regular-season finale against Louisiana-Monroe.

"I always make

SEE FISHER, 4



AP PHOTO

Florida State linebacker Matthew Thomas (6) celebrates his interception against Florida with teammate defensive end Jalen Wilkerson (30) during the second half in Gainesville.

Florida Lottery
www.flalottery.com

PICK 2

Nov. 30N	.....8-1
Nov. 30D	.....5-9
Nov. 29N	.....5-3
Nov. 29D	.....2-9
Nov. 28N	.....6-6
Nov. 28D	.....3-1
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 3

Nov. 30N	.....3-6-2
Nov. 30D	.....0-2-6
Nov. 29N7-3-3
Nov. 29D4-9-5
Nov. 28N3-0-2
Nov. 28D3-5-7
D-Day, N-Night	

PICK 4

Nov. 30N9-8-3-1
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Nov. 29N4-2-1-5
Nov. 29D6-0-8-5
Nov. 28N7-3-4-8
Nov. 28D4-9-5-7
D-Day, N-Night	

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Nov. 29N0-5-2-0-8
Nov. 29D7-8-0-7-4
Nov. 28N9-3-4-3-4
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D-Day, N-Night	

FANTASY 5

Nov. 3017-6-24-5-13
Nov. 2919-20-27-29-30
Nov. 283-5-6-27-30

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 29
0 5-digit winners.....\$0.00
311 4-digit winners..\$555.50
8,052 3-digit winners. \$18.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Nov. 30	.....2-5-18-23-59
Cash Ball	.....1
Nov. 27	.....25-27-42-50-57
Cash Ball	.....1

SPORTS ON TV
(All times Eastern)
Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

FRIDAY, DEC. 1

AUTO RACING
2 a.m. (Saturday)
FS1 — FIA Formula E, HKT Hong Kong E-Prix, Race 1, at Hong Kong

COLLEGE BASKETBALL
11:30 a.m.
CBSSN — Hall of Fame Belfast Classic, Holy Cross vs. Manhattan, at Belfast, Northern Ireland
2 p.m.
CBSSN — Hall of Fame Belfast Classic, La Salle vs. Towson, at Belfast, Northern Ireland
7 p.m.
BTN — Purdue at Maryland
8 p.m.
ESPN2 — North Carolina vs. Davidson, at Spectrum Center
9 p.m.
BTN — Illinois at Northwestern
10 p.m.
ESPN2 — Creighton at Gonzaga

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
8 p.m.
ESPN — Pac-12 championship game, Southern Cal vs. Stanford, at Santa Clara, Calif.

GOLF
5:30 a.m.
GOLF — European PGA, Sunshine & Asian Tours, AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, second round, at Bel Ombre, Mauritius
12:30 p.m.

WOODS
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And in a sign that he was ready to get back into the mix, he was far from satisfied. Unlike a year ago, when Woods ended a 15-month hiatus from his ailing back, he didn't show any fatigue at the end of his round or make any big numbers. His only regret was playing the par 5s at Albany Golf Club in 1-over par with two bogeys that stalled his momentum. Coming off a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 eighth, Woods hit a 3-wood that rolled up on

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 27
0 5-of-5 CB.....\$1,000/Day
0 5-of-5..... \$1,000/Week
2 4-of-5 CB.....\$2,500
10 4-of-5.....\$500

LUCKY MONEY

Nov. 28	.....2-14-34-39
Lucky Ball	.....17
Nov. 24	.....16-26-27-35
Lucky Ball	.....9

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 28
0 4-of-4 LB \$500,000
4 4-of-4..... \$1,100.50
28 3-of-4 LB \$344.50
390 3-of-4..... \$72.50

LOTTO

Nov. 29	.....1-18-19-25-31-50
Nov. 25	.....1-11-18-36-37-39
Nov. 22	.....2-13-19-22-36-51

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 29
0 6-digit winners.. \$3 million
12 5-digit winners. \$4,789.00
912 4-digit winners.... \$64.00

POWERBALL

Nov. 29	.....24-26-28-59-63
Powerball	.....16
Nov. 25	.....8-13-27-53-54
Powerball	.....4

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 25
0 5 of 5 + PB \$149 million
0 5 of 5 \$1 million
1 4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
26 4 of 5 \$100
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$163 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Nov. 28	.....10-17-47-51-61
Mega Ball	.....5
Nov. 24	.....16-36-54-61-64
Mega Ball	.....22

PAYOFF FOR Nov. 28
0 5 of 5 + MB \$119 million
0 5 of 5 \$1,000,000
0 4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
23 4 of 5 \$500
ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$143 million

GOLF — Hero World Challenge, second round, at Albany, Bahamas
9:30 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour of Australasia, Australian PGA Championship, third round, at Gold Coast, Australia
3:30 a.m. (Saturday)
GOLF — European PGA, Sunshine & Asian Tours, AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open, third round, at Bel Ombre, Mauritius

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
8 p.m.
FS1 — The Ultimate Fighter 26 Finale, prelims, at Paradise, Nev.
10 p.m.
FS1 — The Ultimate Fighter 26 Finale, at Paradise, Nev.

NBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.
NBA — Minnesota at Oklahoma City
RUGBY
4 a.m. (Saturday)
FS2 — Rugby World Cup, final, Australia vs. England, at Brisbane, Australia

SKIING
12:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Men's Super G, at Beaver Creek, Colo.
2:30 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Downhill, at Lake Louise, Alberta

SOCCER
10 a.m.
FS1 — FIFA, 2018 World Cup, Final Draw, at Moscow
2:30 p.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga, Freiburg vs. Hamsburg

the green and then down a slope about 30 feet from the pin. It took him four shots from there, starting with a chip that didn't reach the green and his first expletive loud enough for television to pick up. After his best shot of the day — a pitching wedge he hit low from 95 yards that settled a foot behind the hole for birdie on No. 14 — he sent a drive well to the right into the native dunes. Woods had to take a penalty drop to get back in play and wound up making bogey.

But it was solid enough that Woods was far more interested in the leaderboard than the fact he felt strong physically.

NBA: Roundup

James powers Cavs past Hawks

Associated Press

ATLANTA — LeBron James had yet another double-double, took command of a challenging defensive assignment and stuck around to see the end of the Cleveland Cavaliers' 10th straight victory, 121-114 over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday night.

James had 24 points and 12 assists, and Kevin Love had 25 points and 16 rebounds to help Cleveland hold off Atlanta to extend the NBA's longest active winning streak. It was James' 14th double-double in 22 games. James had frequent exchanges with the officials but avoided serious confrontations following his first ejection in 1,082 career games Tuesday night in a home victory over Miami.

Dennis Schroder, who led Atlanta with 27 points, blew past Cavaliers guard Jose Calderon to score on three straight layups to give Atlanta a 67-58 lead late in the first half. James took over primary defensive duties on Schroder to close the half and continued covering the super-quick guard in the



Atlanta Hawks forward DeAndre' Bembry, left, defends against Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James during the first half Thursday in Atlanta.

second half. The Cavaliers, who lost 117-115 at home to the Hawks on Nov. 4, ended a streak of three straight losses in the series. Cleveland trailed 67-63 at halftime despite making 8 of 17 3-pointers. The Cavaliers finished with 18 3s, giving them 11 straight games with 10 or more long-range shots.

The Cavaliers took the lead by outscoring the Hawks 36-23 in the third quarter. Love had 12 points while making three 3s in the period.

CELTICS 108, 76ERS 97: Kyrie Irving scored 36 points and the Boston Celtics held off the weary and short-handed Philadelphia 76ers to improve the NBA's best record to 19-4. It was Irving's fifth game this season with 30 or more points. Al Horford added 21 points and eight

rebounds, and Marcus Morris had 17 points as the Celtics bounced back from Monday night's home loss to Detroit with their ninth victory in 11 games. Boston led by five at the end of the third quarter but started the fourth by connecting on seven of its first 11 shots to increase the margin to 95-82. Dario Saric led Philadelphia with 18 points. JJ Redick finished with 17 and Ben Simmons had 15.

NHL: Roundup

Kings score 2 goals in 9 seconds to beat Capitals

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jonny Brodzinski and Jussi Jokinen each scored in a span of nine seconds, Jonathan Quick made 27 saves and the Los Angeles Kings beat the Washington Capitals 5-2 on Thursday night for their third consecutive victory.

Marian Gaborik scored twice, including one of two empty-net goals for the Kings. Although Tyler Toffoli's empty-netter in the final seconds made the score look more lopsided than the game, Los Angeles improved to 12-3-0 against the Eastern Conference and seems to have solved some problems since losing seven of eight from Nov. 9-24.

Evgeny Kuznetsov scored twice for the Capitals, who had their win streak end at three. Goaltender Braden Holtby allowed three goals on 25 shots. Dmitry Orlov picked up his 100th NHL



Los Angeles Kings center Tyler Toffoli (73) scores an empty-net goal against the Washington Capitals during the third period Thursday in Washington. The Kings won 5-2.

point with the assist on Kuznetsov's first goal that gave the Capitals a 1-0 lead 4:03 in. Orlov pounced on a turnover in the neutral zone and fed the puck past the defense to Kuznetsov for his seventh of the season.

The Kings took advantage of a good bounce to tie it at 11:08. Holtby stopped Gaborik on a breakaway, but the puck bounced off his left pad and went in off

Capitals forward Tyler Graovac.

Kuznetsov, who has been chided by coach Barry Trotz for not shooting more, added his second of the night 1:23 into the second when he pulled up, stopped and beat Quick with a wrist shot.

When Los Angeles answered, the goals came fast and furious. Brodzinski tipped Kurtis MacDermid's shot past Holtby after

the goaltender's turnover for the tying goal at 10:01, and Jokinen got past Washington defender Madison Bowey to score his first of the season at 10:10 to make it 3-2 Kings. Gaborik and Toffoli scored in the final minute.

CANADIENS 6, RED WINGS 3: Brendan Gallagher scored twice, and his Montreal Canadiens teammates added three goals in the second period on the way to a victory over the struggling Detroit Red Wings. Charles Hudon and Andrew Shaw scored 43 seconds apart for the Canadiens, who have won four games in a row. Alex Galchenyuk also scored for Montreal in the second, and Max Pacioretty added a goal in the third to help Claude Julien to his 100th win as Canadiens coach. Anthony Mantha, Tomas Tatar and Frans Nielsen scored for Detroit. The Red Wings have lost six straight, although three of those defeats were in overtime.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Roundup

No. 3 Michigan State takes care of No. 5 Notre Dame

Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Joshua Langford scored 12 of his 17 points in the first half to help No. 3 Michigan State take a huge lead it was able to restore in the second half against No. 5 Notre Dame in an 81-63 victory Thursday night.

The Spartans (6-1) have won five straight, including a rout against then-No. 9 North Carolina, since losing to top-ranked Duke. The Fighting Irish (6-1) trailed by 20 at halftime and cut their deficit to seven with 13:09 left, but couldn't get closer against a team with a lot of options on offense that is defending and rebounding as if it is in mid-season form under Hall of Fame coach Tom Izzo.

NO. 9 TEXAS A&M 78, TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY 60:

Texas A&M junior guards D.J. Hogg and Admon Gilder scored 17 points each and the ninth-ranked Aggies used a 16-0 start to defeat Texas-Rio Grande Valley. Texas A&M (7-0) only led UTRGV (3-6) by seven points with more than 7 minutes remaining before pulling away and staying undefeated on the season.

NO. 19 WEST VIRGINIA 102, NJIT 69:

Jevon Carter scored 25 points and grabbed nine rebounds and No. 19 West Virginia used an early second-half run to beat NJIT. Carter had his five steals that made him WVU's all-time leader with 255, passing Greg Jones' record set in 1983. West Virginia (7-1) started the game sluggish, allowing NJIT to lead throughout the first 10 minutes of the game.



Michigan State's Joshua Langford, left, and Notre Dame's Martin Geben (23) chase the ball during the second half Thursday in East Lansing, Mich. Langford led Michigan State with 17 points and to a 81-63 victory.

SETON HALL 89, NO. 22 TEXAS TECH 79: Myles Powell scored seven of his 19 points in a span of 45 seconds to lift Seton Hall to a victory over No. 22 Texas Tech at Madison Square Garden. Powell

was one of four Seton Hall (6-1) players to finish in double figures. Desi Rodriguez finished with 24 points while Khadeen Carington had 16 and Angel Delgado 12.

NFL: Broncos-Dolphins

Broncos, Dolphins try to snap losing streaks

By STEVEN WINE
Associated Press

MIAMI — With the losses mounting, Denver Broncos coach Vance Joseph draws on what he learned last year from Adam Gase, hoping to beat him.

The close friends and former colleagues will be reunited Sunday when the bedraggled Broncos play Gase's downtrodden Dolphins. The coaching matchup might be the most compelling aspect of an otherwise unsightly game between teams trying to end season-spoiling slumps.

The Broncos (3-8) have lost seven in a row, their longest skid in 50 years. The Dolphins (4-7) have lost five straight, their worst stretch since 2011.

But Joseph remembers an improbable turnaround by Miami last year, when he was defensive coordinator under first-year head coach Gase. And Joseph anticipates Gase's best shot.

"Both teams are going through some struggles right now," Joseph



Miami Dolphins quarterback Jay Cutler (6) looks to pass during the first half against the Oakland Raiders, in Miami Gardens. The Denver Broncos play at the Dolphins on Sunday.

AP PHOTO

said. "But I know him. He's tough, he's smart and he'll figure it out — hopefully not Sunday."

Here are things to know about the two coaches and their last-place teams:

REUNION: Joseph said he and Gase talk by phone a couple of times a week. They've known each other since 2008, when both were assistants with the San Francisco 49ers, and

they've endured lots of losing before.

That includes in 2016, when Miami started 1-4 before rebounding to win 10 games.

"Being with Adam last year was awesome,"

Joseph said. "We had adversity and no one blinked. He kept pushing, the team kept pushing, and we made it out of it. When you go through those things with a person, it makes you close, because it was hard."

The overachieving Dolphins reached the playoffs for the first time in eight years despite losing quarterback Ryan Tannehill to a season-ending injury. They won a succession of close games even though Joseph's defense set a franchise record for most yards allowed.

"Our guys loved him, and he held those guys accountable," Gase said. "Things didn't always go perfect for us, but he was such a grinder and battler. He kept those guys in the right frame of mind to help us push through."

There are other ties between the two sidelines. Gase was an assistant for the Broncos in 2009-14 and stays in touch with some of their players, who are well aware of the Dolphins' tribulations this year.

"Goose, that's my dude," Denver running back C.J. Anderson said. "We text a little bit throughout the season. He's highly upset with some things."

QB CAROUSEL: Both teams have had trouble scoring, in part because of quarterback issues.

Jay Cutler, who has pitched only two complete games in the past six weeks because of injuries, will be back in the lineup for Miami. Trevor Siemian will be the third different quarterback to start for Denver in as many games.

"We just want to win," Siemian said. "We're starving for a win. We all have something to prove."

GIVEAWAY: Another problem plaguing both teams is turnovers. Denver ranks next to last in the NFL in turnover differential at minus-16. Miami is third worst at minus-10.

Each team has thrown 15 interceptions, which is tied for the league's second-highest total. And both teams rank among the worst in takeaways.

NFL: Steelers

Pittsburgh searching to cure Big Play Blues

By WILL GRAVES
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Heading into December, the numbers are gaudy.

Second in sacks.

Third against the pass.

Fourth in total yards allowed.

Fourth in points against.

Fifth in interceptions.

They are the kind of numbers that back up Mike Tomlin's words back in July, when the Pittsburgh Steelers coach said as training camp opened that he felt the pieces are in place for his defense to be a "dominant" group.

There's another number, however, that is kind of in the way: nine. That's the number of passing plays of 40 yards or more the AFC North leaders have allowed this season, including five in the past three weeks.

Only four clubs have allowed more. And only one of them — reeling Kansas City — has a winning record.

"I wish I could plug up those leaks if we could," defensive coordinator Keith Butler said. "We obviously don't want to do that, give people big

plays and stuff like that. We can't afford to do that. We're not going to win a world championship do that."

And it's a Super Bowl title — and only a Super Bowl title — that will serve as the metric on which the Steelers (9-2) will judge their season. Controlling the game for long stretches is nice.

Yet all the sacks and all the picks celebrated by a team selfie won't matter if they're interspersed by the occasional sprint to the end zone staring at the back of an opponent's number.

"We getting closer and closer," outside linebacker Bud Dupree said. "Right now we're just trying to put all the pieces together because it's fitting to get real. So these next couple months are the most important months of the year."

With Cincinnati (5-6) and star receiver A.J. Green looming on Monday night and Tom Brady and New England looming on Dec. 17, this might be the time for Pittsburgh to pick up the pace. The Steelers allowed three long scores in three very different



Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Cameron Heyward (97) tackles Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Hundley (7) during the second half Sunday in Pittsburgh. (KEITH SRAKOCIC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ways last week against backup Green Bay quarterback Brett Hundley.

Making just his fifth career start, Hundley kept Pittsburgh guessing. He made Steelers rookie linebacker T.J. Watt bite on a pump fake on Green Bay's first drive and found Randall Cobb all alone for a 39-yard score.

Hundley later flipped a screen pass that running back Jamaal Williams turned into a 54-yard catch-and-run through

a sea of bad angles and missed tackles that gave the Packers an early lead. Hundley struck again early in the third quarter, finding Davante Adams on a double move for a 55-yard score. Three Steelers had a chance to bring Adams down and whiffed.

Pittsburgh escaped anyway thanks to wide receiver Antonio Brown's brilliance and four touchdown passes from Ben Roethlisberger. Yet getting bailed out by

the offense is a formula they'd prefer to not have to rely on in January and ... they hope, February.

"If you beat us because you schemed us or whatever or you were just physically better on that play, that's one thing," cornerback Coty Sensabaugh said.

"We don't want to beat ourselves and that's what we've done the past couple weeks on some plays and some plays the offense will just make great plays."

NFL: Browns

Gordon eager to play, tell his story

By TOM WITHERS
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — Josh Gordon's complicated and curious journey from drug-riddled streets to NFL stardom to suspensions to rehab to possible redemption is headed to a fitting location.

In Hollywood's shadow. Banned from the league the past two seasons for multiple violations of the league's substance abuse policy, Gordon will play his first regular-season game since Dec. 21, 2014, when the Browns visit the Los Angeles Chargers.

It's the next step for Gordon, with enough shadowy elements to spice up any feature film script.

But this is Gordon's life, or at least the one he wants to the public to know, and he's about to embark on another new beginning, one he hopes can provide inspiration to others.

"Perseverance story, really more than anything," Gordon said Thursday when asked what message he hopes to convey.

"A guy that was able to bounce back. Overcoming. Defying the odds. The underdog story. That's all it is. I think it's something that sells hope for people — it's realistic, it's relatable. People want to know about it."

An All-Pro in 2013 when he sky-rocketed to success by leading the league with 1,646 yards receiving, Gordon has missed Cleveland's past 44 games. But despite the down time and personal challenges that kept him away from football, the 26-year-old believes he's better prepared to resume his career.

"I'm having the most that I've ever had doing this, just playing ball for the love of it," he said. "It's the only thing that's really giving me any type of, I guess, not really pressure but kind of just a boost."

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now quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"I started driving, and right away, Jameis behaved poorly" by shouting, in part, homophobic slurs at pedestrians, said the driver, who wished to remain anonymous.

Waiting in line at the drive-through of Los Betos Mexican Food, "he reached over and he just grabbed my crotch," the driver said, alleging that Winston held his hand there for three to five seconds and removed it only after she looked up in shock and said, "What's up with that?"

Winston denied the allegations in a statement he released on Twitter.

NFL: Patriots

Guy honors shooting victims, lost baby

By KYLE HIGHTOWER
Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — New England Patriots defensive end Lawrence Guy is familiar with trials on the football field.

During his seven-year NFL career, the 27-year-old bounced around four other teams before landing in New England as a free agent this offseason.

But his football journey has also intersected with a pair of life-altering tragedies.

Last year Guy was in his second full season with the Baltimore Ravens when he and his wife lost a baby to a miscarriage during the fifth month of pregnancy. Then, last month



AP PHOTO

New England Patriots defensive end Lawrence Guy takes questions from reporters in Foxborough, Mass. Guy will honor victims of the Oct. 2017 Las Vegas shooting, and families who have lost an infant, on the field this weekend during the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats initiative.

he was blindsided again by news that his hometown of Las Vegas was the site of the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

On Sunday, Guy will honor the 59 killed and more than 500 injured in the Vegas attack during the NFL's My Cause, My Cleats initiative. He's

also wearing a cleat for Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep, an organization that helped him and his wife heal from the loss of their unborn child.

Guy is one of 14 Patriots who will be wearing specialized cleats in the second year of the NFL-wide event, aimed at highlighting the various organizations players want to bring awareness to. After the games, fans can bid on the one-of-a-kind cleats, with all proceeds going back to players' various charities.

Guy said the Vegas shooting still haunts him.

"It hit home. I had family at the concert. I had family that were staying at the hotel that week," he said.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Auburn Tigers

Long wait nearly over after prophetic prediction

By JOHN ZENOR
Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. — Jarrett Stidham put his goal out there for the world to see after watching last year's Southeastern Conference championship game on TV.

"Can't wait to be playing on this day next year," Stidham posted on Twitter afterward.

That message proved prophetic and his wait is almost over.

The former Baylor quarterback who signed with Auburn (10-2, No. 2 CFP) has helped the fourth-ranked Tigers earn a spot in Saturday's game against No. 6 Georgia (11-1, No. 6 CFP) in Atlanta. He has emerged as one of the SEC's top quarterbacks after a shaky start for both him and his new team.

"I just felt like it was going to be a big opportunity for us in the future coming here and everything," Stidham said. "I knew what kind of

team that we had. I just felt confident in it and was just really looking forward to having that opportunity."

The Tigers wouldn't be in this position — one win from a playoff berth — without him.

Stidham delivered an impressive performances in wins over Georgia and Alabama, the biggest games of the year before this next one against the Bulldogs. In fact, he has been steady and efficient ever since struggling in a loss to LSU, and it's no coincidence that Auburn hasn't lost again.

Stidham has passed for between 214 and 268 yards over the past five games. The most incompletions he has had: nine.

Not known as a runner, Stidham was smashing into Alabama defenders trying to get extra yards and ran 16 yards for a decisive touchdown.

That's part of the reason teammate Keryon Johnson thinks Stidham should be

considered one of the league's best quarterbacks.

"If you watch the Alabama game, there are some third down runs and his touchdown run that are just huge plays that might go unnoticed, but you've got to consider them," said Johnson, the SEC's leading rusher. "I mean, he's a sneaky athlete, and he plays his heart out. I think that's what makes him so good."

In other words, Stidham is the quarterback Auburn coach Gus Malzahn has been looking for since Nick Marshall left in 2014.

While Marshall was a dangerous runner who set up the passing game off zone read plays, Stidham is a passer who runs occasionally.

He has passed for 2,682 yards and 16 touchdowns against just four interceptions. Stidham has completed an SEC-best 68.5 percent of his passes.



AP PHOTO

Auburn quarterback Jarrett Stidham runs the ball during the first half of the Iron Bowl against Alabama Saturday in Auburn, Ala.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Buckeyes

Haskins stepping out of J.T. Barrett's shadow

By MITCH STACY
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State backup quarterback Dwayne Haskins is giving the Buckeyes glimpses of 2014 Cardale Jones as they roll into the Big Ten Championship game against No. 3 Wisconsin.

Again, the starter J.T. Barrett is hurt and coach Urban Meyer hasn't committed fully to his return, even though he's practicing. Haskins, like Jones three years ago, is waiting with a rifle arm and coming off a strong showing against Michigan last week, leading a comeback to give No. 8 Ohio State a win over its biggest rival — and fans a potential look at the future.

In 2014, Barrett broke his ankle against Michigan and Jones finished the game, then beat Wisconsin for the Big Ten title and carried the Buckeyes to a national championship.

Even without the injury, it's easy to argue for Barrett or Haskins to start, and it's conceivable both could play depending on whether Barrett is fully healthy. Wisconsin is prepping for both.

Meyer said he has confidence in Haskins after seeing the redshirt



AP PHOTO

Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor runs past Michigan's Josh Metellus during the second half in Madison, Wis.

freshman beat Michigan after coming in the game down 20-14 in the third quarter.

"I can't say it's comfort yet, but to see him perform in that environment, and more importantly against that (Michigan) defense.... That's an elite defense," Meyer said.

Barrett has much more experience as a fifth-year senior who has broken nearly every school passing

and scoring record. On Thursday he was named Big Ten quarterback of the year by the conference for the third time. He said he initially was injured when a photographer bumped into him on the sideline before the game.

But his inconsistency led to losses this season to Oklahoma and Iowa, and Ohio State's sliver of hope for the College Football Playoff rests on a big win by the

"They're still going to be doing some of the same things scheme-wise and have two capable guys who can play that position. We just have to make sure we're locked in like any other week."

Badgers linebacker T.J. Edwards, on facing Ohio State

Buckeyes and chaotic losses in other conference championships this weekend.

Wisconsin players said they will prepare for Barrett — who often carries the ball on designed quarterback runs and keeps it on run-pass option plays — but also be ready for Haskins, a pure pocket passer with a stronger arm.

"They're still going to be doing some of the same things scheme-wise and have two capable guys who can play that position," Badgers linebacker T.J. Edwards said. "We just have to make sure we're locked in like any other week."

Haskins has already provided a flash of Ohio State's likely football future after a performance that included a pinpoint 27-yard pass to keep a drive alive and a scramble for 22 yards to set up a touchdown.

"I had the O-line, I had the receivers. Everybody else was behind me the whole entire way," Haskins said

in describing why he wasn't nervous.

Even if Haskins doesn't see the field again this season, he will have the edge in what promises to be an intriguing quarterback derby next year after Barrett departs.

Redshirt sophomore Joe Burrow has been waiting his turn. He was the backup to Barrett until breaking his hand early in the season, which moved Haskins to second chair.

Then there is flashy freshman Tate Martell, who likely will be redshirted this year. He has won raves from teammates for his skill running the scout team offense. Any one of them could start on most Division I teams, so it wouldn't be shocking if one transferred elsewhere.

For now, Haskins has the upper hand.

"He was able to out there and scramble, make a couple runs, make some nice throws," offensive tackle Jamarco Jones said.

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decisions at the end of the year, after things finish," Fisher said.

The original story, posted Thursday morning, is below.

The uncertainty surrounding Jimbo Fisher's future at Florida State looks to be nearing an end — perhaps as soon as today.

Texas A&M's board of regents has a meeting scheduled for 3:30 p.m. to discuss "issues relating to appointment of new head coach."

Regardless of what happens there, the pressure for Fisher to make a decision about his future is increasing at FSU.

A situation described as "disastrous" Wednesday has only gotten worse. Some key figures around the program question whether the relationship is salvageable — and whether Fisher should coach in Saturday's regular-season finale against Louisiana-Monroe.

A fan who started to question Fisher's loyalty during his call-in show Wednesday night was shoved out, as shown in this video from the Orlando Sentinel.

The Seminoles also lost three recruits: four-star IMG offensive lineman Verdis Brown, four-star IMG defensive back Houston Griffith and three-star defensive back Israel Mukuamu. The decumults dropped FSU's class from ninth nationally to No. 14.

And it could fall farther, as others are publicly questioning the situation.

Those developments contradict what Fisher said Monday, when asked about whether the rumors would hurt recruiting.

"Recruited very well since I've been here, haven't we?" Fisher said.

While rumors of Fisher and other jobs aren't new, this one is different. That's why the Seminoles are vetting Oregon coach (and former USF coach) Willie Taggart.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Memphis Tigers

Ferguson-to-Miller combo helps Memphis reach AAC title game

By CLAY BAILEY
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Wide receiver Anthony Miller walked on at Memphis without a single college scholarship offer out of high school.

Riley Ferguson was a quarterback question mark after an unsuccessful stint at Tennessee, out of college football and working odd jobs before a one-year stop at a Kansas community college ultimately led him to the Tigers.

They have become one of the top QB-wideout tandems in Memphis history.

"Those two are dynamic players, there's no question about it," Central Florida coach Scott Frost said. "Two

of the best players in our league and in the country."

Ferguson and Miller are a major reason why the No. 16 Tigers (10-1, 7-1, No. 20 CFP) face Frost's undefeated 12th-ranked Knights (11-0, 8-0, No. 14 CFP) in Orlando, Florida on Saturday for the conference championship. The winner is expected to earn a New Year's Day bowl berth, most likely the Peach Bowl in Atlanta.

The connection between the unlikely duo developed quickly after they met two years ago. New Memphis coach Mike Norvell brought Ferguson to campus to replace 2016 Denver Broncos first-round draft pick Paxton Lynch, and the quarterback

arrived knowing the fast and shifty Miller was one of the Tigers' best receivers.

"I just wanted to start building our chemistry," Ferguson said. "We used to stay after practice and throw routes and just talk to each other. Over time, we've just practiced together, and I think our chemistry has just gotten better every single day."

That kinship resulted in a pair that set a load of Memphis passing and receiving records. Miller's share of those standards came after arriving as a walk-on from Christian Brothers High in Memphis. That and being left off finalist lists as the top receiver in the country have provided extra motivation for Miller.



AP PHOTO

Memphis quarterback Riley Ferguson (4) and wide receiver Anthony Miller (3) celebrate after upsetting Navy 30-27 in Memphis, Tenn.

"I actually don't think I had any stars (ranking of recruits) coming out of high school or any offers," Miller said. "I took my chance (on accepting a preferred walk-on status), and it turned out to be a great

decision."

Miller has 78 receptions this year and is averaging 110 yards receiving per game. Ferguson has completed 62 percent of his passes, 32 for touchdowns, including 14 to Miller.

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IN BRIEF

GOLD COAST, AUSTRALIA

Sergio Garcia has 67, 1 stroke behind leaders

Sergio Garcia withstood two rain delays and his earliest career starting time for a 5-under 67 and was a stroke behind the leaders at the Australian PGA Championship.

Adam Bland, who bogeyed his final hole, and fellow Australian Jordan Zunic, who chipped in for eagle on his last, shared the first-round lead Thursday after afternoon starts.

Garcia was in a five-way tie for third with Australians Marc Leishman, Peter Senior, Daniel Nisbet and Michael Wright.

MAURITIUS OPEN: Arjun Atwal began with a course-record 62 despite the Indian having no time for a practice round, firing seven birdies and an eagle on his first look at the layout for a four-shot lead on Thursday in Bel Ombre, Mauritius.

Atwal's first-round performance came after he arrived in Mauritius in a hurry because of commitments as Team Asia captain for the EurAsia Cup in January. He had some promotional work to do in Malaysia and that didn't leave him any time to get a feel for the Heritage Golf Club course.

He was still in superb form with the putter to race to 9 under par on the opening day, already well clear of five players who started with 66s and are tied for second on 5 under. They are Miguel Tabuena, Adilson da Silva, Ockie Strydom, Sebastian Heisele and Louis de Jager.

DALLAS

Assault charges against Manziel get dismissed

A 2016 domestic assault charge against Heisman

Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel has been dismissed.

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office on Thursday confirmed Manziel successfully completed requirements of a court agreement that included taking an anger management course and participating in the NFL's substance-abuse program. The case was dismissed Nov. 22.

NEW YORK

Judge gets 10 votes for NYC mayor

A unanimous winner of the AL Rookie of the Year Award and runner-up in Most Valuable Player voting, Aaron Judge also received ballots in another election: for New York City mayor.

The New York Yankees right fielder was listed on 10 ballots as a write-in candidate for mayor, according to final totals released late Tuesday by the New York City Board of Elections.

Judge received three votes in New York County (Manhattan and the Marble Hill section of the Bronx), four in Brooklyn, two in Queens and one in Staten Island.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

WNBA President expects New York Liberty to stay

WNBA President Lisa Borders expects the Liberty to stay in New York.

"We understand there is a significant interest in the team," Borders told The Associated Press in a phone interview Wednesday. "We will have a team in New York. Mr. Dolan and MSG have been a terrific partner for 21 years."

Borders said that the team is running the sale and referred discussion of potential suitors to the Liberty.

Associated Press



AP PHOTO

U.S. forward Meghan Duggan, left, defender Monique Lamoureux, center, and forward Brianna Decker pose with the winner's trophy after the team defeated Canada 3-2 in overtime in the women's world hockey championships, April 7 in Plymouth, Mich.

Women hope bond formed leads to gold

US women's hockey pay equity fight off ice was 'big deal'; now athletes look to win at Olympics

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

WESLEY CHAPEL, Fla. — Hilary Knight was listening to the radio when she heard the U.S. women's hockey team come up.

It wasn't about a big win on the ice. It was about a fight off the ice that ended with better pay and benefits.

"It's a big deal," the two-time Olympic silver medalist said. "Women's hockey now is on the map. And not only did we fight for things in our sport for the next generation, but hopefully we inspired other people outside."

Threatening to boycott the world championships on home ice last March landed the U.S. women's national hockey team a pay raise and some of the perks USA Hockey gives the men. Standing together to earn a deal reached only three days before playing rival Canada to kick off the world championships brought them closer together, a bond they used to win their fourth straight world title.

The Americans believe their chemistry couldn't be stronger and could help them achieve their ultimate goal: ending a 20-year drought by winning Olympic gold at the 2018 Winter Games.

Knight says a delicate balance is required. "After a win like that on both fronts, you sort of feel untouchable," Knight said.

"You've changed the world. You're hoping that you've changed the other industries for the better. But also, too, realizing you have to have humility and the opponent's right around the corner, building, working, doing the same things you're doing, and every time you show up at the rink it's a 50-50 battle and you've got to be at the top of that battle."

Earning better benefits was something the Americans had fought for, and lost, before.

Angela Ruggiero, currently a member of the International Olympic Committee's executive board, worked as an ice rink security guard the summer before the 1998 Olympics to help pay the



AP PHOTO

United States' Hilary Knight (21) controls the puck in front of Canada's Meaghan Mikkelson, right, during the second period of the Four Nations Cup championship Nov. 12 in Tampa.

bills. Ruggiero said her team had a similar fight in 2000 and it was time again for "a real, contested sort of debate."

"They stood their ground and fought for what they believe was right," she said of the current team.

Timing mattered.

The United States had won the world championships seven times when the women threatened March 15 to boycott the IIHF Women's World Championship in Plymouth, Michigan.

They stuck together after more than a year of negotiations with USA Hockey and threats of replacement players

until a new four-year contract was reached March 28. The Americans received support from the unions for the NHL, NFL, NBA and Major League Baseball, along with 20 U.S. senators.

Under the new contract, USA Hockey will be putting more money into women's hockey with the national team receiving the same \$50 per diem per day as the men along with similar travel and insurance perks.

A women's advisory group also is supposed to feature former and current players to help grow women's hockey.

Putin greets soccer world for draw in World Cup

By ROB HARRIS
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Vladimir Putin welcomes soccer luminaries to the Kremlin on Friday for a World Cup draw that provides a global audience for the Russian president to attempt to burnish the image of a country scandalized by sports corruption.

By staging the ceremony for the 32 World Cup finalists at the seat of Russian power and branding the Kremlin in FIFA branding, soccer's governing body is undercutting its pretense that sports and politics should not mix — and in a country where the association

has proved so damaging.

FIFA is on the final countdown to the first World Cup in Russia as it continues to assess the extent the 2014 World Cup squad was embroiled in the country's state-sponsored doping scheme. FIFA President Gianni Infantino still plans to share a stage Friday with Vitaly Mutko, the Russian deputy prime minister accused of overseeing the elaborate scheme that saw positive samples destroyed or hidden.

Infantino, though, is still trying to rebuild FIFA's image after far-reaching bribery scandals threatened the

future of the organization. The draw comes one day short of the seventh anniversary of the World Cup vote from which so many of FIFA's legal travails stemmed.

Russian authorities deny government involvement in doping and the country has weathered FIFA corruption investigations, concerns about hooliganism, racism around games, deaths on World Cup construction sites and a sponsor shortfall to stay on track to soccer's biggest tournament for the first time.

The draw is the moment fans can start to plan their journeys across Russia, with 11 host cities

spread from Kaliningrad on the Baltic Sea in the west to Yekaterinburg in the Ural mountains which separate Europe and Asia.

Germany will discover the path to defending the title won in Brazil, while Iceland and Panama will be in the draw for the finals for the first time. Two teams are returning after long absences: Peru hasn't contested the World Cup since 1982 and Egypt is returning for the first time since 1990. But there is no space for four-time champion Italy, two-time reigning Copa America champion Chile, while the United States is missing for the first time since 1986.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Vol, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes rows for OCI Ptrs, OFG Bncp, OFG pfA, etc.

P-Q

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Vol, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes rows for PBF Engy, PBF Logist, PBFX, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Contains financial data for various stocks.

NYSE

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Contains financial data for various NYSE stocks.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD, %Chg. Lists various stocks including S&P500, S&P MidCap, S&P SmallCap, and various industry-specific funds.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD, %Chg. Lists various stocks including Sequans, Seritage, ServiceCorp, ServiceMst, ServoNow, Servot, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD, %Chg. Lists various stocks including TLM Part, TJX, TPG Pac n, TPG RE n, TPG SpLnd, TableauA, TaboesA, TailorBr, Taiwan, Taiwan, Taiwan, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD, %Chg. Lists various stocks including UBS 3xLcr, UBS 3xlnvc, UBS 3xlnv, UBS 3xlnv, UBS 3xlnv, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, YTD Last, %Chg. Includes entries like ADDvtgTch, AdvestoTc, AdmaBio, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like BioScrip, BioSpecif, BioTherm, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High/Low, Vol 1000s, YTD %Chg. Includes entries like AC&F Fnc, CA Inc, CAS Med, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol 1000s, Last, YTD %Chg. Includes F5 Netwks, FAT Br n, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Karyophan, KayAnAcn, KayAnAcw, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Div, Yield, PE, 52-week High, Low, Vol, YTD %Chg. Includes stocks like Medico, MediciNova, Medidata, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD. Includes stocks like TracorpPh n, TractSupply, TradDsk A n, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD. Includes stocks like VanIntTgV, VanR1Kv, VanR1Kv, etc.

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Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD. Includes stocks like T-MobileUS, T-Mob pFA, TAT Tch h, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD. Includes stocks like US AutoPts, US Concrete, US Glid rs, etc.

Table with columns: Name, Ticker, Symbol, Div, Yield, PE, High, Low, 52-week, Vol, YTD. Includes stocks like WCFB Bcp n, WCFB, WDFC, etc.

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Money Markets

Large table with columns: Fund, Assets, Mat, Avg, Comp, Yield, Fund, Assets, Mat, Avg, Comp, Yield, Fund, Assets, Mat, Avg, Comp, Yield, Fund, Assets, Mat, Avg, Comp, Yield. Lists various investment funds.

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Money Markets table with columns: Fund, Assets, Avg Mat, Avg Comp, Yld, and multiple columns for various funds and their performance metrics.

Toronto stocks

Toronto stocks table with columns: Name, Vol, High, Low, Last, Chg, and multiple columns for various stock tickers and their performance.

Treasury bonds

Treasury bonds table with columns: Rate, Date, Bid, Ask, Chg, Yld, and multiple columns for various bond maturities and their yields.

FOOTNOTE: Rate-The annual interest rate the Treasury bond provides to investors. Date-The month and year the bond will expire. Bid-The price investors will pay for the bond. Ask-The price at which investors will sell. A bond price is expressed as a percentage of its original purchase cost of \$1,000. The whole numbers and the decimals which represent 32nds of a point must be converted to dollars and cents; for example, 103.18 equals \$1,035.63. Chg-The change between the preceding day's final bid price and the final bid price from the day before. Yld-The annual percentage return to the investor, based on the bond's current price, if the bond is held until it matures. K-Taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens. n-Treasury note. p-Treasury note; taxes on interest will not be withheld from non-U.S. citizens.

Mutual Funds

How to Read the Mutual Fund Tables. This section includes a table of mutual fund names and performance metrics, followed by a detailed guide explaining the symbols and abbreviations used in the table.

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Top 20 Mutual Funds

By Year-to-Date Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, YTD Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by year-to-date percent return.

By Total Net Assets

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Total Assets, Percent Return, YTD Rtn, 5-Yr Pct Load. Lists top 20 mutual funds by total net assets.

By 4-Week Percent Return

Table with columns: Name, Obj, Pct Load, NAV, 4-Wk Rtn, Phone Number. Lists top 20 mutual funds by 4-week percent return.

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Continuation of the 'By Year-to-Date Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from W/A to Y/A.

Mutual Funds

Continuation of the 'By Total Net Assets' table, listing mutual funds from Z/A to Z/Y.

Continuation of the 'By 4-Week Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from Z/A to Z/Y.

Continuation of the 'By Year-to-Date Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from Z/A to Z/Y.

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Continuation of the 'By Total Net Assets' table, listing mutual funds from Z/A to Z/Y.

Continuation of the 'By 4-Week Percent Return' table, listing mutual funds from Z/A to Z/Y.

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Table of Mutual Funds with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, and a detailed list of fund names and their performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table with multiple columns: Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk, Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtn/Rrk. Lists various mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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Mutual Funds

Table with columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk, and a second set of columns for Name, Obj, NAV, 4-wk Rtn, YTD Rtn, 3-yr Rtrn/Rrk. It lists numerous mutual funds and their performance metrics.

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