

Going for the markdowns

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN STAFF

SEBRING — On the day after Christmas all was abuzz as many flocked to stores for discounted holiday decorations to prep for next year.

Holiday-packaged cookies and candies, featuring Santa or snowy scenes, taste just as good after Christmas, but are a sweeter deal when they are 50 percent off.

Many shoppers had their carts filled with 50-percent off decorations and Christmas cards at the Sebring Walmart. The store was already stocking an aisle with Valentine's Day candy.

At the Kmart in the Lakeshore Mall, which is in the process of closing, holiday items were marked down 60 percent.



MARC VALERO/STAFF

Shoppers check the 75-percent off selection Tuesday at Bed Bath & Beyond in Lakeshore Mall, Sebring.



A couple checks an artificial Christmas tree at the Sebring Kmart.



Shoppers stock up for next year on discounted Christmas items in the Sebring Walmart.



Near the discounted Christmas items (note the yellow "clearance" balloons) this Sebring Walmart shelf is prepped for Valentine's Day candy sales.



Holiday flair

The Children's Museum set aside a Saturday earlier this month as a day for children to help decorate the museum.

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Citrus getting help, maybe

Irma aid withheld from funding resolution

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Florida's citrus growers and other agriculturalists have gotten waves of good news and bad news throughout this year since Hurricane Irma.

Last week was no exception when good news of a \$2.6 billion Florida agriculture aid package included in Congress' \$81 billion disaster spending bill got overshadowed with relative bad news that the U.S. House of Representatives' initiative did not make it into a short-term funding resolution that's keeping the federal government

operating while Congressional leaders argue out the overall budget. The U.S. Senate is expected to take up the matter after the first of the year, while Florida growers have waited nearly four months for help.

Florida's Commissioner of Agriculture Adam Putnam has estimated that out of the total \$2.5 billion agriculture loss in the state, Florida's citrus industry suffered a loss of \$761 million from Hurricane Irma — expected to top \$1 billion once all losses are tallied — with a projected

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Postcard mural sites settled

LP chooses Masonic Lodge site

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The saga of postcard murals continues, but the Tourist Development Council has gotten poised to pounce when everyone says, "OK."

In the latest chapter, the TDC has learned that every municipality in Highlands County has picked a spot for a mural designed to look like a postcard and present a photo opportunity for visiting tourists. Locations include blank walls on Avon Park's historic Depot Museum, Sebring's Jack Stroup Civic Center and Lake Placid's Placid Lodge No. 282 of the Free and Accepted Masons.

Bill Brantley, Lake Placid representative on the TDC Board, said

the proposed mural site is off Main Street, approximately 31 feet off the fence line and with close access to a sidewalk. The Lake Placid Town Council was fine with that location, too, Brantley said.

"We want the mural painted there and protected," Brantley said. "We'll need to work with the town attorney, too."

TDC Board Chair and Highlands County Commissioner Don Elwell asked about the height of the wall, and Brantley said it's approximately 10 feet tall.

"It's a little bit bigger canvas, I guess, for us to work with than the other opportunity," Elwell said, referring to a smaller wall on the back of public restrooms at

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Dee Gordon back in Avon Park

By JIM TAYLOR
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — Heavy morning fog cleared to make way for the annual Hometown Basketball Tournament in the south side of Avon Park Saturday morning. The event was started years ago by Avon Park native and baseball icon Thomas "Flash" Gordon and continues with his son and present baseball star, Dee Gordon, now with the Seattle Mariners.

And though Dee has become the main attraction, he assures that he is not putting his stamp on the event.

"This is my daddy's



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Dee Gordon relaxes while watching the basketball action with friends and kids from Avon Park.

event," Dee Gordon said, smiling. "My daddy started this and I am just having fun with this and making sure that everyone is having a great time.

"It is a great turnout; the kids are having fun."

Basketball was not the only thing that was on tap, as food and drinks were provided to everyone in attendance,

two bounce houses for the kids and music from various sources.

The event benefits the Boys & Girls Club of Highlands County, as Gordon is an alumni of the Boys & Girls Club of Avon Park.

Playing in Miami the past few years, Gordon was just a few hours away for friends and family to see him play or visit, but with him being traded to Seattle, those moments will be limited to when the Mariners travel to play teams in Florida.

Gordon noted that it has been amazing playing close to friends and

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School District awaits belated funding report

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The detailed data from the state on the October student enrollment survey week is behind schedule leaving a big gap in the information the Highlands County School District needs regarding its state funding.

A grand total of 12,512 students were counted in the School District during Survey 2 week,

which was Oct. 9-13.

But the number requires recalibration to eliminate duplications and provide for adjustments (weighting) based on programs.

The state is doing things differently from what they have done in the past, Assistant Superintendent of Business Operations Mike Averyt said recently. They won't be doing another recalibration until the first part of January.

"Normally we have all this information by early December," he said. Then the District gets word of its funding level from the state before Christmas in the form of the third calculation of the Florida Education Finance Program.

But, apparently the state is doing something different and without the recalibrated FTE (full-time equivalent) student enrollment count, Averyt said he has no firm

numbers on the District's state financing.

"I know we are going to be up, but I don't know it by program and therefore I cannot determine the revenue," he said. Funding is based on the programs that are serving the students such as ESE, basic or English for Speakers of Other Languages.

"I wish they would go back to the old method," Averyt said. "Until I get that FTE, I can't even do my projection for next year, which is usually done by the end of December. Everything is on hold until I get that FTE number."

The October survey numbers show the District had 6,026

elementary students (including Pre-K), 2,759 middle school students and 3,617 high school students.

The District's three largest schools are its high schools — Sebring (1,672); Avon Park (1,102) and Lake Placid (842).

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5. In England, Saint Bede introduced the practice of ringing bells during funerals. During the Renaissance period, bells with enormous dimensions were cast and the sound became much louder. During the Gothic architectural period, bells in churches became massive and were decorated with designs.

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American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park-Riders wings 4-6 p.m. Karaoke by Wendy and Dennis 4-7 p.m. QoH 6 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring- TH 2 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.

VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid Call 863-699-5444.

VFW Post 4300 in Sebring Washers 1 p.m., Ship Captain and Crew 3 p.m. Happy Hour 5-8 p.m.

Elks #2661 in Lake Placid- shuffleboard 1 p.m. spaghetti nite 5-7p.m. Card games 7:30 a.m. Call 863-465-2661.

Elks #1529 in Sebring. Call 863-471-3557.

Moose Lodge #2374 in Lake Placid- Mega Souz QOH 8p.m.

Moose Lodge #2259- Pool at noon, Happy hour 2-4 p.m. MiMi's Cafe, special on kitchen board, Moose games 8 p.m., Cowboy Jody, call 863-655-3920.

Sebring Recreation Club- 1:15 p.m. Shuffleboard scrambles, 12:30p.m. Bridge, 1 p.m. Pinochle, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Intermediate and EZ line dancing. Located at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call

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■ THURSDAY

American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid-1 p.m., poker, 4 p.m. Chips Ahoy, pool 6:45 p.m., create a pizza. Call 863-465-0975.

American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park-Happy hour all day, Sammy's famous tacos, euchre 1:30 p.m., trivia 5:30 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring- line dancing 6-8 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.

VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid Call 863-699-5444.

VFW Post 4300 in Sebring- Bingo 1:30 p.m., lunch 11:45 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. Bar poker 4 p.m. Call 863-385-8902

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Moose Lodge #2374 in Lake Placid- Frank E., darts 7 p.m. Jackpot drawing 8 p.m.

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Bar poker, 2 p.m. MiMi's Cafe 5-7:30 p.m. Mega Souz 5-8p.m. Call

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Sebring Recreation Club- 10-11:30 a.m. Intermediate/ advanced line dancing. 1 p.m. Euchre, bridge 12:30 p.m. Located at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call 863-385-2966.

Eagles 4240 in Sebring- Bar menu, QOH 50/50 8 p.m. Call 863-655-4007.

■ FRIDAY

American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid-Lunch 11a.m.-4p.m., dinner 5-7 p.m. Double Trouble 6-9 p.m. Fish fry/ full menu. Friday game 8:30 p.m. Call 863-465-0975.

American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park-shrimp dinner 4-6 p.m., music by Mega Souz 4-7 p.m. Call 863-453-4553.

AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring- Washers 1 p.m., food, QoH 7 p.m. Call 863-385-0234.

VFW Post 3880 in Lake Placid- Call 863-699-5444.

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Moose Lodge #2374 in Lake Placid-Texas Hold

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Sebring Recreation Club- Mini shuffleboard tourney 1:15 p.m. Bridge every Friday at 12:30 p.m. Ping pong 3:15 p.m. Located at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call 863-385-2966.

Eagle 4240 in Sebring- Bar menu fish or shrimp dinner \$8. Call 863-655-4007.

■ SATURDAY

American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid-burgers 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m., 1 p.m. Chips Ahoy, Texas Hold 'Em. Call 863-465-0975.

American Legion Post 69 in Avon Park - pinochle 1 p.m. Road kill 3 p.m. Rider meeting 10:15 a.m. Call 863-453-4553.

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Sebring Recreation Club- 1:15 p.m. Ice cream shuffleboard. Board meeting 3 p.m. Located at 333 Pomegranate Ave. Call 863-385-2966.

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■ SUNDAY

American Legion Post 25 in Lake Placid- Chips Ahoy 3 p.m., Wendy & Dennis New Year's Eve party. Call 863-465-0975.

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AMVETS Post 21 in Sebring-New Year's Eve party, finger foods, music by Gary Oliver.

VFW Post 3880

in Lake Placid- Call 863-699-5444.

VFW Post 4300 in Sebring- Prime rib 6-8 p.m. Tickets \$20 Twitty Road Band9- midnight Elks #2661 in Lake Placid- Card games at 1:30 p.m. Bar games 2:30 p.m. New Year's dinner/ dance has been canceled.

Elks #1529 in Sebring- Call 863-471-3557.

Moose Lodge #2374 in Lake Placid- Steaks 2 p.m. George Durham and Co.

Moose Lodge #2259- New Year's Dinner/dance with Larry Musgrave 8-12. Dinner service starts at 5 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Joseph H. 'Joe' Thomas

Joseph Hugh "Joe" Thomas, 19, of Lake Placid, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 20, 2017.



He was born April 24, 1998 in Asheville, North Carolina and moved to Florida in 2015.

Joe was a skilled handyman, engine mechanic and loving caregiver. He will be remembered most for his willingness to help people and leading by example. He was loved and

cherished by everyone who knew him.

He is survived by his parents, Lew and Nancy; twin brother, Jonathan; older brother, Joshua (Jessica); niece, Ariana; grandfather, Tommy Cannon; also his aunt and uncles; Alan (Ginger) and Glenn (Sherry); and Daphne Thomas and Carol Brandenburg (Andy); and close friends, Fred Bowen and Irving and Judy Bowen. A memorial service to honor Joe's life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 at First Presbyterian in Lake Placid, Florida (118 N. Oak Ave.). It is open to the public, and casual wear is appreciated.

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OUR VIEW

Shining more light on Highlands schools

It was almost a year ago that the faculty at Woodlawn Elementary School received its recognition as a Lighthouse School. About a month later, Lake Country Elementary School was given the same honor. Earlier this month, Highlands County School District can say it now has three times the charm as Avon Elementary School has become the latest to receive the distinction.

When Woodlawn was first named a Lighthouse School it was one of 260 to be recognized by "The Leader in Me," an international program being implemented in elementary schools to recognize students' talents and interests and teach them to be leaders in their own way.

Less than a year later, Avon Elementary receives its designation and is one of more than 350 Lighthouse Schools. More than 3,100 schools across the globe are in the process of gaining the moniker.

It takes years of hard work for a school to receive the distinction.

Schools throughout Highlands County have been implementing the "Leader in Me" system of education.

The program is a whole-school transformation process. According to theleaderinme.org, "it teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader."

The program, which is based on Franklin Covey's "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People," was originally initiated by an educator, Muriel Summers, principal of A.B. Combs Leadership Magnet Elementary School in Raleigh, N.C. She asked parents and business leaders what they wanted in their schools. The website said "what she heard reinforced what most people believed – that our schools should not merely be focused on improving test scores, but should provide opportunities for students to develop their full potential."

Some of those learning opportunities include leadership, responsibility, accountability, problem solving, adaptability, communication, initiative and self-direction, creativity, cross-cultural skills and teamwork.

Content from Covey's book is a key component of the overall process. Some of those principles include responsibility, vision, integrity, teamwork, collaboration and renewal, which are common to all people and cultures.

"The Leader in Me" is also aligned to many national and state academic standards. Some of the skills taught to students include critical thinking, goal setting, listening and speaking, self-directed learning, presentation-making and the ability to work in groups.

The ultimate goal is to instill in students that they are important individuals and have their own talent and aptitude that will allow them to succeed and lead from kindergarten through high school graduation, the website said.

The Lighthouse School selection process included providing coaches from the Covey Foundation to train staff in the Leader in Me Program. After a few years of following the program, other Covey staff members visit the campus to assess the school's progress in the program. Earlier this month, two Covey staff members visited the school and interviewed students, parents and staff.

What a wonderful Christmas gift for the staff and children to receive before being dismissed for the winter break.

We hope other local schools will do all they can to be recognized as a Lighthouse School. The more our students are encouraged to be leaders, the brighter this county's future starts to look.

Like Muriel Summers is quoted on theleaderinme.org website as saying, "We only get one chance to prepare children for a world none of us can possibly predict, what are we going to do with that one chance?"

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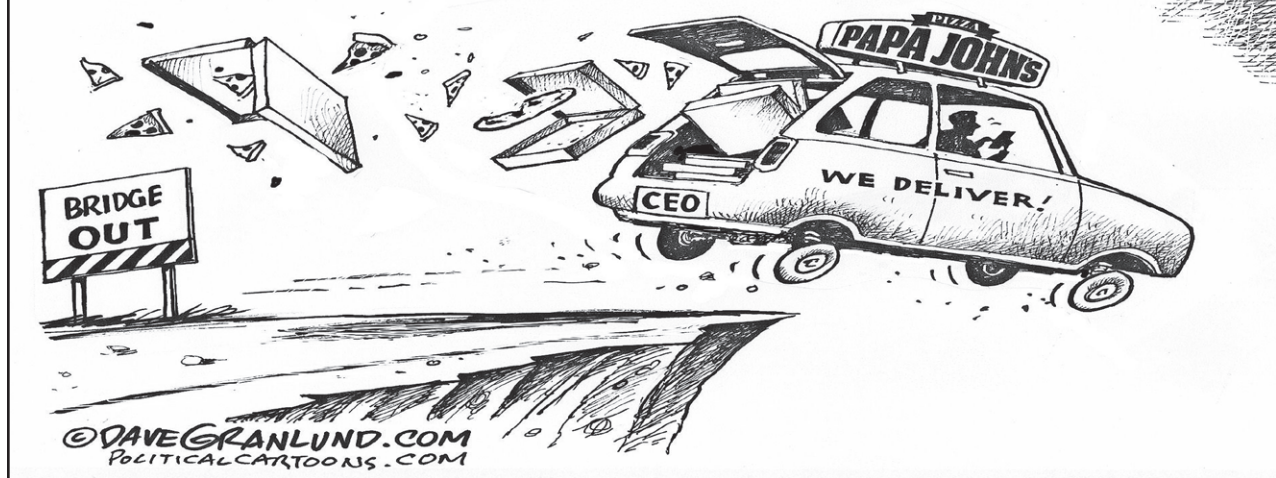
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While busy texting about the NFL ...



... and your present is a great big lump of coal

GUEST COLUMNIST Polly Parks

Billionaire President Donald J. Trump basked in the accolades of the Republican millionaire House and Senate members at a December 20 White House ceremony acknowledging the passage of the highly unpopular Trump Tax Bill(1). However, the ceremony was for show as the president had been informed he could not yet sign it into law.

As reported in the Dec. 21 Highlands Sun-News newswire AP story by Stephen Ohlemacher, holding off signing into the New Year would delay \$120 billion in automatic cuts to popular programs, like Medicare.

But the president is thin-skinned. He was reportedly disturbed by Australian billionaire Rupert Murdoch's Fox News and U.S. billionaire's, the Rebekah and Robert Mercer investment, Breitbart News, taunting him for not signing the bill before Dec. 25.

At 11 a.m. on Dec. 22, before he got onto taxpayer-funded Air Force One to jaunt off to his estate in Florida, he signed the bill.

So, everyone who is not a millionaire, for Christmas you get a lump of coal. Don't worry. The President promises that coal is the energy source of the future.

Where did our elected representatives stand on the tax vote? Senator Bill Nelson voted: Nay. Congressman Thomas J. Rooney: Yay. Senator Marco Rubio: Yay.

Governor Scott, equivocated, but tweeted in support. But what happened to our local State leaders, Senator Denise Grimsley (R-26) and Rep. Cary Pigman (R-55)? Senator Grimsley and Rep. Pigman both hold day jobs in the health care sector – which was kneecapped in the Trump Tax Bill.

Lust for wealth trumped common sense and patriotism. Increasing the deficit not by billions but by over a trillion dollars without a penny going to increase public services. That is unless you think agricultural subsidies are a public service. Section 13207, Expensing of certain costs of replanting citrus plants lost by reason of casualty, made it through.

The silence of Republican officials speaks volumes particularly as Highlands County officials are desperately looking to plug the hole left by President Trump throwing Governor Scott under the bus on disaster relief(2). Sept. 10, Governor Scott put on his serious Navy cap and asked the president for 100 percent aid on debris removal for 30 days and 90% thereafter. The president gave him one 90 percent month and the rest at 75 percent.

With the best high growth scenarios, the Trump Tax Bill will pile an additional \$1 trillion onto the federal deficit. Our local Highlands County officials are contemplating adding \$2.4 million debt to the county budget to plug the hole left by debris removal.

Our Congressman, who according to his Congressional financial disclosure (http://clerk.house.gov/public_disc/financial-search.aspx) is a scion to multimillions of various Rooney family trusts and stocks located outside FL-17, could easily pay the county's debt....

Nonetheless, as

a member of the House Appropriations Committee, he is a proponent of the \$81 billion disaster relief pork barrel bill (the President asked for \$44 billion). The House tacked it on to the Continuing Resolution which avoids a partial government shutdown until Jan. 19. But the Senate stripped it from the bill for further analysis.

The relief bill(3) leads with Department of Agriculture. They ask for \$2.6 billion, to be disbursed through Sept. 19, 2019 "for necessary expenses related to crops, trees, bushes, vines, and livestock losses resulting from Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Maria, and other hurricanes and wildfires occurring in calendar year 2017 under such terms and conditions as determined by the Secretary."

Sounds like a lot until you do the math. The California fires alone, of which the Thomas fire is still blazing, ripped through some of the richest vineyards and agricultural lands in the nation. Even if it was an even split between the hardest hit 2017 states and territories of California, Montana, Washington, Oregon, Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, it is only \$289 million per entity.

There is an additional \$400 million allocated for the Emergency Conservation Program and \$541 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations. Oddly enough both provisions have \$100 million and \$141 million respectively that does not have to be disbursed for major disasters declared by the President. Roughly \$200 million more goes to repair farmworker and ranch-hand housing not covered by flood insurance, rural water and waste disposal

systems, and commodity assistance.

Maybe Congressman Rooney can post a video on his Facebook page explaining what this pig sty of a bill is really all about and why he could not include language that would cover debris removal in localities without the resources to cover the cost themselves; such as Highlands County.

Footnotes:
(1) www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr1/BILLS-115hr1enr.pdf

(2) Sept. 10, 2017 letter from Governor Rick Scott to President Donald J. Trump, RE: Request for Major Disaster Declaration, Hurricane Irma: "Given the size, strength, and track of the storm, and given the fact that Florida communities are still recovering from Hurricane Hermine (DR-4280 declared September 28, 2016) and Hurricane Matthew (DR-4283 declared October 8, 2016), I specifically request the following:

"•100% Federal cost share for Categories A and B (Debris Removal and Emergency Protective Measures) for the first 30 days, with a 90% Federal cost share thereafter — see 44 CFR §206.47(d); and, "•90 percent Federal cost share for all other categories of Public Assistance (Permanent Work Categories C-G) - see 44 CFR §206.47(b)."

(3) www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr4667/BILLS-115hr4667eh.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.

Columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily that of the Highlands News-Sun.

YOUR VIEW

Then don't read it

So a Sebring couple have spoken for a large section of your Mallard Fillmore readers of which I am one, but yet do not remember them asking me how I felt, and I seriously doubt that many if any children read the comics let alone the paper unless its on a device ...

After reading their rant, I wonder how either or both would find it "funny" on the op-ed page but not the comics when it's fairly obvious it's the anti-liberal content, not location, that seems to bother them, or perhaps it's the caffeinated coffee that's riling them up and they should switch to hot cocoa instead.

OK, so if that would be our choice, then also put Dingleberry (Doonesbury) on the op-ed page since I do not find it "funny" with all its anti-conservative

snide criticism, but here's a suggestion to the "large section" that do not enjoy Mallard Fillmore: Don't read it.

I wonder if those are the same people who because they don't like a TV program, want it removed so they won't have to turn the channel.

Jerry Wright
Avon Park

Hillary won't go away

It has been over a year now and the dummocrats with the lame stream media are still convinced that President Trump colluded with the Ruskies. Can anyone out there convince me that Putin wanted Trump to win? No, you can't. Anyone out there with an I.Q. of 9 or more knows down deep that Russia wanted her in there, not Trump. Can anyone out

there show me where any Russians voted for Trump? No, you can't. Hillary would've continued Obama's dismantling of our military to ensure that Russia and/or Iran would be the only world's super power/powers. President Trump is rebuilding our great military.

Hillary detests our military. Trump loves our military. Trump is a strong leader that is keeping his promises, much to the chagrin of the Establishment and the Never Trumpers on the Belchway. Hillary has been, is, and will always be, weak. Trump tells the truth while hypocrite Hillary lies to everyone about anything.

As for the answer to her question of her book, "What happened?" The answer is on the cover, Hillary Clinton. I do feel left out as I am the only

person or reason that she has not blamed for her loss, although I did my part.

So, why won't she go away? Because the media won't let her. Every syllable she utters somehow makes it newsworthy, even on Fox. Wake up Hillary. We didn't vote for you, we didn't want you and we do hope you just go away.

Dave Doty
Lake Placid

Leave the duck alone

Mallard Fillmore serves as a reasonable, low-key conservative counter-point to the snarky, leftist screed that is Doonsbury.

Please, leave the duck alone.

Harold Day
Lake Placid

Did the Pentagon act alone in employing UFO hunters?

When I was in sixth grade, my impassioned 4-H speech about the possibility of extraterrestrial visitors didn't even merit an Honorable Mention (my fifth-grade speech about our thumb-sucking cat had taken me all the way to the county level!); so I can empathize with those military intelligence officials who are being ridiculed for the existence of the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification program.



TYRADES!

Danny Tyree

Don't assume that the press or congressional watchdogs would have already told us about these operations if they actually existed. Deep within the bowels of our bloated federal bureaucracy, you would probably find undying organizations such as The Committee For Harassing Those Redcoat Rascallions, or The Board of Regulating Wagers On Where President Lincoln Will Spend His Retirement.

I have it on good advice that the Department of Transportation would love to find out the effect of near-light speed on fuzzy dice and pine tree air fresheners, as well as the psychological effects of hearing "Are we there yet?" all the way from Alpha Centauri.

If pressured enough, the Department of Veteran Affairs might admit, "Yes, we scooped up the Roswell crash victims in 1947 — and hope to perform their alien autopsies any day now!"

The National Park Service probably has a shadowy deal with the Ad Council to disseminate the message "Remember: only you can prevent death

rays." Right this minute, the Federal Emergency Management Agency might be asking the Martians, "How can you possibly call yourselves civilized without flood plains to keep re-building on?"

The Library of Congress wouldn't care about the military applications of silently hovering flying saucers; they would see a high-tech way to shush those mouthy hooligans in the archives!

The Department of Labor would get its giggles just hearing aliens demand, "Take me to your union leader."

I hope this column hasn't upset any aliens who may be counting on continued hush-hush dealings with our government. I would hate to get a visit in the middle of the night from — Awwwww ... they're a race of big thumb-sucking cats! Hey, let's go buzz the 4-H headquarters.

Danny Tyree welcomes email responses at tyreetrades@aol.com and visits to his Facebook fan page 'Tyree's Tyrades.' Columns are the opinion of the writer, not necessarily that of the Highlands News-Sun.

Surely, you've heard about the New York Times investigation of the Pentagon's secret UFO research program, a classified operation which SUPPOSEDLY ended in 2012.

I can't really blame the Department of Defense for having wanted to explore unexplained aerial phenomena, whether the mysterious aircraft ultimately turned out to be little green men, Russian test pilots or quirky atmospheric conditions. The Pentagon was trying to be proactive and avoid wails of "Why didn't you warn us?" if disaster struck.

But they were realistic enough to cut their losses BEFORE they were faced with having to justify \$800 military toilet seats in a universe in which some races teleport their waste products straight from their digestive organs into the heart of the sun.

Considering the potential for enhanced national security and quantum leaps in technology, I wonder if other cabinet-level departments and government agencies have their own clandestine UFO operations?

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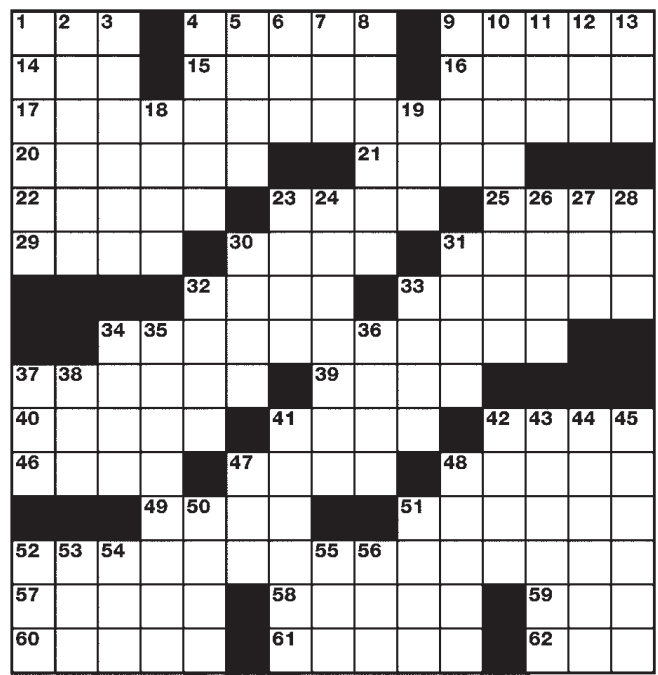
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- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ Jones Industrial Average
 - 4 Infant's ailment
 - 9 Spaghetti or ziti
 - 14 Early afternoon
 - 15 Coral island
 - 16 Homer's Trojan War epic
 - 17 Speaks frankly
 - 20 Straightens (up)
 - 21 Hand over formally
 - 22 Parades
 - 23 Very pale
 - 25 Astronaut's insignia
 - 29 Unlit
 - 30 Sore spot
 - 31 Lowly chess pieces
 - 32 Regarding
 - 33 Sums to
 - 34 Speaks frankly
 - 37 Window coverings
 - 39 Earl of tea
 - 40 Puppy sounds
 - 41 Immense
 - 42 Bum slightly
 - 46 Fencing weapon
 - 47 When summer starts
 - 48 Socially smooth
 - 49 Place for protons
 - 51 Some baseball pitches
 - 52 Speaks frankly
 - 57 Kennel club classification
 - 58 Propelled with oars
 - 59 Mother Teresa, for one
- DOWN**
- 1 Topped, as an "I"
 - 2 Central New York lake
 - 3 Blowtorch wielder
 - 4 Wholesale quantities
 - 5 Elevator pioneer
 - 6 Group offered at auction
 - 7 Under the weather
 - 8 Trite saying
 - 9 ___ Piper of Hamelin
 - 10 Estrange
 - 11 Command to Fido
 - 12 Mai ___ cocktail
 - 13 Infomercials, e.g.
 - 18 Website connection
 - 19 All-important
 - 23 Plays a part
 - 24 Hunter's weapon
 - 26 On the road
 - 27 Long-running NBC weekend show
 - 28 Wild equine
 - 30 Seeks permission
 - 31 Annoyingly slow
 - 32 Pub beverages
 - 33 Squirrel's hangout
 - 34 "Tall" story
 - 35 Placates
 - 36 Spur, with "on"
 - 37 Salon application
 - 38 One's good name, for short
 - 41 Indulges
 - 42 Spiral shape
 - 43 Ordering for dinner
 - 44 Broad street
 - 45 Take exception to
 - 47 Scribble (down)
 - 48 Leather variety
 - 50 Oceanic movement
 - 51 Scold, with "out"
 - 52 JFK successor
 - 53 Exist
 - 54 Positive response
 - 55 "___ to worry"
 - 56 Early afternoon



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Answer to previous puzzle

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Bottomless gulf
 - 6 See 8-Down
 - 11 Murphy ___
 - 14 Lerner collaborator
 - 15 "That's my wish"
 - 16 "Fahrenheit 451" novelist Bradbury
 - 17 "More than just indoctrinated"
 - 19 Ducks' home: Abbr.
 - 20 Hindu retreat
 - 21 Available to watch anytime
 - 23 Classic Fords
 - 25 Pomegranate bit
 - 26 Three-time Pulitzer-winning playwright
 - 29 Big letters in home security
 - 32 Costume items for horror movie villains
 - 35 ___ of paradise
 - 36 Top
 - 38 CD yield
 - 39 "Rope-a-dope" boxer
 - 40 Labeled ... or, divided into three parts, what surrounds the answers to starred clues
 - 41 Actress Ruby
 - 42 Pester
 - 43 Irritated reply to "Aren't you ready yet?"
 - 44 Toolbar button with a question mark
 - 45 Messenger service replaced by Google Hangouts
 - 47 Suffix with front
 - 48 Area component
 - 49 Lipstick holder
 - 51 High-five sound
 - 53 Homers, in baseball lingo
 - 57 Have high hopes
 - 61 At all
 - 62 *Brunette
 - 64 Frozen water
 - 65 Cry after a Goyer's ace
 - 66 Human ___
 - 67 Journalist Koppel
 - 68 The ones here
 - 69 Newspaper copy
- DOWN**
- 1 "Sin City" actress Jessica
 - 2 Knight of the Round Table
 - 3 "You said it!"
 - 4 Blew in circles, as the wind
 - 5 100-lawmaker group
 - 6 Actress Farrow
 - 7 "Got it"
 - 8 With 6-Across, prime minister before Tony Blair
 - 9 Newspaper essays
 - 10 Used, as credit card rewards
 - 11 "Hit at an intersection, maybe
 - 12 Merit
 - 13 Made blue, in a way
 - 18 Iraq War concern: Abbr.
 - 22 "Do ___ favor ..."
 - 24 Sandwich meat
 - 26 Go out with ___
 - 27 Flowery candle scent
 - 28 "Alert and peppy
 - 30 "No man is an island" poet
 - 31 Henry VIII et al.
 - 33 Prepared to pray
 - 34 Two-time NBA MVP Curry
 - 36 Bikini half
 - 37 Wrap (up)
 - 40 Gradually
 - 44 Many Woodstock attendees
 - 46 Ger. neighbor
 - 48 Sushi condiment
 - 50 Third of eight
 - 52 "Well, ___-di-dah!"
 - 53 Walking pace
 - 54 Previously
 - 55 Wine choice
 - 56 Sobriety checkpoint concerns, for short
 - 58 Spring flower
 - 59 Bausch + Lomb product
 - 60 Brink
 - 63 Peoria-to-Green Bay dir.

By Jason Mueller 12/27/17

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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CITRUS

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harvest at the lowest since the 1944-45 season, according to reports from The News Service of Florida.

In addition to citrus losses, Florida's Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services estimates Irma caused \$624 million in damage to the nursery industry, \$237.5 million to the cattle industry, \$11.8 million to dairy farmers, \$383 million to the sugar industry and \$180 million to vegetable and non-citrus fruit growers, The News Service of Florida reports. Florida growers were left out of previous congressional disaster aid packages to help those impacted in Texas by Hurricane Harvey, in Florida by Hurricane Irma, in both Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands by Hurricane Maria and in California by wildfires.

Just last week, Putnam — who had been in Washington, D.C., to push for the aid package — joined Congressman Tom Rooney (FL-17), the only Floridian on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Agriculture, in praising the aid package.

"Florida's farmers, ranchers and growers suffered unprecedented damage from Hurricane Irma, and today's announcement of proposed emergency funding for Florida agriculture is the first bit of good news we've heard in months," Putnam said in a prepared statement at the time. He also said, two days later, that the vote was "an important first step" to give Florida agriculture much needed relief. "Without this emergency assistance, Florida agriculture cannot fully recover from the unprecedented damage it suffered."

However, not being attached to the emergency funding resolution, members of Florida's congressional delegation had concerns it might not later pass the Senate, The News Service of Florida reports.



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DeSoto County citrus sits on the ground and in flood puddles after Hurricane Irma. The combination of fruit drop from disease, fruit drop from Irma and flooded groves have both ruined this year's harvest and fruit-producing trees.

Rooney, who voted against the emergency resolution for that reason, said in a prepared statement that he had been "repeatedly told and promised that federal aid would be on the way," but then the agricultural aid became "a piece in a political and partisan game." He said the only way for the aid to have become law before Christmas was by being part of the continuing resolution.

Congressman Dennis Ross (FL-15) also voted against the gap funding resolution because it did not include funding for Florida farmers.

"Today's continuing resolution says to Florida farmers, 'You're on your own,'" Ross said in a prepared statement. "It neglects Florida's citrus producers who needed something — anything — to help them stave off devastation."

The continuing funding resolution only keeps the federal government solvent through Jan. 19. Meanwhile, The News Service of Florida reports, the Florida Citrus Commission expects to see an increase in imported juice to offset the loss of Florida product. Box taxes on the imports may help offset the losses in the Department of Citrus' budget, which usually receives ample funds from the 7-cent box taxes on Florida-grown fruit. Now, imports account for 55 percent of citrus taxed by the state.

Putnam said in mid-December that major brands like Coca-Cola, Pepsi and Florida's Natural, in trying to meet consumers' needs, may turn to imported juice from Brazil, which would further undermine the state's citrus industry

and market share, The News Service of Florida reported. The Citrus Commission, in determining this fiscal year's budget, had already counted on higher-than-normal imports, but had also counted on Florida's growers having a higher share.

The mid-December projection from the U.S. Department of Agriculture put Florida's crop at 46 million 90-pound boxes of oranges, down 4 million from 50 million boxes in November and down 8 million from 54 million boxes in October. Projections originally predicted imported citrus would fill 37.5 million boxes. That number has jumped to 63.9 million, and is likely to climb.

USDA officials held workshops in October to tell growers that they had several disaster relief programs still available, but with insurance coverage based on the previous year's harvest — and the previous year not being as good as this year's projected crop — local growers said they'd get less insurance payout for their actual losses.

Meanwhile, the Florida Farm Bureau Women's Fund has been taking tax-deductible donations in order to provide relief to Florida agriculture hit by Irma. Farmers and ranchers may apply at <http://floridafarmbureau.org/formstack.com/forms/irmarelieffund>. Donors can send checks to Florida Farm Bureau Women's Fund, Memo: Hurricane Irma Relief for Agriculture, P.O. Box 147030, Gainesville, FL 32614.

Additional information is available from Staci Sims at staci.sims@ffbf.org.

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family the past couple of years and wished he could have continued to do so, but knows everyone will continue to support him and he will support them anyway he can.

Though fans won't be able to make those four-hour road trips to see him play in Miami, he said it was all good.

He also assured that being traded and playing across the country will have no effect on this yearly event.

"I am from here," Gordon said. "I am here all during the off-season and will still be here all off-season. I come



JIM TAYLOR/
CORRESPONDENT

Brandon Howell works on his basketball skills. He plans to display those skills for Dee Gordon in the near future.

here to be with my family, friends and my community."

That comes as good news for young Brandon Howell, who is a budding superstar in youth

football, but was working on his basketball handling drills Saturday.

Howell said it was the second time he got to meet Dee Gordon and when asked what he was like, he calmly said he was like a "baseball player."

Assuming he meant that as a good thing, he also said he knew Dee used to play basketball, but he was not as good as Dee was right now. But he might be in the future.

But Howell did say that he plans to play in this tournament one day and show Dee his skills.

When informed of the young Mr. Howell's ambitions, Gordon smiled and laughed and said, "I can't wait, I am going to keep it going so he can come out and show it to us."

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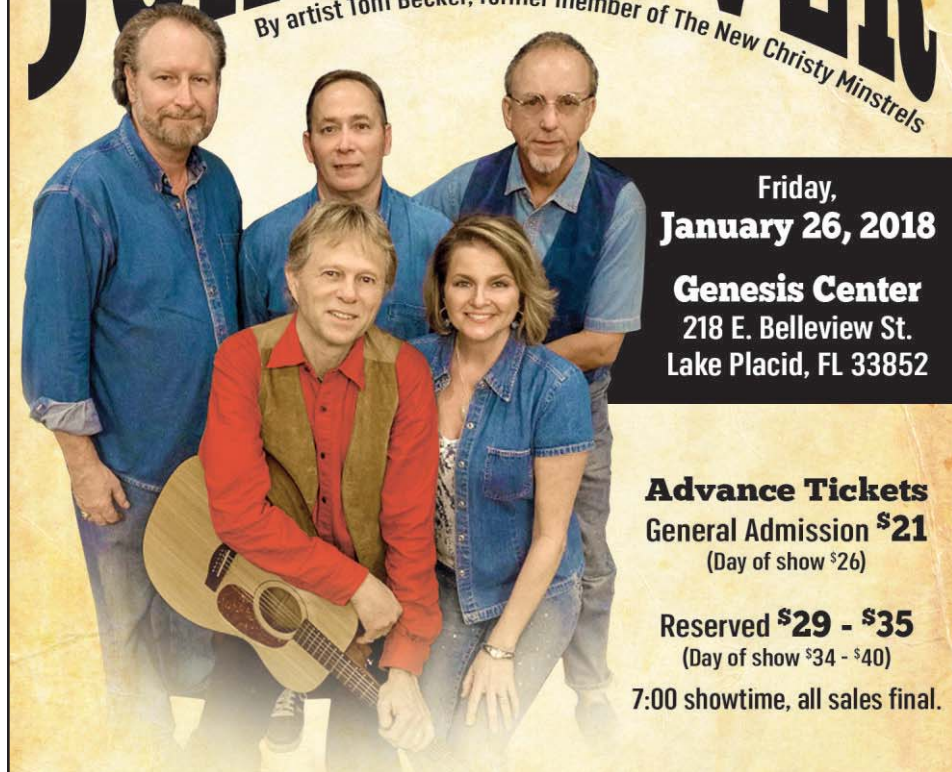


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Next on our list is an older series by Dan Greenburg, "Secrets of Dripping Fang." There are eight books in total and with titles such as "Please Don't Eat the Children," it's easy to see that Greenburg is inspired by fairy tales. "Nobody wants to adopt the Shluffmuffin twins. Wally's feet stink something awful, and Cheyenne is allergic to



LIBRARY LINES

Samantha Gambill

everything. Then why are the Mandible sisters so eager to take them home?"

Another classic series comes in third, with Lemony Snicket's "A Series of Unfortunate Events." There are 13 books in the series, the first of which inspired the movie of the same name. "I'm sorry to say that the book you are holding in your hands is extremely unpleasant. It tells an unhappy tale about three very unlucky

children. Even though they are charming and clever, the Baudelaire siblings lead lives filled with misery and woe. From the very first page of this book when the children are at the beach and receive terrible news, continuing on through the entire story, disaster lurks at their heels. One might say they are magnets for misfortune."

Mary Pope Osborne is perhaps best known for her "Magic Treehouse" series of books with which several generations are now familiar. It is testament to her staying power that her first book, "Dinosaurs Before Dark," is still so popular. "Where did the tree house come

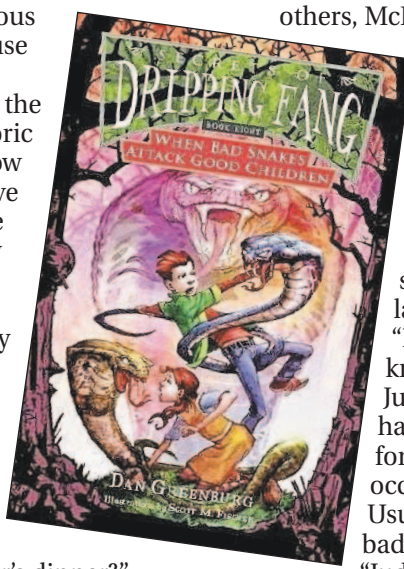
from? Before Jack and Annie can find out, the mysterious tree house whisks them to the prehistoric past. Now they have to figure out how to get home. Can they do it before dark ... or will they become a dinosaur's dinner?"

Megan McDonald is another name that is sure to be familiar to most parents. With

her "Judy Moody" and "Stink" series, among others, McDonald has been making a name for herself in children's fiction since the late '90s. "Everyone knows that Judy Moody has a mood for every occasion." Usually a bad one. In "Judy Moody Goes to College," Judy is once again in a mood. "The substitute teacher in Class 3T thinks

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Children's books are expensive, which is why we invite you to pinch your pennies at your local library — save those funds for your all-important New Year's resolutions and provide for your children at the same time.



POSTCARD

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Stuart Park, one of the first and longest-standing suggestions from the town. At one point over the summer, council members were ready to have the TDC give them the \$20,000 mural money directly so they could put a mural on the back of the restrooms, without the TDC approval. At that time, Rob Chatterton with the Masonic Lodge had already promoted the wall of the Lodge as a possible spot, though that didn't get as much support as Stuart Park.

"I've been told, 'That's where people get off the bus,'" Chatterton said in July, referring to charter tours. "The town is bigger than the bus stop."

The idea of a postcard mural — to include the name of the town or city — was proposed at a tourism workshop last year. The TDC picked up on the idea, assigning funds for one in each local city, if local officials could decide on locations.

In June, the Town Council picked the back wall of the restrooms at Stuart Park for the mural, with plans to widen the wall to make a bigger image. However, TDC turned the idea down three times, citing concerns of a tourist photo spot being associated with restrooms.

Chatterton kept promoting the Lodge and finally got support from the full Council. The Council voted unanimously at its

Nov. 13 meeting for a motion by Councilman Ray Royce, seconded by Councilwoman Debra Worley, to recommend to TDC to strongly consider the Masonic Lodge property as the location of the Lake Placid postcard mural, Town Clerk Eva Cooper Hapeman stated. "Since the postcard mural is about the history of Lake Placid, we feel the Lodge would be a good fit for it as it has been a fixture in town for almost 70 years," Chatterton said. "We are located on Main Avenue, which is in the heart of Lake Placid and it's revitalization that is taking place."

To install the mural, Chatterton said, would take some preparations, including pressure-washing the building, inspecting the wall for cracks, mitigating any cracks in the façade, then repainting the surface with a solid white paint. Chatterton also wants to see the wall fenced in with a white PVC fencing material and enhanced with park benches, a walkway and fresh sod around the site.

A month later, on Dec. 12, the TDC Board voted unanimously to ask the county to start working on requests for proposals to improve all the sites for murals. People at the TDC meeting started applauding, but Elwell told them it wasn't done.

"There's a lot more bites left on this apple," Elwell said.

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Attorney John Shannon, family die in plane crash

By **JEFF ROSLOW**
SUN NEWSPAPERS

BARTOW — John Shannon, a Lakeland attorney, and four family members and a family friend died Sunday morning in a plane crash at Bartow Municipal Airport. Shannon, 70, was the pilot of the plane. The passengers on board included his daughter, Olivia Shannon, 24, a Southeastern University student from Lakeland; daughter, Victoria Shannon Worthington, 26, a Baltimore school teacher; Worthington's husband, Peter Worthington Jr., a third year law student at the University of Maryland, and family friend Krista Clayton, 32,

a teacher at Jewett Academy in Winter Haven. His daughter and her husband arrived in town Saturday for the holidays from Baltimore where they live. Clayton joined the family on the trip. The pilot, John Shannon, filed a flight plan Sunday morning to fly to Key West. The Cessna 340 double engine plane took off from the airport at 7:15 a.m. It got off the ground for a short period of time then crashed and caught fire, killing all on board. All of the victims



SHANNON

perished upon or immediately after impact, the Polk County Sheriff's Office reported. Autopsies will be conducted later this week to determine their exact causes of death. Whether the dense morning fog had anything to do with the crash is not known, said John Helms, who took over as director of the Bartow Municipal Airport on Dec. 18. "It was very, very foggy out there," Helms said. "The line crew could not even see, but they said they could hear it." The flight tower was closed Sunday, since it was Christmas Eve. Cindy Barrow, who is retiring as the director of the airport on Jan. 4, said the Florida Aviation



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The tail end of the Cessna 340 plane that crashed at takeoff at the Bartow Municipal Airport on Christmas Eve.

Administration has been notified of the crash. "This is a horrific tragedy, especially on Christmas Eve, and the victims and their families are in our prayers," the Sheriff's Office statement said.

The Cessna 340 twin-engine plane crash is under investigation by the FAA and National Transportation Safety Board. The death investigation is under investigation by the Sheriff's

Office. The identifications will be confirmed by the Medical Examiner's Office; the Sheriff's Office believes these are the victims of the crash based on interviews with family, friends and witnesses at the airport.

Watch out for mail theft

In mid-December, a 34-year-old Highland City woman had a medical emergency in her bedroom. Rescue workers responded, tended to her needs, and transported her to the hospital, where she soon recovered. That's the good news for her. The bad news for her is that, on her bed, right out in the open, was a large amount of mail — envelopes with the names and addresses of many different people from the south Lakeland area. In addition to that, also in plain view, were two large bags of mail on the floor — also addressed to other people.



POLK COUNTY SHERIFF
Grady Judd

Now sometimes, our very skilled deputies have to work hard to turn up clues to solve crimes. And then there are times like this when the crime jumps up in their face and says, "Hey, look at me." The woman was arrested and charged with criminal use of personal identification and petit theft. And this wasn't the first time she's stolen from someone. If all goes well, the criminal justice system will hold her accountable for her theft. I tell you this story for two reasons. One, it amuses me how she was caught. Two, and more importantly, I want it to be a reminder about how important it is to take steps to protect yourself from mail theft and identity fraud. The victims of this woman did not even realize they were victims until our deputies informed them of their investigation. Hopefully, it was discovered before any damage could be done to the victims' credit and finances. A lot of personal information can be obtained

from your mail, so you need to protect it. Consider a locking mailbox, or a post office box. If you still have your mail delivered conventionally, please take the mail out as soon as possible — and never leave

outgoing mail with the flag up. Once you go through your mail, be careful what you throw away. Shredding mail that has your personal information on it is an excellent option. Personal information is stolen all the time — from the mail, online transactions, purse and wallet thefts, and scams. Once the bad guys have your information, there are many different ways they can profit from it. With online transactions, the thieves usually get hundreds or thousands of victims at one time. Then, they will take that information and sell it. And sometimes, the information gets sold many times.

Let's say a large health insurer has their computers hacked, and your Social Security number is among the thousands taken. Your number could continually be sold for years, making the headache of cleaning up your credit history even worse. If someone has your personal information, he or she can get credit cards in your name, and make purchases that will be charged back to you. They could assume your identity, and if they get caught for speeding, you would have a citation written under your name. And of course, you would have no idea that a citation was written, so the ticket would never get

paid, and then suddenly you might have a warrant for your arrest. Pretty scary stuff. If your Social Security card is lost or stolen, notify the Social Security Administration immediately. If you know someone has already used your SSN, contact the Federal Trade Commission. If it was stolen, you'll also need to notify law enforcement. If your credit cards or debit cards get lost or stolen, contact the financial institution who issued the cards as soon as possible, so they can be canceled. If the cards were stolen, you'll also want to contact law enforcement. One other suggestion

about protecting your credit is to check your credit score. Federal law allows each person one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three nationwide credit reporting companies (EquiFAX, Experian, TransUnion). Just know that those companies will try to sell you other services, so be sure to follow instructions carefully. If you see something wrong with your credit, you'll want to take action immediately. If you'd like more information about credit fraud, check out the Federal Trade Commission online (FTC.gov). Grady Judd is the Polk County Sheriff.

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If you consider yourself someone who could be a part of the world of Rotary, **You Are A Potential Rotarian**. Contact any of the 7 clubs listed at the bottom of this page. Rotary is rapidly changing to include ways to participate in "new forms" of Rotary, such as Satellite Clubs that do not have attendance goals, but flexible projects for those whose professional life makes it difficult to make a weekly meeting.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Heartland Lions roaring back

Semi-pro football team provides another opportunity for players

By **JIM TAYLOR**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Semi-pro football is coming back for its third year in Highlands County, the first two years as the Highlands County Enforcers, this year as the Heartland Lions under the guidance of Adrienne Diaz.

Diaz was part of the Highlands County Enforcers in their first year when they went 9-1 and were to host the league's championship game against the Mississippi Sting. Then the wheels fell off the bus, as the person who

handled the money disappeared, but not before calling the county to say there was not insurance on the field and calling the league to forfeit the championship game.

Despite Diaz trying to rectify what happened and get the league to put the Championship game back on if she could get a field, she was unable to acquire the insurance as the county pulled the field from use.

"The players paid to play then," said Diaz. "It left a bad taste in everyone's mouth."

"We had a lot of good

players on that team" added Diaz. "Three went on to play in arena football and one got scouted and is playing in the Canadian Football League (CFL)."

Diaz said not hosting the championship game likely hurt players getting an opportunity to play elsewhere.

"The thing that really killed me was that the league has a European Division," she said. "If we had played the championship, there would have been scouts there to look at players



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

FOOTBALL | 13 The Heartland Lions have good size on the offensive line.

Sensational season



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Sebring freshman Beckham Donovan was consistent and capped an outstanding season by qualifying for the Clas 2A state tournament. For his ability and accomplishments, Donovan was selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Boys Golfer of the Year.

Sebring's Donovan tops All-Highlands Boys Golf Team

By **MARK PINSON**
STAFF WRITER

Sebring's Beckham Donovan made quite an impact on the high school golf scene in his freshman year.

The talented Blue Streak, who averaged 41 for nine holes, improved during the season and peaked at the right time as he finished fourth at districts, second at regionals with a 76, and capped an outstanding year by finishing 82nd at the Class2A state tournament.

"Beckham had a good season and it's a great accomplishment for a freshman to qualify for the state tournament," said Sebring boys golf coach Vince Liles. "He has been playing a long time in competition and when it came time to tee it up, he was ready to play and was all business. He has a great short game and is an excellent putter. I'm proud of Beckham and his accomplishments this year."

For his ability and accomplishments, Donovan has been selected as

the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Boys Golfer of the Year.

"It means a lot to win this award," said Donovan. "I learned so much this year, especially at the state tournament, and I'm looking forward to the next three years. I have a lot to work, especially my driving, and I'm going to work as hard as I can to improve."

The Team

Josh Martin, senior, Lake Placid - Martin averaged 44.8 for nine holes and advanced as an individual qualifier to regionals for the Green Dragons. "Josh was the number one player on the team the entire season," said Lake Placid boys golf coach Daniel Bova. "He was a co-captain, a team leader and would always get to practice early and stay after it was over to work on his game and get better."

Dalton Whitman, senior, Avon Park - Whitman had a solid season on the links for the Red Devils. "Dalton is a young man with talent galore and

it's just too bad he could not have dedicated some time a few years ago to golf," said Avon Park boys golf coach Gary Dressel. "He became very good at reading greens and sinking some nice putts. It was a pleasure to have him come out and help salvage the season and I hope the brief experience he had will stay with him and give him pleasure at this game in the future."

Avery Hurst, freshman, Sebring - Hurst had a 47.7 average for nine holes and was a member of the district and regional team. "Avery was a big asset to the team and played solid all season," said Liles. "Avery shot his lowest 18 hole score with an 89 at regionals. He has a swing that can't get into a lot of trouble, but he will need to work on course management over the summer to shoot some low scores next year."

Mitchel Coker, junior, Lake Placid - Coker averaged 53.4 for nine holes and was a co-captain of the Green Dragon

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LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Lake Placid Senior Softball practice

Lake Placid Senior Softball is currently practicing on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. at the Lake June Ball Fields off Interlake Blvd. in Lake Placid. Men 60 and over who would like to participate in a fun league should bring their bats, gloves and enthusiasm to the field and sign-up for the regular season beginning in January and running through March.

For further league information, please visit lpssoftball.com.

After School Tennis Program

The After School Tennis Program at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring will resume on Jan. 8 and run through Feb. 2. The classes are for tennis players aged 4 to 18 and are taught by USPTA Certified Tennis Professional Horace Watkis, formerly part of Chicago's famous Mid-Town Tennis Club Pro Staff and Head Pro at Frenchman's Cover in Port Antonio, Jamaica.

Tiny Tots (ages 4 to 6) meet on Tuesday from 3:15 to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$37, while Future Champs (ages 6 to 12) meet 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday and players can choose which day of the week they would like to attend.

The Pre-Tournament Academy meets on Wednesday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60, while High School Team Level meets on Thursday between 4 and 5:30 p.m. and the cost is \$60.

For more information contact Watkis at horacewatkis@hotmail.com or 863-414-2164 or 386-4282.

Highlands Hammock Half Marathon and 5K

The Friends of Highlands Hammock State Park will present the 10th Annual Highlands Hammock Half Marathon & 5K at the park on Saturday, Jan. 13 with a 7:30 a.m. start for both distances. The Central Florida Striders running club under the direction of Chet Brojek will manage race timing and scoring. All proceeds from the event will benefit park projects.

Entry fee for the 5K is \$20 and Half Marathon fee is \$40 thru January 6, 2018. Late fees are \$25 for the 5K and \$50 for the Half Marathon thru race day registration. Participants will get a custom designed sport tech tee, awards in both races, food, fun and a great chance to test their skills in the new year.

Checks payable to Central Florida Striders along with entry form may be snail mailed to race director Brojek at: 3310 Par Road, Sebring, FL 33872 or you may register online at: <http://endurance.sportstiming.com/race-calendar/>.

The Half Marathon will be run by an individual or by a team relay for the 13.1 mile distance. Those desiring to form a relay team should contact the coach at: cbrojek@comcast.net to discuss details and special relay pricing. The Half Marathon includes almost nine miles of the beautiful trails throughout the park. Anyone needing an entry form may email Brojek at: cbrojek@comcast.net and he will get one out to you right away.

Sebring senior softball sign-ups

Sign-ups for the 2018 Highlands County senior softball season are now taking place. Those born in 1949 or earlier can play in the Softball 70s league and can call John Kloett at 863-414-2926 for more information. Those 55 and older can call Gary Kindle at 863-835-2405 for information on the Senior 55s league. The league begins the second week of January.

Fishing good through New Year's Day

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the last five days of December gives anglers the first quarter moon phase and a very good weather forecast for catching fish. All fishing factors considered, fishing during the holiday season can't get any better.

Water temperatures are still high enough to cause fish go feed several times a week and the wind, sun to cloud ratio, and atmospheric pressure movement, are all ideal for causing fish to adjust daily two or three times and thus the 'need to feed' increases above the normal rate.

Best Fishing Days: Today through Sunday all look to be about equal in positive fishing factors with the only negative being less upward atmospheric pressure change on Thursday. Friday



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

there will be a minor cold front arriving but I don't believe it will matter much since it will be only a 5-degree change.

The Major Fishing Period: Today the moon is underfoot at 7:22 a.m. and will create a 4 to 5 feed intensity rating from 6-9 a.m. Atmospheric pressure change has been better than average during

this morning period over the past four days and I expect this to continue. Daily this period will move later by about 50 minutes.

The Minor Fishing Period: Solar noon occurs today at 12:26 p.m. and the moonrise at 1:24 p.m. and will create a rating of 4 or perhaps higher depending on when pressure begins to drop and how fast the rate is. I believe fish during the winter season feed daily during the solar noon period so I don't expect this to move later into the day by much if at all.

Prime Monthly Periods: Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, super full moon; Jan. 14 to 20, new moon. January will have strong full moon period due to the lunar perigee influence. Note: A full or new moon in orbit perigee is almost 31,000 miles closer to earth than during an orbit

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Istokpoga.info News: The lake level is at 39.52 feet above sea level, which is slightly above the max-level in the one-foot management-threshold range for the winter season. Currently the maximum and minimum levels are 39.50 and 38.50 feet above sea level, respectively. Three of four gates are currently open 0.21 inches and flowing a combined

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to play overseas.”
At the end of the first season, Diaz footed the bill to send eight players to Atlanta for the awards banquet and All-Star game.
Diaz is back this year after taking last year off to take players to various combines throughout the state, only to find that she is constantly climbing hurdles financially, with the government and rebuilding trust with the

players.
Diaz states that this is more than just football, it is an opportunity, which in a short time has given young men a second chance at improving themselves.
“We have a lot of 18 to 27 year olds that play, which is significant because that is the age you are eligible to play at the next level,” Diaz said. “The Elite Indoor Football Arena, the Columbus Lions, just called asking if we had any film on our wide receivers and they are paying anywhere up to

\$100,000, depending on what position you play.”
Diaz has spoken to several colleges about helping players to get an education, who have dropped out of school for various reasons, to receive scholarships and has received a lot of positive feedback and assistance from South Florida State College and even the University of Florida.
Diaz has spoken to several organizations about sponsorships she is applied for and received her EIN number as being a viable 501C3

organization and her ultimate goal is to raise enough money so players do not have to pay to play.
Trying to get sponsorships is just one hurdle Diaz is trying to get past. There has been problems with getting access to the field at the Highlands County Sport Complex, in which there have been times they have been locked out because they were told the County told them it was not economically feasible to pay someone to unlock the gate for access to the field.

“We still can't get on the field to practice,” said Diaz. “We gave them the insurance papers and field insurance does not travel with you. They said we could have the field if we got insurance and we listed them as the field. We still can't get on the field.”
Last Saturday the team had to practice at the YMCA in Sebring.
Diaz hopes with the change in leadership at Parks and Natural Resources things will change for the positive, noting that she has spoken to Chris Benson and

he was willing to help.
With over 30 players on the roster, the Heartland Lions are still looking for more as they are able to carry a roster of 55 players. Many of the players travel from Lakeland, Arcadia, Wauchula and Auburndale, as well as local players to make up the roster.
Right now they practice every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Highlands Sports Complex, otherwise practice is at the YMCA.
For more information on how to join the team, call Diaz at 863-253-1857.

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golf team. “Mitchel worked to improve his game and would help organize practice and hold others accountable on the course,” said Bova.
Gabe Gomez, senior, Avon Park - Gomez, an excellent baseball player, improved considerably as the golf season progressed.
“It's always a thrill for me as a golf coach to have a great baseball player change course and switch to golf,” Dressel said. “They've got the strength, flexibility and hand/eye coordination that makes many of them natural golfers and all it takes is a few tweeks to really get them

going. I think Gabe also enjoyed the matches, even though they were humbling, and he took things in stride and competed with a great sense of sportsmanship. I had a very enjoyable season with Gabe and I wish him the best of luck as he prepares now for the baseball season.”
Parker Williams, sophomore, Sebring - Williams averaged 49.1 for nine holes for the Blue Streaks. “Parker was a member of the district and regional team,” Liles said. “Parker was a baseball player and has a natural golf swing. He will definitely be a starter next year if he puts the time into his game over the summer.”
Colby Gadsden, sophomore, Lake Placid - Gadsden averaged 47.7

for nine holes for the Green Dragons. “Colby was a pleasant surprise this year,” Bova said. “This was his first year on the team. He worked very hard on his game during the offseason and it showed with very consistent scores. With his great work ethic, I expect even bigger things from him next year.”
Jonathan Dutcher, sophomore, Sebring - Dutcher had a 52.4 average for nine holes for the Blue Streaks. “Jonathan was a transfer from Okeechobee High School,” Liles said. “He has a good golf swing, but needs to work on his course management in order to improve his scoring average. If he works on his game in the off season, he will be a starter on the golf team

next year.”
Ethan Kinney, freshman, Sebring - Kinney averaged 52.5 for nine holes for the Blue Streaks. “Ethan has a lot of talent and will be a starter next year,” Liles said. “He must learn to take his game from the range to the golf course. Ethan has a great golf swing and his swing is all about timing. I know he will be working on his game over the summer.”
Will Celentano, sophomore, Sebring - Celentano had a 53.8 average for nine holes and was a member of the district and regional team. “Will has a lot of talent, but must start believing in his ability to become a solid player next year,” Liles said. “I know he will be contending for one of the

top spots next year. We changed some things in Will's golf swing and his swing has improved.”
Zac Taylor, sophomore, Sebring - Taylor had a 60.1 average for nine holes and was a member of the district team. “Zac has the passion for the game that every coach wants to see,” Liles said. “He is ready to play every day. If he improves his driving distance and short game, he will compete for one of the top spots next year.”
Honorable Mention Gage Smith, sophomore, Lake Placid

- Smith averaged 50.9 for nine holes for the Green Dragons. “Gage was another newcomer to the team and did not come out until about three weeks into the season,” Bova said. “However, he worked very hard to improve his game and I expect him to be a part of the young core of players going forward.”
Coach Of The Year
For guiding his team to the regional tournament, Sebring's **Vince Liles** has been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Boys Golf Coach of the Year.

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CUP SERIES TOP-FIVE RACES

No. 3: Dover Speedway

Dover proved big for Johnson

By Godwin Kelly
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This is the third of a five-part series featuring the five best Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series races staged in 2017. This is race No. 3 on the list of NASCAR's best events.

It was a momentous day for seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson, because by winning at Dover International Speedway on June 4, he tied Cale Yarborough on the all-time win list at 83.

As Johnson's racing career zips along, he has been putting a beat down on NASCAR Hall of Famer Yarborough.

In 2009, Johnson set a record no one ever expected would be reached — at Yarborough's expense. Johnson won his fourth straight Cup Series title, breaking a tie with Yarborough at three. Johnson continued forward and won five consecutive crowns.

Crazy as it sounds, Johnson was a Yarborough fan growing up and had a special helmet commissioned with Yarborough's likeness on it from back when Yarborough drove Harry Ranier's No. 28 Hardee's entry in the mid-1980s.

"I never thought I'd end up here in NASCAR as a kid racing in the dirt in Southern California," Johnson said after that Dover victory. "I remember going to a race in Oklahoma with my parents and my brother. We were driving across the country and we pulled up to a Hardee's.

"I had no idea it was a burger stand, and I really thought when I walked in the door, I was going to see Cale Yarborough's race shop. It was very disappointing. I had a burger and left."

This time he had a win and left tied with Yarborough in one of NASCAR's most important categories.

"To be here and tie him at 83 wins is amazing," Johnson said. "We just got the tribute helmet. I wasn't sure how quickly we'd be, or if we'd be able to go there and get it done. But Cale, you're the man. Thank you for all you have done for our sport."

This was not a walk-in-the-park victory for Johnson, who started shotgun after crew chief Chad Knaus made a rear gear change before the race started.

The race was brutal, as is the custom at the 1-mile, high-banked, concrete oval. There were 15 caution periods for 72 laps, which made it necessary for two rounds of overtime racing.

Among those who exited to the garage with mangled machines were Daytona 500 winner Kurt Busch, plus Brad Keselowski and Ricky



Jimmie Johnson poses with the Dover trophy ("Miles the Monster") after earning his 83rd career Cup victory, tying him with Cale Yarborough on the all-time win list. [AP/NICK WASS]

Stenhouse Jr., who had each scored Cup wins before reaching Dover, the 13th race of the season.

Johnson got by Kyle Larson on the final green-white-checked restart and was out front at the overtime line as a multicar crash broke out behind them. Johnson took the win with the yellow flag waving. It marked his 11th career win at "The Monster Mile."

Johnson led the race twice for 19 laps.

It was a great and horrible day for Larson. He led a race-high 241 laps, but lost in the second overtime period to Johnson, who would not win another race all season.

"I didn't need that last caution," Larson said after posting his fifth runner-up finish of the season. "Jimmie is the best of our time, probably the best of all time.

"He has a lot more experience than I do

on the front row late in races and executed a lot better than I did. I've got to get better at that and maybe get some more wins."

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You'll see different versions of this car on the toy shelves next year. [AP FILE]

QUESTIONS & ATTITUDE — Compelling questions ... and maybe a few actual answers

Forget Alex Bowman and the No. 88, who replaces Junior as top diecast seller?

That's one of the underrated and underreported aspects of Junior Earnhardt's retirement. Last week, Lionel Racing released its top-selling diecast cars from 2017, and while it's no surprise that one of Junior's No. 88 cars topped the list, it's somewhat amazing that his assorted cars from 2017 claimed six of the top-10 spots.

Who fills that role?

Assuming Junior runs a couple of Xfinity races in 2018, you can bet those cars will rule the diecast world next year. But as for full-time Cup cars, the early favorite has to be Chase Elliott's new No. 9. In fact, various forms of the No. 9 will likely claim a few spots, and the term "special paint scheme" will live on.

What about your one-man campaign?

It continues. There may be bigger issues regarding NASCAR's

sloppy TV numbers, but let's keep beating this drum: When your mom and dad can't turn on the TV and find their favorite driver because his car's color has changed again, it's a problem. In a perfect world (OK, my perfect world), teams would be assigned a color scheme and forced to stick with it, regardless of sponsor maneuvers through the season. But the people selling diecast cars wouldn't agree.

— Ken Willis, ken.willis@news-jrnl.com

2018 CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

Feb. 11: Clash at Daytona
Feb. 15: Can-Am Duel at Daytona
Feb. 18: Daytona 500
Feb. 25: Folds of Honor 500 at Atlanta
March 4: Kobalt 400 at Las Vegas
March 11: Camping World 500(k) at Phoenix
March 18: Auto Club 400 at Fontana
March 25: STP 500 at Martinsville
April 8: O'Reilly Auto Parts 500 at Texas
April 15: Food City 500 at Bristol
April 21: Toyota Owners 400 at Richmond
April 29: Geico 500 at Talladega

May 6: AAA 400 at Dover
May 12: Go Bowling 400 at Kansas
May 19: All Star Race at Charlotte
May 27: Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte
June 3: Pocono 400
June 10: FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan
June 24: Toyota/Save Mart 350 at Sonoma
July 1: Chicago 400 at Chicagoland
July 7: Coke Zero 400 at Daytona
July 14: Quaker State 400 at Kentucky
July 22: New Hampshire 301
July 29: Pennsylvania 400 at Pocono
Aug. 5: 355 at the Glen, at Watkins Glen
Aug. 12: Pure Michigan 400

Aug. 18: Night Race at Bristol
Sept. 2: Southern 500 at Darlington
Sept. 9: Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis
Sept. 16: Las Vegas 400
Sept. 22: Federated Auto Parts 400 at Richmond
Sept. 30: Bank of America 500(k) at Charlotte road course
Oct. 7: Delaware 400 at Dover
Oct. 14: Alabama 500 at Talladega
Oct. 21: Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas
Oct. 28: First Data 500 at Martinsville
Nov. 4: Texas 500
Nov. 11: Can-Am 500(k) at Phoenix
Nov. 18: Ford EcoBoost 400 at Homestead

SPEED FREAKS — A few questions we had to ask ourselves

One driver, one proposed New Year's resolution ...

GODSPEAK: Kyle Busch, no bloody-face episodes on pit road in 2018.

KEN'S CALL: Brad Keselowski, reach 1 million Twitter followers. You can do it!

OK, one more ...

GODSPEAK: This is inevitable in

2018, but that first career victory for Chase Elliott. Maybe in the Daytona 500?

KEN'S CALL: A win, then another, and another, for Clint Bowyer, who would bring big fun to Victory Lane and elsewhere if he can finally hit his stride.

NASCAR announced "stage racing" last January; what do you

want announced this January?

GODSPEAK: How about stage-coach racing? Honestly, it would be nice to get the purse results back. I think the fans would appreciate that.

KEN'S CALL: Consistent, year-round color schemes for each car, regardless of rotating sponsors. (More details nearby in the QNA.)



If Clint Bowyer can start winning in 2018, NASCAR will be a better place. [AP FILE]

Youngsters help decorate Children's Museum

By MELISSA MAIN
CORRESPONDENT

Instead of grimacing as children insisted on helping with the decorations, the Children's Museum actually set aside Saturday, Dec. 16, as a day for children to help decorate the museum.

Children alternated between playing with sand or playing dress up and decorating ornaments for the Christmas tree. Children played with face paint, shopped at a replica of a Publix grocery store, played educational games and made ornaments for themselves and for the museum.

The Children's Museum prepared for the event by cutting paper ornaments and paper garland and having glitter, crayons, sticks and other supplies on hand for the children to use.

The ornaments and garland were placed around the museum and provided an adorable holiday flair. The museum also made a tall green two-dimensional



Keigan Cowder decorated the Christmas tree at the Children's Museum of the Highlands.



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

Kelly Dressel, director of the Children's Museum, hung paper garland to decorate for the Christmas holiday.

tree from felt and placed it near the entrance of the museum.

The children attached felt ornaments to the tree. The use of felt allowed children to redecorate the tree as often as they wished and provided each child an opportunity to decorate an entire Christmas tree with very little help from parents.

This special children's activity is just one of the many activities that are available at the Children's Museum. Two months ago,

the museum resumed Tot Time, a weekly program for children under the age of 6.

Brooke Hoak, the teacher for Tot Time, leads the children in singing, dancing, crafts and storytelling.

Since the museum moved into the mall after experiencing damage to their building downtown, the museum has been in the process of rebuilding and expanding their programs for children.

This Friday the museum will resume Kids Night Out (KNO), a special event for children ages 3-11.

According to Director Kelly Dressell, this program allows children to have a special time in the museum without their parents.

For more information about KNO or other programs at the museum, email Dressell at director@childrensmuseumhighlands.com.

Heartland Clubs

AVON PARK

Avon Park Breakfast Rotary Club: Meets at 7 a.m. every Friday at 20 S. Verona Ave. Call 453-3350.

Avon Park Depot Museum: Open 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Call 863-453-3525 or 863-414-3316.

Avon Park Founders Garden Club: Meets at 10 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, September through May. Visitors welcome. Call 863-452-1927.

Avon Park Friends of the Library: Membership is open to all residents of Highlands County. The organization operates a used bookstore attached to the library at 100 N. Museum Ave. Call 863-452-3812.

Avon Park Hibiscus Garden Club: Meets on the second Thursday of each month, September through May at 2 p.m. Meetings rotate among the homes of club members. For more information, call 863-453-8528. New members welcome.

Avon Park Jaycees: Meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Jaycees Building on State Road 17, close to the Highlands Shrine Club. Call 863-381-4783.

Avon Park Noon Rotary: Meets at noon every Wednesday at the Rotary building at 20 S. Verona Ave.

Beta Sigma Phi, Xi Nu Sigma Chapter: Members meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at members' homes. Former members of Beta Sigma Phi are welcome to join in on the activities of the chapter. Beta Sigma Phi is an international organization benefiting service projects locally and throughout the states. Call Mary Joiner at 382-4488.

Florida Writers Association Avon Park Wordsmiths Chapter: Meets at 1 p.m. every Friday at Avon Park Library. This is a critique group for original writing, fiction of any genre, non-fiction, poetry and memoirs for those 18 and older. Contact Suzanna Harvill at vixendor@embarqmail.com.

Heartland Horses and Handicapped Inc.: Providing free equine assisted riding and interaction to significantly improve the lives of children and adults with mental, physical, behavioral, emotional, or developmental challenges from 9 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4305 Independence Street in Avon Park. For information or to volunteer, call 863-452-0006 or visit Heartlandhorses.org.

Heartland Pops Concert Band: Rehearses at 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays under the direction of Anthony Jones in the Avon Park High School band room, 700 E. Main St. All woodwind and brass instruments, as well as adult and advanced student musicians are welcome. Call 314-8877.

Historical Society of Avon Park Board: Meeting is at noon the third Monday of the month. Meetings are held at the Depot Museum. Society members welcome. Call 863-414-3316.

Heart of Highland Show Chorus: Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. Thursdays at the Avon Park Rotary Club, 20 S. Verona Ave., across from the post office. This group of ladies shares a love for singing a capella music in barbershop style. Whatever tone your voice, there is a singing part for you. Check out the group on Facebook, visit www.heartofhighland.com or contact Jeanne at 699-0743 or jlparz@comcast.net.

Avon Park Laughter Club: Laughter Yoga Instructor Rhoda Ross leads the group. It is open to the public. No fees involved but Ross will gladly accept any donations to offset her expenses. The club meets every fourth Tuesday of the month. Anyone wishing to find out more information about Laughter Yoga, call Ross at 863-633-0462.

Meals On Wheels Avon Park: Hot meals Monday through Friday, including holidays, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Cost is \$4.80 per meal; reduced prices available. Volunteer for about two hours, one day a week delivering meals. Call 257-1780.

Masonic Poinciana Lodge 227 F & AM: Meetings are on the first and third Monday of the month at 939 W. Main St., Avon Park. Call 863-

Rotary Club of Avon Park Meets for breakfast 7 a.m. every Friday, Avon Park Rotary Building, 20 S. Verona Ave.

TOPS FL 618: Meetings are every Tuesday weigh in 3:30-4 p.m. meetings follow at Bethany Baptist Church, 798 CR 17A N., Avon Park. Call Florence Mathis at 368-0328.

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Audubon Society of Highlands County: Meets on the third Tuesday each month at First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine in the fellowship hall, 111 Lake Josephine Blvd., Sebring. Potluck supper is served at 6:30 p.m., a bird identification segment is at 7:15 p.m. and the main speaker presentation is at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Heartland LakeSharks Parrot Head Club: Monthly Business meetings are held at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at Mid-Florida Credit Union Community Center, Stuart Avenue, Lake Placid. Monthly "phlockings" are held at various locations and times around the county. Visitors are always welcome. For more information, call 863-699-0180.

Knights of Columbus: Meets at 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3380 Placid View Dr. in the St. James Catholic Church rec hall.

Lake Placid Art League: Meetings are held on the third Wednesday, Sept.-June at 5 p.m. with a covered dish dinner followed by a meeting and program. Painting classes are held on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon; the cost is a \$10 donation to the Art League and membership in the Art League. Bill Snyder, artist, is the instructor. For information, call Bill at 863-699-2665 for information.

Lake Country Cruisers will hold monthly car show second Friday of the month from 4-7 p.m. in the parking lot of Big D's Garage Bar (former LP bowling alley) Free to all, drawings and door prizes and vote for cruiser of the month. For information or membership call 863-465-6263, John Meyerhoff.

Lake Placid Ballroom Dancers: Meet every third Sat. of the month, free dance lessons at 5:30. Dancing and live music start at 6:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Lake Placid Call 863-699-0886.

Lake Placid China Painters Club: Meetings are on the second Thursday of each month (September through May) at 10 a.m. at the Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2000

Highlands Hammock holds North Pole event

By MEGAN SMITH
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — People of all ages came out to enjoy a trip to the North Pole at the first ever Hammock North Pole event at Highlands Hammock State Park on Friday, Dec. 15 and Saturday, Dec. 16. The Hammock North Pole is one of many fundraising events that the park holds throughout the year and was dreamed up by Nancy Duvall to replace the popular Haunted Hammock event that was canceled due to extensive damage from Hurricane Irma.

All proceeds from these fundraisers go towards the maintenance of Highlands Hammock State Park.

Guests began the event at the picnic area which featured a food truck, a drawing to win a special gift basket and several games and activities for kids to participate in. From the picnic area, guests took a tram to the main event: a special replica of the North Pole set up by the volunteers.

The Hammock North Pole was host to some of the holiday season's biggest stars. Mrs. Claus read books to the children, Santa Claus was taking Christmas gift requests in his cabin and Rudolf helped the



MEGAN SMITH/CORRESPONDENT

Mrs. Claus waits for children at the Hammock North Pole.

kids make reindeer food to take home.

Volunteer Lynn Lane said she was happy to help out in order to raise funds for the park and make the children smile. Other volunteers passed out hot chocolate and treats to be enjoyed by everyone amongst the beautiful lights and decorations.

Of all the decorations, one stood above all, quite literally! A life-sized, handmade North Pole designed and assembled by

Highlands Art League offering AiR program

Special to Highlands Sun

The Highlands Art League (HAL) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for its Artist in Residence (AiR) Program, which provides visual or literary artists dedicated time, space and support to experiment and develop a new body of work in a creative community at HAL's 'Village Where Art Lives.' The ideal candidates for this program are progressive artists who are self-directed, motivated, community-oriented and passionate about creating new work.

The program encourages career artists who embrace community and enjoy working in a team environment to apply. AiR artists will receive dedicated studio and living space in HAL's Clovelly House complete with climate control and studio space in exchange for part time work at the Village Where Art Lives. The length of the residency is mutually agreed upon by HAL and the artist. The residency can begin as early as Jan. 5, 2018.

Program benefits include:
Exhibition Opportunities –
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The Clovelly House.

buildings will be available during the residency.

Gain Valuable Teaching Experience – Paid teaching opportunities are available for children/adult classes.

Professional Development – AiR participants are encouraged to interact with and observe HAL artists, students and speakers.

The Artist in Residency will live in HAL's Clovelly House, a 1925 historic house featuring 2,252 square feet that has been completely renovated, thanks to generous funding by the Sebring CRA and Mrs. Joan Hartt. The house features hardwood floors, a

full kitchen, sunroom and back porch overlooking beautiful Lake Jackson. The house is one of four buildings that comprise the 'Village Where Art Lives' located inside Sebring's Cultural Center on the shores of Lake Jackson. The artist's living space will be located in the back of the house and will include a private, furnished bedroom, bathroom, living area and kitchen complete with climate control, security system and Internet access. The front of the house will be utilized for exhibit space, work space and classes.

"The AiR Program is uniquely dedicated to providing a venue for talented artists from outside our region to integrate with, and become members of, our local community," said HAL President Barb Hall. "During their stay, our Artist in Residence will provide community members and visitors with a fresh perspective on arts education in Highlands County."

HAL's first Artist in Residence, Kathryn Obidzinski, recently accepted a position as curator for the Highlands Museum of the Arts (MoTA).

Application information is available online at www.HighlandsArtLeague.org. There is a \$25 application fee.

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Duvall and her family. Nancy Duvall was very excited about the event's success, despite having several hiccups in the beginning and needing to draw power from generators to keep the entire North Pole running.

the Lake Placid FFA who sent 30 people to the park to help with the event. She hopes to be able to hold the Hammock North Pole for two weekends next year, but will need more people to volunteer to help out in order to make that vision reality.

Duvall stated "I just want to thank the community for all their support."



The Hammock North Pole was decorated for the holidays.



"Rudolph" was on hand at the Hammock North Pole.

"Luckily, everyone still had [their generators] out from the hurricane," Duvall joked. Duvall was very thankful to all of her volunteers, especially



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The tram to take visitors to the Hammock North Pole.

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Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 863-465-0854. **Lake Placid Elks Riders:** Meets the second Friday of the month at 7 p.m. We strive to make a difference by educating the members and officers of the Elks organization, how beneficial a club like this will be to the continued prosperity of the Elks. The club's mission is like the "long winding roads" we love to ride on. Any questions, contact Mark Ross, President at 863-699-9193.

Lake Placid Garden Club: Meets the second Wednesday each month, September through May, at the Lake Placid Woman's Club, 10 N. Main Ave., Lake Placid. Social time at 11:30 and lunch is at noon with garden related program and business meeting following. New members welcome. Call Margo Sanders at 863-451-6375.

Lake Placid Lions Club: Meets for dinner at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday each month at Beef O' Brady's. Call 863-655-2973.

Placid Lakes Social Circle: Meet the second Thursday of the month (except holidays) at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Meeting is from 4-5 p.m., followed by food and games. For

information, call 863-699-6331. **Rotary Club of Lake Placid:** Meets at 6:44 a.m. every Wednesday at MidFlorida Community Room, 6 N. Main Ave. Enter in back of building. For more information, email skiprotary4323@yahoo.com.

Lake Placid Noon Rotary: Meets at 11:30 a.m. every Thursday at Beef O Brady's, 110 Plaza Ave. For more information, call 863-414-3493.

Lake Placid Woman's Club: Meetings are at noon on the third Thursday of the month, September through May, at 10 N. Main Ave. Call Sally Kinsey 863-699-2631.

Masonic Lodge 282: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on first and third Tuesday each month. Call 465-4891.

Placid Lakes Line Dancing: Meets from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays and Fridays at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

Lake Placid Woodcarvers: The woodcarvers meet Tuesdays at noon until 3 p.m., on Thursdays, 8 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. They have a yearly project beginning in the fall; instruction is by Al Hyman, Eileen Tietz, and Bill Snyder. All levels of woodcarvers are welcome to participate. Call Bill Snyder for more details at 863-699-2665.

Placid Lakes Party Bridge Club: Meets from 9 a.m.

to 2 p.m. Tuesdays at Placid Lakes Town Hall, 2010 Placid Lakes Blvd. Call 465-4888.

The Young Artists String Orchestra: Email the director, Amanda Klatt at Amanda.klatt@gmail.com

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Airborne Veterans Group: Meets the first Saturday of every month at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Sebring at 9 a.m. All Veterans and Guests are welcome, call 863-699-6331 for more info.

American Contract Bridge Club of Sebring: Duplicate bridge games are played at noon, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 347 N. Fernleaf Ave., Sebring.

AMVETS Post 21: Membership meeting is at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of each month. Ladies Auxiliary meets at 11 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at 623 U.S. 27, on the corner of Hammock Road. Call 385-0234.

The Artist's Group: Holds weekly classes in jewelry, beading, watercolor, oil and acrylic painting. Beginning and intermediate students are welcome.

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Beta Sigma Phi D Xi Xi Iota: Is now a sustaining Chapter that meets for lunch at 1 p.m. at various restaurants on the second Thursday of each month. All members at large are invited to attend. For information, call Pat Farmer at 863-655-6212.

Boy Scout Troop 808 and Cub Scout Pack: Meets every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at DeSoto City Community Building on County Road 17 and Pioneer Road. Call 655-2537 or 243-3374.

Business and Professional Women of Highlands County: The club meets at 5:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Chicane's restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for networking and socializing and 6 p.m. for dinner and speaker. This is an organization for women dealing with networking, education and political action for women, and is a local organization of the BPW/FL and BPW/USA. Call Linda at 465-6782.

Celtic American Society of the Highlands: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church, 319 Poinsettia Ave., Sebring. Everyone of Scottish, Irish, Welsh or other Celtic heritage is welcome. Call Mark Manley at 464-0524 or Lorna Keith at 471-3564.

Central Florida Butterfly and Pollinator Club: Meets at 2 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Bert J. Harris Agriculture Civic Center Conference Center Room 2, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring. The public is welcome. Call 402-6540.

Christian Fellowship Group: Meets 1-4 p.m. every Friday at 315 Parkview Road, Sebring. "Prayer, Care, and Share" The group is inter-denominational. For more information, call Jean at 863-385-3181.

The Country Club of Sebring Women's Golf Association: All women are invited to join the league which meets every Tuesday morning. The seasonal membership fee for the league is \$25 dollars. Lunch will immediately follow the morning's play. Come to the Country Club and meet some new friends.

For more information call 214-6204.

Democratic Party of Highlands County: Meets at 6 p.m. the first Monday each month at Democratic Party headquarters, 4216 Sebring Parkway. If Monday is a holiday, the meetings are held at the same time the next day, Tuesday.

Democratic Women's Club of Highlands County: Meets every fourth Saturday. Meet & greet at 9:30 a.m. and meeting at 10 a.m., at the headquarters office next to Ruby Tuesday. Call 863-382-4944.

Fleet Reserve Association, Heartland Branch 173: Meets at 7:30 p.m. the first Thursday each month. Call 471-6109.

Florida Writers Association Scribblers and Scribes: The monthly meeting of Florida Writers Association's group, The Sebring Scribblers and Scribes, will be held at Beef O'Brady's in Sebring on Wednesday, Oct. 4th at 6pm. The group meets in the back room and arrives earlier to have dinner before the meeting. FWA's motto is "Writers Helping Writers" and our meetings cover all aspects of writing, and both self-publishing and traditional publishing requirements. This meeting will delve into character development with an odd twist. The public is invited and membership in FWA is not required although applications are available. Call Barbara Beswick for more information, 863-402-9181.

Fraternal Order of the Police Lodge 99: Meets the second Monday (unless it is a holiday). Officers and retired officers of law enforcement agencies are encouraged to attend. Call Betty Milam, secretary, at 835-3512 for meeting location.

Free Riders Chapter 2 MC: Meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month, at the Hardwick residence, 2941 N. Lancaster Road, Avon Park. Call Kathy at 453-3463 or Beverly at 402-0248.

Good Time Sam's Camping Club: Meets at noon on the first Thursday each month at Dot's Restaurant. For more information call Bob at 840-0820.

Highlands County Genealogy Society: Meets at 2 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at the Chamber of Commerce on U.S. 27 N. January through May. Call 863-253-0773 or 863-452-5039. Dec. meeting is on Dec. 7 at Chicanes at noon for a Christmas party call 863-452-5939 for reservations.

Group for Better Government: Meets at noon every Thursday in the Royal Palm Room at Inn on the Lakes for a working lunch. New members and guests are welcome. The mission is that of a citizen advocacy group committed to tax relief, government accountability and civic solutions.

GFWC Woman's Club of Sebring Inc.: Meets at 11:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month, October through May, at the Clubhouse, 4260 Lakeview Drive. This is a service organization that has supported the community since 1919. Monthly meetings feature a different program each month, a luncheon and the opportunity to socialize and meet friends. For information, call Margie Bynum at 382-6007.

Greater Kenilworth Neighborhood Watch: Meets at 6 p.m. the first Thursday each month at Military Sea Services Museum on the corner of Kenilworth Boulevard and Roseland Avenue.

GWRRA ChFL2-V: Meets the first Wednesday of each month at Homer's Smorgasbord at 6 p.m. Bikers for friends, fun, safety and knowledge. Call Harold at 461-4346.

Heartland Beekeepers: Meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday each month at the Bert J. Harris Agriculture Civic Center Conference Center Room 2, 4509 George Blvd., Sebring, in conference room two. The public is welcome. Call 402-6540.

Heartland Dog Club of Florida: Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month, at Beef O'Brady's in Sebring. Call 863-385-7474 or 863-385-7803, or visit HeartlandDogClubOfFlorida.net.

Heartland Doltle Miniature Guild: Meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the St. John Methodist Church Social Hall, located at 3214 Grand Prix Drive. Call Ardith at 385-3699 or Darlene at 471-6271.

Heartland's Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus: Meeting every Tuesday 7-9:30 p.m. at Church of the Brethren at 700 Pine St. This male a capella chorus shares a love for four part Barbershop singing. Check them out in person or on Facebook at Heartland Harmonizers FL or contact Jim at 863-471-0706, or Stirling at 863-452-1055 or email us at heartlandharmonizersfl@gmail.com.

Heartland Talk of the Town: Toastmasters Meets 6:15-7:15 p.m. every first and third Tuesday at Grace Brethren Church, Room 101, 3626 Thunderbird Road, Sebring. Call 386-1203.

Heartland VW Club: Meets at 6:30 p.m. the first Tuesday every month at a member's home. Anyone who owns a Bug or would like to is welcome join the club for an evening of fun and good food. For next meeting place or information, call 763-6069, or email jeri@strato.net.

Highlands Art League: The art class meets from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. weekly at the Highlands Art League, 1989 Lakeview Drive, Sebring. Call 385-5312.

Highlands Audubon Society: Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive, Sebring. Come for pot luck dinner at 6:30 p.m., field trip announcements at 7:15 p.m. and wonderful wildlife and environment speakers at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (863) 471-1814.

Highlands County Amateur Radio Club: Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month, 7 p.m., at Stepz Dance Studio (next to Dee's Place) 132 N. Ridgewood Dr, Sebring. Area Hams can also get together three times a week for breakfast and conversation. In Lake Placid, at the Havana Nights Café, 204 N. Main Ave. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30-10 a.m. Also meet at Dot's Restaurant, 950 Sebring Square Plaza

Garden Club luncheon



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Enjoying the day are members and guests, Left to right Eileen Cifelli, Jim and Elaine Schmidt, Cyd Hunter, Lucy Wheeler and her sister Gloria.

on Fridays at 9 a.m. It's a great time to enjoy conversation and exchange ideas and information. For more information, call Neal (W4JN) at 863-314-9134 or Fred (AA4ME) at 863-385-2248.

Highlands Community Chorus: Rehearses every Monday from October through March at 7 p.m. at the Sebring Church of the Brethren. For information, call 863-214-6204.

Highlands County Concert Band: Rehearsals

will be every Monday at 7 p.m. under the direction of Vic Anderson at the Woman's Club of Sebring, 4260 Lakeview Dr. All musicians are welcome. Call Vic at 402-0890.

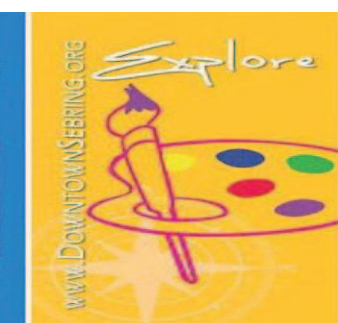
Highlands County Grape Growers Association: Meets at 6 p.m. the third Thursday each month. Call Kathy Giller at 382-4706.

Highlands County Horseshoe Club begins league play at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the downtown Sebring courts at

Pomegranate and North Pine Streets, behind the police station. Signup will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the courts. For information, call Irve Swihart at 863-452-6899, or Jr. Byron at 812-709-9408. All horseshoe pitchers are encouraged to play.

Highlands County Quilt Guild: Meets the first and third Tuesday of each month. Business meeting is at 1 p.m. at Avon Park Christian Church at 1016 W. Camphor St. Call Sharon Metzger at 863-767-1031.

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FUMC holds Deck the Trunk, Christingle event

By **MELISSA MAIN**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — With the huge success of its Trunk or Treat event in the fall, First United Methodist Church of Sebring decided to decorate trunks in Christmas themes and hold a special church service for children in the community. Cars were parked in a circle in front of the church building. Their trunks displayed nativity scenes, reindeer, Christmas villages and scenes from the hit movies “Frozen,” “Polar Express,” and “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

While children traveled from trunk to trunk, there were activities set up along the way. They made Christmas ornaments, painted pictures,

made reindeer food, roasted marshmallows for smores and ate hot dogs and chips. Adults sang Christmas carols and dressed in Santa hats. Someone even wore an elf costume.

The event was designed as a way to celebrate Christmas with the community.

George Hensley, member of First Methodist said, “We’re excited about the celebration of our Savior and about having the community come together. We want to welcome everyone to our church.”

After the children participated in the Deck the Trunks event, they were offered the opportunity to participate in the Christingle service inside the church. According to Pastor David Juliano, “This



Larry Coker III smiled as he displayed the Christingle he made during the special Christmas service at First United Methodist Church of Sebring.

was the first Christingle service in Highlands

County.”

The tradition of Christingle services began in Germany in 1747 as a visual representation of Jesus Christ and the story of his birth and death.

The children gathered around tables and sang Christmas songs. Then they listened to Alison Juliano, the children’s pastor and wife of David, tell the story of Jesus using an orange. According to Alison the orange represented the world that God created.

Children were told to place four toothpicks in the four corners of the orange to represent the four corners of the earth. Then the children carefully slid candied gumdrops over the toothpicks. This represented the plants, animals and all of God’s



MELISSA MAIN/CORRESPONDENT

Ashley Rape, director of youth ministries, and Hannah Tucker decorated a trunk for the Deck the Trunks event.

creation.

Pastor David explained, “In the beginning, everything that God made was good, just like candy. It was later that people began doing things that weren’t good. Instead of

punishing people for bad things, God chose to give us his most extravagant gift — his only son, Jesus Christ. God gave us this precious gift that first

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Christmas.”
At this point, children were instructed to snap a glowstick and stick it in the middle of the orange to represent the gift of God’s son, Jesus.

“Look ahead to Easter when Jesus died,” continued David. “The red ribbon on the table represents Jesus’ blood — a great outpouring of God’s love to us. Now wrap the ribbon around the orange and pin it into place. The Christingle you made tonight represents God’s love for us, and in the center of it all is Jesus.”

Then the lights in the sanctuary were turned off and the adults and children held up their Christingles with the glowsticks shining brightly in the darkness as they sang “Silent Night.”



Emerson Eures proudly held her Christingle, a visual representation of Jesus’ birth and death.



Abigail Johnson made reindeer food to spread out for the reindeer on Christmas Eve.

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Hosted by The Palms of Sebring, attendees brought new unwrapped toys for Ag Angels to be given to local children of Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA). Scott Kirouac, who heads this project, said it was “the best toy drive ever!”



Amanda Massey, Business Development Director at Oaks of Avon.

Interagency luncheon



COURTESY PHOTOS

From left: Paul Devlin, Palms Foundation Chairman; Nancy Vasquez, Susan Staffieri with Nurse on Call and Paul Staik, upcoming chairman. The Foundation helps residents and seniors through Meals on Wheels, New Concepts by Vision and other non-profit agencies.

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Mon. Dec. 18 at 1pm for Wed. Dec. 20 edition;
Tues. Dec. 19 at 1pm for Thurs. & Fri. Dec. 21 & 22 editions;

Wed. Dec. 20 at 1pm for Sat. & Sun. Dec. 23 & 24 editions;

Thurs. Dec. 21 at 1pm for Mon. & Tues. Dec. 25 & 26 editions;

Fri. Dec. 22 at 1pm for Wed. Dec. 27 edition;

FOR NEW YEAR'S WEEK
Tues. Dec. 26 at 1pm for Thurs. & Fri. Dec. 28 & 29 editions;

Wed. Dec. 27 at 1pm for Sat. & Sun. Dec 30 & 31 editions;

Thurs. Dec. 28 at 1pm for Mon. & Tues. Jan. 1 & 2 editions;

Fri. Dec. 29 at 1pm for Wed. Jan. 3 edition.

The Highlands News-Sun office will be closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO. JP17-000595-XX
IN THE INTEREST OF:
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R. J. U. DOB: 03/20/2007
R. T. L. DOB: 11/13/2009
Children DOB
SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF ADVISORY HEARING FOR TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS AND GUARDIANSHIP
THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO:
BETHANY JEAN RODRIGUEZ a/k/a BETH JEAN KINCAID DOB: 10/19/89
Address unknown
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights under oath has been filed in the above-styled Court by the Department of Children & Families, seeking the termination of your parental rights to:

E. R. R. a female child born August 28, 2004 in Sebring, FL and
J. U. R. a male child born March 20, 2007 in Lebanon, IN and
T. L. R. a male child born November 13, 2009 in Lebanon, IN

and you are hereby commanded to personally appear before the Honorable Sheryl D. Snodgrass, a Magistrate/hearing officer in the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, State of Florida, on the 14th day of February 2018 at 10:00 A.M., at the Highlands County Court-house, 430 South Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida, Courtroom 1A.
YOU MUST PERSONALLY APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SPECIFIED OR YOU WILL LOSE ALL RIGHTS AS A PARENT TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOUR FAILURE TO PERSONALLY APPEAR WILL BE DEEMED TO BE YOUR CONSENT TO THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILDREN NAMED IN THE PETITION. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY, YOU MUST BE PRESENT AND REQUEST THAT THE COURT APPOINT AN ATTORNEY FOR YOU IF YOU WANT ONE.
If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Office of the Court Administrator, 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 (863) 402-6565 at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled court appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call (TDD) (1-800-955-8771) or Voice (V) (1-800-955-8770).
ROBERT W. GERMAINE, CLERK By /s/ Anita Reiley Deputy Clerk
DATED THIS 22ND DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.

(Clerk's Seal)
Dec. 27, 2017; Jan. 3, 10, 17, 2018

SUN N' LAKE OF SEBRING IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT RATE STUDY RFP No. 17-12

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Sun 'n Lake of Sebring Improvement District hereby requests proposals for a Maintenance Assessment Rate Study. Specifications can be found at www.snlidistrict.org.

Sealed proposals may be hand delivered or mailed to the District office located at 5306 Sun 'N Lake Blvd., Sebring, FL 33872, Proposal for Maintenance Assessment Rate Study, RFP No. 17-12, Attention Tanya Cannady, General Manager by 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. Proposers must provide five (5) copies of their proposal.

The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to re-advertise for proposals when deemed in the best interest of the District.

Dec. 20, 2017

LEGAL NOTICES

INVITATION TO BID 14

NOTICE TO DESIGN-BUILD FIRMS SEBRING AIRPORT AUTHORITY

The **Sebring Airport Authority** hereby requests, pursuant to the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, Florida Statutes 287.055, Statements of Qualification from design-build firms desiring to render design-build services for the following project:

Repairs and Renovations to Airport Buildings AT SEBRING REGIONAL AIRPORT RFQ # 17-06

Under this agreement the selected Design Build Firm (DBF) may be tasked to perform:

An evaluation and inspection of damages, previously completed emergency repairs, and renovation requirements for various Airport buildings and facilities. Based on that evaluation/inspection, a design would be developed for the permanent repairs and renovations to each facility, permits would be obtained from the agencies having jurisdiction, and a Contractor would repair, replace, reconstruct as necessary. Project includes interior and exterior repairs/renovations to:

- Airport Terminal Building
- Commercial Hangar Building #33
- Commercial Hangar Building #103
- Commercial Hangar Building #104
- T-hangar Buildings #99-102 & 105-108
- Industrial Building #727
- Industrial Building #906

A detailed scope of services may be obtained by going on line to www.sebring-airport.com or contacting:

Beverly Glarner
Project Coordinator
Sebring Airport Authority
Administration Building
128 Authority Lane
Sebring, Florida 33870
Phone 863.314.1301
Fax 863.655.6447
Email bev@sebring-airport.com

The statements for qualification must be received at or before 2:00 p.m. local time, Thursday, February 1, 2018 delivered to the Airport Administration Building, located 128 Authority Drive Sebring, Florida 33870. A non-mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held in the Airport Administration Building, located 128 Authority Drive Sebring, Florida 33870 on Thursday, January 11, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

SEBRING AVIATION AUTHORITY
By: s/s Mike Willingham,
Executive Director
Dec. 27, 2017; Jan. 3, 2018

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NOTICE OF ACTION 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
Case No. **1500049GCAXIMX CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC**
Plaintiff,
vs.
THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SARAH NOEMI ABRAMS f/k/a NOEMI APONTE, Deceased, et al, Defendants.

NOTICE OF ACTION - CONSTRUCTIVE SERVICE
TO: **David Abrams**
Last Known Address: 256 Blue Moon Ave., Lake Placid, FL 33852
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an action to foreclose a mortgage on the following property in Highlands County, Florida:

LOT 22, BLOCK 147, SUN 'N LAKES ESTATES SECTION 15, ACCORDING TO THE MAP OR PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 8, PAGE 84, PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

has been filed against you and you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on David Echavarria, Esquire, Brock & Scott, PLLC, the Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 1501 N.W. 49th Street, Suite 200, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309, within thirty (30) days of the first date of publication on or before **January 29, 2018**, and file the original with the Clerk of this Court either before service on the Plaintiff's attorney or immediately thereafter; otherwise a default will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition.
DATED ON **December 15, 2017**.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Robyn P. Durrance
As Deputy Clerk
File #14F08852
December 20, 2017

NOTICE OF AUCTION 19

Notice is hereby given that Downtown Mini Storage LLC will sell at public auction at 195 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park, Florida 33825 at **1:00 P.M. Saturday 30th December 2017** to the highest bidder.
Items held for Ronald A. Jones, microwave, AC, tires, freezer, stove, dishwasher, toilet, hood, chainsaw, weed eaters.

Items held for Tom Chavey, lamp dresser, bed frame, chairs, saws, table, painting, boxes of unknown contents.
Items held for Leida Liboy, lamps, table & chairs, beds, pans, coffee table, boxes & bags of unknown contents.
Items held for Shaniqua Blake, bed, fan, table & chairs, dresser, pots & pans, boxes & bags of unknown contents.
Items held for Racheal Louzau, trash can, wine rack end tables, dresser, folding table, boxes & bags of unknown contents.
Dec. 20, 27, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
File No. PC 17-512
Division PROBATE
IN RE: ESTATE OF EDWARD J. JAEGER
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of EDWARD J. JAEGER, deceased, whose date of death was November 03, 2017, is pending in the Circuit Court for Highlands County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 South Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

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

ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTE SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this notice is December 20, 2017.

Personal Representative:
DONNA TITUS
202 S. Anoka Ave.
Avon Park, FL 33825
Attorney for Personal Representative:
C. PARKE SUTHERLAND, ESQUIRE
Attorney for DONNA TITUS
Florida Bar Number: 0870781
900 W. Main St.
Avon Park, FL 33825
Telephone: (863)452-6900
Fax: (863)452-5200
E-Mail: sutherland@avonparklaw.com
Dec. 20, 27, 2017

NOTICE OF ACTION 16

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION
FILE NO. **PC 17-523**
Division Probate
IN RE: ESTATE OF **SARAH ANN STICKLE A/K/A SALLY STICKLE**
Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **Sarah Ann Stickle a/k/a Sally Stickle**, deceased, whose date of death was **October 26, 2017**, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 430 S. Commerce Avenue, Sebring, Florida 33870. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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

All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is the **27th day of December, 2017**.

Personal Representatives:
/s/ **George Daniel Stickle 3299 Placid View Drive Lake Placid, Florida 33852**
/s/ **John Christopher Stickle 3299 Placid View Drive Lake Placid, Florida 33852**
Attorney for Personal Representative:
/s/ Pamela Karlson

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

Pamela T. Karlson, J.D., B.C.S., Attorney
Florida Bar Number: 0017957
KARLSON LAW GROUP, P.A.
301 Dal Hall Blvd.
Lake Placid, FL 33852
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E-Mail: pam@karlsonlaw.com
Dec. 27; Jan. 3, 2018

TAX DEEDS 32

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000311 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that LIEN ON ME TAX INVESTMENTS INC is the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 10624
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-21-36-29-090-3340-0050
Description of Property: LOT 5, BLOCK 334, LEISURE LAKES SUBDIVISION, SECTION 9, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 7, PAGE 15, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: RODRIGO MUNERA; MIGUEL ANGEL CLAVIJO; RODRIGO MUNERA; MIGUEL ANGEL CLAVIJO; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on the 27th day of December, 2017.
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ ROBIN DODD, Deputy Clerk
Dec. 6, 10, 13, 20, 27, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000311

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000409 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 5482
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2010
Tax ID: C-04-34-28-120-2540-0030
LOT 3, BLOCK 254, SUN N LAKES ESTATES OF SEBRING, UNIT 12, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 70, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: DFC SNL UNIT 12 LLC; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 10th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 12th day of December, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Robin Dodd
ROBIN DODD, Deputy Clerk
Dec. 27, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000409

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000536 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that NICOLE M BROOKS the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 775
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-33-28-070-0210-0111
Description of Property: LOT 1, LESS AND EXCEPT THE SOUTH 150 FT, BLOCK 21, AVON PARK ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: STEVEN NADUDVARY; STEVEN NADUDVARY JR.; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Karla Carillo
KARLA CARILLO, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29; Dec 6, 13, 20, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000536

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000537 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MARGUERITE E GOURLEY the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 7199
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2014
Tax ID: C-24-35-28-070-0070-0550
Description of Property: LOT 55, BLOCK 7, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: ALICIA NIETO; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Karla Carillo
KARLA CARILLO, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29; Dec 6, 13, 20, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000537

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000541 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MARGUERITE E GOURLEY the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 778
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-33-28-070-0220-0070

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000537 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MARGUERITE E GOURLEY the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 7200
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2014
Tax ID: C-24-35-28-070-0070-0560
Description of Property: LOT 56, BLOCK 7, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: FSG PROPERTY INVESTMENTS INC; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Karla Carillo
KARLA CARILLO, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29; Dec 6, 13, 20, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000538

TAX DEEDS 32

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000538 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that MARGUERITE E GOURLEY the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 7200
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2014
Tax ID: C-24-35-28-070-0070-0560
Description of Property: LOT 56, BLOCK 7, ORANGE BLOSSOM ESTATES, UNIT 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE 26, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: FSG PROPERTY INVESTMENTS INC; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Karla Carillo
KARLA CARILLO, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29; Dec 6, 13, 20, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000538

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000539 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IPLAN GROUP FBO LOUAY K NASSRI IRA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 768
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-33-28-070-0180-0100
Description of Property: EAST 1/2 OF LOT 10, BLOCK 18, AVON PARK ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: DELIA MAGALY BALLESTER; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
Dated this 28th day of September, 2017
Robert W. Germaine
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida
/s/ Karla Carillo
KARLA CARILLO, Deputy Clerk
Nov 29; Dec 6, 13, 20, 2017
P.O. NO.: 17000539

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED 17000540 CHAPTER 197.512 F.S.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that IPLAN GROUP FBO LOUAY K NASSRI IRA the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificates for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No.: 777
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-33-28-070-0220-0060
Description of Property: SOUTHERLY 138.08 FT OF NORTHERLY 165.21 FT OF LOT 6, BLOCK 22, AVON PARK ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: DIVINE TOUCH; H RICHARD DAVIS; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at Highlands County Government Center in the Board of County Commissioners Boardroom in accordance with Chapter 45, Florida Statutes at 10:00 A.M., or thereafter on 17th day of January, 2018.
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Certificate No.: 790
Year of Issuance: 06-01-2011
Tax ID: C-19-33-28-070-0310-0031
Description of Property: LOT 3, LESS AND EXCEPT THE EAST 1/2 THEREOF, BLOCK 31, AVON PARK ESTATES, UNIT 2, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 10, PAGE 22, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA. Name in which assessed: FREDERICK H THOMAS; All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate

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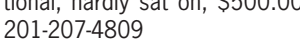
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All American Grill: Breakfast, lunch and fun

By **JERRY MEISENHEIMER**
CORRESPONDENT

All of us like to hear stories about hardworking people who get ahead in life. Well, Ayla Akel is one of those people. She's from Turkey, but on a vacation trip nine years ago, she decided to move to Fort Myers by herself. With a degree in business administration, she wanted to have her own business and opened a pizzeria.

In 2010, she sold the pizza restaurant and opened an All American Grill in Estero. She also bought a rental home in Sebring on Lake Jackson. That's when she fell in love with Highlands County and made the decision to relocate her All American Grill to Sebring.

Just as she was about to open her new restaurant, Hurricane Irma came along. Akel felt that her office would be a safe place to weather the storm. Alone that night, she experienced a nightmare, as the roof of the building gave

way and water poured in. Somehow, she got through it.

So, officially, the grand opening of All American Grill was Nov. 3. Since then, the customers just keep on coming in to enjoy the new eatery. The address is 3400 Sebring Parkway, in Sebring. It's about a mile east of US Highway 27. (It was formerly the Lion's Club and Senior Center.) Look for the 'Now Open' flag out front. The phone number is 863-402-0590. There's seating for 175 diners, so you'll be sure to find a table.

All American Grill serves breakfast and lunch daily from 6:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. On Friday nights, the tables are moved to the side and the Highlands County Ballroom Dance Club holds their weekly dances there. Then, on either a Saturday or Sunday night, Akel brings in different tribute bands for entertainment. She offers a special menu for those nights. Watch for her

advertisements to see what fun events are coming up.

But, let's go back to those breakfasts and lunches that make it traditional "All American." You can get your eggs any way you like them. Eggs Benedict come poached, laid over two English Muffins and layered with Canadian bacon. Then it's covered with special Hollandaise sauce. Next to it you'll get your choice of hash browns or home fries, or even grits.

Biscuits and sausage gravy, country fried steak and corned beef hash are other favorites. The pancakes are either buttermilk or multi grain. French toast can be ordered with fresh berries or banana topping. In the 'Eggs-Tastics' section of the menu, three egg



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"Open wide" to eat this half-pound seasoned burger at All American Grill. It's a mouthful!

omelets or frittatas are another way to go. Don't eat meat? Then, order the Gardener's Medley with onions, peppers, mushrooms, tomatoes, spinach and cheese.

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cranberries, pecans and more. Parfaits made with layers of yogurt, granola, your choice of berries, and nuts are filling and good for you. Sliced avocado on seven-grain toast comes with variations too. No matter what you prefer to have for breakfast, you'll be sure to see it somewhere on the menu.

By far, the most ordered lunch items are the half-pound fresh ground beef burgers.

They're seasoned just right and are hand-formed. After cooking, the patty stands about two inches high and is served on a corn flowered bun. You can order your burger 'all the way' to make it even bigger. Burger baskets come with golden fries.

If you want 'home-made', then you will love the tuna or chicken salad sandwiches, or maybe the grilled chicken sandwich. A New York strip steak or half chicken dinner comes with fries or mashed potatoes and a nice garden salad. The always popular all-beef

hot dog, chili dog or corn dog are 'All American' too. Milk shake flavors are vanilla, strawberry, banana, or chocolate. If you want a cold beer, it's on draft or in a bottle. All American Grill has a full bar.

Akel, says she's planning to add more menu items soon, like prime-rib. Plus, Karaoke will begin very shortly. Look for her ads!

Art Dreyer is a retired correctional officer sergeant from Avon Park Correctional Facility. Today, he's president of a ballroom dance club and loves to eat at All American Grill. He's been eating there at least once a week since they opened. Mostly, he loves the burgers.

Dreyer says, "The burgers are so large, you have to stretch your jaws!" He likes that they have just the right amount of pre-seasoning in them. "They're really tasty!"

Two lady friends, Lois Lewis and Cathy Smith, go dancing a lot. Smith is 90, and goes out dancing four nights a week. She's

originally from Canada, but moved to the U.S. when she fell in love with the handsome customs officer at the Vermont border. They were married 64 years. She loves BLT's, and says they're delicious at All American Grill. She'll keep ordering them.

Meanwhile, Lewis has lived in Sebring 21 years. She was a nurse for 45 years; and, now is a volunteer at Good Shepard Hospice in Sebring. Having been a 'Weight Watcher' leader for years, Lewis sticks to salads.

"Any kind of salad, as long as it doesn't have red meat in it," she declares. At All American Grill, there's five large salads for her to pick from.

Akel herself does most of the cooking and says she wants to make sure everything is perfect for her customers. She also offers special deals for military and first responders. And, if your club or group needs a place to hold an event, call her at 863 402-0590. See you there!



Owner Ayla Akel, has a full bar at her All American Grill in Sebring.



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These three servers are all smiles at All American Grill. They are from left: Bryce Maskelo, Cathy 'CJ' Lancaster, and Marissa Phillips.

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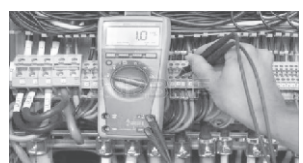
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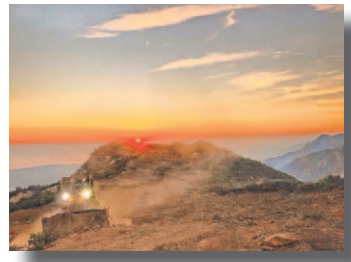


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Firefighting efforts were aided on Christmas Day by light winds and chilly overnight temperatures and authorities had rescued a 40- to 60-pound female mountain lion cub. [See page 2](#)



President Trump: 13 Days in July

The Trump White House's crucible

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE and ZEKE MILLER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — They were the 13 days that transformed the White House.

Even for an administration that spent most of 2017 throwing off headlines at a dizzying pace, events in the second half of July unfolded at breakneck speed. They encapsulated both the promise and peril of President Donald Trump's first year in office — and yielded aftershocks that reverberate within the White House even as the calendar turns to 2018.

The two-week span laid bare the splintering of Trump's relationships with two influential Cabinet members, foreshadowed the reach of the Russia probe into the interior of his orbit; saw the dramatic, last-minute defeat of one of the president's signature campaign promises and featured a senior staff shake-up that reset

the rhythms of this presidency.

Inside the West Wing, the chaotic days between July 19-31 stand as a panicked memory but also one that paved the way for future successes, according to nearly two dozen administration officials, outside advisers and lawmakers. Most of those interviewed for this account spoke anonymously because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private events.

For the record, though: "That was the extreme," said former press secretary Sean Spicer.

A leading driver of the chaos was Anthony Scaramucci, who was hired to be the White House's communications director on July 21, aiming to usher in a new era at a White House riven by in-fighting, drowning in bad press and struggling to maintain credibility.

But his shockingly brief tenure — some White House aides have taken to calling a short period of time a "Mooch" — underscored the drama that frequently paralyzed the West Wing. Spicer quit in protest. Scaramucci fired one staffer and threatened to push out others as he vowed to cut down on leaks. But many in the White House believed that was a cover for his own agenda. Believing that chief strategist Steve Bannon and Chief of Staff Reince Priebus had initially blocked his entrance to the White House, Scaramucci moved to oust the pair, culminating in an infamous and vulgar New Yorker interview attacking them.

Scaramucci himself was pushed out the door by another change agent: new Chief of Staff



AP PHOTOS

In this July 20 file photo, President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence greet military personnel during their visit to the Pentagon. For an administration that has spent 2017 throwing off headlines at a stunningly dizzying pace, the frenetic fortnight in the second half of July reached an unparalleled breakneck speed. Set amid the backdrop of a president grappling with his deepest insecurities, the West Wing's breakdown in policy collided with its collapse in personnel and acted as a crucial inflection point for Trump's first year in office.



In this July 21 file photo, Anthony Scaramucci blows a kiss after answering questions during the press briefing in the Brady Press Briefing room of the White House in Washington.

John Kelly.

In a July 28 tweet sent with no warning from Air Force One, Trump announced that he was appointing Kelly, the Homeland Security secretary and a retired four-star general, to the post. As the 140-character bursts reached their phones, a pair of senior aides who been sitting in an idling SUV with Priebus stepped out and left the outgoing chief of staff alone. A new phase of the presidency began.

Kelly's hire, several advisers said, cut down on internal fights, restored order to the West Wing

and laid the groundwork for wins down the road.

"I don't think you can overestimate the effect of the impact of those (staff) changes and that period," said Marc Lotter, Vice President Mike Pence's former spokesman.

But there were limits to his influence, as Kelly made clear he would mount no effort to manage Trump's no-holds Twitter habit. And Trump, in turn, chafed at Kelly's handling.

A legislative blow just hours earlier on July 28 had highlighted the administration's

troubled agenda at a time of unified Republican control in Washington. When Arizona Sen. John McCain's thumbs-down ended the Republican attempt to repeal and replace Obamacare.

From that bungling rose more discipline and the administration's first major legislative triumph: the tax cut legislation passed on Dec. 20. The White House would fully support the plan at the start. Trump's political operation would begin work to sell the tax package in the approaching midterm elections.

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Passenger with gun and bullets causes airport backup

By **FREIDA FRISARO**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A passenger tried to board a plane with a gun and ammunition at Orlando International Airport on Tuesday morning, causing a long backup at checkpoints during the post-Christmas travel rush.

The passenger had a carry-on bag containing

a Ruger with a separate magazine loaded with 10 rounds of .22-caliber ammunition, said Transportation Security Administration spokeswoman Sari Koshetz.

The passenger, who was not identified, possesses a valid Florida concealed weapons license, but will be charged with carrying a concealed firearm in a place prohibited by

law, said Orlando police spokeswoman Michelle Guido.

It was the 91st weapon intercepted by TSA officers at Orlando's airport this year, Koshetz said, adding that it marks a "disturbing and dangerous pattern" across Florida and the rest of the nation.

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A passenger tried to board a plane with a gun and ammunition at Orlando International Airport on Tuesday morning.

Foreign leaders say US is losing stature

By **TRACY WILKINSON, ALEXANDRA ZAVIS and SHASHANK BENGALI**
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — China has now assumed the mantle of fighting climate change, a global crusade that the United States once led. Russia has taken over Syrian peace talks, also once the purview of the American administration, whose officials Moscow recently deigned to invite to negotiations only as observers.

France and Germany are often now the countries that fellow members of NATO look to, after President Donald Trump wavered on how supportive his administration would be toward the North Atlantic alliance.

And in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the U.S., once the only mediator all sides would accept, has found itself isolated after Trump's decision to declare that the U.S. recognized Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

In his wide-ranging

speech on national security last week, Trump highlighted what he called the broadening of U.S. influence throughout the world.

But one year into his presidency, many international leaders, diplomats and foreign policy experts argue that he has reduced U.S. influence or altered it in ways that are less constructive. On a range of policy issues, Trump has taken positions that disqualified the United States from the debate or rendered it irrelevant, these critics say.

Even in countries that have earned Trump's praise, such as India, there is concern about Trump's unpredictability — will he be a reliable partner? — and what many overseas view as his isolationism.

"The president can and does turn things inside-out," said Manoj Joshi, a scholar at a New Delhi think tank, the Observer Research Foundation. "So the chances that the U.S. works along a coherent and credible national security strategy are not

very high."

As the U.S. recedes, other powers including China, Russia and Iran are eagerly stepping into the void.

One significant issue is the visible gap between the president and many of his top national security advisers.

Trump's national security speech was intended to explain to the public a 70-page strategy document that the administration developed. But on key issues, Trump's speech and the document diverged. The speech, for example, included generally favorable rhetoric about Russia and China. The strategy document listed the two governments as competitors, accused the Russians of using "subversion" as a tactic and said that countering both rival powers was necessary.

Russia reacted angrily: America continues to evince "its aversion to a multipolar world," said President Vladimir Putin's spokesman, Dmitri Peskov.

At the same time,

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INSIDE TODAY'S WIRE

Hurricane Irma brings ideas for state



Senate President Joe Negron is confident the storm that walloped the state in September won't blow a hole in the upcoming budget. [See page 4.](#)

Oyster reefs protect against storms



Hundreds of places around the U.S. and the world are planting oyster reefs primarily as storm-protection measures. [See page 12.](#)

Saudi Arabia hosts world chess games

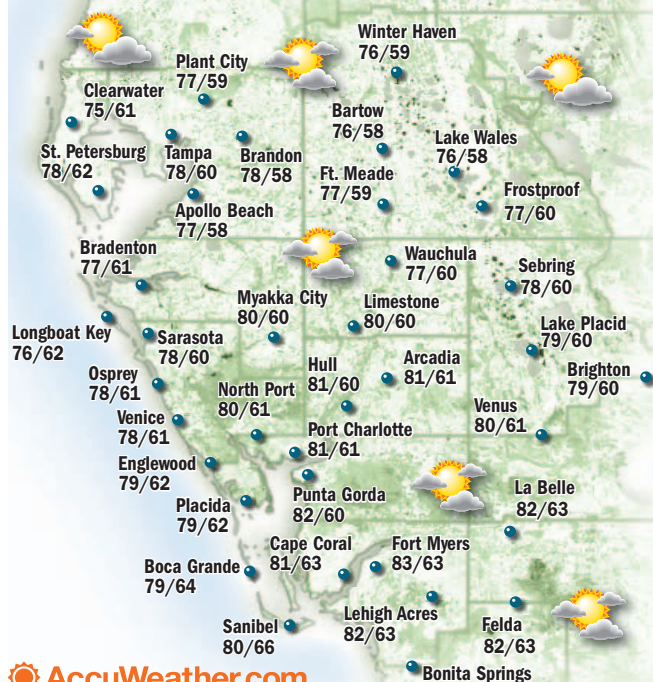


Saudi Arabia is hosting a world chess tournament for the first time, nearly two years after the country's top cleric issued a religious edict against playing. [See page 12.](#)

WEATHER

TODAY / TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
 Intervals of clouds and sun HIGH 81° 5% chance of rain LOW 61° 15% chance of rain	 Patchy clouds 80° / 60° 20% chance of rain	 Partly sunny and pleasant 78° / 54° 10% chance of rain	 Partly sunny and pleasant 74° / 54° 20% chance of rain	 Partly sunny and pleasant 75° / 61° 25% chance of rain	 Times of clouds and sun; showers at night 72° / 50° 25% chance of rain

70° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE



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PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Tuesday

Temperatures
High/Low: 81°/54°
Normal High/Low: 75°/53°
Record High: 86° (2016)
Record Low: 27° (1983)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Tue.: 0.00"
Month to date: 1.04"
Normal month to date: 1.52"
Year to date: 60.36"
Normal year to date: 50.39"
Record: 0.75" (2004)

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2017	2016	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	0.88	9.93	1.80 9.93/2016
Feb.	0.94	4.09	2.43 11.05/1983
Mar.	0.80	1.85	3.28 9.26/1970
Apr.	1.59	0.99	2.03 5.80/1994
May	2.74	3.46	2.50 9.45/1991
Jun.	14.79	14.19	8.92 23.99/1974
Jul.	9.02	7.68	8.22 14.22/1995
Aug.	13.12	7.81	8.01 15.60/1995
Sep.	12.46	7.77	6.84 14.03/1979
Oct.	2.54	4.04	2.93 10.88/1995
Nov.	0.44	0.05	1.91 5.53/2002
Dec.	1.04	0.44	1.78 6.83/2002
Year	60.36	62.30	50.65 (since 1931)

Totals are from a 24-hour period ending at 5 p.m.

VENICE

Venice through 2 p.m. Tuesday

Temperatures
High/Low: 75°/56°
Normal High/Low: 72°/53°
Record High: 86° (2016)
Record Low: 26° (1983)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Tue.: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.60"
Normal month to date: 1.98"
Year to date: 37.82"
Normal year to date: 50.12"
Record: 0.75" (1977)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Tuesday

Temperatures
High/Low: 77°/56°

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Tue.: 0.00"

Possible weather-related delays today. Check with your airline for the most updated schedules.

City	Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	83/63	part cldy	none
Punta Gorda	82/60	part cldy	none
Sarasota	78/60	part cldy	none

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today		Thu.	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Apalachicola	60	50	sh	59 44 r
Bradenton	77	61	pc	75 60 pc
Cleawater	75	61	pc	73 59 pc
Coral Springs	81	69	sh	81 66 sh
Daytona Beach	73	59	pc	70 57 pc
Fort Lauderdale	80	70	pc	80 66 pc
Fort Myers	83	63	pc	82 62 pc
Gainesville	66	48	sh	62 44 r
Jacksonville	60	48	c	57 43 r
Key Largo	79	71	s	79 69 pc
Key West	80	70	s	79 68 s
Lakeland	75	58	pc	72 57 pc
Melbourne	79	64	pc	77 62 sh
Miami	83	69	pc	82 67 s
Naples	81	63	s	81 62 s
Ocala	70	52	pc	67 49 c
Okeechobee	78	61	pc	77 61 sh
Orlando	77	59	pc	75 59 pc
Panama City	59	47	r	58 42 r
Pensacola	53	44	r	55 42 c
Pompano Beach	81	70	pc	81 66 pc
St. Augustine	63	54	c	63 54 r
St. Petersburg	78	62	pc	78 62 pc
Sarasota	78	60	pc	77 58 pc
Tallahassee	56	45	c	53 40 r
Tampa	78	60	pc	76 59 pc
Vero Beach	79	63	pc	77 61 pc
West Palm Beach	81	69	pc	79 64 sh

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature Today

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Tuesday

absent low moderate high very high

Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Tuesday

0-50 Good; 51-100 Moderate; 101-150 Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200 Unhealthy; 201-300 Very Unhealthy; 301-500 Hazardous

Main pollutant: Particulates
Source: sccgov.net

TIDES

Location	Today		Thu.	
	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	9:55a	4:32a	10:04p	3:55p
Englewood	8:32a	2:48a	8:41p	2:11p
Boca Grande	8:02a	1:50a	8:04p	12:51p
El Jobean	10:27a	5:01a	10:36p	4:24p
Venice	6:47a	1:27a	6:56p	12:50p
Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs	5:10	1:2	Light	
Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola	NE	7-14	1-2	Moderate

MARINE

Wind	Speed	Seas	Bay/Inland
direction in knots in feet	chop		
Light			
Moderate			

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	7:16 a.m.	5:43 p.m.
Thursday	7:16 a.m.	5:44 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	1:27 p.m.	1:16 a.m.
Thursday	2:07 p.m.	2:15 a.m.

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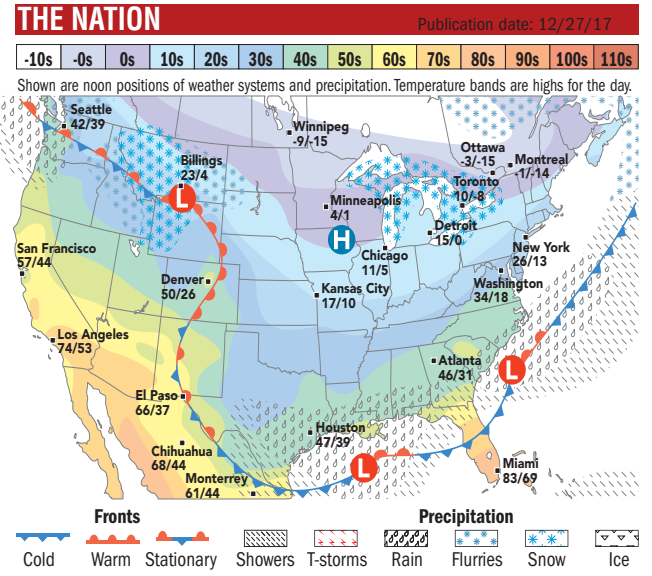
Minor	Major	Minor	Major	
Today	12:15a	6:25a	12:37p	6:50p
Thu.	12:58a	7:11a	1:24p	7:36p
Fri.	1:44a	7:58a	2:11p	8:25p

WEATHER HISTORY

New York City was hit by its biggest 24-hour snowstorm on Dec. 26 and 27, 1947; 26 inches accumulated in Central Park.

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A: MORE SNOW



U.S. Extremes

(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)

High	83° at Miami, FL	Low	-36° at Embarrass, MN
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WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Albuquerque	59 30 s	58 29 s	Jackson, MS	43 34 r	49 29 r
Anchorage	16 10 pc	17 12 c	Kansas City	17 10 pc	29 14 c
Atlanta	46 31 r	36 27 i	Knoxville	37 18 c	41 23 c
Baltimore	32 12 sf	29 16 pc	Las Vegas	65 43 s	68 44 s
Billings	23 4 sn	13 1 sn	Los Angeles	74 53 s	78 53 s
Birmingham	42 30 c	46 30 c	Louisville	24 14 pc	31 21 pc
Boise	33 24 c	36 31 c	Memphis	33 19 c	37 22 c
Boston	22 6 s	15 4 s	Milwaukee	8 3 s	18 9 sn
Buffalo	14 3 sf	12 1 c	Minneapolis	4 1 s	13 -3 sn
Burlington, VT	9 -7 s	3 -7 pc	Montgomery	45 36 r	46 30 r
Charleston, WV	26 9 pc	30 18 pc	Nashville	32 17 c	39 24 c
Charlotte	49 22 c	35 22 c	New Orleans	50 42 r	53 45 r
Chicago	11 5 s	18 11 sn	New York City	26 13 pc	23 13 s
Cincinnati	19 7 pc	24 15 c	Norfolk, VA	42 22 c	31 24 pc
Cleveland	14 6 c	19 10 c	Oklahoma City	31 22 c	42 25 c
Columbia, SC	50 29 r	39 25 c	Omaha	12 5 pc	21 8 c
Columbus, OH	17 7 pc	22 16 c	Philadelphia	29 14 pc	26 15 pc
Concord, NH	16 -5 s	7 -7 s	Phoenix	75 46 s	77 48 s
Dallas	39 30 c	45 35 c	Pittsburgh	19 8 s	23 16 pc
Denver	50 26 s	48 23 pc	Portland, ME	17 -4 s	8 -6 s
Des Moines	11 6 pc	20 4 sn	Portland, OR	44 40 r	46 44 r
Detroit	15 0 pc	17 10 sn	Providence	24 6 s	16 6 s
Duluth	-5 -12 s	4 -6 sn	Raleigh	47 18 c	35 19 pc
Fairbanks	-5 -15 s	-10 -19 pc	Salt Lake City	43 20 pc	44 32 pc
Fargo	-1 -4 s	6 -15 sn	St. Louis	19 10 pc	27 18 c
Hartford	21 3 s	14 2 s	San Antonio	44 38 c	49 41 c
Helena	22 13 sn	19 1 sn	San Diego	69 49 s	71 50 s
Honolulu	82 68 sh	81 69 pc	San Francisco	57 44 s	57 43 s
Houston	47 39 r	51 42 c	Seattle	42 39 c	46 42 r
Indianapolis	13 5 pc	23 10 c	Washington, DC	34 18 sf	29 21 pc

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Thomas fire: Favorable conditions and a rescued mountain lion cub

By JOSEPH SERNA
LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — California's biggest wildfire on record did not grow overnight, officials said Tuesday morning.

The Thomas fire burning in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties held steady at 281,620 acres and was 88 percent contained, the U.S. Forest Service said. The blaze, which started on Dec. 4, is the largest to burn in California since official record-keeping began in 1932.

The fire has destroyed 775 homes and damaged 208.

Firefighting efforts were aided on Christmas Day by light winds and chilly overnight temperatures, officials said. On Tuesday, fire crews continued to patrol the blaze for hot spots and also worked to shore up containment lines in effort to stop the fire from moving deeper into the Los Padres National Forest or near coastal and valley homes.

The size of the force fighting the blaze at one point topped 8,000 firefighters but has since dwindled to about 900, the Forest Service said.

A controlled burn on the north edge of the fire last week cut off a future path for the blaze to spread out of control, officials said.

There was other good news.

On Friday, the city of Santa Paula announced that authorities had rescued a 40- to 60-pound female mountain lion cub that had wandered into town. The animal had burned paws.

"The cub appears to be an orphan cub and if it was not captured today, would've most likely starved and died," the city said on Facebook.

It was taken by representatives of the state Department of Fish and Wildlife to be treated and moved to a center, officials said.

PHOTO PROVIDED

In this photo released by Santa Barbara County Fire Department, a dozer from the Santa Barbara County Fire Department clears a fire break across a canyon from atop Camino Cielo down to Gibraltar to make a stand, on Wednesday, Dec. 13, in the Santa Ynez Mountains area of Santa Barbara, California.

AP PHOTO

STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Anniston: The agency created to redevelop Fort McClellan sold the headquarters area for \$2.3 million to a group that will create independent living apartments as part of a \$23 million renovation.

ALASKA Juneau: The only federally recognized tribal college in Alaska has announced that it will waive tuition for the state's Native students starting next semester.

ARIZONA Douglas: Police found several packages of marijuana hidden under the hood of pickup truck after the vehicle caught fire, *The Sierra Vista Herald* reports.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: Cam Patterson, the chief operating officer of New York Presbyterian Hospital's Weill-Cornell Medical Center, is a search committee's choice to become chancellor of the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

CALIFORNIA Yosemite National Park: The last Native American village in Yosemite Valley, destroyed in the 1960s by the National Park Service, is being rebuilt so that Miwuk Indian youths can learn about their culture, the *Fresno Bee* reports.

COLORADO Colorado Springs: Officials say a record-breaking number of people, more than 487,000, visited the summit of Pikes Peak this year.

CONNECTICUT Hartford: Higher education has come to the city's downtown. The University of Connecticut and Trinity College recently established locations there.

DELAWARE Dover: Health officials say Delaware has a 10% decline in Affordable Care Act enrollment next year compared with this year.

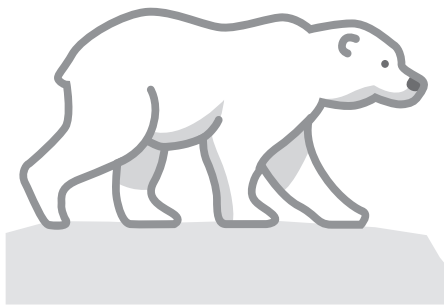
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Police say a suburban Washington driver who was operating under the influence hit a sign that lodged in the car's windshield and kept on going while authorities tried to stop the car.

FLORIDA Tallahassee: Gov. Rick Scott's "Project Sunburst" plan to put his emails and those of top staff online has ended quietly.

GEORGIA Rome: A Confederate monument at Myrtle Hill Cemetery was taken down after being vandalized. *The Rome News-Tribune* reports that the hands and rifle of the soldier figure were cut off and the face was bashed in.

HAWAII Honolulu: Hawaii's two largest banks say they'll give cash bonuses to most of their employees and increase the minimum wage by next month, the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* reports.

IDAHO Burley: State police say a pickup truck thief was arrested after the vehicle ran out of gas on Interstate 84 and a trooper stopped to help, *The Times-News* reports.



ILLINOIS Brookfield: The Brookfield Zoo says Aussie the polar bear was euthanized last week at age 32 after a decline in health.

INDIANA West Lafayette: State officials have approved more than \$37 million for a new veterinary teaching hospital at Purdue University, the *Journal & Courier* reports.

IOWA Dubuque: The county conservation board has approved a privately financed bike trail through a forest preserve, the *Telegraph Herald* reports.

KANSAS Marion: The Marion-Flourville School District has stopped letting high school seniors personalize parking spaces after one student painted his spot with a gay pride rainbow flag.

KENTUCKY Frankfort: The Kentucky Capitol will soon have its first life-sized statue of a woman. *The Lexington Herald-Leader* reports that officials will erect a statue of Nettie Depp, who was elected superintendent of Barren County schools in 1913.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: State officials have unveiled a second mobile pet shelter for emergencies, similar to the one used during the 2015 hurri-

HIGHLIGHT: ARIZONA



Jacob Taggart tests his prosthetic hand. SEAN LOGAN/THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

'Star Wars' buff sports Stormtrooper hand

Taylor Seely
The Arizona Republic

Jacob Taggart likes *Star Wars*: the costumes, the lightsabers, the battles.

He's a stereotypical kindergartner. Squirmy. A little shy.

But unlike most 5-year-olds, he's lived his life with specific restrictions. He can't join his friends on the monkey bars. Or count to 10 on his fingers. Because only five of them were fully formed.

With only part of his thumb, a bit of his first finger, no middle finger and "two little nubs" on the right hand, Jacob, who lives in north Phoenix, was starting to fall behind in kindergarten, his grandmother Linda Taggart said.

Because he is right-handed, he struggled to write and couldn't fully participate in activities such as finger painting.

Perhaps that's why Jacob feels such a kinship with *Star Wars*.

After all, Luke Skywalker and Darth Vader were missing hands or limbs. Many of the characters, including Jacob's favorite — the Stormtroopers — wore suits that resembled contemporary prostheses.

Jacob's life changed Friday when a non-profit organization gifted him a mechanical prosthetic arm. The pre-Christmas present left the 5-year-old speechless, in

awe of his new, 100% real — but still fantastic-looking — white and black hand.

In September, the MORE Foundation announced a program that would use 3D printing technology to create low-cost, high-quality prosthetic hands for children.

The mechanical device would give children the ability to grip, hold and throw objects. It would also be highly customizable.

Marc Jacofsky, the organization's executive director, contacted the Taggart family after one of Jacob's therapists referred him to the program.

"We didn't think it was reality," Linda said. "We never thought it'd happen this soon. We're just really excited."

With this prosthetic hand, Jacob will be able to play baseball and ride his bike — two activities his grandma said he was dying to do. He'll be able to drink water bottles and write with his dominant right hand.

The organization, which conducts musculoskeletal and orthopedics research and provides medical education training in the community, took the 3D printing a step further, customizing Jacob's hand so it looked like a Stormtrooper.

"Kids want a hand that says something about who they are, that kind of displays their personality," Jacofsky said.

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MAINE Sanford: City officials renewed the lease of the Cockpit Cafe at the Sanford Seacoast Regional Airport, *The Journal Tribune* reports.

MARYLAND Aberdeen: Authorities say an 18-year police veteran has admitted stealing heroin, cocaine and Fentanyl from city agency's evidence room.

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: The city is expanding its Post-Overdose Response Team, which has public health workers and emergency responders make follow-up visits to people who survived an overdose on drugs.

MICHIGAN Lansing: A new state law is aimed at encouraging grocery stores to open in underserved urban areas.

MINNESOTA Rochester: Some state farmers are using a combination of greenhouses and late-season vegetable storage to extend the usual summer and fall markets through the winter months, *The Post Bulletin* reports.

MISSISSIPPI Tupelo: City police officers are receiving settlement checks for back wages after a federal probe found that Tupelo violated overtime rules, the *Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal* reports.

MISSOURI St. Joseph: Lafayette High School Principal Chris Early lost a bet with student council members and suffered the consequences: He was taped to a wall, *The St. Joseph News-Press* reports. The students had to collect 1,000 cans to donate to food banks. They brought in more than 3,000.

MONTANA Billings: The Interior Department has approved a 60-million ton expansion of the Rose-

bud Mine.

NEBRASKA Holdrege: Power officials are lowering the water level at Johnson Lake to prepare for a maintenance outage on a hydro plant below the lake.

NEVADA Amargosa Valley: Authorities are looking for five people who entered the closed Devils Hole area at Death Valley National Park and damaged government property.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: The state Fish and Game Department is offering a free ice fishing day on Jan. 20. That day, people can fish without a license.



NEW JERSEY Trenton: Gov. Chris Christie pardoned a police officer who forfeited his job after admitting giving confidential law enforcement data to a neighbor. The pardon was one of 10 announced last week by Christie's office.

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: Authorities say a suspended University of New Mexico fraternity being investigated for misconduct allegations won't reopen, *The Albuquerque Journal* reports.

NEW YORK Albany: Gov. Andrew Cuomo has selected 23 historic sites for inclusion on the state and national registers of historic places.

NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh: Envi-

ronmental regulators will start testing major drinking water supplies after a chemical used to make Teflon was found in Wilmington's water.

NORTH DAKOTA Grand Forks: Border security authorities are trying to recruit University of North Dakota students to alleviate a pilot shortage, KFGO-AM reports.

OHIO Sandusky: The operator of a dozen hospitals in Ohio and Michigan is buying a home medical equipment business, the *Sandusky Register* reports.

OKLAHOMA Sapulpa: The Commerce Department awarded a \$1.5 million grant to this Tulsa suburb for water system improvements.

OREGON Portland: A state audit calls for more oversight of Oregon's nearly 50 alternative high schools and online schools that account for nearly half of the state's dropouts but enroll only 10% of its high school students, *The Oregonian* reports.

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: The parents of a 4-month-old girl say the child was attacked by a raccoon inside their home, KYW-TV reports.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The city is launching an electric bicycle sharing system next summer.

SOUTH CAROLINA Lancaster: Three people are accused of possessing weapons and other military gear stolen from an Army National Guard armory, *The Herald* reports. Authorities say the weapons include machine guns and a grenade launcher.



SOUTH DAKOTA Pierre: State wildlife officials say they've sold 18% fewer pheasant hunting licenses to out-of-state residents this year.

TENNESSEE Morristown: Hamblen County Commissioners have rejected a symbolic resolution condemning same-sex marriage. The vote was 5-4 against with four abstentions.

TEXAS Corpus Christi: The Coast Guard confiscated a Mexican fishing vessel after finding its crew illegally fishing off the Texas coast. The four-person crew was transferred to the Border Patrol.

UTAH Salt Lake City: Vending machines designed to accept charitable contributions placed Dec. 1 by the Mormon church at Temple Square downtown brought in nearly \$500,000, the *Deseret News* reports.

VERMONT St. Albans: State police say speeding is on the rise across Vermont. *The Burlington Free Press* reports 8,975 tickets issued this year through about mid-December.

VIRGINIA Richmond: State regulators ordered Dominion Energy to put a new transmission line under the Rappahannock River, not over it with concrete pilings in the river as the utility wanted, *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* reports.

WASHINGTON Redmond: Authorities say 10 people were taken to hospitals for carbon monoxide exposure after a vehicle was accidentally left running in a garage attached to a townhome, KOMO-TV reports.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: A partnership between the state and The Conservation Fund will protect about 32,000 acres of forest as habitat for West Virginia's new elk population, *The Herald-Dispatch* reports.

WISCONSIN Columbus: Police say the former executive director of the Midwest Horse Fair is accused of stealing more than \$200,000 from the organization for personal purchases, including her college tuition, the *Wisconsin State Journal* reports.

WYOMING Cheyenne: Enrollment in the state's public schools is falling along with the population. Almost 300 fewer students enrolled in Wyoming schools this year compared with last year, *The Northern Wyoming Daily News* reports.

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STATE/FROM PAGE ONE

Hurricane Irma brings ideas — and costs — for state

By **JIM TURNER**

THE NEWS SERVICE OF FLORIDA

TALLAHASSEE — As the state House plows through a long and potentially expensive menu of options to recover from Hurricane Irma and brace for Florida's next hurricane, Senate President Joe Negron is confident the storm that



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waloped the state in September won't blow a hole in the upcoming budget.

But potential public and private costs from Irma are staggering:

- Agriculture officials have estimated Irma caused a \$2.5 billion hit on crops and facilities.
- The insurance industry is facing \$6.55 billion in property damage claims.
- Utility customers could be asked to pay more than \$1 billion to cover the costs of getting power restored.

The Florida Division of Emergency Management said that as of Dec. 14, federal agencies had provided more than \$2.49 billion to help cover Irma-related losses.

State officials have yet to put an overall price tag on Florida's costs from Irma, which left destruction from the Keys to Jacksonville. Added to that are potential costs from Hurricane Maria, which is impacting Florida as evacuees from Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands have moved to the state.

Negron said during an interview this month that as lawmakers await a February update on tax revenues, the short-term effect of Irma on the state has been "modestly negative."

While Irma cut revenue in September, Negron said forecasters anticipate an uptick in post-storm revenue to offset the losses.

He retained optimism about drawing up a 2018-2019 budget, which economists had expected to be tight even before

Irma hit.

"I don't think that it dramatically alters how we build our budget," Negron said. "I still think there will be room for environmental priorities, educational priorities, and so I don't think the hurricane spending will necessarily mean that there are other things that simply can't be done. They're not going to displace priorities that the House and Senate have. We're going to have to address it, but we'll still be able to do other things as well."

But as the annual 60-day legislative session prepares to start Jan. 9, ideas for addressing hurricane issues — some of them potentially expensive — have continued to emerge.

Members of the House Select Committee on Hurricane Response and Preparedness have continued to revise and offer recommendations that they will discuss Jan. 8 on the eve of the session. Any recommendations would need approval from the full House and Senate,

but the ideas touch a wide range of issues.

For example, some lawmakers are looking for ways to speed evacuations when big storms threaten the state. Among proposals tossed out are using passenger trains, using a cruise ship to get people out of the Lower Keys or extending the Suncoast Parkway toll road north of the Tampa Bay area.

Other potentially high-profile recommendations include such things as strategically locating petroleum distribution centers and requiring utility lines to be placed underground.

Rep. Dane Eagle, a Cape Coral Republican who offered the proposal to use passenger trains to get people out of evacuation zones, also suggested the state look into the Florida Department of Transportation purchasing emergency generators for vital highway-railroad crossings.

"It is in the public interest to ensure that railroads in Strategic Intermodal

System corridors are able to quickly resume operations following a hurricane event in order to deliver critical fuel supplies, bulk liquids such as chlorine for water treatment plants, building materials and other relief supplies to affected areas of the state," Eagle's recommendation said.

Rep. Elizabeth Porter, R-Lake City, earlier suggested the state consider using rail transport before, during and after hurricanes to speed fuel to impacted areas.

Irma, which made landfall Sept. 10 in Monroe and Collier counties and barreled up the state, was Florida's first major hurricane since the devastating 2004 and 2005 seasons. Along with evacuation issues, Irma also caused widespread damage in the agriculture industry, left millions of Floridians temporarily without electricity and led to problems in cleaning up debris.

Lawmakers are discussing a variety of those types of issues as they prepare for the session.

JULY

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Trump himself worked behind the scenes, making phone calls to key members and, perhaps more importantly, reined in his public criticism of members of his own party.

But while he stuck to GOP orthodoxy on those domestic matters, Trump has steadfastly declined to adopt conventional approaches on foreign policy, straining decades-long alliances, refusing to condemn authoritarian regimes on human rights

abuses and escalating the rhetoric in a nuclear standoff with North Korea.

That came to a head during a July 20 meeting in the windowless Pentagon room known as "The Tank," which shined a spotlight on the sharp learning curve that the president faced as he grew into his new job. It also revealed the tensions within the administration between those seasoned in international affairs — including Secretary of State Rex Tillerson, who reportedly called the president "a moron" afterward — and those eager to pull back from international

entanglements.

Six days later, FBI agents, armed with a search warrant, emerged from Trump's former campaign chairman Paul Manafort's home in Alexandria, Va. with a trove of material. A new, more dangerous, chapter had begun in special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between the president's campaign and Russian officials.

Scores of top aides and allies, including Jared Kushner and Trump's eldest son, Donald Jr., have been questioned by Mueller and congressional investigators.

In October, Manafort was charged with money laundering and other financial crimes related to his political consulting work in Ukraine. And on Dec. 1, former national security adviser Michael Flynn pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents and is cooperating with the investigation.

Trump had grown furious at the distraction, fuming to advisers that he had done nothing wrong while railing that it was a conspiracy by Democrats and the so-called "deep state" to delegitimize his presidency. Yet he emerged from the crucible of the 13 days in July with a

more organized and less drama-filled White House, as well as lessons learned that would yield legislative victories.

But the president himself remains unchanged.

Impulsive and unconventional, Trump has spent his first year in office casting aside norms and mores. With his Twitter account as his weapon, he has shown no willingness to ignore any slight or change the brash ways that he believes got him elected.

"It's so easy to act presidential," Trump told supporters in Ohio on July 25. "But that's not gonna get it done."

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"Most of the guns our officers intercept are loaded," Koshetz said. "You see the way many passengers fling their carry-on bags onto the X-ray belts in the checkpoints. An accidental discharge could have tragic results."

Koshetz said passengers who bring a gun to a security checkpoint face civil penalties from TSA of up to \$13,000, even if they aren't arrested.

The agency has seen a rise in the number of guns brought to checkpoints across the state over the past five years, according to a recent TSA report. So far this year, 505 weapons have been found at checkpoints at

the state's largest airports. The largest numbers have come from five of the state's largest airports: Tampa International, Orlando International, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International, Miami International and Jacksonville International. Tampa International tops the list with 97 guns, followed by Orlando at 91. Agents intercepted 72 guns at Fort Lauderdale's

airport, 52 at Miami's airport and 39 at Jacksonville's airport.

In 2016, 3,391 firearms were discovered in carry-on luggage at 238 of the nation's airports in 2016, an increase of 28 percent over 2015, the report shows. Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport topped the list with 198 incidents, followed by Dallas Fort Worth International

Airport at 128. The Tampa and Orlando airports had 79 and 86, respectively, putting them on the TSA's top 10 list for firearms discoveries at checkpoints.

The total numbers haven't been tallied for 2017.

In addition to firearms, TSA agents also intercept thousands of knives, brass knuckles and other hazardous materials at the checkpoints.

STATURE

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Trump's refusal to overtly criticize Russia, some diplomats say, has emboldened Putin in his military actions in Ukraine, where Russian-backed rebels are battling a pro-West government in Kiev. Kurt Volker, the administration's special envoy for Ukraine, said that some of the worst fighting since February took place over the last two weeks, with numerous civilian casualties. Volker accused Russia of "massive" cease-fire violations.

Nicholas Burns, who served as a senior American diplomat under Republican and Democratic administrations, said the administration's strategy was riddled with contradictions that have left the U.S. ineffective.

Trump "needs a strong State Department to implement" its strategy, he said. "Instead, State and the foreign service are being weakened and often sidelined."

Trump's "policy of the last 12 months is a radical departure from every president since WWII," Burns said in an interview. "Trump is weak on NATO, Russia, trade, climate, diplomacy. The U.S. is declining as a global leader."

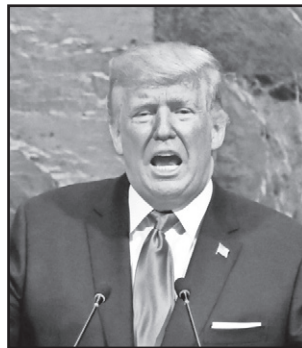
The most recent example of U.S. isolation came with Trump's decision to formally recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, delighting many Israelis, but angering Palestinians and reversing decades of international consensus.

On Thursday, an overwhelming majority of the U.N. General Assembly, including many U.S. allies, voted to demand the U.S. rescind the decision.

For the last quarter-century, successive U.S. governments have held themselves up as an "honest broker" in mediating peace between the Israelis and Palestinians. Trump insisted he is not giving up on a peace deal, but most parties involved interpreted his announcement as clearly siding with Israel.

"From now on, it is out of the question for a biased United States to be a mediator between Israel and Palestine," Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said at a summit of more than 50 Muslim countries that he hosted in Istanbul. "That period is over."

Daniel Kurtzer, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel and Egypt under Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, said that if a peace deal is to be made now, "it won't be from American policy."



AP PHOTO

U.S. President Donald Trump addresses the 72nd session of the United Nations General Assembly, at U.N. headquarters on Sept. 19.

"Trump took himself and the administration out of the peace process for the foreseeable future," he said.

Trump had boasted of his ability to convene Muslim leaders during his trip to Saudi Arabia in May, but that would seem far less possible today. In Jordan, arguably Washington's closest Arab ally in the Middle East, government-controlled television has started 24-hour broadcasts of invitations to follow a Twitter account whose hashtag roughly translates as "Jerusalem is ours, our Arabness."

Regional leaders and analysts also say that for all of Trump's tough rhetoric, they see few concrete steps by the U.S. to counter Iran's steady expansion of its military, economic

and political influence, a perception that Iranian leaders are happy to exploit.

"Trump is ranting and making empty threats," said Hamid Reza Taraghi, a conservative Iranian politician with close ties to Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. "Russia, China and Iran are gaining ground in the Middle East, and America is losing ground and influence."

That view is also shared by Iranian moderates, with whom the Obama administration thought it could work.

"The reality on the ground in the Middle East is that the American administration has failed to form an efficient coalition against its self-proclaimed enemies," said Nader Karimi Juni, an independent Iranian analyst who writes for reformist dailies and magazines.

"Now Russia is celebrating its victory in Syria, and America is watching as an onlooker," Juni said.

In Syria and Iraq, the U.S. under Trump has succeeded in helping its allies drive Islamic State militants out of their strongholds. But Washington has opted to take a back seat in the other conflicts roiling the two countries.

Another round of recent U.N.-mediated and U.S.-backed peace talks on Syria wrapped

up in Geneva without any progress. Instead, a Russia-led process is gaining traction.

Even some longtime opponents of Syrian President Bashar Assad quietly acknowledge that Sochi, the Black Sea resort where Russia aims to convene a "Syrian people's congress" next year, and not Geneva, will be the focus of efforts to bring an end to the war.

Trump has won praise in parts of South Asia, a region his team has re-dubbed the "Indo-Pacific" and where it is favoring India and Afghanistan over Pakistan. The administration has asked Congress for \$350 million in aid to Pakistan for 2018, not quite one-tenth the amount Washington provided five years ago.

Afghan officials say they are encouraged by Trump's renewed pressure on neighboring Pakistan to take "decisive action" to stop militant groups operating from its soil.

"Our partnership, which reflects a renewed U.S. commitment, will set the conditions to end the war and finally bringing peace to Afghanistan," Afghan President Ashraf Ghani's office said in a statement.

But even there, officials say they worry that Trump's bellicose rhetoric will strengthen China's status as a power broker.

ALMANAC

Today is **Wednesday, Dec. 27**, the 361st day of 2017. There are four days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Dec. 27, 1927**, the musical play "Show Boat," with music by Jerome Kern and libretto by Oscar Hammerstein II, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York, beginning a run of 572 performances.

On this date

In **1831**, naturalist Charles Darwin set out on a round-the-world voyage aboard the HMS Beagle.

In **1904**, James Barrie's play "Peter Pan: The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up" opened at the Duke of York's Theater in London.

In **1932**, New York City's Radio City Music Hall first opened.

In **1947**, the original version of the puppet character Howdy Doody made his TV debut on NBC's "Puppet Playhouse."

In **1968**, Apollo 8 and its three astronauts made a safe, nighttime splashdown in the Pacific.

In **1970**, the musical play "Hello, Dolly!" closed on Broadway after a run of 2,844 performances.

In **1985**, Palestinian guerrillas opened fire inside the Rome and Vienna airports; 19 victims were killed, plus four attackers who were slain by police and security personnel. American naturalist Dian Fossey, 53, who had studied gorillas in the wild in Rwanda, was found hacked to death.

Today's birthdays

Actor **John Amos** is 78. ABC News correspondent **Cokie Roberts** is 74. Rock musician **Mick Jones** (Foreigner) is 73. Singer **Tracy Nelson** is 73. Actor **Gerard Depardieu** is 69. Jazz singer-musician **T.S. Monk** is 68. Singer-songwriter **Karla Bonoff** is 66. Rock musician **David Knopfler** (Dire Straits) is 65. Actress **Tovah Feldshuh** is 64. Journalist-turned-politician **Arthur Kent** is 64. Actress **Maryam D'Abo** is 57. Country musician **Jeff Bryant** is 55. Actor **Ian Gomez** is 53. Actress **Theresa Randle** is 53. Actress **Eva LaRue** is 51. Wrestler and actor **Bill Goldberg** is 51. Actress **Tracey Chelle Jones** is 48. Bluegrass singer-musician **Darrin Vincent** (Dailey & Vincent) is 48. Rock musician **Guthrie Govan** is 46. Musician **Matt Slocum** is 45. Actor **Wilson Cruz** is 44. Singer **Olu** is 44. Actor **Masi Oka** is 43. Actor **Aaron Stanford** is 41. Actress **Emilie de Ravin** is 36. Christian rock musician **James Mead** (Kutless) is 35. Rock singer **Hayley Williams** (Paramore) is 29. Country singer **Shay Mooney** (Dan & Shay) is 26.

ODD NEWS

Wild truffle grows on Paris rooftop, in scientific mystery

PARIS (AP) — Urban scientists and Paris foodies are getting excited about a bizarre discovery atop a hotel near the Eiffel Tower: the first-ever wild truffle growing in the French capital.

It's just one 25-gram winter truffle. But truffles normally sprout only in limited areas of southern Europe, and are so rare that the most prized versions can sell for thousands of euros per kilogram.

The National Museum of Natural History, which confirmed the discovery Friday, called it a "beautiful example" of environmental benefits of rooftop gardens sprouting across Paris and other cities.

Urban ecology researcher Frederic Madre described on France-Info television finding the mushroom beneath a hornbeam tree at the Mercure Paris Centre hotel.

This truffle was donated to science — but the hotel is already hoping to be able to offer homegrown truffles to diners someday.

FINANCIAL/STOCKS

US stocks finish slightly lower

By ALEX VEIGA
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A listless day of trading on Wall Street ended with major stock indexes closing slightly lower Tuesday, weighed down by losses among some big technology companies.

Apple slid 2.5 percent amid speculation that the consumer electronics giant might cut its targets for sales of its latest iPhone. Banks also declined, outweighing gains by energy companies and retailers. Oil prices closed higher.

Trading was light as investors returned from the Christmas holiday.

"It's a low-volume day after Christmas, with hardly anything going on," said Tom Martin, senior portfolio manager with Global Investments. "You have one piece of news that is significant on a major company, Apple. That moved some of the components around."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2.84 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,680.50. The Dow Jones industrial average slid 7.85 points, or 0.03 percent, to 24,746.21. The Nasdaq lost 23.71 points, or 0.3 percent, to 6,936.25. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks picked up 1.30 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,544.23.

Stocks had finished higher for five straight weeks heading into this week. They are on pace to finish every month this year with dividends, when dividends are included.

The major indexes were slightly lower early on and veered little for the rest of the day. It was the lightest day of trading in about a year.

Technology companies pulled the market lower from the get-go, weighed down by chipmakers and Apple, among other big names.

Apple slid after a Taiwanese newspaper reported that the company may cut iPhone X sales targets amid weak sales. The stock declined \$4.44 to \$170.57.

Chipmaker Micron Technology lost \$1.87, or 4.2 percent, to \$42.25.

Despite the slide, technology remains the best-performing sector in the S&P 500 this year with a gain of 37.4 percent.

Energy companies posted the biggest gains Tuesday as oil prices rose. Range Resources gained 53 cents, or 3.2 percent, to \$16.99.

Benchmark U.S. crude gained \$1.50, or 2.6 percent, to settle at \$59.97 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, which is used to price international oils, rose \$1.77, or 2.7 percent, to close at \$67.02 in London.

Investors also bid up shares in big retail stocks and consumer products companies. Kohl's jumped \$3.21, or 6 percent, to \$56.87, while Macy's added \$1.18, or 4.6 percent, to \$26.85.

Traders welcomed the latest corporate deal news. Sucampo

Pharmaceuticals climbed 5.9 percent after it agreed to be acquired by drug-maker Mallinckrodt for \$839 million, or \$18 a share. Sucampo makes a constipation drug called Amitiza and it had \$230 million in total revenue last year. Sucampo added \$1 to \$18. Mallinckrodt picked up 16 cents to \$23.48.

What to expect for your personal finances in 2018

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL
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No one wants to be caught off-guard when it comes to their finances. So The Associated Press asked several experts to share their opinion on what will happen with some key issues in 2018 that will directly impact your personal financial well-being. Here's a look at their forecasts:

Q. What should I expect from gas prices?

A. Gas prices are still quite low, historically speaking, and were fairly steady in 2017. But 2018 may be a bit more rocky, according to Tom Kloza, global head of energy analysis at the Oil Price Information Service.

Kloza estimates the average price for regular gasoline will end 2017 around \$2.39 a gallon. A typical family might consume 90 gallons of regular gas each month, so their cost in 2017 has been around \$215 per month.

Overall, Kloza expects the average price nationwide to rise to around \$2.45 for 2018. That's still well below the more than \$3 a gallon that Americans faced from 2011 to 2014.

Like every year, prices will vary greatly by region and season.

A word of warning though — hurricanes or recessions could disrupt even the best estimates.

Q. What will the job market look like in 2018?

A. The current strength in the job market should carry into 2018. This is particularly true if you are in a high-demand field like health care,

technology or e-commerce, said Andrew Chamberlain, chief economist at jobsite Glassdoor.

"Today's labor market is probably the tightest in a generation so that puts workers in a strong bargaining position with employers," said Chamberlain.

Companies in high-demand fields should offer pay raises and other incentives to help attract and retain workers. Those not in high-demand fields may see some improvements in workplace conditions too.

Experts like Chamberlain are warning job-holders not to get lulled into complacency by the unusually long U.S. economic expansion. As economists say: times are good until they aren't.

Chamberlain said this is a good time to prepare for an inevitable downturn by socking away money in savings, polishing your resume and keeping your list of work accomplishments handy.

However, other big changes from the overhaul — such as a lower tax rate or elimination of some deductions — won't be fully evident until you complete your taxes in the spring of 2019.

Generally speaking, the legislation reduces levies on the wealthiest Americans, while making more modest tax reductions for most others. The tax cuts for individuals are temporary, expiring in 2026. And while it doubles the standard deduction used by most Americans, that will also end in eight years.

Q. Will wages go up next year?

A. In short: most likely. Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, said that the tight labor market is expected to remain tight. That means companies will be hard pressed to find and retain workers, and in turn, will likely raise pay.

Unemployment in the U.S. is already at a 17-year low of 4.1 percent and the economy is growing at a good clip, over 3 percent at last measure. But Shepherdson and other economists think this growth period is near its end, which is typically when the best gains come for workers.

He describes next year as the "sweet spot" for individuals to get raises that leave them feeling better off.

Q. What about tax changes?

A. This is the big question mark for many. The tax overhaul bill, which passed Congress and signed by President Donald Trump, would take effect in 2018.

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Q. How is the housing market shaping up for 2018?

A. This year's turbulent politics, natural disasters and more should play out in the housing market in 2018, said Ralph McLaughlin, chief economist for housing website Trulia.

There will be less enthusiasm for home buying and more enthusiasm for selling, he said. That will help ease two major headwinds in the current market: low inventory and high prices.

However, there will be lower demand for homes prone to natural disasters, following this year's string of hurricanes, wildfires and floods.

There will also be a geographic reaction to the tax plan. The shrunken deduction for home interest and property taxes could dampen enthusiasm for homes in expensive and high-tax areas such as parts of the Northeast and much of the West. However, a major increase in the standard deduction should help boost demand in the Midwest and South, where few mortgages and property tax bills are large enough to warrant itemized deductions.

Trulia expects prices to rise across the country at a slower rate as the market starts to come into more balance. And for renters, the rate of rent will increase further but at a more modest pace thanks to new construction.

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Akre			EmktsVlnstl	23.37	+0.2	+34.7										
RicRetail m	32.30	+0.1	USCOREqfInst	22.85	-0.1	+17.9										
Alger			EmkMkts	30.74	+0.8	+33.5										
SmCpGrB m	6.43	...	FVYGrGlbfIns	10.86	...	+2.3										
Alpine			GlbfEstSec	23.23	+0.1	+21.4										
dynDivndf d	4.21	...	IntlCorEstS	14.43	...	+1.8										
Amvna			EmktGdLndPr	5.12	...	+27.6										
MutGrnv b	38.86	+0.7	IntlSmCoInst	20.99	+0.1	+30.0										
MutGrnv b	53.82	-0.3	IntlSmCpValns	22.65	-0.2	+27.1										
American Beacon			IntlValnstl	20.39	+0.1	+25.2										
SmCpValnstl	27.63	+0.2	OneYearFlnst	10.26	...	+0.9										
American Century			RlEstSecInst	34.99	+1.9	+6.8										
CopValnc	8.78	...	ShTmExQyfl	10.74	...	+2.1										
Eqnlncv m	9.92	-0.5	TAUSCOREqfInst	18.19	-0.1	+17.9										
Gblncv m	32.92	-0.5	USCOREqfInst	22.85	-0.1	+17.9										
HYMunlv m	6.88	-0.3	USCOREqfInst	21.64	-0.1	+18.0										
Hrtglncv m	22.48	-0.2	USLgCo	20.76	-0.2	+27.7										
IntlTmxFBdnlv	11.32	+0.2	USLgCoValnstl	39.31	...	+1.8										
Ultrav			USMRCpInst	22.16	+0.1	+11.8										
USMRCpInst	43.63	-0.4	USMRCpInst	36.14	+0.2	+11.1										
AMERICA			USMRCpValnstl	38.19	+0.7	+6.5										
AMCPA m	31.54	-0.6	USTgltEqValns	25.06	+0.8	+9.0										
AmnrcBaA m	27.13	+0.1	Davis													
AmnrcHlncA m	10.35	-0.1	NvVenturA m	34.25	...	+20.8										
AmnrcMutA m	40.78	+0.1	Delaware Inv													
BdfAmrcA m	12.85	+0.1	StratglncA m	8.35	+0.1	+6.0										
CotValncGrncA m	50.83	-0.8	Valnstl	21.56	+0.4	+13.3										
CotValncGrncA m	62.50	-0.8	Deutsche													
CotValncGrncA m	19.94	+0.1	CorEqA m	27.40	+0.1	+20.3										
EuroPacGrnc m	55.76	-0.8	CorEqS	27.67	...	+20.6										
Fmlncv m	62.17	-0.5	GNMAs	13.61	...	+1.8										
GblBlaA m	32.34	-0.1	Dodge & Cox													
GrAmrcA m	49.55	-0.6	Bal	107.18	-0.4	+11.8										
GrAmrcA m	23.28	...	GlbStk	13.84	+0.1	+20.7										
IntrmBfdAmrA m	13.30	...	Inc	13.73	+0.1	+23.8										
InvAmrcA m	40.39	-0.5	IntlStk	46.07	+0.3	+4.7										
NewWldA m	66.42	-0.3	Stk	204.44	-1.8	+17.1										
NwPspcvA m	42.99	-0.6	DoubleLine													
SmCpWldA m	55.65	+0.7	Cofl	10.96	...	+4.9										
TheNewEcoA m	44.63	-2.2	TrflrBd	10.62	...	+4.9										
WAInlncv m	12.99	+0.2	TrflrBd b	10.82	...	+3.9										
WtlMlnvA m	45.66	+0.1	TrflrBd b	10.82	...	+3.8										
Angel Oak			Dreyfus													
MltStratncv m	11.26	...	NeWmltncv m	40.61	+0.2	+15.1										
Artisan			MnBd	11.74	+0.2	+5.6										
IntlInstl	33.29	-0.4	NVTrExBd	14.82	+0.3	+5.2										
IntlInstl	33.12	-0.5	OpPrSmCplnv	36.96	+0.7	+23.2										
IntlValnstl	38.33	-0.5	ShrtTmncD	10.28	...	+1.6										
Ball			Eaton Vance													
AggrgEstBdlnst	10.85	...	AtlntCpMIDICI	33.59	-0.1	+23.9										
CorFlusBdlnst m	11.18	-0.2	DvBdrA m	14.56	-0.3	+18.0										
Berkshire			FlngPrlnt	9.00	+0.1	+4.5										
Foc d	26.23	-1.5	Edgewood													
BlackRock			Grlnstl	29.61	...	+34.1										
AlCpEqRslnvA m	11.31	+0.1	Fidelity													
EqDivnsl	22.78	...	FidCapA	33.35	-2.49	+17.0										
EqDivnsl m	22.72	...	LangTermBdA m	11.42	+0.1	+17.7										
GblAlcncv m	19.80	+0.1	NewlncA m	31.41	-0.1	+26.6										
GblAlcncv m	19.69	+0.1	NewInstl	32.07	...	+27.0										
IntlSmMltCoA m	42.21	+0.3	Fidelity													
INTYTrExBd	14.82	+0.3	FldEqP	33.35	-2.49	+17.0										
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Berkshire			NewInstl	32.07	...	+27.0										
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CorFlusBdlnst m	11.18	-0.2	NAME	TICKER	LO	HI	CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR	%CHG	%RTN	P/E	DIV
AV Homes Inc	AVHI	14.65	16.50	-1.30	-1.8	▼	▲	+4.4	+3.1	3	...					
Allegiant Travel Co	ALGT	111.54	182.25	159.25	-6.65	-1.0	▼	▲	-4.3	-1.4	17	2.80				
ARCBest Corp	ARCB	16.95	38.75	36.75	-3.00	-0.8	▼	▲	+32.9	+31.1	40	0.32				
Bank of America	BAC	22.01	30.02	29.78	-1.10	-0.3	▼	▲	+34.8	+34.3	17	0.48				
Capital One Fnci	COF	76.05	101.43	99.92	-5.88	-0.6	▼	▲	+14.5	+14.5	14	1.60				
Carnival Corp	CCL	51.74	69.89	65.69	-6.66	-1.0	▼	▲	+26.2	+29.7	17	1.80f				
Chicos FAS	CHS	6.96	15.50	9.17	-3.39	-4.4	▼	▲	-36.3	-38.7	13	0.33				
Cracker Barrel	CBRL	141.75	172.03	162.71	-2.00	-1.2	▼	▲	-2.6	+1.6	28	4.80				
Disney	DIS	96.20	116.10	108.12	-5.55	-0.5	▼	▲	+3.7	+4.6	19	1.68f				
Eaton Corp plc	ETN	66.60	82.34	77.32	-1.91	-0.2	▼	▲	+15.2	+17.4	18	2.40				
Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	FBHS	53.15	69.76	68.94	-4.41	+0.6	▼	▲	+29.0	+26.0	24	0.80f				
Harris Corp	HRS	99.13	144.94	142.20	-5.58	-0.4	▼	▲	+38.8	+39.8	25	2.28				
iShs U.S. Pfd	PFF	36.77	39.28	38.07	-0.40	-0.1	▼	▲	+2.3	+7.8	q	21.36a				
KC Southern	KSU	79.05	114.85	107.64	-5.55	-0.5	▼	▲	+26.9	+28.4	21	1.44f				
Lennar Corp A	LEN	42.23	64.24	63.89	-1.11	-0.2	▼	▲	+4.8	+5.2	17	0.16				
McClatchy Co	MNI	5.75	13.87	8.93	-4.77	-5.0	▼	▲	-32.2	-30.4	dd	...				
NextEra Energy	NEE	117.33	159.40	154.00	-5.44	-0.3	▼	▲	+28.9	+33.3	23	3.93				

Name	NAV	12-mo Chg %Rtn	Bruce Bruce	522.97	+13	+21.1
Biotechnology			Fidelity Select			
Biotech	220.27	+7.0	220.27	+7.0	+23.7	
Energy	44.94	+7.0	-3.5			
Gold	20.79	+3.5	+18.3			
HealthCare	224.41	+4.7	+23.2			
HealthCareSvcs	90.18	+1.4	+22.9			
Leisure	165.50	+1.9	+26.8			
Materials	90.62	+1.0	+26.4			
MedEqSvs	44.15	+0.6	+26.4			
NaturalGas	24.05	+2.9	+16.3			
NaturalRes	30.23	+4.5	+0.8			
Pharmaceuticals	163.50	+0.5	+10.1			
Semicon	112.20	+1.5	+32.6			
Technology	178.14	+4.2	+48.9			
Wireless						

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Interestrates



The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged Tuesday at 2.48 percent. Yields affect rates on mortgages and other consumer loans.

Table listing interest rates for 6 MO AGO, 1 YR AGO, etc.

TREASURIES, BONDS, and NET CHG AGO table with columns for YEST, PVS, CHG, AGO.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar weakened compared to the euro and Japanese yen, and dipped very slightly compared to the British pound. It rose against the Mexican peso.

Table listing exchange rates for MAJORS, EUROPE/AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST, ASIA/PACIFIC.

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Commodities

Oil prices jumped more than 2 percent after militants in Libya bombed a pipeline. The prices of gold, copper and silver also rose.

Table listing commodity prices for FUELS, METALS, AGRICULTURE.

Stock Footnotes table providing detailed information about various stock listings and their status.

Recurrent tingling sensation on neck bears investigation

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am a 58-year-old male who takes losartan for high blood pressure and Prilosec for GERD. A couple of times a day, I get a tingling on the left side of my neck from roughly my left ear to my chin. Sometimes it occurs when I'm chewing, but sometimes not. It never lasts more than a few minutes. It can be rather intense, but doesn't hurt. Do you have any idea what's going on? I haven't told my doctor just because I don't want to sound like a baby. — M.P.



Dr. Roach

Although testosterone levels tend to decrease over the adult lifespan, the hairs in some men become more sensitive to the growth effects of testosterone. That's the most likely explanation. It's also possible that your testosterone is abnormally high: Perhaps your doctor checked that, since an elevation is very rarely caused by a tumor.

I am always cautious about assigning purpose to physiological changes. Many people feel that there is likely some evolutionary advantage to the physiological changes we see, but I don't think that's always the case. Sometimes the reasons are very complex, defying easy explanation. In any case, I have no explanation for why hair cells become more sensitive to testosterone, nor why testosterone levels decrease in men as they get older. Many physiological processes do better with testosterone levels in the range of young men: That's a major reason for supplementing testosterone in older men with symptoms.

Interestingly, scalp hair has a different response to testosterone from body hair: Scalp hair is more likely to fall out with testosterone.

READERS: The booklet on thyroid gland problems explains this and other common thyroid illnesses. Readers can obtain a copy by writing:

Dr. Roach
Book No. 401
628 Virginia Dr.
Orlando, FL 32803

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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.

ANSWER: Tingling sensations usually are due to nerve problems, such as compression. There is a nerve that runs from the ear to the chin, called the mandibular nerve; it's also called the V3 division of the trigeminal nerve. ("V" because it's the fifth nerve that comes off the brainstem; "3" because it's the third part of the trigeminal nerve. So it is the third division of the fifth cranial nerve.)

There are several potential problems with the nerve that could produce tingling: Pressure on the nerve from the jaw might be causing it. Some people get tingling before an episode of shingles. Dental problems sometimes can generate a sensation along the whole range of the nerve. Trigeminal neuralgia causes recurrent episodes of intense electrical sensations; some people get other sensations before the pain starts.

Temporal arteritis, a potentially dangerous inflammation of the blood vessel, can cause jaw pain when chewing; however, there are other symptoms that are common, which you didn't mention.

I guarantee your doctor will not think you are a baby. When I have a patient who seldom sees me for acute issues and comes in with a new problem, I take it more seriously. You should get it evaluated.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I am 71 and never was hairy. But several years ago, every hair on my body, it seems, decided to go on a nonstop growth spurt! My wife says, when she trims my back, that gorillas would be envious of me.

I asked my doctor about it, and she said: "Don't worry, it's normal in some men at your age." Why the sudden growth, what purpose would it serve, and why in just some men? — J.K.

ANSWER: Body hair in men generally is responsive to testosterone.

JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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Rating: GOLD

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1. Placed down a lamp cover (1)



2. Fully mature girl of Arc (1)



3. Inflates fish breathing organs (1)



4. Unfounded gossip funniness (2)



5. Pastry shop phoniness (3)



6. Sub-genus master's degree papers (2)



7. Rain-radar scientist's cottonwoods (2)



ANSWERS
1. LAID SHADE 2. GROWN JOAN 3. FILLS GILTS 4. RUMOR HUMOR
5. BAKERY FAKERY 6. SPECIES THESESE 7. DOPPLERS POPLARS

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TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1 "Lion King" villain
- 5 Animal-rights org.
- 9 Winery's need
- 14 Leaf division
- 15 Tight as a drum
- 16 Shipboard romance
- 17 All-purpose trucks
- 18 Disconnect
- 19 Della or Pee Wee
- 20 Bureaucrat's delight (2 wds.)
- 22 Transformed
- 24 Saint Teresa's town
- 26 — -de-sac
- 27 Played hockey
- 30 It may end in a tie
- 35 Kind of lily
- 36 Ra's symbol
- 37 Summer to summer
- 38 Historical period
- 39 Gullywasher
- 42 Martini base
- 43 Bossa —
- 45 Simon or Armstrong
- 46 Dog's plea
- 48 Up in the air?
- 50 Reasons why

51 Give — break

- 52 Levels off
- 54 Deep green
- 58 Joplin musical genre
- 62 Girder insert
- 63 Pilots' sightings
- 65 Mekong River nation
- 66 Gaelic people
- 67 Wild plum
- 68 "I" problems
- 69 Boudicca's subjects
- 70 Antacid brand
- 71 Lay at anchor

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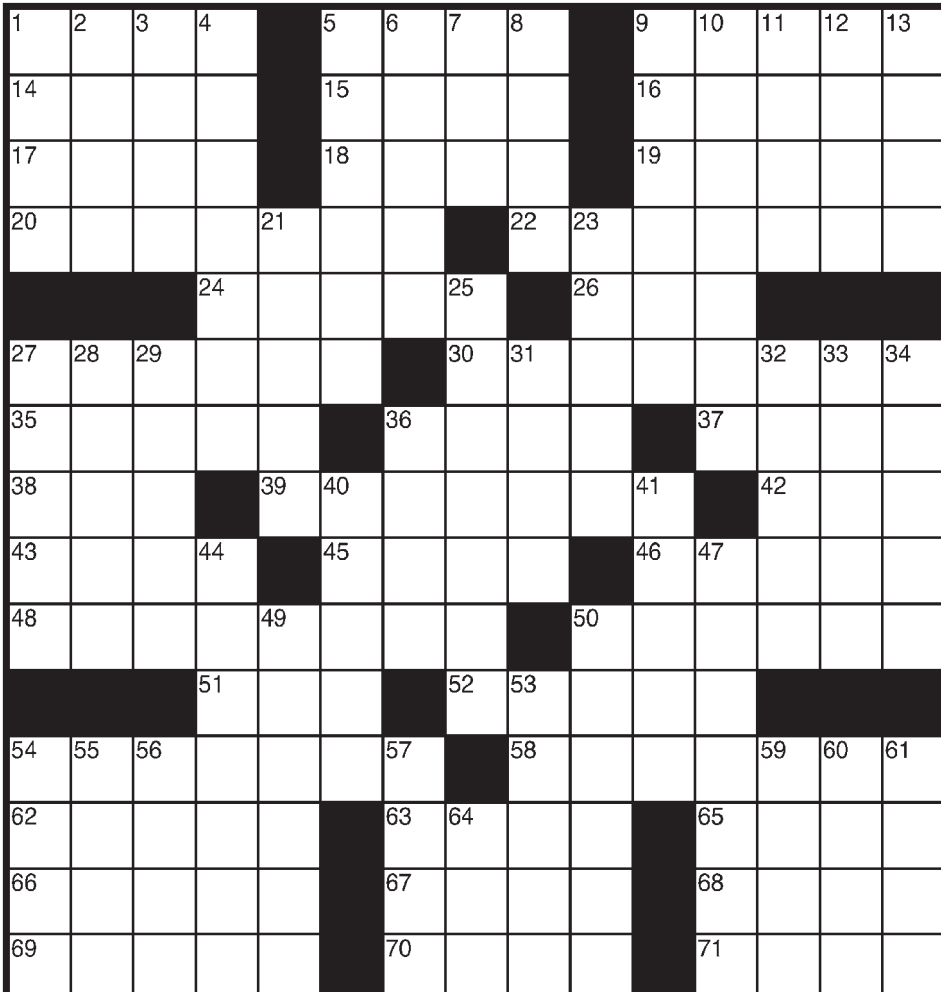
- 1 Run words together
- 2 Dove's shelter
- 3 Under cover?
- 4 Say again
- 5 Lacking common sense
- 6 Plywood sheet
- 7 Cow's "second course"
- 8 Bohr's study
- 9 Vice opposite
- 10 In theory
- 11 Boris' refusal
- 12 Ultimatum word
- 13 Luge, for one
- 21 Sidestep
- 23 NCAA Huskies

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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- 25 On horseback
- 27 Shorthand pro
- 28 Bolshoi rival
- 29 Tequila cactus
- 31 Achilles' downfall
- 32 Zeus' shield
- 33 Bogart movie ship
- 34 Ocean fliers
- 36 Fringe —
- 40 Cager Shaq —
- 41 Longbow's sound
- 44 Front-seat option
- 47 Go-getter
- 49 Shrubby tracts
- 50 Discontinues
- 53 Indy 500 sound
- 54 Clapton of "Lay Down Sally"
- 55 Marsh
- 56 Like Mr. Hyde
- 57 Use bath powder
- 59 Shakespeare villain
- 60 Frame of mind
- 61 Latin I verb
- 64 Winter woe



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HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In the cry of one broken heart is the song of all the broken hearts through history. It's why you can't listen without echoing the mournful resonance inside you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you don't easily fall asleep, there are good reasons; perhaps too much is on your mind, or an exciting possibility has you reeling. Or could you be awake in someone else's dream? Embrace the mystical: It's good for imagination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While Frank Sinatra may have had a hit doing it "My Way," for most people

the real adventure begins when "My Way" doesn't pan out and we must learn to do it "a way" (or in today's case, any possible way that will work, really).

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's something coming your way — an important sale or a bonus. The rewards will have a direct correlation to the work you put in and the stellar attitude in your approach. It's nice when things happen this cleanly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're usually pretty intuitive about what others might need, but what this intuition is probably telling you now is to just ask. You'll be quite surprised by what you hear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Dreams are good; plans are better. A little of both will serve you best.

Because if you only plan, it won't be interesting enough, and if you only dream, it won't be practical enough.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be on the hunt for a new experience. So while the cost matters, and the risk is a factor to consider as well, the enticement of the unfamiliar teamed with your curiosity will trump your trepidation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You care about something that isn't conventional. Getting into it more might lead you slightly and temporarily away from certain people who will never really get it, but it definitely will bond you with people who share your interest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The moment when it happens is not the next one; it's always this one... if for no other reason than the fact that you can't live or do anything in the next one. Keep reminding yourself to stay alert to what's happening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Since you are the beholder, you get to say what's beautiful. Try to do this away from the influence of others to get a true read. Otherwise you'll be unduly swayed.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's easy to say no when you have already said yes to something else. Since your schedule fills up on a first-come, first-served basis, you'll do well to be the first one to fill it up with what you really want your life to be about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). According to Grabel's Law, two is not equal to three, not even for large values of two. In a related story, getting something different from what you want (even if you get a lot of it) is still not getting what you want.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 27). An investment made years ago will finally pay off in 2018. Among the stellar decisions you'll make this year will be your choice to rely on the reliable. Loved ones will give you the lift you need to stretch into new roles and challenges. A friendship gets sweeter with a shared adventure. Speak your heart in June. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 45, 22, 19 and 31.

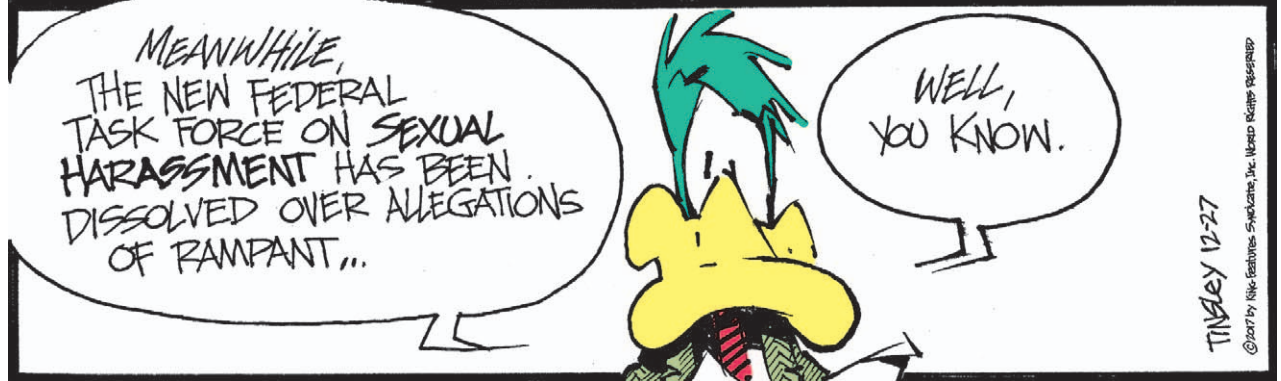
BIBLE

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."
— Luke 18:13.

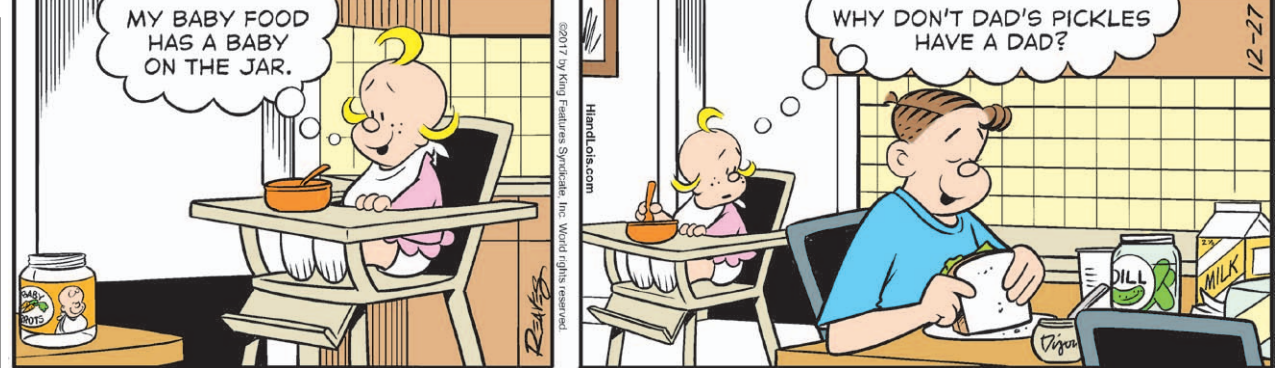
Here is the prayer that brings the peace. Pray it now! When we acknowledge to God what we are, He immediately shows us what He will do. Jesus said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."



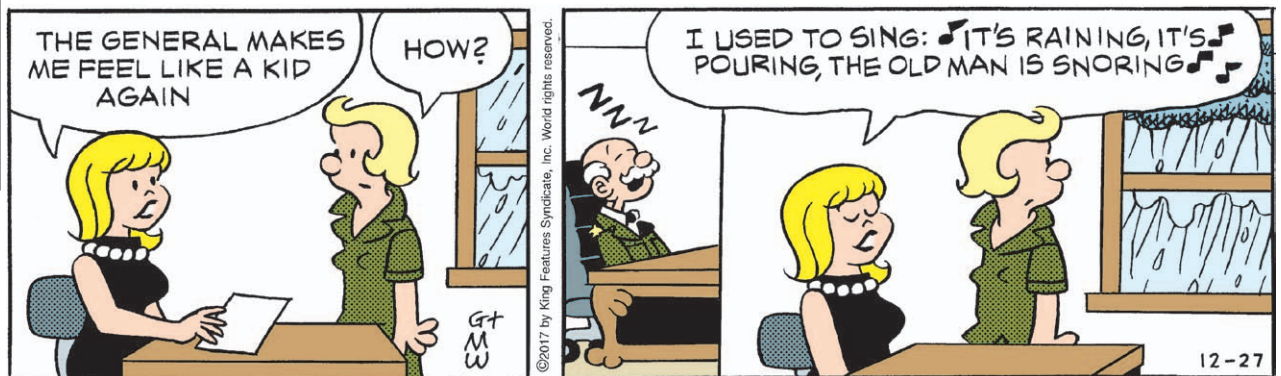
MALLARD FILLMORE By Bruce Tinsley



HI AND LOIS By Brian and Greg Walker



BEEBLE BAILEY By Mort Walker



Challenger

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• 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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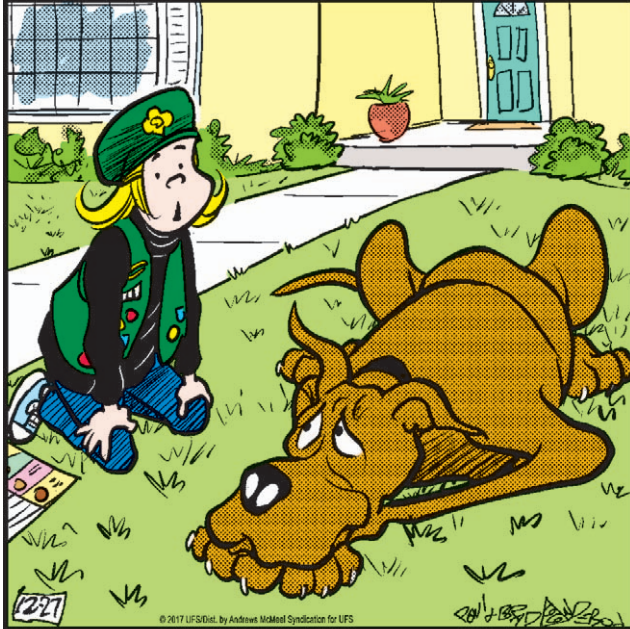
There may be more than one solution.
Today's Challenge
Time 5 Minutes
19 Seconds
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Yesterday's Challenger Answers

MARMADUKE By Brad Anderson



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE By Chris Browne



THE WIZARD OF ID By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM By Mike Peters



Cryptoquip

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DL MAIJRAHU CKJVOJFXJHTU
MGX AK G RAV LZAI
HAIDKA'M, PACTH NJ RJ TJLX
PDXN XNJ ODEEG FZCMNJH?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN HIGH WINDS TOTALLY RUIN YOUR OUTDOOR EVENT, I WOULD SAY YOU'VE HAD UNINVITED GUSTS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals U

WORD SLEUTH • SPOTTED WORDS

R D N T H G I L T O P S L J H
F E L N O D B Y X V M T F T R
P O T E I P K M K S I O U G E
D B Z T W G S C I X W P S U T
R Q O N O T H T E L J S S I G
F I N K S P O T O H D R P C A
Y Y T T O P S P S H C A O X W
V T S R S P UNSPOTTED
O E Y E S P O T S N O S O L K
J I D A I N A V L Y S T O P S
S P O T L E S S T O P S N U S

Tuesday's unlisted clue: MAGNUM

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: A BEAM OF LIGHT ON STAGE

Despotism	Ink night	Spotless	Starspot
Eyepots	Nightspot	Spotsylvania	Sunspots
Fusspot	Spot-check	Spotter	Unspotted
Hotspot	Spot-weld	Spotty	

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PICKLES By Brian Crane



B.C. By Mastroianni & Hart



Husband's threat of divorce compels wife to lose weight

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 18 years and have two wonderful kids, ages 14 and 12. Ten months ago, my husband said to me, "I told you I would divorce you if you ever got fat." I was shocked! Yes, I have gained some weight over the years, but at 5 feet 5 inches tall and 150 pounds, I was not exactly obese.



Dear Abby

I was frightened by what he said, so I took off 25 pounds. He didn't appear to notice, so I asked him, "Now what do you think?" He said, "You have no muscle tone!"

Abby, nothing I do is good enough. I work part-time and take care of our kids and the house. I go out of my way to cook and bake interesting things for them. Any appreciation? His praise is, "Not bad."

Abby, what should I do? — **BIGGEST LOSER IN NEW YORK**

DEAR "LOSER": Before I answer your question, I should point out that the way some abusers maintain control is by withholding approval, love, money, etc.

According to the National Institutes of Health, a woman who is 5 feet 5 inches tall should weigh between 114 and 144 pounds to be considered a normal weight. For your husband to threaten you with divorce if you didn't lose weight was brutal. Nothing you do is good enough because keeping you insecure and always trying to gain his approval is how he maintains the upper hand in your marriage. Losing weight is not easy. You should have been praised for your success.

Since you asked what to do, I'll tell you: Take him at his word. Your husband may have said your muscle tone is flabby, but from where I sit, what's sagging is your self-esteem. Go to the gym. Improve that muscle tone, and along with it your image of yourself. Then, once you have achieved your goal and feel better about yourself, decide whether you want to remain married to a man who has such poor "muscle tone" between the ears.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 63-year-old widow. I have not been with a man since

my husband died 10 years ago. I am now dating a 31 year-old man. I am deeply in love with him. He says he's in love with me, too, but his family says he doesn't know what love is. He was previously in a four-year relationship with someone his own age.

Am I crazy for dating a man who is 31? He's everything I have always wanted, and what I would consider the perfect man for me. He claims his only problem with dating me is that I will probably pass away in 20 years, and he will be alone and devastated. My concern is I feel I am preventing him from future children and a possible wife his own age. He says he doesn't want kids, but I'm not so sure. Please tell me what to do. I have never been in this situation before.

— **HELP, PLEASE, IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR HELP, PLEASE: As relationships evolve, couples learn more about each other. You didn't mention how long you and this man have been involved with each other, but if it has been less than a year, you would be wise to slow things down. It would be in your interest to know why his family thinks he doesn't know what love is. The answer to that question could be enlightening.

As to your not being certain that he doesn't want to be a father, in spite of the fact that he says he doesn't, not everyone wants children. If you aren't sure that everything he's telling you is the truth, I suggest you wait a few more innings before swinging for a home run.

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.

PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



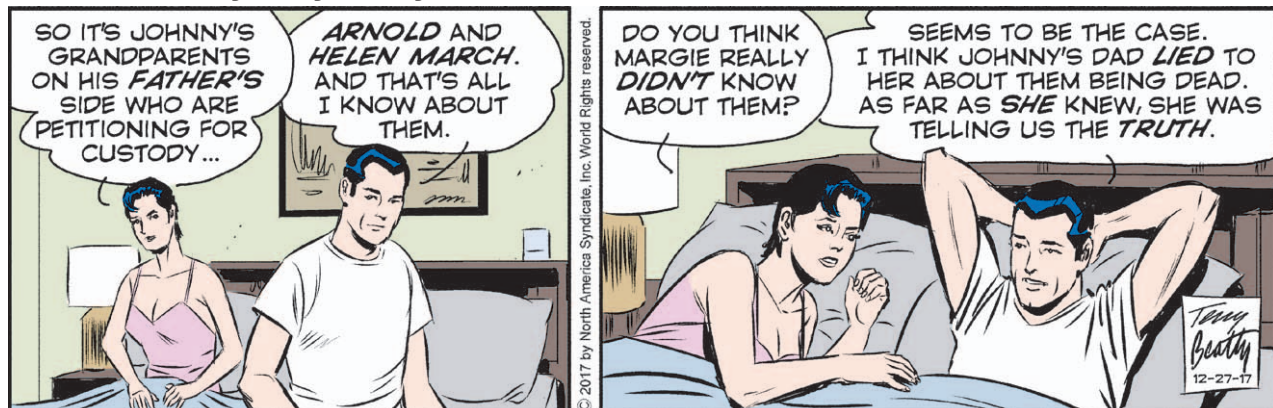
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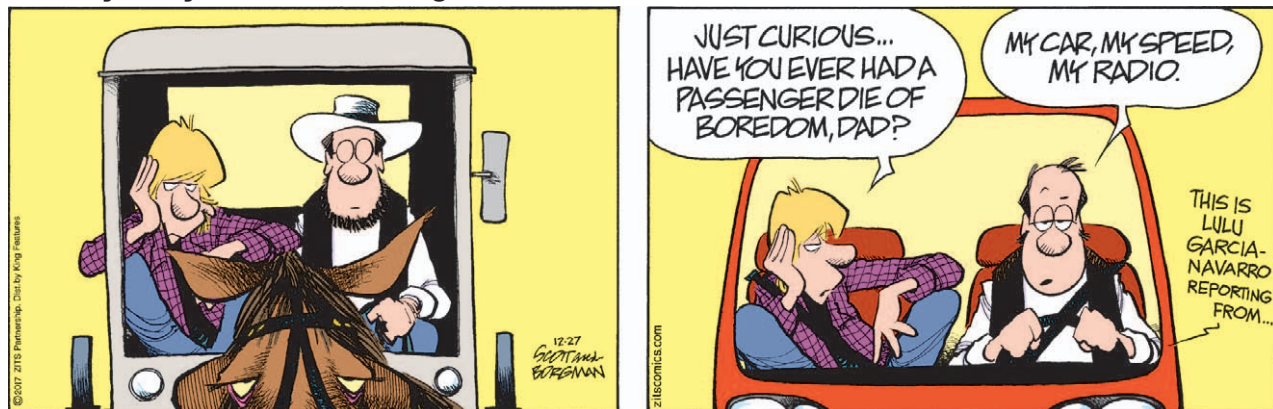
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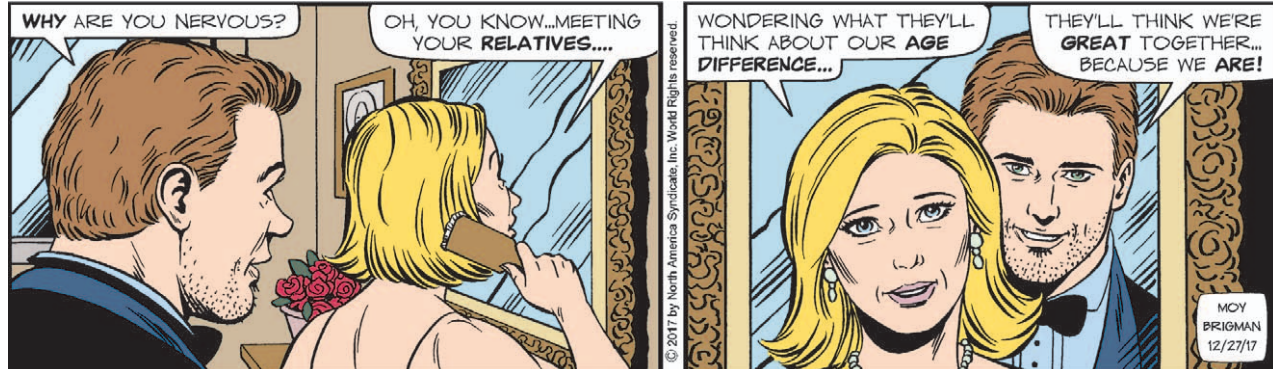
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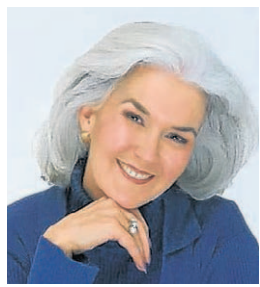


DILBERT By Scott Adams



Boost that buffet!

Dear Heloise: It's our custom to hold an open house on New Year's Day, when friends and family can just drop by to say "Happy New Year!" Every year I seem to serve the same old thing. Got any suggestions to make this year's buffet special? — Kate M., Shawnee, Okla.



Hints from Heloise

Kate, I sure do! It's from my book "In the Kitchen With Heloise":

Heloise's Hawaiian Curried Shrimp

- 6 tablespoons butter
 - 1 medium onion, finely chopped
 - 2 teaspoons finely chopped fresh ginger
 - 6 tablespoons flour
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 2 to 3 teaspoons curry powder
 - 2 cups whole dairy milk
 - 1 cup coconut milk (you can use canned)
 - 3 cups cooked shrimp
- Melt the butter in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and ginger, and cook slowly until transparent. Add the flour, salt and curry powder, and mix thoroughly. Add the milk and coconut milk, stirring constantly. Cook slowly until thick and smooth. Add the shrimp and heat thoroughly. — Heloise

Water in bacon?

Dear Heloise: Can you tell me what's happened to bacon? When I cook a major brand of bacon, water comes out, but very little bacon grease is produced. What's going on? — Susan P., via email

Susan, there are two primary methods of curing bacon: pumping is one, and dry curing is another.

Pumped bacon has ingredients added directly into the meat, which speeds up the curing process. If not correctly drained, the bacon can emit a white liquid substance during frying. Dry-cured bacon requires a curing mixture be rubbed on the bacon. After the curing process, the meat usually is hung for up to two weeks until the moisture is drawn out. — Heloise

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GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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SOLVING THE PROBLEM

Neither vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ 6 2
 ♥ K J 3 2
 ♦ Q 10 6 5 2
 ♣ Q 8

WEST
 ♠ A Q 9 7 3
 ♥ 10 4
 ♦ A K J 9
 ♣ K 4

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

SOUTH
 ♠ K 10 5
 ♥ A Q 9 8
 ♦ 3
 ♣ A J 10 9 6

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

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

The auction gave South ample warning that the king of spades might not be well placed, but he soldiered on bravely anyway. Brave is what we call it when it leads to success. His game try was accepted by North and he now had to find a way to solve the spade problem.

The ace of diamonds opening lead held the trick and West shifted to the 10 of hearts, won in dummy with the jack. One way to solve the spade problem was to find the king of clubs onside, so South hopefully ran the queen of clubs at trick three. No luck there, as West won the king of clubs and led another trump, won in hand by declarer with the queen.

Looking at two almost certain spade losers, South came up with a clever plan. He cashed the ace and jack of clubs, discarding a spade from dummy. A low heart to dummy's king drew the last outstanding trump, and South led dummy's remaining spade to his 10. West won with the queen but could do nothing to hurt declarer. A diamond would set up dummy's queen, so West did the best he could by leading a low spade away from his ace. South was not fooled and discarded a diamond from dummy, winning with the king in his hand. He ruffed his remaining spade in dummy and claimed the rest. Nicely played!

(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: tcaditors@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 like turbid waters (5)
- 2 like sitcom laughter, maybe (6)
- 3 Nobel-winning novelist Toni (8)
- 4 groups of roses, often (6)
- 5 pre-arrange (6)
- 6 made a facsimile (7)
- 7 don't get behind this ball (5)

SOLUTIONS

NS	RR	CA	MU	ED
RKY	DO	ED	IS	SC
MO	RI	ZE	NN	SCA
PT	GHT	NN	EI	ON

Tuesday's Answers: 1. PROOF 2. LURE 3. TEARSTAIN 4. BRIEF 5. BACKPACK 6. LIFTED 7. SPOTTED

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JUMBLE

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

TYTKI

VICCI

GIDNIO

NIWONM

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.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PANIC CLERK VASTLY THROWN
 Answer: The new national book club had — LOCAL CHAPTERS

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall

by Dean Young and John Marshall



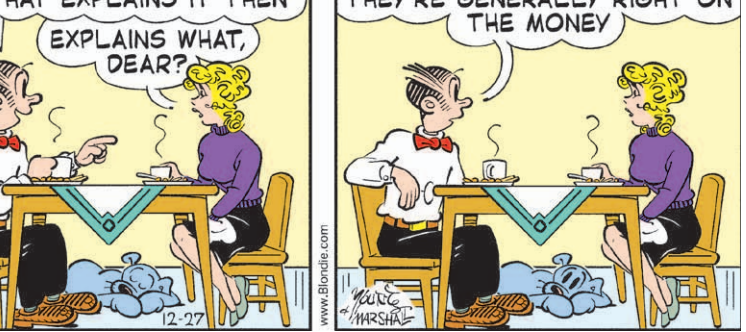
MUTTS By Patrick McDonnell

by Patrick McDonnell



BABY BLUES By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

by Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



DOONSBURY By Garry Trudeau

by Garry Trudeau



FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE By Lynn Johnston

by Lynn Johnston



KENKEN

THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

EASY

4	3+		1-
3+		12X	
2-	7+		2
		2÷	

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CHALLENGING

3-	4	11+	6X	1-
	5-			
3	3-	2÷	3-	
2÷		15X	5-	
11+			15+	2
6X		4		

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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.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

6X	3-	4	2÷
3	1-	4	2
2	3	1	4
3-	4	2	3
4	2	3	1

NATION/WORLD

NATION BRIEFS

Fruitcake package temporarily halts Seattle ferry service

SEATTLE (AP) — Authorities say a wrapped present that turned out to be a fruitcake temporarily halted service at a Seattle ferry terminal while police investigated.

Washington State Patrol Trooper Kevin Fortino says troopers were notified Tuesday that a suspicious package was found beneath a Christmas tree in the pedestrian waiting area.

Fortino says the package was deemed suspicious because it was unmarked and was the only gift under the tree.

Officials evacuated the terminal and kept all inbound ferries away for about a half-hour while the police bomb squad investigated.

Fortino says the gift was found to be a fruitcake.

He says it wasn't clear why it was left at the terminal.



AP PHOTO

Police secure the perimeter of a home in Troy, New York, Tuesday, Dec. 26, after four bodies were discovered in a basement apartment.

4 people dead in home; police say deaths appear suspicious

TROY, N.Y. (AP) — Police say four people have been found dead and may have been killed in an apartment in New York's capital region.

The bodies were discovered Tuesday afternoon in a basement apartment in a house in Troy, a city near Albany.

Troy police say the deaths are being treated as suspicious. The Albany Times-Union says the building's property manager discovered the dead.

Troy Police Capt. Daniel DeWolf calls the deaths "horrible, terrible" and sad.

Officers swarmed the street and cordoned off the area around the house.

A phone call to one of the home's apartments was answered by someone who declined to comment.

Appeal seeking Idaho horse herd sterilization is dismissed

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A federal appeals court has dismissed an effort to allow the sterilization of a herd of wild horses in Idaho.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals earlier this month granted a request by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management to stop the effort.

Documents filed by BLM seeking the dismissal of its own appeal didn't include a reason.

The BLM in 2015 released a plan to sterilize horses in the Saylor Creek Herd Management Area and replenish the herd with wild horses captured elsewhere.

The American Wild Horse Campaign sued, fearing the case could set a precedent. A U.S. District Court ruled that the herd had to be able to produce healthy foals.

Military turns to oyster reefs to protect against storms

By **WAYNE PARRY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIDDLETOWN, N.J. — Earle Naval Weapons Station, where the Navy loads some of America's most sophisticated weapons onto warships, suffered \$50 million worth of damage in Superstorm Sandy. Now the naval pier is fortifying itself with some decidedly low-tech protection: oysters.

The facility has allowed an environmental group to plant nearly a mile of oyster reefs about a quarter-mile off its shoreline to serve as a natural buffer to storm-driven wave damage.

Other military bases are enlisting the help of oysters, too. In June, environmental groups and airmen established a reef in the waters of Elgin Air Force Base Reservation in Florida, and more are planned nearby. Oysters also help protect Naval Station Norfolk in Virginia.

Three oyster reefs protect the USS Laffey museum in South Carolina. And military installations in Alabama and North Carolina have dispatched their enlisted



AP PHOTO

In this Nov. 21 photo, oysters grow on larger shells at the Earle Naval Weapons Station in Middletown New Jersey. Coastal communities around the world are planting oyster reefs to protect shorelines against the damaging effects of waves during storms.

personnel to help build oyster reefs in off-base coastal sites.

They are among hundreds of places around the U.S. and the world where oyster reefs are being planted primarily as storm-protection measures. And a bill just introduced in Congress would give coastal communities \$100 million over the next five years to create "living shorelines" that include oyster reefs.

"Having a hardened structure like that oyster reef will absorb some of that wave energy," said

Earle spokesman Bill Addison. "All the pipes and cables that are on the pier now, all of that was washed away and had to be rebuilt. And there was a lot of flooding that came into the base. Will this protect us against all of that? No, but it will do a significant amount of good to protect the base and the complex and our surrounding communities."

The NY/NJ Baykeeper group has been experimenting with oysters at the Navy pier since 2011, originally as a way to see

if the shellfish, through their natural filtering ability, might help improve water quality in the murky Raritan Bay. (They did somewhat).

In summer 2016, the group planted the oyster reef primarily as a storm protection measure — a trend that has taken hold around the world within the past decade or so, according to Bryan DeAngelis, a program coordinator for The Nature Conservancy in Rhode Island. Every coastal state in America is using oyster reefs as either a combination storm-protection or a water improvement project, or both.

In addition to cleaning the water, the oyster reefs help blunt the force of incoming waves.

"They are nice speed bumps," said Meredith Comi, an official with the Baykeeper group.

Environmentalists say "living shorelines" including oyster colonies are far preferable to, and cheaper than, armoring the coast with steel seawalls or wooden bulkheads that invariably accelerate erosion of the sand in front of such manmade structures.

In break with tradition, Trump doesn't host a state dinner

By **DARLENE SUPERVILLE**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump couldn't stop talking about the red carpets, military parades and fancy dinners that were lavished upon him during state visits on his recent tour of Asia. "Magnificent," he declared at one point on the trip.

But Trump has yet to reciprocate, making him the first president in almost a century to close his first year in office without welcoming a visiting counterpart to the U.S. with similar trappings.

Trump spoke dismissively of state dinners as a candidate, when he panned President Barack Obama's decision to welcome Chinese President Xi Jinping with a 2015 state visit. Such visits are an important diplomatic tool that includes a showy arrival ceremony and an elaborate dinner at the White House.

"I would not be throwing (Xi) a dinner," Trump

said at the time. "I would get him a McDonald's hamburger and say we've got to get down to work."

Last month it was Xi's turn to literally roll out the red carpet. The Chinese leader poured on the pageantry as he welcomed Trump to Beijing on what was billed as a "state visit, plus." Trump also made state visits to South Korea and Vietnam.

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said there is no "singular reason" why Trump hasn't extended a state visit invitation yet, but added that the administration hopes to schedule a visit early in 2018. Sanders gave no hints about which of Trump's foreign counterparts are being considered for the diplomatic honor.

A state visit typically is offered as a sign of friendship and to showcase strategic ties between countries that are important to each other, said Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations who last

served as chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush.

"The White House is the world stage to elevate that," she said. "These occasions really go a long way to solidify and strengthen relationships."

Trump speaks often about his relationships with many of his foreign counterparts, including Xi. Trump and the Chinese leader met at Trump's Florida estate in April, and Trump treated Xi to a full dinner — not the aforementioned burger — and what Trump described as "the most beautiful piece of chocolate cake."

"President Xi was enjoying it," the president reported.

Trump has also met at the White House, sometimes over lunch as well as abroad, with many of his foreign counterparts. He recently put the figure at more than 100.

But nothing compares to a state visit.

The White House portion of the visit begins with an elaborate arrival ceremony on the South Lawn, including the

pomp of a military honor guard, a troop review and leader statements.

The leaders meet privately in the Oval Office before they hold a joint news conference in the East Room or the Rose Garden. The evening ends with the foreign leader as the guest of honor at a lavish state dinner attended by hundreds, including members of Congress, business leaders, celebrities, political donors and others.

The visiting leader also has lunch at the State Department, and sometimes will address a joint meeting of Congress.

Such visits are reserved for when the U.S. wants to put on its "best face" for a particular leader and ally, said Peter Selfridge, who served as a liaison between the White House and visiting foreign dignitaries as U.S. chief of protocol from 2014 to January 2017.

"It's a really important arrow in a president's quiver when it comes to the diplomatic nicety side of his work," Selfridge said.

Saudi Arabia hosts world chess games, testing reform limits

By **AYA BATRAWY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia is hosting a world chess tournament for the first time on Tuesday nearly two years after the country's top cleric issued a religious edict against playing the board game. Politics have also interfered, with players from Israel and Qatar missing the tournament due to regional tensions.

Saudi Arabia's top cleric, Grand Mufti Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Sheikh, said in early 2016 that chess is "forbidden" in Islam because it wastes time and can lead to rivalry among players. Similarly, top Iranian clerics have also decried the game, saying it can lead to gambling, which is not permissible in Islam.

The mufti's comments at the time led to an outcry on social media by young Saudis who defended the game as

intellectually stimulating. Muslims, who introduced chess to Europe, have been playing the game since the 7th century in Persia.

Despite the mufti's past criticism, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has pushed for greater social openings, including lifting a ban on women driving that goes into effect next year, allowing concerts and movies, and easing rules on gender segregation.

The chess tournament, however, has also been hit by regional politics. Israelis say Saudi Arabia ignored requests by Israeli players to obtain visas to participate in the tournament. Israel and Saudi Arabia do not have diplomatic relations.

Meanwhile, players from Qatar and Iran, which have strained ties with Saudi Arabia, have been granted visas to participate in the tournament. However, Qatari players will not compete



AP PHOTO

In this Monday, Dec. 25, photo released by Saudi Press Agency, two Saudi officials play chess during the opening the first ever chess tournament in Riyadh.

in the championship because Qatar's chess federation said organizers demanded that the players not display the Qatari flag during the competition.

A statement issued by the World Chess Federation said that visas for players from Iran and Qatar were secured. It made no mention of Israeli players.

"The fact that players from Iran and Qatar may

decide not to participate, after consulting their own authorities, is clearly their own individual decision," the statement said.

The statement added that Saudi authorities had proposed that for security reasons the Qatari players should play under the organization's flag, but that the issue was resolved and the Qatar Chess Association was informed that their players would play under their own flag.

WORLD BRIEFS

Homemade liquor kills 12, sickens 21 in Dominican Republic

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP) — Authorities in the Dominican Republic say at least a dozen people have died and 21 more have been hospitalized after drinking homemade liquor containing methanol.

Officials say the first deaths occurred last week and the remaining people recently became sick after drinking the same liquor during funerals for the initial victims.

Health Secretary Altagracia Guzman said Tuesday that officials are trying to find the source of the liquor and no one has been arrested.

Authorities say that the deaths occurred near the border the Dominican Republic shares with Haiti and that an unknown number of people also died in Haiti.

The liquor is known as clairin and is made from sugarcane.

Egypt presidential hopeful calls for new election law

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptian presidential hopeful is proposing a new election law aimed at ensuring a free and transparent vote next year.

Rights lawyer Khaled Ali told a packed news conference on Tuesday that a free election requires "real guarantees that include lifting the emergency state" imposed since April. He is also demanding the release of jailed journalists and the opening of public spaces for political activism.

President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi is widely expected to run for and win a second four-year term, but he has yet to formally announce his candidacy.

Ali could be disqualified from running over an obscenity conviction.

Egypt has waged a massive crackdown on dissent since el-Sissi led the military overthrow of an elected but divisive Islamist president in 2013.

Suspected Saudi-led coalition airstrike in Yemen kills 25

SANAA, Yemen (AP) — Yemeni witnesses and security officials say a Saudi-led coalition airstrike on a crowded market has killed at least 25 people, including children.

They say Tuesday's strike in the western province of Taiz wounded at least 30 others.

The witnesses and officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retaliation or were not authorized to brief the media.

The coalition could not immediately be reached for comment.

International rights groups have accused the coalition of bombing civilian gatherings, markets, hospitals and residential areas across Yemen since the beginning of its air campaign against Iran-backed rebels, known as Houthis, in March 2015.

The stalemated war has killed more than 10,000 civilians and pushed the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine.



SHOCKING OPENER

Filip Zadina and Filip Chytil scored second-period goals for the Czech Republic in a stunning 5-4 victory over Russia in the opening game of the world junior hockey championships on Tuesday. **Page 4**

NFL: Bucs

Screaming match erupts into scuffle



AP PHOTO
Carolina Panthers' Devin Funchess (17) is tackled by Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Clinton McDonald (98) and Chris Baker (90) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Baker smiling after game, big penalty led to altercation in locker room

By RICK STROUD
Tampa Bay Times

An ugly screaming match that erupted into a scuffle between teammates in the locker room following the Bucs 22-19 loss at Carolina Sunday involved the off-sides penalty by defensive tackle Chris Baker. Apparently, several

Bucs players took issue with Baker smiling and lack-of-remorse attitude following the game.

The incident, captured on the post-game radio show, Lavonte David is heard yelling to stop quarterback Jameis Winston from confronting Baker.

"Yo, yo, Jameis! Jameis! Jameis!" David shouts.

Then middle linebacker Kwon Alexander begins swearing at Baker. David left the interview to intervene. Here was the flash

point.

The Bucs were up 19-15 with 3:05 to play and the ball on the Panthers 31-yard line. It was fourth-and-7. Koetter tried to make it a seven-point lead.

Patrick Murray missed a 51 yarder wide right. The Panthers took over at the Tampa Bay 41 and in four plays were deep into Bucs' territory. Facing fourth-and-3 at the 5-yard line, Baker was warned by defensive tackle Gerald McCoy and others to watch the hard count of quarterback

Cam Newton, who had drawn several encroachment penalties.

"Yeah, he had a good hard count," Baker said. "We were aware of that at the beginning of the game. We've got to be aware of his hard count. I just had a mental error, because right before the snap, Gerald and the other guys told me to be alert for the hard count and I just got anxious and made a bad play."

McCoy confirmed he had warned Baker.

SEE BUCS, 3

NBA: Heat 107, Magic 89

Heat rally past Magic

Miami Heat's dominant fourth quarter dooms struggling Magic

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Josh Richardson scored 20 points, Wayne Ellington had 12 of his 18 points in a dominant fourth quarter and the Miami Heat beat the struggling Orlando Magic 107-89 on Tuesday night.

Tyler Johnson added 17, Kelly Olynyk scored 15 and Goran Dragic had 14 for the Heat, who outscored Orlando 39-21 in the fourth — the biggest margin by Miami in a final quarter this season.

Hassan White-side returned from an 11-game absence with a bone bruise in his left knee, adding seven points and eight rebounds in 18 minutes.

Elfrid Payton scored 19 points for Orlando, which now has two separate nine-game losing streaks this season. The Magic started 8-4, and are 3-20 since.

Evan Fournier and Mario Hezonja had 14 apiece for Orlando, which got 12 from Marreese Speights. The Magic led by 10 in the third quarter, and got outscored by 28 in the final 20 minutes.



AP PHOTO
Miami Heat guard Josh Richardson (0) goes to the basket against Orlando Magic forward Jonathan Isaac (1) during the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday in Miami.

Miami topped Orlando for the first time in the teams' last five meetings, and Ellington's four 3s in the fourth were a big

reason why. The Heat started 3 for 19 from 3-point range, then made eight of their final 14 from deep. Miami shot 56 percent in the

final quarter, after shooting only 41 percent through the first three.

SEE HEAT, 2

NFL: Jaguars

Jags 'all in' on winning regular-season finale

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — Jaguars coach Doug Marrone has no plans to rest starters in the regular-season finale even though Jacksonville is locked into its playoff seeding.

"We are 100 percent all in on winning this football game," Marrone said Tuesday.

Jacksonville (10-5) exhausted any chance of getting a first-round bye by losing 44-33 at San Francisco on Sunday. Coupled with wins by New England and Pittsburgh, the Jaguars secured the No. 3 seed in the AFC and will host their first playoff game since the 1999 season.

That would lead some coaches to rest starters in a game with little, if anything, at stake.

Marrone said there's no chance he takes that route at division rival Tennessee (8-7).

"Make no mistake about it, just so there is not a lot of talk during the week, when the players come in (Wednesday), we are talking about how we are going to play to win and do everything we possibly can to win this game. Period," Marrone said. "I am not even thinking about what happens beyond that, and that is the way we are going to go about our business this week."

Marrone added that it was an easy decision. "I think that is what we have been about all year," he said. "That is what this team has been about. For me, I don't think it is a problem at all."

The game has plenty of postseason repercussions, including for two of Jacksonville's previous coaches, Gus Bradley and Mike Mularkey.

SEE JAGUARS, 3



AP PHOTO
Jacksonville Jaguars running back Leonard Fournette, center, celebrates with Calais Campbell, left, and Dede Westbrook after scoring a touchdown against the San Francisco 49ers Sunday in Santa Clara, Calif.

SWIMMING: AP Female Athlete of the Year

Ledecky named Female Athlete of the Year

By BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

Katie Ledecky got her start in swimming because she just wanted to make friends. Her brother was eager to join a team at a pool near their house and as a 6-year-old, she tagged along.

By summer's end, the Ledecky siblings had made 100 friends ranging in age from 6 to 18. Some of them remain good friends with Katie, who went on to become the world's best swimmer in the post-Michael Phelps era.

She earned five golds



AP FILE PHOTO
Katie Ledecky swims on her way to winning the women's 800-meter freestyle at the U.S. swimming championships in Indianapolis. Ledecky was named The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year on Tuesday.

and a silver at this year's world championships in Budapest, maintaining

the upward trajectory she first established as a surprise gold medalist

at the 2012 London Olympics.

Her dominant performance in Hungary earned Ledecky Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year honors.

In balloting by U.S. editors and news directors announced Tuesday, Ledecky received 351 points, edging out Serena Williams with 343. Williams won the Australian Open for her Open era-record 23rd Grand Slam tennis title. Olympic track star Allyson Felix finished third in voting, with 248 points.

SEE LEDECKY, 4

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Seminoles

FSU meets Southern Miss in Independence Bowl

By DAVID BRANDT
Associated Press

SHREVEPORT, La. — Florida State's season started with national championship aspirations but will instead end in relative obscurity against Southern Mississippi in the Independence Bowl on Wednesday.

The Seminoles freely acknowledge it's been a tough few months. They're also adamant the disappointment won't carry over to the field when they face the Golden Eagles.

"We are here to win," Florida State defensive end Brian Burns said.

"We've got to dig down deep and get that win."

Florida State (6-6, 3-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) will be playing without some of its top defensive players, including second-team AP All-American safety Derwin James, who declared for the NFL draft and opted not to play in the bowl game.

FSU will try to slow an offense that's led by running back Ito Smith.

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PICK 3

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 Dec. 26D.....4-0-4
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 Dec. 25D.....0-3-3
 Dec. 24N.....8-1-5
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NBA ROUNDUP

Barea, Mavs end another Raptors 6-game streak

Associated Press

DALLAS — J.J. Barea scored 20 points, including a clinching layup in the final seconds, and the Dallas Mavericks ended another six-game winning streak by Toronto with a 98-93 victory over the Raptors on Tuesday night.

The Mavericks held DeMar DeRozan and the Raptors to season lows in shooting percentage as Toronto lost for just the second time in 14 games, with each loss coming after six straight wins.

Dirk Nowitzki scored 18 points and fellow German Maxi Kleber had 15 points and matched his rookie season best with five blocks. Harrison Barnes had 16 points and 10 rebounds.

Kyle Lowry led Toronto with 23 points but didn't score in the fourth quarter, while DeRozan couldn't get going at all after averaging 37 points on a three-game road winning streak that ended.

DeRozan scored eight points while shooting 19 percent (3 of 16). His previous low was 20



Dallas Mavericks guard J.J. Barea (5) drives during the second half against the Toronto Raptors Tuesday in Dallas.

percent (1 of 5) in his only other single-digit game this season — two points in a 112-78 win at Atlanta in November.

The teams combined to make just five of 31 shots in the final 8 minutes — including two misses by Serge Ibaka with the Raptors trailing by three before Barea hit

a layup with 10 seconds left after dribbling out most of the shot clock.

The Raptors (23-9) came into the game with the best winning percentage in the Eastern Conference but shot under 40 percent for the first time this season.

Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and 11

rebounds for Toronto, and Ibaka added 12 points and 12 boards.

Barea scored the first six points and hit a caping 3-pointer on a 17-0 run that put the Mavericks in front 83-73 late in the third quarter.

PISTONS 107, PACERS 83: Tobias Harris scored 30 points to help the Detroit Pistons rout the Indiana Pacers. The victory moved the Pistons (19-14) past the Pacers (19-15) and into second spot in the NBA's Central Division.

Andre Drummond added 21 points for the Pistons. Ish Smith (12 points) and Reggie Bullock (11) also reached double digits for Detroit. Victor Oladipo led the Pacers with 13 points. Domantas Sabonis, Bojan Bogdanovic and Myles Turner each scored 10 points.

The win gave the Pistons a 3-1 decision in the season series between the two teams, the first time Detroit had won the season set from Indiana since going 4-0 against the Pacers in 2007-08. Harris scored 21 points in the first quarter as the Pistons raced to a commanding 40-19 lead. The Pacers never led and didn't come closer than an eight-point deficit after Detroit's first-quarter onslaught.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Quick Lane Bowl

Jones leads Duke over Northern Illinois

By DAVE HOGG
 Associated Press

DETROIT — Daniel Jones threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as Duke beat Northern Illinois 36-14 in the Quick Lane Bowl on Tuesday.

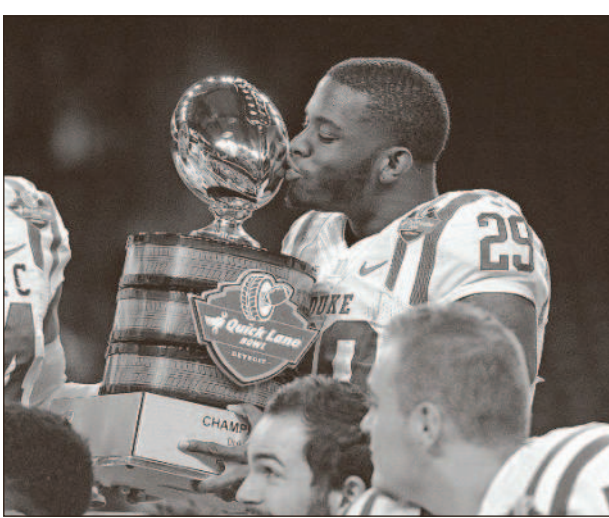
Jones finished with 338 yards of offense, while Shaun Wilson and Brittain Brown added touchdowns for Duke (7-6).

"We knew Northern Illinois had a lot of success rushing the passer this year, but our offensive line really controlled things," Jones said. "That really opened things up."

Marcus Childers threw for 234 yards and a score for Northern Illinois (8-5).

The Blue Devils took a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, sandwiching rushing touchdowns around a failed Northern Illinois fake punt on 4th- and-18 from their own 11.

"They were being physical with our gunners, so we thought we could get a pass interference and a first down," Huskies coach Rod Carey said. "They didn't bite,



Duke running back Shaun Wilson (29) kisses the championship trophy after defeating Northern Illinois 36-14 in the Quick Lane Bowl NCAA college football game Tuesday in Detroit.

and we had a punter throwing to a defensive back."

The Huskies had two first downs and 46 yards in the quarter, but tied the game with two scores in the first 2:38 of the second. Duke, though, moved back into a 26-14 lead with two touchdowns before halftime.

"We let up for a little while, and they took advantage of our mistakes," Duke linebacker Joe Giles-Harris said. "We knew we had to get focused again, and

we shut them out from there."

Jones fumbled on the first possession of the second half, but Northern Illinois turned the ball back over after a failed fake field goal.

THE TAKEAWAY

Duke: Other than the start of the second quarter, where they lost defensive focus on back-to-back possessions, the Blue Devils were in complete control.

Northern Illinois: The Huskies recovered from

the disastrous first-quarter fake punt to get back into the game, but couldn't stay with Duke on either side of the ball.

UP NEXT

Duke: By winning their final three games, including David Cutcliffe's second bowl victory in 10 seasons at Duke, the Blue Devils take some momentum into the offseason. At 4-6 after a loss to Army on Nov. 11, they were in danger of missing out on a bowl for the second year in a row, but they beat Georgia Tech, Wake Forest and Northern Illinois.

Northern Illinois: After winning at Nebraska, the Huskies thought they were on the verge of another big season. However, conference losses to Toledo and Central Michigan knocked them out of MAC title contention and they were over-matched against Duke.

"This is disappointing, but we're going to have a good group of players coming back next year," Carey said. "We can build on this."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Heart of Dallas Bowl

Moss, Utah run past West Virginia 30-14

By STEPHEN HAWKINS
 Associated Press

DALLAS — Zach Moss ran for 150 yards with a career-long 58-yard run for a touchdown, Tyler Huntley scored twice on 2-yard keepers and Utah got its fifth consecutive bowl victory, a 30-14 win over West Virginia in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on Tuesday.

On a drizzly and chilly day in Cotton Bowl Stadium, the Utes (7-6) led for good after Moss took a third- and-1 handoff, quickly burst into the open field and went all the way to the end zone to cap their opening drive.



Utah running back Zack Moss (2) stiff-arms West Virginia Mountaineers linebacker Al-Rasheed Benton (3) while running the ball during the third quarter of Zaxby's Heart of Dallas Bowl Wednesday in Dallas.

Utah improved to 11-1 in bowl games under Kyle Whittingham, the former defensive coordinator

whose debut as head coach was a Fiesta Bowl win at the end of the 2004 season. He co-coached

that game with Urban Meyer, who had taken the Florida job three weeks earlier but returned to be part of Utah's postseason win over Pittsburgh after Whittingham had been promoted to head coach. With the win, Whittingham tied Alabama's Nick Saban for most bowl wins by an active coach.

West Virginia (7-6) finished the season with its third straight loss. The Mountaineers had only 153 total yards without junior quarterback Will Grier, who broke a finger Nov. 18, and 1,000-yard rusher Justin Crawford, a senior who bypassed the bowl game in advance of the NFL draft.

SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.
 FS1 — Butler at Georgetown
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — E. Michigan at Syracuse
 ESPNU — Florida Gulf Coast at Rhode Island
 7:30 p.m.
 CBSN — Villanova at DePaul
 8 p.m.
 SEC — CS Bakersfield at Arkansas
 8:30 p.m.
 FS1 — Xavier at Marquette
 9 p.m.
 ESPN2 — UCF at SMU
 ESPNU — Chicago St. at Wisconsin
 9:30 p.m.
 CBSN — Colorado St. at Boise St.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

1:30 p.m.
 ESPN — Independence Bowl, Southern Miss. vs.

Florida St., at Shreveport, La. 5:15 p.m.
 ESPN — Pinstripe Bowl, Boston College vs. Iowa, at Bronx, N.Y.
 8:30 p.m.
 FOX — Foster Farms Bowl, Arizona vs. Purdue, at Santa Clara, Calif.
 9 p.m.
 ESPN — Texas Bowl, Texas vs. Missouri, at Houston

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.
 NBA — Toronto at Oklahoma City
 10:30 p.m.
 NBA — Utah at Golden State

NHL HOCKEY

8 p.m.
 NBCSN — Washington at N.Y. Rangers

SOCCER

2:45 p.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Newcastle vs. Manchester City

HEAT

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Orlando scored 12 points in the game's first 10 minutes — then scored 13 in the next 3 minutes.

That spurt started what became a 35-15 run over 11 minutes for the Magic, who turned what was a nine-point early deficit into an 11-point lead late in the half. They kept Miami to a 3-for-16 effort from 3-point range in the half, held a 13-2 edge in points off turnovers and wound up taking a 49-43 edge into the break.

Orlando's lead was still 10 in the third, and then things went back-and-forth for a bit. Miami went on a 17-2 run to take a 64-59 lead, Orlando answered with a 7-0 spurt, and the teams were tied at 68 going into the fourth.

TIP-INS

Magic: Orlando was missing three starters from its opening-night win over Miami — Nikola Vucevic, Terrence Ross

and Aaron Gordon. Vucevic has had surgery to repair his fractured hand, and the Magic are hoping he's back in about two months. ... This is the first time since 2013-14 that the Magic have had multiple losing streaks of nine or more games in the same season.

Heat: Miami has 158 3-pointers in December, with two games left this month. The team record for 3s in a month is 182 — set last month. ... It was the third game in an eight-game stretch where the Heat won't leave Florida; seven of those at home, the other in Orlando.

BLOCK OR CHARGE

Speights and Miami's Jordan Mickey were both issued fouls with 9:50 left. Referee Eric Lewis called Speights for a block on Mickey's drive, while ref Lauren Holtkamp under the basket had it as an offensive foul. The Heat wound up getting three points out of the possession; Richardson was fouled on a 3 and made all three free throws.

NFL: Bills

Bills owner Pegula questions NFL replay review inconsistency

By JOHN WAWROW
Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills owner Terry Pegula questioned the lack of consistency in NFL replay rulings and said the issue needs to be addressed after Buffalo receiver Kelvin Benjamin's touchdown was overruled in a loss to New England last weekend.

"I don't know what's going on, but we have to fix it," Pegula said Tuesday, while appearing on Buffalo's WGR-Radio. "I'm not saying this as the owner of the Bills. I'm saying it as a football fan. We can't have stuff like this happening in our league."

One of Pegula's biggest concerns is whether the league has taken its review process too far in overturning officials' calls on the field.

"It just wasn't consistent. Replay was developed by this league to correct obvious mistakes," Pegula said. "If you've got to look at a play 30 times from five different angles and keep looking at it and looking at it and looking at it, you go with the call on the field. It's what the league's been doing ever since replay started."

Pegula then specifically mentioned NFL officiating chief Al



Buffalo Bills wide receiver Kelvin Benjamin (13) can't make a catch in the end zone in front of New England Patriots cornerback Stephon Gilmore, left, Sunday in Foxborough, Mass.

Riveron in being among the only people who might disagree with him.

"Obviously, they weren't looking at the same television the rest of the country was looking at, were they?" he said.

"You know what, you can probably find somebody in this country who disagrees with that. And I know one guy would be Al Riveron sitting in New York City."

The NFL declined to comment on what Pegula said.

Benjamin was initially ruled to have had both feet down in the end zone in catching a 4-yard pass

that would have put Buffalo ahead 17-13 in the final seconds of the first half of a 37-16 loss on Sunday.

The official's call, however, was reversed upon a video review, with referee Craig Wrolstad explaining Benjamin did not have control of the ball when his first foot hit the turf.

Bills coach Sean McDermott said he was "at a loss" to explain the reversal following the game.

Former NFL officiating VP Mike Pereira criticized the league by saying the official's call was

incorrectly reversed by "someone in a suit in an office in New York."

The Bills (8-7) are still in playoff contention, but need help from other teams to end a 17-year playoff drought in closing their season at Miami (6-9).

Pegula intends to take his concerns to the NFL, and says he's not afraid of having what he termed an "unfriendly" conversation.

"Well, you know, if it's unfriendly from the other side, I can dish back unfriendly, too, because it's a little upsetting" he said.

NFL: Titans

Titans coach not ruling Murray out against Jaguars yet

By TERESA M. WALKER
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee fans wanting to see Derrick Henry start at running back instead of DeMarco Murray will get their chance to see what that looks like in the Titans' most important game of the season.

Coach Mike Mularkey isn't ruling Murray out of the Titans' regular-season finale against Jacksonville on Sunday. Mularkey said Tuesday that the veteran will be limited at best if an injured knee allows him to play at all.

The Titans (8-7) need a win Sunday, or losses by both Buffalo and the Chargers, to end a playoff drought stretching back to 2008 for this franchise if they can snap a three-game skid.

"These guys realize what's on the line right now," Mularkey said. "Nobody has to tell anybody that this is our last chance. We've had a number of opportunities we've missed, we still have another one."

"There's a reason we have another one, because we've won enough games to be in this position. They realize what they have to do without putting any more pressure on themselves."

The Titans still have a chance at the No. 5 seed in the AFC playoffs, though advancing likely

means the No. 6 seed and a rematch with the AFC South champion Jaguars in the wild-card round. Mularkey said the Titans will plan on Jacksonville (10-5) trying to win and not rest anyone for the postseason.

"Coming off a loss, I'm sure they don't want to go into the playoffs with another one," Mularkey said. "I would expect we're going to get the best from them knowing (Jaguars coach) Doug Marrone and Tom (Coughlin). I wouldn't think anything less than that."

For now, Mularkey and the Titans are busy preparing a game plan knowing that an MRI confirmed what trainers expected after Murray hurt his right knee late in a 25-23 loss to the Los Angeles Rams.

Mularkey says he considers Murray day to day, basing his decision on how Murray has handled other injuries and quickly responded to treatment.

Mularkey says whether Murray plays will depend on pain. Murray led the AFC with 1,287 yards rushing with 16 starts last season despite tearing the plantar plate in his right foot during the season.

That leaves Henry, the 2015 Heisman Trophy winner, poised for the fourth start of his career. Henry leads the Titans in rushing with 693 yards on 148 carries.

JAGUARS

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The Titans and head coach Mularkey would clinch a playoff berth with a victory against Jacksonville. The Chargers and current defensive coordinator Bradley need the Jags to win to have a shot at securing the No. 6 seed.

"When we go over the games and everything, I said, 'We are going to bounce back and we are going to work our (butts) off this week and we are going to go out and win this game and win this quarter,'" Marrone said. "That was pretty much the conversation and

there wasn't, 'Are you sure?'

"There wasn't any wavering from anyone of what we want to do and what we want to accomplish this week."

The Jaguars need to erase any lingering hangovers from the team's worst performance since a Week 2 loss to Tennessee. Jimmy Garoppolo shredded Jacksonville's vaunted secondary. Matt Breida and Carlos Hyde gouged the Jags on the ground. And San Francisco intercepted three passes by Blake Bortles, who delivered his worst outing in a month.

Still, Jacksonville clinched its first AFC South title in franchise

history in the first quarter when the Titans lost to the Los Angeles Rams.

"Anytime we're kind of winding down the season, you lose a game like this and you got one more opportunity before going into the playoffs, you want to make sure you're kind of clicking on all cylinders going into the playoffs," Bortles said. "I think it's exciting. It's an opportunity to kind of get back on track and get rolling going into January."

NOTES: Marrone said left tackle Cam Robinson (abdominal strain) and receiver Allen Hurns (ankle) are "trending in the right direction." Robinson left last week's

game in the first half and did not return. Hurns missed his sixth consecutive game.



Tampa Bay Buccaneers' Jameis Winston (3) tries to get to his fumble as Carolina Panthers' Kawann Short (99) grabs his shoulder pad and teammate Julius Peppers (90) comes in to help during the second half of an NFL football game Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

BUCS

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"Yes I did," McCoy said. "Whatever. Moving on. Next."

The penalty made it a much easier fourth-and-1 situation for running back Jonathan Stewart to convert.

On the next play, Newton fumbled the snap but still ran for the winning touchdown.

Baker, who signed a three-year, \$15.75-million contract as a free agent from the Redskins, hasn't lived up to expectations this season. He has 32 tackles and a half sack.

What's more, some

players and coaches feel as if his attitude has been poor from the beginning in terms of effort, especially given what the Bucs are paying him. Unfortunately, the level of accountability demonstrated in the locker room Sunday didn't happen earlier in the season or training camp.

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HOCKEY: World Junior Championships



AP PHOTO

Canada's Maxime Comtois goes to the net against Finland's Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen, right, and Miro Heiskanen, left, during the third period of IIHF World Junior Championship preliminary round hockey action Tuesday in Buffalo, N.Y.

Czech Republic upsets Russia to open world juniors

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Filip Zadina and Filip Chytil scored second-period goals for the Czech Republic in a stunning 5-4 victory over Russia in the opening game of the world junior hockey championships on Tuesday.

Russia has medaled at the past seven world juniors while the Czech Republic has not reached the medal round since 2005. This was the Czech Republic's second victory in the past 12 meetings with Russia.

Martin Necas, Filip Kral and Ostap Safin also scored for the Czech Republic, and Martin Kaut had three assists. Josef Korenar made 34 saves.

Zadina and Chytil scored to give the Czech Republic a 4-2 lead late in the second period. Filip Kraul scored the Czech Republic's fifth goal 6:16 into the third period.

Artur Kayumov and Vladislav Syomin scored late in the third period for Russia. Marsel

Sholokhov and Alexei Polodyan scored in the first period.

Also Tuesday, Boris Katchouk had a goal and an assist as Canada beat Finland 4-2.

Katchouk's linemate Taylor Raddysh scored and added an assist for Canada, while Drake Batherson had the eventual winner and Sam Steel scored a goal.

Carter Hart made 29 saves for the win.

Aleksi Heponiemi and Henri Jokiharju replied for Finland, while Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen stopped 28 of 32 shots.

In another preliminary round game, Lias Andersson scored twice for Sweden in a 6-1 win over Belarus.

Elias Pettersson and Erik Brannstrom each added a goal and an assist. Glenn Gustafsson and Jens Boqvist scored Sweden's other two goals. Alexander Nylander, Rasmus Dahlin and Fredrik Karlstrom had two assists apiece.

Yegor Sharangovich scored for Belarus. Andrei Grishenko stopped 31 shots.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Sooners

Oklahoma's rivalry with SEC continues with new coach Riley

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma has no plans to bow down to the mighty Southeastern Conference.

The SEC has run roughshod over most of college football for the past decade, but in recent years, former Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops was vocal about his belief that the Sooners and the Big 12 were elite, too. He had the facts to back up his claim — under his leadership, Oklahoma beat Alabama in the Sugar Bowl after the 2013 season, Tennessee during the 2014 and 2015 regular seasons and Auburn in the Sugar Bowl after the 2016 season.

As far back as 2013, Stoops called some of the stories about the SEC's supremacy "propaganda." The rivalry he stirred up continues with new coach Lincoln Riley and Oklahoma's matchup with Georgia in the Rose Bowl national semifinal on Jan. 1.

Riley tried to temper things a bit when the pairings first came out.

"Georgia is a great team, regardless of what league they're in," he said. "They're a great football team. I've had a chance to watch them a little bit this year. Obviously, they're really, really good defensively. It doesn't take long to figure that out. Strong running game. Their young quarterback has come on and played really well."

Riley also has great respect for Georgia coach Kirby Smart. The Bulldogs are 12-1 in Smart's second year.

"Kirby has obviously done a great job in just a



AP FILE PHOTO

Oklahoma head coach Lincoln Riley makes a call from the sideline in the second half of the Big 12 Conference championship NCAA college football game against TCU in Arlington, Texas.

short time," Riley said. "To me at this point, it's not about conference vs. conference. It's about this really good team from Oklahoma going up against a really good team in Georgia."

Riley wasn't as complimentary toward the SEC earlier in the season when he was defending the Big 12. After Oklahoma's 62-52 win over Oklahoma State, he had heard enough from critics who said the Big 12 was watered down because of the lack of defense. He referenced Oklahoma's 35-19 win over Auburn in the Sugar Bowl, among other things, as evidence that the Big 12 can hold its own.

"Going back to the bowl games last year, there's one conference that gave up under 20 points a game," he said.

"That was the Big 12, where everybody's playing out-of-conference teams. So everybody wants to talk about all that. We didn't have any problem moving the ball

against SEC defenses, one of the best ones in the country last year, in the bowl game."

Riley said at the time that some of the offensive numbers Big 12 teams allow during league play are a product of teams taking necessary risks. He called the perception that the Big 12 was a step below "uneducated."

"When you play great offenses week in and week out, and when the other teams know you're playing great offenses, people are going to be more aggressive," he said. "People are more aggressive against us, I promise you, because they know they're going to have to score some points to win. So it's a little bit different mindset. It's a different set of challenges."

Even in those statements, Riley was more reserved than Stoops. As the Sooners prepared for Tennessee in 2014, Riley's predecessor quipped about the SEC's supposed belief that its

athletes are a cut above.

"I don't know," Stoops said at the time. "That hasn't been the case in our experience. Whenever we've played, that hasn't been much of a difference."

After Oklahoma's win over Auburn, Stoops said reporters should "maybe just bury that narrative" about SEC supremacy.

Heisman winner Baker Mayfield has a chance to extend Oklahoma's streak against the conference. Smart knows the Bulldogs will have their hands full.

"People have always said the SEC is going to have really competitive defensive linemen that can pass-rush and reduce that time window, but I think Baker Mayfield is the great equalizer because he extends that time, and he makes those plays go longer where you have to cover longer," Smart said. "That has a lot to do with it, and they've got really good skill receivers in that conference."

LEDECKY

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Last year, Ledecy was second to gymnast Simone Biles in the balloting.

The AP Male Athlete of the Year will be announced Wednesday.

Ledecy is the eighth female swimmer to win and the first since Amy Van Dyken in 1996. Among the others is 1969 winner Debbie Meyer. At last year's Rio de Janeiro Games, Ledecy equaled Meyer's feat of sweeping the 200, 400 and 800 freestyles in a single Olympics.

"It's a really great history of women swimmers and freestylers," Ledecy said of the AP honor roll. "I really look up to a lot of those women."

She is the first active college athlete to win since UConn basketball player Rebecca Lobo in 1995.

Ledecy is a sophomore at Stanford, still debating whether to major in psychology or political



AP FILE PHOTO

United States' Katie Ledecy reacts after winning the gold medal in the women's 1500-meter freestyle final during the swimming competitions of the World Aquatics Championships in Budapest, Hungary. Ledecy was named The Associated Press Female Athlete of the Year on Tuesday.

science, and enjoying life in the dorms, where she lives with five other swimmers.

"Just being in the college environment has kind of added another layer of fun," she said. "Being with teammates and working toward NCAA

championships and having that team goal, that's another thing that is fun."

Ledecy heads to Colorado Springs, Colorado, for high-altitude training with her Stanford team this week. Her focus is on the collegiate season through the NCAAs in March.

In moving cross-country from her home in Bethesda, Maryland, to attend college in California, Ledecy left behind longtime coach Bruce Gemmill. But like some of those old summer league teammates, Ledecy has stayed in touch. She trains

with Gemmill when she returns to visit her family.

She was a star to them in 2012 but a little-known 15-year-old to the rest of the world when she won the 800-meter freestyle in American-record time in London.

In 2013, Ledecy won four golds at the worlds in Barcelona, setting a pair of world records. Two years later in Kazan, she swept every freestyle from 200 to 1,500 meters, setting two more world records. Another two world records fell last year in Rio.

In her typically understated way, Ledecy said: "I really pride myself on the consistency I've had over the past couple years. Just being able to compete at the international level and come away with some gold medals each year."

Ledecy didn't set any personal bests or world records in Budapest, something she's done with such frequency that people expect to witness something spectacular anytime she dives in the pool.

Her loss in the 200 free in Hungary was considered an upset.

"If they're disappointed with me not breaking a world record, it's an honor because it's representative of what I've done in the past and a benchmark for myself," she said. "I don't focus on what anyone thinks of my goals or wants to see me do."

Not yet halfway toward the 2020 Tokyo Games, Ledecy already is thinking ahead. Like Phelps, she never publicly reveals her target times or placements.

"I set big goals for myself and that's always what has motivated me," she said.

Despite living in a results-focused world, Ledecy enjoys the journey, something she learned between London and Rio.

"Trying to find those little things to improve on and the process of getting better," she said. "Doing everything in practice to set yourself up well each year."

FSU

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The 5-foot-9, 195-pound senior has run for nearly 4,500 yards in his career, including 1,323 this season.

"We're not expecting one person to try and (stop Smith), we're expecting everybody," Florida State interim coach Odell Haggins said. "We're a team. We play team defense. We're going to play together."

Florida State has won four of its past five games since starting the season

with a 2-5 record.

Southern Miss (8-4, 6-2 Conference USA) gets a prime opportunity to knock off a team from a power conference. The Golden Eagles regularly play teams from the Power Five conferences, losing to Kentucky (24-17) and Tennessee (24-10) earlier this year.

Southern Miss earned one of the biggest wins in program history in 1989 when a team led by quarterback Brett Favre beat No. 6 Florida State 30-26. The Golden Eagles hope for a similar result on Wednesday.

"It's great to have an opportunity to show who we are," Smith said.

Here are a few more things to watch when Florida State faces Southern Miss:

WATCHING FOR AKERS: Florida State's Cam Akers has emerged as the top option in the Seminoles' backfield, running for 930 yards and seven touchdowns this season. Akers — who was one of the top-rated recruits in the nation last year — is familiar to several players and coaches on the Southern Miss roster. Akers played in

high school in Clinton, Mississippi, which is less than two hours from the Southern Miss campus.

TAGGERT'S WATCHING: The Independence Bowl will be a prime opportunity for Florida State players to impress Willie Taggart, the program's new coach. Taggart replaces Jimbo Fisher, who left earlier this month to take the Texas A&M job. Taggart won't coach in Wednesday's game but has been around the program during bowl workouts.

BOWL STREAKS: Florida State is making its

36th consecutive bowl appearance, which is the longest streak in the nation. The Seminoles have won seven of their past nine in the postseason. Southern Miss has played in a bowl game during 13 of the last 16 seasons.

SMITH WRAPS UP STELLAR CAREER: Southern Miss RB Ito Smith will finish his stellar career on Wednesday. Smith has 6,344 all-purpose yards, which is the most in school history. He's run for at least 100 yards in 23 games and is one of just 10 players in NCAA history who has at

least 4,000 yards rushing and 1,000 yards receiving in his career.

WINNING STREAKS: Southern Miss won three straight games to end the regular season, beating Rice, Charlotte and Marshall. Florida State also comes into the Independence Bowl on a three-game winning streak, beating Delaware State, Florida and Louisiana-Monroe. The Seminoles have scored 157 points over the past three games, which is the highest scoring three-game stretch for the program since 2013.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL
All times Eastern

AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
EAST	W	L	T	Pct		
y-New England	12	3	0	.800		
Buffalo	8	7	0	.533		
Miami	6	9	0	.400		
N.Y. Jets	5	10	0	.333		
SOUTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Jacksonville	10	5	0	.667	407	253
Tennessee	8	7	0	.533	319	284
Houston	4	11	0	.267	325	414
Indianapolis	3	12	0	.200	241	391
NORTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Pittsburgh	12	3	0	.800	378	284
Baltimore	9	6	0	.600	368	272
Cincinnati	6	9	0	.400	259	322
Cleveland	6	10	0	.375	210	382
WEST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Kansas City	9	6	0	.600	388	315
L.A. Chargers	8	7	0	.533	325	262
Oakland	6	9	0	.400	291	343
Denver	5	10	0	.333	265	355

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Philadelphia	13	2	0	.867	457	289
Dallas	8	7	0	.533	348	332
Washington	7	8	0	.467	332	370
N.Y. Giants	2	13	0	.133	228	378
SOUTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
x-New Orleans	11	4	0	.733	424	295
x-Carolina	11	4	0	.733	353	305
Atlanta	9	6	0	.600	331	305
Tampa Bay	4	11	0	.267	304	358
NORTH						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-Minnesota	12	3	0	.800	359	242
Detroit	8	7	0	.533	375	365
Green Bay	7	8	0	.467	309	409
Chicago	5	10	0	.333	254	297
WEST						
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	
y-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	465	295
Seattle	9	6	0	.600	342	306
Arizona	7	8	0	.467	269	337
San Francisco	5	10	0	.333	297	370

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Minnesota 16, Green Bay 0
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Washington 27, Denver 11
Carolina 22, Tampa Bay 19
Cincinnati 26, Detroit 17
Kansas City 29, Miami 13
L.A. Rams 27, Tennessee 23
New Orleans 23, Atlanta 13
Seattle 21, Dallas 12
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San Francisco 44, Jacksonville 33
Monday's Games
Pittsburgh 34, Houston 6
Philadelphia 19, Oakland 10

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LATE MONDAY
STEELERS 34, TEXANS 6
PITTSBURGH 10 10 7 7 - 34
HOUSTON 0 0 0 6 - 6
First Quarter
Pit—FG Boswell 34, 10:40.
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Second Quarter
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Fourth Quarter
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A—71, 842.
First downs 20
Total Net Yards 330
Rushes-yards 28-104
Passing 226
Punt Returns 5-82
Kickoff Returns 1-0
Interceptions Ret. 1-0
Comp-Att-Int 20-30-0
Sacked-Yards Lost 0-4
Punts 3-47.7
Fumbles-Lost 0-3
Penalties-Yards 4-24
Time of Possession 30:56
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Pittsburgh, Bell 14-69, Ridley 9-28, Bryant 1-8, Nix 1-1, Roethlisberger 1-(minus 1), Jones 2-16, McDonald 4-52, Bryant 3-60, Rogers 1-6, Hunter 1-5, Houston, Hopkins 4-65, L.Miller 1-10, W.Fuller 1-10, B.Miller 1-5, Malleck 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

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PHILADELPHIA 7 0 3 9 - 19
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MISSED FIELD GOALS—Oakland, Tavecchio 48, Philadelphia, Elliott 33.

WEEK 17 PLAYOFF SCENARIOS
AFC
CLINCHED: New England - AFC East division title and first-round bye; Pittsburgh - AFC North division title and first-round bye; Jacksonville - AFC South division title; Kansas City - AFC West division title
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New England clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
• A win or Pittsburgh loss
• A tie and a Pittsburgh tie
PITTSBURGH STEELERS (12-3) vs. Cleveland (0-15)
Pittsburgh clinches home-field advantage throughout AFC playoffs with:
• A win and a New England loss or tie
• A tie and a New England loss

BALTIMORE RAIDERS (9-6) vs. Cincinnati (6-9)
Baltimore clinches a playoff berth with:
• A win or tie
• A loss or tie by Buffalo or Tennessee
TENNESSEE TITANS (8-7) vs. Jacksonville (10-5)
Tennessee clinches a playoff berth with:
• A win
• A tie and losses or ties by Buffalo and Los Angeles
• Losses by Buffalo and Los Angeles
L.A. CHARGERS (8-7) vs. Oakland (6-9)
Los Angeles clinches a playoff berth with:
• A win and a loss or tie by Buffalo and Tennessee
• A win and a loss or tie by Baltimore and Tennessee
• A tie and a Baltimore loss
• A win and a loss or tie by Baltimore and Tennessee
• A tie and losses by the Los Angeles and Tennessee

NFC
CLINCHED: Philadelphia - NFC East division title and home-field advantage throughout NFC playoffs; Minnesota - NFC North division title; Los Angeles Rams - NFC West division title; New Orleans - playoff berth; Carolina - playoff berth
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (12-3) vs. Chicago (5-10)
Minnesota clinches a first-round bye with:
• A win or tie
• A Carolina loss or tie
• A win by New Orleans or Los Angeles
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (11-4) at Tampa Bay (4-11)
New Orleans clinches NFC South division title with:
• A win or a Carolina loss
• A tie and a Carolina tie
CAROLINA PANTHERS (11-4) at Atlanta (9-6)
Carolina clinches NFC South division title with:
• A win and a New Orleans loss or tie
• A tie and a New Orleans loss
Carolina clinches a first-round bye with:
• A win and a Minnesota loss and losses or ties by New Orleans and Los Angeles
ATLANTA FALCONS (9-6) vs. Carolina (11-4)
Atlanta clinches a playoff berth with:
• A win or a Seattle loss
• A tie and a Seattle tie
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (9-6) vs. Arizona (7-8)
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HEART OF DALLAS BOWL
UTAH 30, WEST VIRGINIA 14
UTAH 7 10 0 13 - 30
WEST VIRGINIA 0 3 3 8 - 14
First Quarter
UTH—Moss 58 run (Gay kick), 11:37
Second Quarter
WVU—FG Staley 28, 13:09
UTH—Huntley 2 run (Gay kick), 5:46
UTH—FG Gay 29, 1:08
Third Quarter
WVU—FG Staley 26, 6:43
Fourth Quarter
UTH—Huntley 2 run (Gay kick), 5:46
UTH—FG Gay 26, 11:38
UTH—FG Gay 24, 4:15
WVU—Ka.White 18 pass from C.Chugunov (Shuler pass from McKay), 1:58
First downs 19
Rushes-yards 53-197
Passing 165
Comp-Att-Int 12-27-0
Return Yards 85
Punts-Avg. 6-42.33
Fumbles-Lost 2-2
Penalties-Yards 5-32
Time of Possession 38:34
21:26
DUK 12 17 3 - 36
N. ILLINOIS 0 14 0 0 - 14
First Quarter
DUK—D.Jones 1 run (Holmquist kick), 6:00
DUK—Wilson 1 run (Holmquist kick), 3:17
Second Quarter
NIL—Harbison 25 run (Hagan kick), 14:21
NIL—Wesley 67 pass from Childers (Hagan kick), 12:22
DUK—Rahming 33 pass from D.Jones (Kick failed), 6:09
DUK—Wilson 11 pass from D.Jones, 1:33
Third Quarter
DUK—B.Brown 7 run (Holmquist kick), 6:58
Fourth Quarter
DUK—FG Holmquist 24, 7:37
First downs 27
Rushes-yards 52-213
Passing 252
Comp-Att-Int 27-40-0
Return Yards 22
Punts-Avg. 5-34.2
Fumbles-Lost 2-1
Penalties-Yards 2-30
Time of Possession 38:21
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Duke, D.Jones 16-86, Wilson 16-75, B.Brown 13-41, Q.Harris 2-7, D.Jackson 4-6, (Team) 1-(minus 2), N. Illinois, Harbison 13-59, Childers 11-19, M.Jones 1-3, Tears 1-(minus 2), Blake 2-(minus 3), Orne 1-(minus 1).
PASSING—Duke, D.Jones 27-40-0-252. N. Illinois, Ference 0-1-0-0, Blake 0-1-0-0, Childers 15-26-0-234.
RECEIVING—Duke, Helm 5-73, C.Taylor 5-48, Rahming 4-62, Koppenhaver 4-35, Wilson 4-22, Lloyd 2-3, B.Brown 2-3, A.Young 1-6. N. Illinois, Tears 4-67, D.Brown 4-23, Blake 3-28, Wesley 2-109, M.Jones 1-4, Harbison 1-3.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

QUICK LANE BOWL
DUKE 36, NORTHERN ILLINOIS 14
DUKE 12 17 3 - 36
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MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2017-18 BOWL RESULTS/SCHEDULE
(National TV in parentheses)
Dec. 16
Celebration Bowl at Atlanta
NC A&T 21, Grambling State 14
New Orleans Bowl
Troy 50, North Texas 30
Cure Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Georgia State 27, Western Kentucky 17
Las Vegas Bowl
Boise State 38, Oregon 28
New Mexico Bowl at Albuquerque
Marshall 31, Colorado State 28
Camellia Bowl at Montgomery, Ala.
Middle Tennessee 35, Arkansas State 30
Dec. 19
Boca Raton (Fla.) Bowl
FAU 50, Akron 3
Dec. 20
Frisco (Texas) Bowl
Louisiana Tech 51, SMU 10
Dec. 21
Gasparilla Bowl at St. Petersburg, Fla.
Temple 28, Florida International 3
Dec. 22
Bahamas Bowl at Nassau
Ohio 41, UAB 6
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl at Boise
Wyoming 37, Cent. Michigan 14
Dec. 23
Birmingham (Ala.) Bowl
South Florida 38, Texas Tech 34
Armed Forces Bowl at Fort Worth, Texas
Army 42, San Diego State 35
Dollar General Bowl at Mobile, Ala.
Appalachian State 34, Toledo 0
Dec. 24
Hawaii Bowl at Honolulu
Fresno State 33, Houston 27
Tuesday's Games
Heart of Dallas Bowl
Utah 30, West Virginia 14
Quick Lane Bowl at Detroit
Duke 36, Northern Illinois 14
Cactus Bowl at Phoenix
Kansas State (7-5) vs. UCLA (6-6), late

Today's Games
Independence Bowl at Shreveport, La.
Southern Mississippi (8-4) vs. Florida State (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Pinstripe Bowl at Bronx, N.Y.
Boston College (7-5) vs. Iowa (7-5), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Foster Farms Bowl at Santa Clara, Calif.
Arizona (7-5) vs. Purdue (6-6), 8:30 p.m. (FOX)
Texas Bowl at Houston
Texas (6-6) vs. Missouri (7-5), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday's Games
Military Bowl at Annapolis, Md.
Virginia (6-6) vs. Navy (6-6), 1:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Camping World Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Virginia Tech (9-3), 5:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Alamo Bowl at San Antonio
Stanford (9-4) vs. TCU (10-3), 9 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl at San Diego
Washington State (9-3) vs. Michigan State (9-3), 9 p.m. (FOX)
Friday's Games
Bell Bowl at Charlotte, N.C.
Wake Forest (7-5) vs. Texas A&M (7-5), 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl at El Paso, Texas
NC State (8-4) vs. Arizona State (7-5), 3 p.m. (CBS)
Music City Bowl at Nashville, Tenn.
Kentucky (7-5) vs. Northwestern (9-3), 4:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Arizona Bowl at Tucson, Ariz.
New Mexico State (5-6) vs. Utah State (6-6), 5:30 p.m. (CBSSN)
Colton Bowl Classic at Arlington, Texas
Southern Cal (11-2) vs. Ohio State (11-2), 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday's Games
Taxsayer Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla.
Louisville (8-4) vs. Mississippi State (8-4), noon (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl at Memphis, Tenn.
Iowa State (7-5) vs. Memphis (10-2), 12:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl at Glendale, Ariz.
Washington (10-2) vs. Penn State (10-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl at Miami Gardens, Fla.
Wisconsin (12-1) vs. Miami (10-2), 8 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 1, 2018
Outback Bowl at Tampa, Fla.
Michigan (8-4) vs. South Carolina (8-4), noon (ESPN)
Peach Bowl at Atlanta
UCF (12-0) vs. Auburn (10-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Citrus Bowl at Orlando, Fla.
Notre Dame (9-3) vs. LSU (9-3), 1 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl (CFP Semifinal) at Pasadena, Calif.
Oklahoma (12-1) vs. Georgia (12-1), 5:10 p.m. (ESPN)
Sugar Bowl (CFP Semifinal) at New Orleans
Clemson (12-1) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 8
College Football Championship at Atlanta
Rose Bowl winner vs. Sugar Bowl winner, 8 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20
East-West Shrine Classic at St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (NFLN)
NFLPA Collegiate Bowl at Carson, Calif.
American vs. National, TBA (FS1)
Saturday, Jan. 27
Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 2:30 p.m. (NFLN)

FCS PLAYOFFS
Championship
Saturday, Jan. 6
At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas
North Dakota State (13-1) vs. James Madison (14-0), noon
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PASSING—Utah, Simpkins 0-1-0-0, Huntley 12-26-0-165, West Virginia, McKay 1-1-0-0 (minus 5), Jennings 0-1-0-0, Chugunov 9-28-2-129.
RECEIVING—Utah, Carrington 4-62, Singleton 2-52, Simpkins 2-17, Nacua 1-23, Moss 1-9, Jackson 1-4, McCormick 1-(minus 2), West Virginia, Jennings 3-66, Simms 3-33, Ka.White 3-26, McKay 1-(minus 1).
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QUICK LANE BOWL
DUKE 36, NORTHERN ILLINOIS 14
DUKE 12 17 3 - 36
N. ILLINOIS 0 14 0 0 - 14
First Quarter
DUK—D.Jones 1 run (Holmquist kick), 6:00
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SPORTS TICKER

FROZEN IN TIME

Stories from the Ice Bowl still chill 50 years later

By **TIM DAHLBERG**
Associated Press

The penultimate day of 1967 was as beautiful as it gets in Green Bay in late December. Chilly, yes, but the Dallas Cowboys enjoyed the sunshine as they practiced at Lambeau Field for their New Year's Eve game against the Green Bay Packers.

"You could work up a sweat," said Dan Reeves, then a running back for Dallas. "You just knew the next day was going to be a great day for football."

It was sure looking that way for everyone who loved the NFL. Bart Starr was under center for the Packers, and the Cowboys countered with Don Meredith and Bob Hayes, the 1964 Olympic 100-meter gold medalist. The Cowboys and Packers were meeting for the second straight year for the NFL championship, with the winner going to Super Bowl No. 2 (the NFL had yet to get around to Roman numerals) against the champions of the American Football League.

That night, opposing coaches Vince Lombardi and Tom Landry got together with NFL officials and other team members at the Oneida Country Club for a dinner. The mood was upbeat for a league still trying to digest the merger with the AFL and turn the Super Bowl into a must-see game.

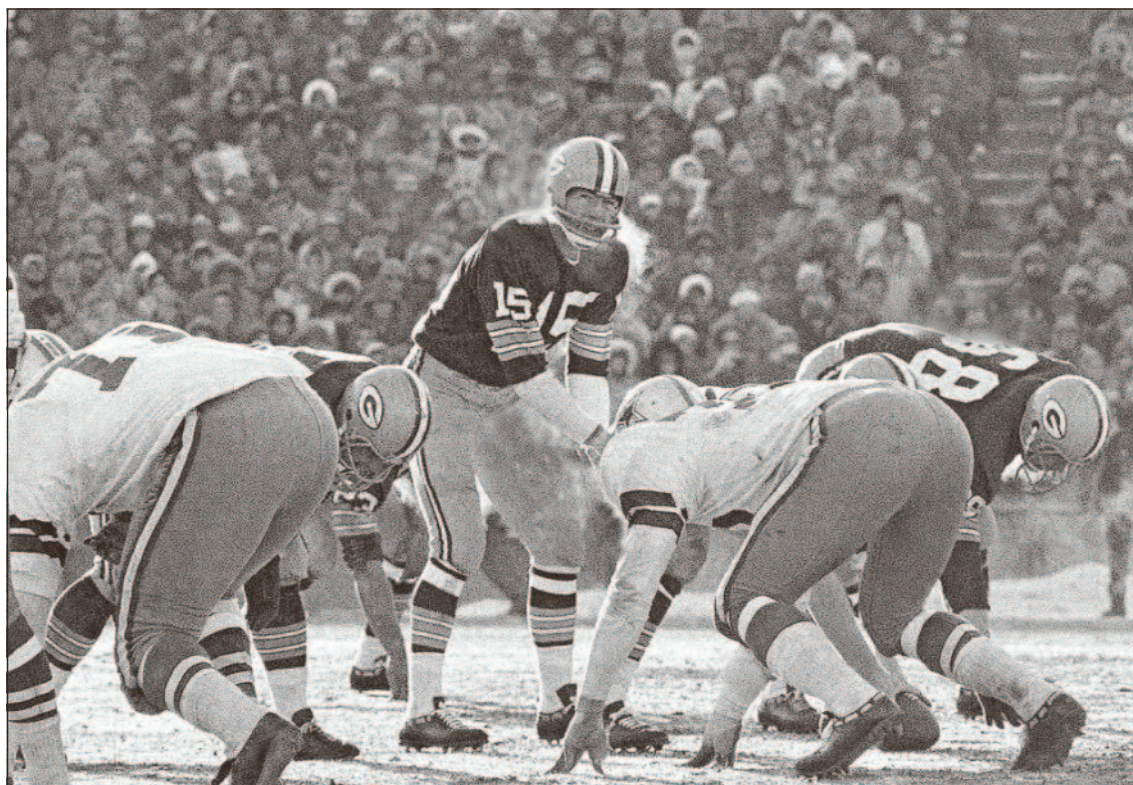
Things were not so cheerful the next morning, when the wakeup call at the Holiday Inn sent startled players to their windows to see what it was all about.

"Good morning," the operator said. "It's 7:30 a.m. and 17 below zero."

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It's one of the defining games of the NFL, a contest played on tundra that truly was frozen by men who really weren't prepared for the conditions. The game that became known as the Ice Bowl joined the 1958 NFL championship game and the 1969 Super Bowl as one of a trio of iconic contests in the space of a decade that cemented the league into the consciousness of America's sports fans.

Cowboys executive Gil Brandt wasn't thinking of history that



AP FILE PHOTO

Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr calls signals in bitter cold as he led the Packers to a win over the Dallas Cowboys Dec. 31, 1967 in Green Bay, Wis. Fifty years later, players from the Packers and Cowboys still shiver from memories of the bitter cold of a game that would become known as the Ice Bowl.

morning as he stood in the lobby of the Holiday Inn in Appleton. He just wanted something to keep his feet warm as the Cowboys waited for the buses to take them to Lambeau Field.

He found them on the feet of one of the bus drivers.

"I asked if somebody would rent me their boots for \$20," Brandt said. "They said they weren't boots but galoshes. But one guy rented me his."

Players were just as ill prepared. They had long underwear and heaters on the sidelines but little else. For the Cowboys, that meant no gloves for their hands.

"Our (defensive) coach, Ernie Stautner, told our defense that we weren't going to wear gloves. Said, 'Gloves are for sissies,'" Cowboys lineman Bob Lilly said. "Well, we go out to warm up and all the Packers had gloves on."

It was, as Sports Illustrated would write the next week, the coldest New Year's Eve in the cold history of Green Bay.

"It should have been canceled, but I think the commissioner was watching the West Coast game in Oakland," Dallas linebacker Lee Roy Jordan said. "He probably had a nice comfortable day out there."

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How cold was it? The reading at game time was 15 below, with wind chill in today's calculations at minus-48.

It was so cold that when referee Norm Shachter blew the metal whistle to start play, it froze to lips. When he tried to pry it off, it tore a chunk of his lip off with it.

"He bled most of the game," Jordan said. "After that, the NFL went to plastic whistles so it wouldn't freeze to lips."

Lambeau Field had heating coils underneath, but they were no match for cold this extreme. Compounding the mistake was putting a tarp over the field overnight, which kept moisture in that would later freeze when it was pulled off.

Wide receiver Carroll Dale's toenails froze and turned black. His frostbit ears are still sensitive today, 50 years later.

Every time Reeves shaves he sees the scar from a tooth that went through his upper lip when he slipped and fell on the frozen field, while Jordan still gets the shivers.

"For years, every time I got in chilly weather I thought I was going to have a relapse," Jordan said. "A lot of us had frostbite on our hands. If we had checked back then, probably a lot of us had frostbite on our lungs. But back then we didn't check much of anything."

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The Packers scored the first time they got the ball, with Starr mixing the running and passing game beautifully. The lead soon

became 14-0, and the Cowboys looked like a team that wanted to be anywhere on Dec. 31 than in frigid Green Bay.

Hayes, the star Cowboys receiver, was so cold he kept his hands in his pants when his number wasn't called, something Green Bay defenders quickly picked up on.

"The first mistake of the day was made by Bob Hayes when he came out of the huddle with his hands in his pants," Packers offensive lineman Jerry Kramer said. "When he was in the pattern he took his hands out."

The Cowboys managed to cut the lead to 14-10 at halftime thanks to a fumble recovery for a touchdown and a field goal. But the Packers still seemed in control until Dallas made adjustments at halftime and shut down the Packers' offense for most of the second half.

Starr would be sacked a total of eight times, and when Reeves hit Lance Rentzel for a 50-yard touchdown pass on a halfback option in the fourth quarter to take the lead, the Cowboys seemed on their way to the Super Bowl in toasty Miami Beach.

"They were playing lights-out defense in the second half and we were getting our fannies kicked," Dale said. "It wasn't looking good."

US jury acquits Peruvian defendant in FIFA case

By **LARRY NEUMEISTER**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former South American soccer official was acquitted in the FIFA bribery scandal on Tuesday and walked out of the courtroom saying he's finished with the world's most popular sport.

The verdict clearing Manuel Burga, former president of Peru's soccer federation, of a single racketeering conspiracy charge came days after prosecutors won guilty verdicts on multiple charges against two other former soccer officials.

"God bless America. That's all I can say," the 60-year-old Burga said with eyes still wet from tears minutes after the verdict was delivered in Brooklyn federal court.

Burga was the first person to be acquitted among over 40 people and entities in the world of global soccer charged in the U.S. with a scheme to extract hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes and kickbacks. Of those, 24 pleaded guilty.

The case against Burga was always thin. He faced a single count while two co-defendants — Juan Napout, of Paraguay, and Jose Maria Marin, of Brazil — were convicted of heftier charges Friday in a prosecution that exposed a culture of greed and corruption in soccer's executive suites.

Burga called the result a miracle and noted he prayed the rosary twice daily before the acquittal.

Burga said he would go home to Peru and resume a career as a lawyer after 15 years as a soccer executive.

"My history in soccer is finished," he said. "I'll go back to the law."

The judge had jailed Marin, 85, and Napout, 59, after their convictions Friday. The two also were acquitted on some lesser charges.

Burga's attorney, Bruce Udolf, said he was sure Burga was innocent but believed he would be convicted Tuesday based on a question from jurors Friday.

"I figured I'd be looking at him a jail cell," Udolf said. "I'm so happy. ... I want to go outside and do a couple of cartwheels."

Marin, Burga and Napout had been arrested in 2015. Prosecutors accused them of agreeing to take millions of dollars in bribes from businessmen seeking to lock up lucrative media rights or to influence hosting rights for the World Cup and other major FIFA-controlled tournaments.

World soccer's governing body had said last week it would seek compensation and a share of the cash.

During the trial, Udolf insisted his client never took a bribe.

"I would submit to you that never has more been made of less evidence," he told jurors.

— Associated Press

IN BRIEF

AUGUSTA, GEORGIA

Els invited to Augusta, but not to play Masters

Ernie Els says he received an invitation to Augusta National for the first week in April. It just wasn't an invitation to play in the Masters.

Els had to clarify a tweet from Sunday that said: "Thank you for a Great Xmas present! @TheMasters Can't wait!" That led several media sites to post stories that Els, a four-time

major champion, had received a special exemption into the Masters.

Instead, the 48-year-old South African received a letter welcoming him as an honorary invitee. His five-year exemption into the Masters from winning the 2012 British Open ended last year. Augusta National has a tradition of inviting past major champions as honorary guests for the week.

Els tweeted Monday: "Wanted to clarify my excitement getting an invite from @TheMasters.

Work continues to qualify to compete!

CINCINNATI

Man who snagged Votto home run ball donates it

A man who snagged a Joey Votto home run ball during a Cincinnati Reds game in August has fulfilled his promise to give it to the family of a 6-year-old boy who witnessed the big hit weeks before dying of cancer.

WXIX-TV reports that

Trey Jones and his 3-year-old son, Keegan, handed over the ball to Wally Herbert last week so it could be added to a memorial wall for Herbert's son, Walter.

Votto had high-fived Walter, who was known as "Superbubz," and gave him the home run bat and a No. 19 Reds jersey during the Aug. 31 game.

Jones, of Anderson Township, says he'd wanted to give the ball to the Walter's family since the game and realizes it means more to them than to him.

ENGLEWOOD, COLO.

Broncos declare Paxton Lynch the starter for finale

The Denver Broncos will start Paxton Lynch in their season finale against the Kansas City Chiefs — providing he can play on his sprained left ankle.

"He wasn't quite ready last week. Hopefully, he's ready to go this week," coach Vance Joseph said Tuesday. "That's the plan to start Paxton this week."

Joseph insisted the top priority for the Broncos (5-10) is to beat the Chiefs (9-6), who won the AFC West crown for the second straight season and could treat Sunday's game in Denver like a playoff bye.

"Not saying if he's playing we can't win," Joseph said. "He's going to be our quarterback, so we expect to win."

Joseph said it doesn't matter if Lynch is facing backups, he still wants to get another look at the team's 2016 first-round draft pick who has only started three NFL games.

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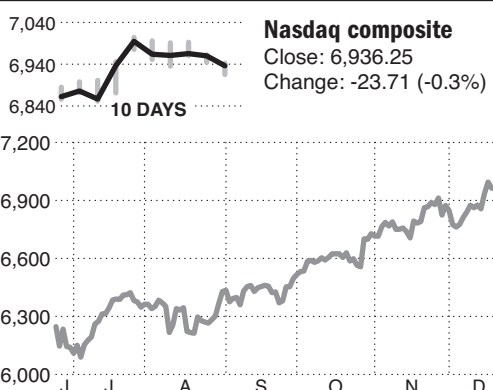
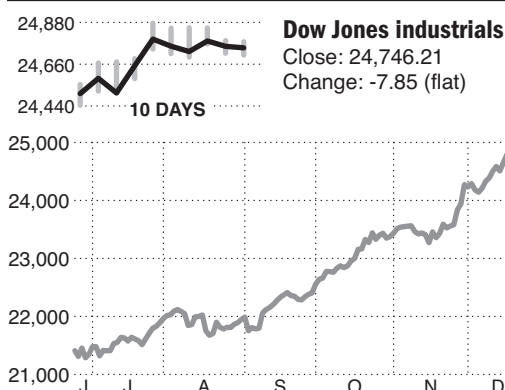
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How to read the stock tables

1	2	3	4	5	6	8	7	9
Name	Ticker Symbol	Div	Yield	PE	52-week High/Low	Vol 1000s	Last	YTD %Chg
XYZcorp	XYZ	1.20	3.6	17	34.09/27.27	2780	33.72	+20.7

- 1 — Name of stock.
 - 2 — Ticker Symbol company trades under.
 - 3 — Dividend: A distribution of the company's earnings to shareholders, usually consisting of stock dividends, interest on bonds, or short-term capital gains on the sale of securities usually paid quarterly in the form of cash or stock.
 - 4 — Div. Yield: The dividend divided by the stock price. It helps gauge how well the stock is paying, compared to other investments such as CDs, bonds or savings accounts.
 - 5 — Price to earnings ratio: The price of a stock divided by its earnings per share. PEs are used to gauge the relative worth of a company's stock. When compared to other companies in the same industry, the companies with the lowest PEs are generally earning higher profits.
 - 6 — Range of closing prices in last year.
 - 7 — Sales in thousands (10 = 10,000 shares), and closing price.
 - 8 — Last trading price of the day.
 - 9 — Percent change for the year.
- ▲▼** Arrows, indicate new highs or lows.
Underline: indicates top 100 stocks by volume rank.
Bold stocks , designates which stocks have gone up or down 5%.

StocksRecap

	NYSE	NASD
Vol. (in mil.)	1,912	1,246
Pvs. Volume	2,272	1,461
Advanced	1637	1312
Declined	1262	1543
New Highs	175	110
New Lows	25	33

DOW	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	CHG.	%CHG.	WK	MO	QTR	YTD
DOW	24778.13	24708.42	24746.21	-7.85	-0.03%	▼	▲	▲	+25.22%
DOW Trans.	10740.17	10659.16	10672.66	-2.31	-0.02%	▲	▲	▲	+18.01%
DOW Util.	723.96	716.90	717.03	-4.02	-0.56%	▼	▼	▼	+8.71%
NYSE Comp.	12819.57	12794.13	12808.90	+11.46	+0.09%	▲	▲	▲	+15.85%
NASDAQ	6942.14	6915.56	6936.25	-23.71	-0.34%	▼	▼	▼	+28.85%
S&P 500	2682.74	2677.96	2680.50	-2.84	-0.11%	▼	▼	▼	+19.73%
S&P 400	1908.62	1902.90	1905.73	+1.15	+0.06%	▲	▲	▲	+14.76%
Wilshire 2000	27870.69	27817.02	27850.17	-14.67	-0.05%	▼	▼	▼	+18.89%
Russell 2000	1546.59	1541.21	1544.23	+1.30	+0.08%	▲	▲	▲	+13.79%

NYSE

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ABB	AIR	...	7	62	44.04	31.20	409	40.15	+21.5	Allstat pIE	ALLpE	1.66	6.2	27.74	25.81	24	26.68	+3.1	Arconic pPB	ARNCPb	2.69	6.9	...	27	10.80	5.45	155	10.15	+88.0	
ABB Ltd	ABB	7.76e	2.9	...	26.71	21.11	635	26.66	+26.5	Allstat pIF	ALLpF	1.56	5.8	27.92	25.02	2	26.92	+4.9	ArcosDor	ARCO	...	...	27	24.54	19.55	21	20.42	-4.0	
ABM	ABM	7.01	1.8	22	45.12	36.61	507	38.31	-5.8	AllyFincI	ALLY	4.8	16	14	29.50	18.11	1179	29.27	+53.9	Ardaugh n	ARDC	9.05	6.80	329	7.80	+5.4	
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AG	AGX	1.90	9.8	8	19.95	17.05	638	19.48	+3.9	AlpValuInt	IVAL	1.35e	4.1	...	33.21	25.78	2	33.04	+28.7	ArresMg pFA	ARESpa	1.75	6.6	...	27.43	24.92	15	26.45	+5.6	
AG MtgptA	MITT	1.90	9.8	8	19.95	17.05	638	19.48	+3.9	AlpMoUSQ	OMOM	...	...	...	29.51	24.45	2	28.49	+15.3	Argan	AGX	100e	...	6	76.70	41.79	170	45.45	-35.6
AG Mtg pIB	MITTPa	2.06	8.1	...	25.82	24.26	4	25.39	+4.1	AlpArcvi n	VMOT	...	...	...	29.18	24.70	4	29.15	+17.1	AristaNetw	ANET	...	...	56	245.65	67.43	426	235.66	+143.5
AGCO	AGCO	5.6	8	29	75.95	57.76	278	72.86	+25.9	AlpArPro	APT	...	...	19	4.25	2.55	7	3.85	+10.0	ArknInova	ARKK	...	...	...	39.96	20.43	188	28.26	+90.8
AH Belo	AHC	3.2	6.5	dd	6.65	4.35	44	4.90	-22.8	AlpGDVDr	AGD	7.8	7.2	...	11.00	8.79	40	10.84	+10.0	ArknInno	ARKQ	...	...	...	35.38	21.98	24	33.84	+54.1
AK Steel	AKS	...	...	16	11.28	4.00	7625	5.78	-43.4	AlpGPPrp	AGP	6.0	6.0	...	6.88	5.12	329	6.66	+29.8	ArKGenom	ARKG	...	...	...	27.17	17.18	18	24.93	+47.3
AMC Ent	AMC	80	5.6	dd	34.90	10.80	3497	14.40	-57.2	AlpToVDr	AOP	6.9	7.4	...	9.43	7.58	356	9.36	+23.5	ArkWebX.O	ARKW	53p	...	...	50.17	25.33	151	47.72	+90.2
AMCON	DIT	7.2	7	11	122.90	81.66	0	97.85	-15.1	AlpsETF	GRI	1.52e	3.4	...	46.14	41.56	9	44.63	+7.1	Ark 3dpR n	PRNT	...	...	...	26.68	21.07	14	24.85	+16.8
AMN Hth	AMN	...	...	23	51.75	33.61	209	48.80	+26.9	AlpsEqSect	EQ	1.83e	2.6	...	70.21	60.22	5	69.47	+15.8	Ark IsTr n	IZRL	...	...	...	21.33	19.76	10	20.37	+1.5
ARC Docu	ARC	...	...	13	5.55	2.30	142	2.53	-50.2	AlpsRvFlex	BUZ	...	...	...	32.73	26.41	1	32.19	+22.9	ArlingAst	AI	2.20	17.6	5	15.59	10.99	496	12.52	-15.5
ASA G&T	ASA	0.4e	4	...	13.56	10.56	95	11.40	+3.3	AlpsRivDv	RFDA	...	...	...	31.93	27.07	12	31.76	+17.7	ArlingAst23	AIW	1.66	6.8	5	25.45	23.92	24	24.53	-5.4
AT&T Inc	T	2.00f	5.1	15	43.03	32.55	13159	39.07	-8.1	AlpsRvrCare	RFCI	...	...	...	25.95	24.28	24	24.66	+9	ArlingAst25	AIC	1.69	7.0	...	24.97	21.82	2	24.28	-9.4
AT&T 66 n	TBB	...	...	...	26.72	25.33	106	26.26	+3.1	AlpRivUncn	RFUN	...	...	...	28.76	25.58	3	28.03	+1.0	ArrAsst pFB	AlpB	1.75	7.0	...	25.85	24.13	0	24.94	-6
A10 Ntwk	ATEN	...	...	...	9.94	6.02	331	7.65	-7.9	AlpSprJG	SGDJ	...	...	...	41.30	29.00	30	34.12	+7.4	ArmadHof	AHH	7.6	4.9	17	16.00	12.66	226	15.45	+6.0
AU Optron	AUO	...	...	...	4.95	3.60	341	4.12	+16.4	▲AlpMedBrk	SBIO	...	...	...	32.98	22.12	28	32.90	+43.5	ArmrR pIA	ARRPa	2.06	8.1	...	25.83	24.10	0	25.45	+4.7
AVX Cp	AVX	4.6f	2.6	22	20.22	15.38	73	17.46	+11.7	AlpSrotG	SGDM	...	...	...	23.45	18.46	21	20.75	+10.0	ArmrR pIB	ARRPb	1.97	7.9	...	25.37	23.06	27	25.02	+7.8
AZZ Inc	AZZ	...	...	...	65.85	43.18	72	51.25	-19.2	AlpWkpEq	EQLT	4.6	...	...	36.77	30.10	1	36.26	+20.0	ArmsFloor	AFI	...	...	...	22.96	13.32	70	17.22	-13.5
Aarons	AAN	17	48.22	26.12	542	40.36	+26.2	AlpEDVDg	EDOG	6.7e	2.7	...	25.50	21.84	3	25.00	+14.9	ArmsrWld	AWI	23	61.50	345	59.75	+42.9
AbbtLab	ABT	1.12f	2.0	26	57.32	38.34	3026	57.00	+48.4	AlpAlerEnt	ENFR	1.35e	5.9	...	24.95	21.62	27	22.81	-4.3	ArmsW wI	AWIWI	...	...	...	19.99	17.51	15	17.90	-2.6
AbbVie	ABBV	2.84f	2.9	20	99.10	59.27	2331	97.75	+56.1	AlpIntDvDg	IDDO	1.47e	5.2	...	28.65	23.70	26	28.52	+20.7	ArnxDJYld	GWLD	1.59e	8.9	...	11	84.53	68.55	275	79.78	+11.9
▲AbberFic	ANF	80	4.2	dd	18.44	8.81	1673	19.03	+58.2	AlpBarr400	BFOR	2.7e	6	...	41.99	34.88	5	41.72	+19.1	ArnVMEq	ARV	...	...	...	28.07	23.69	28	27.07	+17.3
AbdAsPac	FAX	4.2	8.6	...	5.29	4.56	994	4.87	-52.6	AlpRvSlnc	RIGS	3.0e	1.2	...	25.76	24.81	32	25.12	-2	ArtisanPtr	APAM	2.40e	6.0	17	40.65	26.30	176	39.80	+33.8	
▲AbdAusEq	IAF	7.0e	10.8	...	6.50	5.42	35	6.47	+19.4	AlpsDvDg	SDOG	1.40e	3.0	...	46.54	41.31	128	46.01	+9.4	AskanoG g	AKG	...	...	...	3.90	43	1311	66	-78.4
AbdnChie	CH	9.10	5.90	15	9.04	+51.7	AlpAlerMLP	AMPL	1.35e	12.4	...	13.31	9.79	17666	10.86	-13.8	AsburyA	ABG	11	71.00	49.10	126	64.35	+4.3
AbdGblInc	FCO	8.4	9.2	...	9.33	7.94	26	9.13	+4.7	Alteryx n	AYX	...	...	...	29.16	14.61	369	26.21	+72.1	AshHPrm	AHP	6.4	6.4	7	14.87	7.14	124	9.93	-27.3
AbdEMS mC	ABE	2.1e	1.4	...	15.04	11.16	8	14.63	+30.0	Altice n	ATUS	...	...	...	35.29	17.80	762	20.90	-36.2	AshHPr pFB	AHPb	...	...	...	22.51	17.92	5	20.55	-4.6
AbdGChina	GCH	0.3e	2	...	12.79	8.70	5	12.46	+43.4	AltisrAcc	AEMI	...	...	...	116.00	51.12	12	77.80	+45.4	AshfordHT	AHT	4.8	7.0	11	8.23	5.68	251	6.83	-12.0
AbdInDio	IF	5.2e	...	...	8.05	6.21	3	7.61	+19.7	AltsResid	RESI	6.0	5.0	dd	15.66	10.37	117	11.92	-8.0	Ashfrd pID	AHTpD	2.11	8.2	...	26.00	24.95	5	25.62	+2.5
AbdInsrTel	ISL	3.5e	1.0	...	21.16	15.53	2	20.63	+28.3	Altria	MO	2.64f	3.7	23	77.79	60.01	2780	72.08	+6.6	Ashfr pFB	AHTpF	1.84	7.3	...	25.49	22.92	1	25.27	+9.9	
AbdJapnEq	JEQ	0.7e	5	...	9.58	7.34	35	9.45	+28.3	AlumChina	ACH	...	...	...	23.54	10.23	35	17.72	+73.6	AshfrH pFG	AHTpFG	1.84	7.3	...	25.44	22.63	5	25.10	+8.5
AbdnLatA	LAQ	1.21e	1.8	...	29.90	19.81	1	26.55	+34.2	AlumTrFn pA	AFSPa	1.69	8.3	...	25.50	19.40	34	20.45	-16.8	AshfrH pFH	AHTpFH	1.88	7.4	...	25.25	24.82	35	25.28	+7.7	
AbSngnFD	SGF	1.09e	8.7	...	12.75	8.65	3	12.60	+45.2	AmTrF pC	AFSPc	1.91	8.7	...	26.20	21.19	54	21.89	-13.0	▲AshfrH pFI										

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By Total Net Assets

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By 4-Week Percent Return

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Cambiar						SmCpVallIns	SV	18.12	+2.9	+1.8	+10.1/B	LangShrtA m	LO	25.83	+2.9	+5.9	+4.4/C	Fairholme Funds									
GblUltrFocslv d	WS	19.94	+2.1	+6.7	+5.6/E	SV	46.65	+2.1	+1.4	+12.3/B	LangShrtC m	LO	23.11	+2.9	+5.1	+3.7/C	FidInvc	HY	10.96	+3.4	-1.1	+8.8/A					
IntlEqnlv d	FB	28.63	+1.1	+20.6	+8.1/A	StratInC m	NT	6.02	+2	+5.9	+4.5/A	LangShrtL	LO	26.46	+2.9	+6.2	+4.8/C	Fund d	LV	20.05	+9.6	-6.4	+12/E				
Opplnstl	LV	24.08	+3.5	+15.3	+9.5/A	StratInC m	NT	6.02	+2	+5.1	+3.7/B	SmCpA m	SV	35.94	+4.1	+11.2	+6.8/D	Federated									
Opplnv	LV	24.10	+3.5	+15.0	+9.2/B	StratInClns	NT	5.92	+3	+6.1	+4.8/A	SmCpl	SV	35.99	+4.1	+11.5	+7.1/D	AdjaBtRISclns	GS	9.64	-2	+5	+2/D				
SmCplnstl d	SB	19.70	+4.0	+4.5	+3.3/E	StratMunInC m	ML	4.05	+8	+7.0	+3.9/A	SmCpY	SV	36.64	+4.1	+11.6	+7.2/D	BdA f	TW	9.31	-1	+6.2	+4.1				
SmCplnv d	SB	19.22	+4.0	+4.3	+3.1/E	ThermostatA c	XY	14.71	+1	+5.0	+3.2/D	SmMidCpl	MV	22.65	+2.7	+9.1	+9.1/B	BdC f	TW	9.36	-2	+5.2	+3.2				
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.71	...	+4.3	+2.4/D								BdF f	TW	9.39	...	+6.1	+4.1			
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								Bdlnstl	TW	9.31	-1	+6.4	+4.3			
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								CloverSmValA f	SV	26.14	+4.0	+12.6	+8.3/C			
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								CloverSmVallns	SV	26.29	+4.0	+12.8	+8.6/C			
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								CpltnC f	CA	8.15	+1.3	+9.9	+3.5			
						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								CpltnC m	CA	8.16	+1.1	+9.0	+2.7			
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						ThermostatA c	XY	14.40	+1	+5.3	+3.4/C								EqnlncInC m	LV	26.19	+3.7	+15.4	+5.3			
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