

Board discusses highway school bus safety

By **MARC VALERO**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — School Board of Highlands County member Bill Brantley believes school bus stops on U.S. 27 present a safety challenge in light of last month's accident that injured multiple students.

At a recent School Board meeting, Brantley asked District Transportation Director David Solomon about the bus stops on U.S. 27.

Solomon said there are only about six stops on U.S. 27.

"I am in the process of talking with FDOT [Florida Department of Transportation] and asking them if we can get 'bus stop' signs put on the highway," he said.

There are no other options at the current stops because there are no places for the buses to turn around and re-enter the highway if they pull off of U.S. 27, he explained.

Brantley asked if the bus can pull off the roadway onto the "flare," which is 35-foot-to-100-foot wide, and put the bus' stop signs out. At least motorists wouldn't hit the bus or the kids, he said.

The accident that prompted the discussion occurred on the morning of Dec. 13.

A school bus had just finished loading students from a stop at Lake Ridge Drive on U.S. 27 when it was struck from the rear by a semi-truck. The impact toppled the bus onto its side. The semi-driver was cited by the Florida Highway Patrol for

careless driving.

"I am just concerned when the bus stopped on U.S. 27 the truck driver just didn't see it," Brantley said. If the bus pulls off the roadway onto a flare and a following motorist doesn't see it, he is just going to blow by the bus and not hit it, he said.

Solomon replied that a bus that gets off the highway and then gets back on is just as dangerous, especially if the bus is parallel to the highway.

Solomon said he is open to suggestions. "Whatever is going to be safe for our kids, I would like to look at it."

Concerning the bus stop signs, he would like to see if they could be illuminated with a flashing light and turned on with a transponder by the driver when the bus is stopping.

"Those are the things I want to talk with FDOT about," Solomon said.

Concerning an audience suggestion on putting brake lights on the buses, like the ones on Highlands County EMS vehicles, which are very bright and very noticeable at long and short distances, Solomon said: "That is something we can look at, too."

Sometimes drivers are just not paying attention, he said. "We turn those flashers on 200 feet away from the stop itself." Brantley said improving safety could be a combination of getting off the road, flashing signs and better brake lights.

"We obviously need to do everything we can," he said.

New attractions



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Capt. Eugene Nock will bring the original Batman television series Batcopter and a replica of the Batmobile to this year's aviation expo.

Aviation Expo to feature Batmobile, Batcopter

By **JAY MEISEL**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — KAPOW! BAM!

Decades ago, those words appeared on television screens as caped crusaders Batman and Robin battled nemeses, such as The Riddler, The Penguin and Catwoman.

While visitors to this year's U.S. Sports Aviation Expo at Sebring Regional Airport will not see Batman and Robin fighting crime, they will have a chance to view and ride in the Batcopter and a replica of the Batmobile.

Capt. Eugene Nock, who owns the original Batcopter, will no doubt bring some nostalgia to the event, but also he hopes to provide some inspiration for new young aviators.

"There's still a part of me that is a kid," said Nock, who was a helicopter pilot.

This year's expo will have a lot for both adults and kids.



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Visitors of the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo tour new models of planes during the 2017 expo at Sebring Regional Airport.

It will feature some new aircraft for adults who might want to start flying. Another major and continuing focus is to open up the eyes of youths to the possibility of an aeronautics-related career. There will also be a drone race with a bigger prize.

"We want to get young people interested in aviation," said Mike Willingham, CEO of the airport.

The expo will be held Jan. 24-27 at the Sebring Regional Airport. Tickets sell for \$25 a day for adults or \$75 for a four-day pass. Tickets

for youth ages 11-17 are \$10 per day or \$35 for a four-day pass. Admission for youth ages 10 and younger is free.

The event features a youth zone. One of the speakers will be Niloofar Rahmani,

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No new home for Lake Placid Town Hall — yet Chamber of Commerce: Leaving downtown is like desertion

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Members of the Lake Placid Town Council looked at blue prints and possible locations for a potentially new Town Hall building.

The Council discussed purchasing acreage and building versus buying an existing building and renovating it to fit the needs of the town's staff.

Town Hall has run out of room and the building on Interlake Boulevard no longer fits town officials' needs. They are looking for

a much larger building that could possibly house the police department also.

Town Administrator Phil Williams provided blueprints from 2010 that the town had drawn up when Council members thought they would purchase land and build a town hall and a community center that might also be used as a hurricane shelter.

Williams asked the Council for guidance as he searches for the perfect combination of price and location. The 2010 plans cost \$25,000, and Williams was trying spare the town from more expensive

architecture plans by getting councilors' input.

"I want to spend the money wisely," Williams said. "This doesn't even include the engineering for the new town hall."

Council member Debra Worley said the 2010 plans, at 2,800 square feet, were not much better than what they have now.

Council member Ray Royce weighed in on the community center aspect of the 2010 plans.

"If you are just asking to weigh in," Royce said.

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The Highlands County Health Department building in Lake Placid has been discussed in the town as one possible option for a new Town Hall, if the county is willing to sell the 1976 building that has 12,500 square feet of space. So far, the county has yet to meet with the Health Department and discuss that option.



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Council expected to approve street project, utility connection

BY JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — More than two years ago, the city of

Sebring took over control of the water and sewer systems for Country Club of Sebring. Tuesday night, the

Council is expected to approve a \$654,000 project to connect the Country Club of Sebring's water system with the city's.

The project will also include installation of 3,800 feet of sanitary sewer force main that will eventually be used to connect the city's sewer system with that of Country Club of Sebring.

Sebring Utilities Director Bob Boggus is scheduled to ask the City Council to approve transferring the money from the utility department's fund balance to pay for the project.

Boggus is also recommending the Council accept a bid from Excavation Point.

Public Works Director Ken Fields is expected to ask the Council to approve expenditure of about \$418,000 to reconstruct and pave DeLeon Place from Asbury Drive to Bignonia Drive; Ferndale Avenue from Evanston Street to Fielder Boulevard; Ferndale Avenue from Fielder Boulevard to Woodlawn Drive; and Evanston Street from State Road 17 to Hawthorne Drive.

The money was included in this year's budget.

The Council is also expected to appoint a committee to hire a replacement for Building Official Sal Massaro, who has resigned.

It's likely the committee will include Council members Mark Stewart, Charlie Lowrance, Scott Stanley and City Clerk Kathy Haley.

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Trooper's 11-year death anniversary observed

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LAKE PLACID —Eleven years ago, on Jan. 12, 2007, Florida Highway Patrol Sgt. Nicolas "Nick" Sottile was shot and killed while conducting a traffic stop.

Troopers and family members visited his memorial Jan. 12, on the east side of U.S. 27, about a mile north of Lake Placid and just north of County Road 17 in Highlands County, to honor his service and memory.

Sottile, who at the time of his death was 48 years



COURTESY PHOTO

Florida Highway Patrol troopers and the family of late FHP Sgt. Nicolas "Nick" Sottile observed the 11th year anniversary of his fatal shooting Jan. 12 at his memorial.

old, "was a husband, a father, a friend and an amazing public servant who is dearly missed every day. Sergeant Sottile

will always be a member of the FHP family and his sacrifice will never be forgotten," the FHP said in a news release.

Seniors can learn about health, safety and services

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Anything seniors want to know about crime or disease prevention — and a few they might not want to know, but should — are at Tuesday's Elder Fair.

Nell Hays, crime prevention practitioner with the Highlands County Sheriff's Office, said she's seen the annual crime prevention and health fair held ever since she started with the Sheriff's Office 18 years ago. Barring a few years when it wasn't held, it's become a key event to providing safety information to Highlands County's older residents, she said.

SALT — Seniors and Law Enforcement Together — picked up the event a few years back as a fundraiser,

just for minor projects that the organization wants to support, through a nominal fee to vendors.

Visitors to the fair get in free, Hays said.

This year has 50 booths, with information and assistance on everything from home safety and security to living wills, identity theft, elder abuse, scams and crime prevention techniques. Hays has Jennifer McGee with Davinci Helping Hands to help her organize it this year.

Last year saw a huge turnout for information on identity theft and scams. Hays said such crimes are common early in the year, because of income tax season. In addition to identity theft, criminals claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service call

seniors, telling them they owe money and that there's a warrant for their arrest.

The scammer tries to get the senior to either send money or provide information so the scammer can steal their identity.

Hays said seniors can avoid being fleeced by watching who they give personal information and by checking credit card and bank statements frequently for unauthorized charges. They should also be wary about callers who tell them they won a prize, she said.

However, Hays said, those who come to the Senior Fair may win a prize — a door prize.

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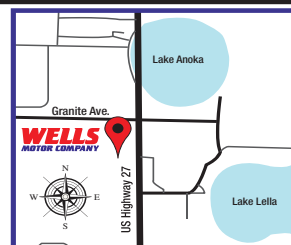
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
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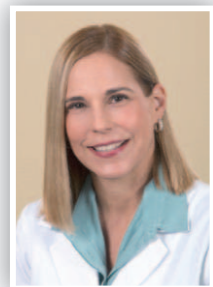
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OBITUARIES

Harold A. Brown

Harold Alvin Brown, 84, died Aug. 31, 2017 at Sunny Hills, Sebring, Florida. Harold was born July 23, 1933 to Alvin Vance and Brownie Mae (Byrd) Brown in High Point, North Carolina. He was a graduate of High Point University in 1954 with an A.B. degree in biology and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1967 with a master's in education. Between his education degrees he served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps and was assigned to the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Taiwan. He also traveled to Hong Kong, Okinawa and Japan. Later he served as supply sergeant in the Army Reserve Unity in Fort Lauderdale. Harold was active in church activities both in Virginia and Florida, singing in the choir, serving on the administrative board, teaching Sunday school and was a certified lay speaker in the Florida Annual Conference for United Methodist. He also sang with the a barbershop group, the Octones, and Halifax Chorale, and served for several years on the board of the Dan River Community Concert Association, Danville, Virginia. In Florida he sang in the Lake Wales Chorale and with the barbershop group, The Highlands Harmonaires. He also served on the board of the Community Concert Association and on the Artist Series Board at South Florida State College. Harold was active in the community. He was a member of Gideons International speaking in many local churches and had served locally as president, chaplain and Memorial Bible chairman. He was a member of and past president of Highlands County Genealogical Society, a former board member of the Avon Park Historical Society and Highlands County Historic Preservation Commission, Sons of Confederate Veterans and national member of the Major General William McCain Camp while living on the Avon Park Camp Association Grounds. He was editor for the camp newsletter and wrote a historical booklet about the camp. He continued writing and was editor for four different organizations. Harold was involved in the hobby of tapesponding and was interested in old-time radio and had a large collection of programs. He had been a member of the Tape Recording and

Conversation Club. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to Gideons International. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018, at First United Methodist Church, Avon Park, FL. Funeral Arrangements with Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park, Florida.

Kit Corbin

Kit Corbin, 58, of Sebring, Florida, formerly of Findlay, Ohio, passed away Jan. 8, 2018 in Sebring. Arrangements pending at Coldren-Crates Funeral Home in Findlay, Ohio.

Barbara A. Heitzenrater

Barbara A. Heitzenrater, 81, of Lake Placid, Florida went home to be with her Lord on Saturday morning, Jan. 6, 2018 at Southern Lifestyles in Lake Placid. She was the daughter of Naomi (Sturdavent) and William Wagner Lynch, and was born on Oct. 14, 1936 in Akron, Ohio. Barbara has been a longtime resident of Lake Placid moving here from Ohio in 1960. She was a retired sales clerk who worked in the local stores in the area. Barbara enjoyed a good game of cards and having the winning bingo card. She loved to spend time with her family and friends, especially all her grandchildren.

Mrs. Heitzenrater is survived by her loving daughters, Vicky H. Spires and Debbie Lusby; four grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and two sisters, Darlene Pypers and Norma Canady.

A service to celebrate

Barbara's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at Community Church of God, 735 S. Sun N Lakes Blvd., Lake Placid, with Pastor Joseph DeHart officiating. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting www.scottfuneralservices.com. Arrangements entrusted to the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid. 863-465-4134.

Geraldine D. Morgan

Geraldine Dunigan Morgan, age 81, of Sebring, Florida, passed away on Jan. 11, 2018. She was born Aug. 18, 1936 in Ida May, Kentucky to Clay and



LaDonna (Newman) Dunigan. She was an educator in Kentucky for over 40 years. Geraldine was a graduate of Oneida Baptist Institute and Berea College. Geraldine was a member of First Baptist Church of Sebring, Florida and has been a resident of Sebring since 1990, coming from Kentucky.

She is survived by her husband, Edward L. Morgan of Sebring; daughters, Michele Morgan DeVane (Morgan) of Sebring and Melanie Morgan Jackson (Wade) of Avon Park; brother, Randall Dunigan (Susie) of Lexington, Kentucky; sister, Betrecia Mobley Goforth of Lexington, Kentucky; grandchildren, Andrew, Micaela, Juliana, Morgan, Jocelyn and Jordan. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Shelby K. Dunigan, and granddaughter, Allyson Adams.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18 at Newman Funeral Home in Beattyville, Kentucky. Visitation is at 10 a.m. and the service is at 11. Gravesite burial will follow after the service.

She will be laid to rest in Dunaway Cemetery in Beattyville, Kentucky. Memorial contributions may be made to Oneida Baptist Institute, P.O. Box 67, Oneida, KY 40972. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com

Thelma L. White

Thelma L. White, 81, of Lake Placid, Florida went home to be with her Lord on Thursday evening, Jan. 11, 2018 at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Sebring. Thelma was the daughter of Ruth (Givens) and Clyde Lusby. She was born on March 9, 1937 in Knoxville, Tennessee. Thelma lived in Miami for many years, and then moved to Lake Placid in 2002. After arriving in Lake Placid, Thelma started a career with the Publix Supermarket and became a school bus driver for the Highlands County schools. Thelma enjoyed cooking, her sweets, especially making her famous fudge, driving the local children to and from school each day, and seeing her friends at Publix. Thelma loved to spend time with both her family and church family. Thelma was a member of First Baptist Church of Lake Placid.

She is survived by her loving sisters, Dorothy Amburn (Gordon) and Barbara Templin; a brother, William David Lusby (Bea); and many nieces and nephews.

A service to celebrate Thelma's life will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 19, 2018 at First Baptist Church of Lake Placid, 119 E. Royal Palm St., Lake Placid with Pastors Keith Campbell, Paul von Merveldt and Mike Ford officiating. A visitation for family and friends will be held one hour prior to service time. Burial will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery in Lake Placid. Words of comfort to the family can be made by visiting www.scottfuneralservices.com. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the Scott Funeral Home, 504 W. Interlake Blvd., Lake Placid, 863-465-4134.

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3. There are around 9,096 stars that are visible to the naked eye from Earth, of which only around 2,000-2,500 can be seen without optical aid due to often less than optimal viewing conditions, as well as half the Earth being in daylight at any one time.

4. Only a handful of these stars are of a similar brightness and size as our sun, which is classified as a yellow dwarf. 5. All of the rest are bigger and brighter, and in many cases, thousands of times so, especially the 400 or so stars that are brighter than 4th magnitude.

5. Incidentally, these 400 stars form nearly the total number of stars that can be seen from urban areas. Of the 50 most luminous visible stars in the sky, Alpha Centauri is the least luminous, but even so, it is still more than one and a half times as intrinsically luminous as the sun.

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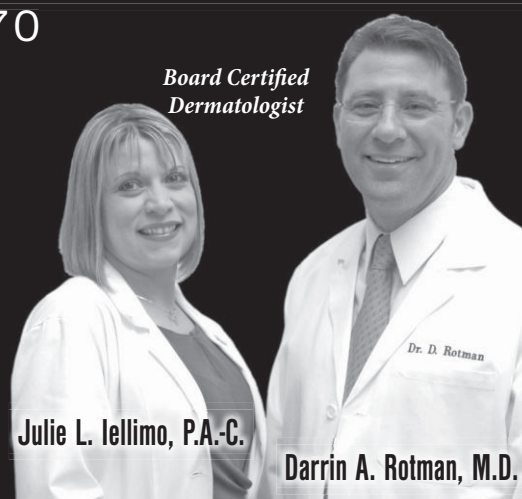


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OUR VIEW

Restoring pork power in Congress

President Trump provided a healthy boost last week to a cause championed in recent years by Rep. Tom Rooney, R-Okeechobee.

During a televised meeting with congressional leaders on Tuesday, Trump endorsed the idea of restoring some form of “earmarks” in Congress. Trump suggested the restoration of earmarks might increase bipartisanship in Congress and bring more legislative results.

“Maybe we should think about it,” Trump told a group of lawmakers at the White House. “Maybe all of you should think about going back to a form of earmarks. You should do it.”

According to The Hill, he added, “We have to put better controls, because it got a little out of hand, but that brings people together.”

It does. Earmarks were once considered the grease of legislative machinery. Without horse-trading in the halls of Congress, members have less incentive to bend and reach compromise on legislation.

Of course, earmarks have long been derided as “pork-barrel spending.” The practiced was abolished by House Speaker John Boehner in 2010 after a series of highly ballyhooed abuses — notoriously, the “Bridge to Nowhere” — and a sustained assault from conservative Republicans.

The abuses were obvious, but the reaction went too far.

“Bringing home the bacon” isn’t necessarily a bad thing; not all pork was corrupt. In practice, earmarks allowed elected representatives to exercise spending authority for local projects that might otherwise go unrecognized. Think funding for River Road, insignificant in the eyes of federal highway officials; or coastline restoration.

Rooney has long argued that removing congressional powers over spending essentially ceded all control to the executive branch through agency bureaucracies.

With the no-earmark rule, Rooney said in the past, “We stopped doing earmarks and now we write letters arguing that the county commission wants this, what constituents want, echoing these projects.”

And that is just so much wasted paper and ink.

Last May, Rooney introduced the “Responsible Environmental Preservation and American Infrastructure Restoration Act” — the REPAIR Act — that would allow members of Congress to direct funds to projects administered by the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation. Examples include improvements to the Herbert Hoover Dike at Lake Okeechobee and Corps’ assistance in shoreline erosion on Manasota Key.

He also noted the funding would not be increased, per se, just re-allocated in a way that reflected needs considered obvious to local community leaders.

We agree, and from the brief exchange at the White House last week, Trump seemed to recognize the merits of restoration.

Unfortunately, some conservative groups leapt at the remarks.

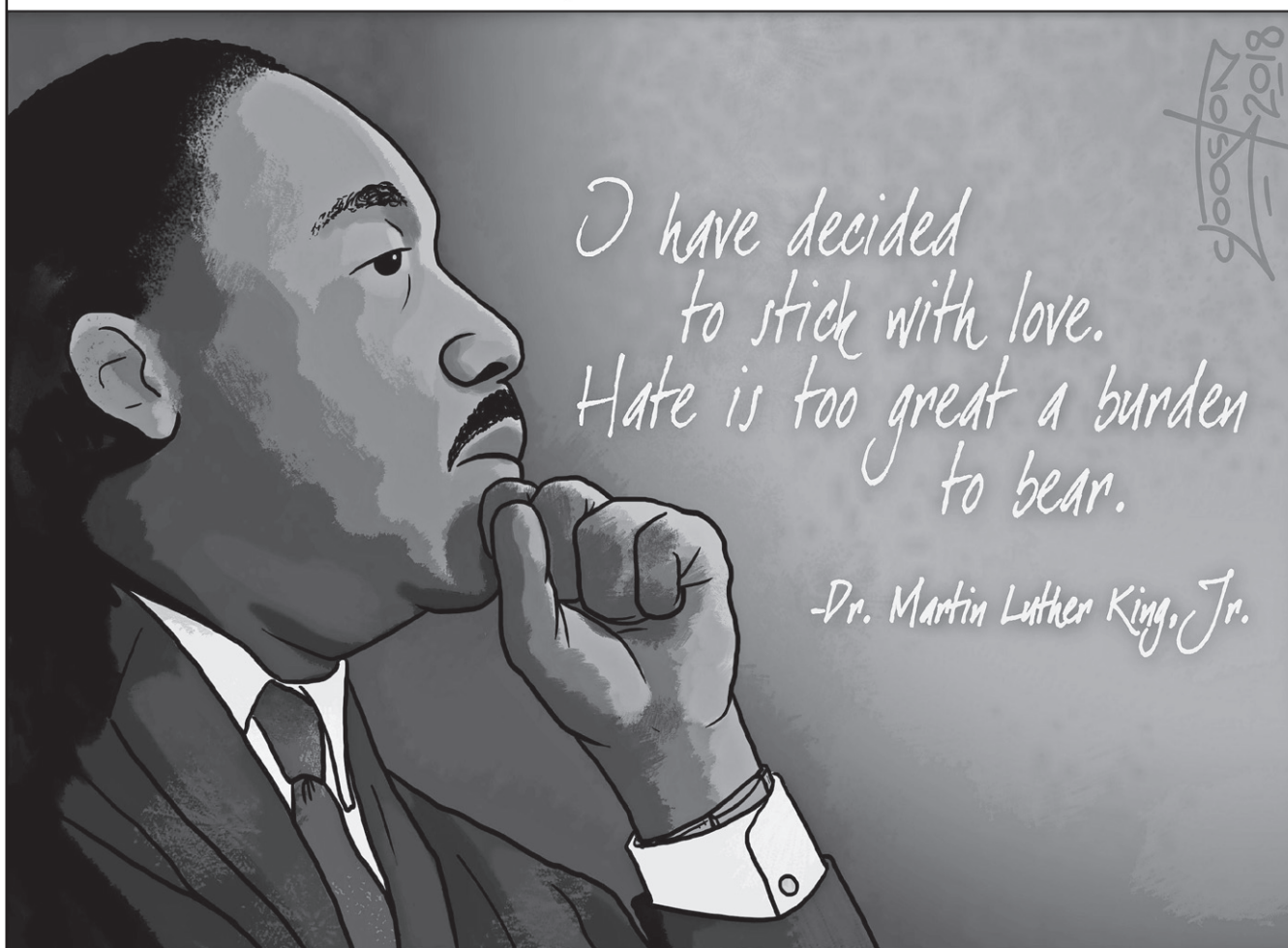
The powerful lobby group Club for Growth, for instance, issued a statement arguing that, “Bringing back earmarks is the antithesis of ‘draining the swamp.’ Earmarks will only benefit the special interests that grow government at the expense of working men and women.”

We suppose, if you consider county commissions and civic organizations like the chamber of commerce “special interests.”

We do hope support from the White House will provide momentum for a policy correction and help restore the small amount of influence elected officials had over federal spending in their districts, at the behest of the people who best know which problems need to be addressed.

— Sun Newspapers

LOCAL LOOK by GABE CLOGSTON



How 2017 was better than you think

It is so easy to complain about others. About how unfair life is. About the idiots in the other political party. About anyone who is not a member of our tribe.

When I hear the complaining, I wonder if we ever take the time to appreciate just how good we have it. How much we are accomplishing all over the world? How much better 2017 made our lives. Here are just a few 2017 accomplishments we can be thankful for — from the website FutureCrunch:

- This year, the World Health Organization unveiled a new vaccine that’s cheap and effective enough to end cholera, one of humanity’s greatest ever killers — New York Times.

- Cancer deaths have dropped by 25 percent in the United States since 1991, saving more than 2 million lives. Breast cancer deaths have fallen by 39 percent, saving the lives of 322,600 women — Time

- Premature deaths for the world’s four biggest noncommunicable diseases — cardiovascular, cancer, diabetes and chronic respiratory



INK IN MY VEINS

David Dunn-Rankin

— have declined by 16 percent since 2000 — World Bank

- The United Kingdom announced a 20 percent fall in the incidence of dementia over the past two decades, meaning 40,000 fewer people are being affected every year — iNews

- The United States’ official poverty rate reached 12.7 percent, the lowest level since the end of the global financial crisis. And the child-poverty rate reached an all-time low, dropping to 15.6 percent — The Atlantic

- Between 2005 and 2017, Afghanistan built 16,000 schools, the nation-wide literacy rate increased by 5 percent, and the youth literacy rate

increased by more than 16 percent — USAID

- In October, a new report by the International Labour Organisation revealed that global child labor has plummeted. In 2016, there were 98 million fewer boys and girls being exploited than in 2000 — CS Monitor

- In the United Kingdom, the birthplace of the industrial revolution, carbon emissions fell to the lowest levels since 1894, and on the 21st of April, the country did not burn coal for the first time in 140 years — Independent UK.

- The cost of solar and wind plummeted by more than 25 percent in 2017, shifting the global clean energy industry on its axis — Think Progress

- The cost of solar plants in the United States dropped by 30 percent in one year and in the United Kingdom, the price of offshore wind dropped by half in less than two years.

- A new report from the European Union said that between 1990 and 2016 the continent cut its carbon emissions by 23 percent while the economy grew by 53 percent — Clean Technica

- New figures showed that the gender pay gap in the United States has narrowed from 36 percent in 1980 to 17 percent today. For young women, the gap has narrowed even further, and now stands at 10 percent — Pew Research

- Women now occupy 23 percent of parliamentary seats around the world, up from 12 percent in 1997. The Middle East and North Africa have seen a fourfold increase in that time — World Bank.

- Rates of violent crime and property crime have dropped by around 50 percent in the United States since 1990, yet a majority of people still believe it’s gotten worse — Pew Research.

What a great a year 2017 was. Of course, the beauty of living at this point in history, we can see there is more to accomplish. Can’t wait to see how our lives improve in 2018.

Share your thoughts.

David Dunn-Rankin is CEO of Sun Newspapers, the family- and employee-owned group that owns the Highlands News-Sun and Highlands Sun. He can be reached at davidr@sun-herald.com.

YOUR VIEW

Are you concerned about slop?

What America needs most is a slop stopper. You bet. Slop is being dished out by the ton to our eyes and ears. Whatever direction we look or listen, slop is already there.

What can we do? As soon as you hear the trickle of slop you know it will get stinkier fast, so turn it off. Refuse to participate. Every news media pushes slop. Every newscaster releases storms of slop.

What can a patriotic citizen do to try to clean up the slop? By becoming a slop stopper. Don’t be misled, the sloppers know they are issuing slop. So shut them up, cut them off, refuse their slop. Tell them so. Complain. You can do it. Yes you can.

Ralph Z. Bell
Lake Placid

Doing the right thing

I am a snowbird from New Hampshire and based on

recommendation of a local person, I went to Yarborough Tire for an oil change last week and that done, I headed to my home only to have the engine stall and not restart on State Road 66. I called them and they sent someone right out. It went back to the garage on a ramp truck and after about 30 minutes Donny Yarbrough came out to the waiting room to talk to me. It seems the oil filter cap was loose or cross threaded; all the oil had leaked out and the

engine was destroyed, the result of human error (it happens).

With no argument and no raised voices, he outlined the two options possible: Fix the present engine or replace the whole thing, at no cost to me. The engine was replaced at absolutely no cost in two days as well as the rental car cost I was forced to rent while mine was being fixed. In addition, there was another unrelated problem (tire low pressure sensor) that he fixed for free. The new engine is running fine; it has a warranty and I couldn’t be happier.

What a refreshing situation, to find a man and his company that do the right thing. I was elated.

I just want everyone to know that they are my first choice for auto work from here on. He wanted to make it right, and he did that.

Donald Stewart
Sebring

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Audubon meeting coming up

SEBRING — President of the Audubon of Martin County, John Nelson, will speak to the Highlands Audubon Society with a presentation titled, "Troubled Waters: The History of the St. Lucie River" Tuesday. The meeting will begin with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the presentation at 7:15 p.m. at The First Baptist Church of Lake Josephine, 111 Lake Josephine Drive. For more information, call 863-392-4830.

Drama classes for youth

AVON PARK — There will be drama classes for young adults from 4 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Jan. 16 through Feb. 20 at Avon Park Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1410 W. Avon Road. For more information, contact Teresa at 863-212-8968.

NARFE meeting scheduled

SEBRING — The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association Chapter 0288 of Highlands County will meet at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Homer's restaurant, 100 Sebring Square, for lunch. For more information, call Laura Fletcher 540-226-8754 or Mary Ellen Colvin 863-735-1099.

Tea party to meet

SEBRING — The Highlands tea party will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Homers restaurant, 100 Sebring Square, and will feature guest speaker Madi Koukos, president of the Sebring High School Teenage Republicans Club.

AARP Smart Driver Class

AVON PARK — AARP Smart Driver's six-hour class is from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Wells Motor Company, 1600 U.S. Highway 27 N. To register, call Mary Jane Lloyd 863-452-0335.

Choices fundraising banquet

AVON PARK — Choices Family Resource Center will hold its annual fundraising banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 595 E. Main St. The theme is "Celebrating Abundant Life" and guest speakers are Pastor Keith and Dawn Campbell. For more information, call 863-453-0307.

Post 9853 auxiliary dinner

AVON PARK — The VFW Post 9853 Auxiliary will serve cod fish, including sides and dessert, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Friday at 75 N. Olivia Drive. Dinner will be \$8 and is available until sold out. The public welcome.

Sebring Historical Society lunch

SEBRING — The next Sebring Historical Society luncheon meeting will take place at noon Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Jack Stroup Civic Center, 355 W. Center Ave. A potluck luncheon prepared by society members will be served. Featured speaker is Tampa attorney John Anthony and his father, Al Anthony, who will talk about the restoration of the 99-year-old

Highlands Bank and Trust building on the Circle in downtown Sebring.

It is not necessary to be a member to attend. A donation of \$5 will be collected to benefit the Sebring Historical Society. For more information, call 863-471-2522.

January dance at Sebring Village

SEBRING — Sebring Village is celebrating winter in sunny Florida with a dance from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at 4343 Schumacher Road. Music by George Durham Band, BYOB and snacks for your table. Cost is \$4 for members and \$6 for non-members. For tickets, call Glenda Gray at 863-471-0760 or Walt D'Alessandris at 863-273-0875.

Shrine Club's spaghetti dinner

AVON PARK — The Highlands Shrine Club will host a spaghetti dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 20 at 2604 S.R. 17 S. Cost is \$8 each. The public is invited. Take-out orders are available. For more information, call 863-382-2208.

Tanglewood art exhibit, sale

SEBRING — The eighth Tanglewood Art League art exhibition and sale will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20 in the Tanglewood Community Clubhouse, located opposite Denny's Restaurant on U.S. 27 N. They will have their annual scholarship raffle. Light refreshments will be served and all are welcome.

Burns' Night scheduled

SEBRING — The Celtic America Club of Highlands County will host Burns Night at 6 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 20 at the All American Grill, 3400 Sebring Parkway (formerly the Lion's Club.) Cost is \$20 per person. The price includes a choice of entree. Music will be provided by The Prince and the Piper.

Choices open house set

LAKE PLACID — Choices Family Resource Center is having its open house from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21 at 225 E. Royal Palm St. For more information, call 863-260-0307.

The Roaring Twenties Tea

LAKE PLACID — The Caladium Arts and Crafts Co-operative presents its 9th annual Tea from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21 at their location at 132 E. Interlake Blvd. Doors will open at 1 p.m. Tea will be served with fruit breads, tea sandwiches and decadent desserts. Enjoy a fun afternoon of music, prizes, style show and a hat/flapper contest. Tickets are \$25 plus tax.

Sebring Masons serve BBQ lunch

SEBRING — Sebring Lodge No. 249 will serve an all-you-can-eat barbecue chicken lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21 for \$10 each. The Lodge is on the corner of Home Avenue and Sebring Parkway. Take-out is available. The public is invited.

Orchid auction coming up

SEBRING — The Orchid Society of Highlands County will hold its 18th annual orchid auction at 7 p.m. Jan. 22 at 355 W. Center St. (Jack

Stroup Civic Center) in Sebring. The public is invited to attend. For additional information, call Glen Shellhammer at 863-471-6171.

Ladies of Loss meet-and-greet

SEBRING — The Ladies of Loss (LoL) is a group of widows who meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of every month at Dee's Family Restaurant. LoL is a nondenominational group of women who understand how it feels to lose a partner. They will be hosting a meet-and-greet at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Spring Lake Community Center. For more information, call Donna Williams 317-402-0194.

Woman's club dessert card party

SEBRING — The January Sebring Woman's Club Dessert Card Party will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at the Woman's Club on Lakeview Drive. Dessert and beverages will be included with the \$3 admission. The winner at each table will receive a monetary prize. For

more information or to reserve a table, call Pat 863-402-0539.

'Survey Says' game show

SEBRING — Samaritan's Touch will hold its inaugural Survey Says Game Show at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at the Circle Theatre. The price is \$500 per team or \$100 per person. All proceeds go to Samaritan's Touch Care Center. For more information, contact Priscilla Preece at 863-471-1870.

Garden Club of Sebring

SEBRING — The Garden Club of Sebring will hold its fourth annual Mah Jongg Tournament from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at the Jack Stroup Civic Center. The \$25 entry fee includes cash prizes, drinks and snacks, and lunch. Tables are limited. For reservations, call Dottee Cohen at 863-385-0759. Callers must identify the division for which reservations are being made. Players provide their own Mah Jongg sets. Proceeds go toward scholarships.

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EXPO

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who was born in Kabul, Afghanistan, in 1992. She became the first female pilot in the Afghani military since the fall of the Taliban in 2001. She received the U.S. State Department's International Women of Courage award in 2015.

Because of opposition in Afghanistan to women serving in the military, she and her family have received death threats and the family has moved several times, according to information from Sebring Regional Airport.

Other aviators participating in the zone will include Shaesta Waiz, who became in the United States the first certified female pilot from Afghanistan; La'Shanda Holmes, who became the first black female helicopter pilot in the U.S. Coast Guard; and Patty Wagstaff, a six-time member of the U.S. Aerobatic Club.

The local STEM program will have programs at the expo to expose students to the idea that aviation can be part of numerous careers. John Varady, coordinator of the STEM Scholar Program, said the program has brought



FILE PHOTOS

For the third year, the U.S. Sport Aviation Expo will continue its commitment to drones, and will also feature new aircraft that have not been displayed at previous air shows.

dozens of students who are not only from Highlands County schools but from surrounding counties. They have included Junior ROTC cadets and Advancement Via Individual Determination students.

The students meet professional aviators and attend panel discussions relating to aviation, Varady said.

"The field of aviation has tremendous career potential for many of our students, and through this event we're able to expose our students to flight, health professions in aviation, aviation engineering careers, aviation-related technology, unmanned flight and other disciplines about which they may not be

aware," Varady said.

The health care aspect has included Aeromed, which has a presence at the airport. Aeromed operates air ambulances.

The expo will feature new aircraft that have not been displayed at previous air shows.

One will be the ICON A5, a light sport amphibian aircraft. Expo attendees will not only be able to view the aircraft, but talk to a pilot and learn about ICON's flight centers, Willingham said.

For a third year, the expo will continue its commitment to drones.

Michael den Hartog, drone zone chairman, said the event will feature several qualifying races and then a championship race on Saturday. The



Workers install a "drone netting" to enclose the spectator area for the series of drone races at last year's U.S. Sport Aviation Expo.

top prize of \$25,000 last year has been increased to \$40,000 this year, den Hartog said.

They expect to have more teams and "any name you can think of in the drone racing world will be here," den Hartog said.

People also will be able to become certified to fly drones.

The expo will also provide entertainment.

Youth up to the age of 17 will be able to get a ride in the Batcopter for \$70. The cost will be \$100 for adults.

Nock said he was the "luckiest helicopter operator in the world" to be able to obtain ownership of the Batcopter.

At the time he bought it, he said, he didn't even know it was the Batcopter.

"We (he and the owner) just talked about the aircraft itself," Nock said. After he put down a deposit, the owner sent him the copter's logs, which showed it was the Batcopter. Research proved the authenticity, he said, adding that it has

displayed on it "n3709g." Those numbers and letters can be seen on the Batcopter featured in old photos from the series.

The copter was also used in the FBI and Green Hornet shows, he said.

The International Aerobatic Club will offer a chance for attendees to experience a virtual reality aerobatic flight.

Pilot Scott Farnsworth said they will also do a flight formation, but are limited by the Federal Aviation Administration as to doing aerobatics.

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"While at the time I was a proponent of having the community center and while I could still be a proponent if the right building became available at the right price and could also act as a community center and if we were to go somewhere new and build a community center and town hall, I don't know that I would necessarily be a proponent of making that a community center. I would probably be more inclined to having it be a work space. If anything, I would consider having the council chambers be slightly larger than this room but not to the size that it would seat hundreds and hundreds of people, replicating the Genesis Center. I would encourage Mr. Williams to continue to explore a wide range of options."

Royce said he would like to see an old building re-purposed if possible.

The Highlands County Health Department building on Main Avenue was brought up again as another potential spot with 12,500 square feet. Mayor John Holbrook said the Health Department option may

not work because it may be increasing its hours of operation soon. He did suggest that perhaps a swap in buildings between the Health Department and the town could be possible.

A church building, located at 1069 U.S. 27 S., is for sale and has been the subject of much discussion and debate. The church comes with 14 acres and is located northeast of the town although it is within the town limits.

At one point, the town put a \$1.3 million bid on the church, which was not accepted. Worley feels the church is the perfect solution because of its size and the items it comes with, such as tables and chairs, a sound system and all the electronics. Worley said the church cost \$3 million to build originally.

Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce President Bill Brantley vehemently expressed his opposition as he and the board felt that Town Hall belongs downtown and not as a standalone building on the highway.

"Downtown would be deserted and we feel it would be the worse possible scenario for the town. In 20 years, if that's the center of town, then shift it over,"

he said.

Brantley thought the Health Department building was a good option with its ample square footage, and the parking lot in the back could be bought, too. Brantley said the renovation of the Health Department would be a fraction of what it would be to purchase anything else.

Worley objected, stating that the church is

in town limits.

"That's just telling everyone that you are trying to get to move into the historical downtown district to 'bite me. We don't care what you say or do; you need to fix this place up and we are moving elsewhere.'"

Brantley is also a contractor and said if they were to build a new

facility from scratch that was the same size as the Health Department, the price tag would be about 1.5-2 million.

Holbrook said he is often approached by people asking him not to move Town Hall out of downtown.

There are three acres on Dal Hall next to Bert Harris III's office that

could be bought and a new building built. This was still considered a viable option but not received as enthusiastically by the Council members.

Williams was encouraged to stay open to all types of buildings and spaces available that might meet the needs of the town.

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New mural coming to Lake Placid library

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Town of Murals will soon have another addition to its 47 masterpieces that grace the walls of businesses and civic organizations throughout uptown Lake Placid. The newest mural will be painted on the west wall of the Lake Placid Memorial Library.

Keith Goodson, the town's most prolific muralist, will once again ply his brushes and talents to create a work of art. According to Mural Society co-founder Harriet Porter, Goodson's rendering of the mural should be done in February.

Once the rendering is done, it will need to be approved by Town Council and the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners.

When the library gets the funds, the mural will begin to emerge from Goodson's palette.

Porter has an inkling of what she would like to see on the wall.

"The wall has three windows, so I would like to see three vignettes in between the windows," Porter said. "The first section should have an illustration of the first librarian reading to kids. They would be dressed in period clothes from the 1930s. Little girls might have Shirley Temple ringlets and Mary Janes."

Porter was not sure what the second vignette would depict but the theme would be an informative history through to modern times.

The third piece of the mural would illustrate contemporary changes.

"It would show the kids learning on computers and doing their homework in the library after school," Porter said.

Porter has plans for the top of the windows as well — books juxtaposed with each other, along with cute bookworms.

"I want books in all types of positions," Porter said. "I want characters jumping out from the pages of the books. It should be historical and whimsical with bookworms in bow ties and glasses mixed in."

The Mural Society was founded by Porter and the late Bob Porter in 1992 as a way to attract tourists to Lake Placid. The murals are a main reason why Reader's Digest called Lake Placid "America's Most Interesting Town" several years ago.

Mural books are available at most of the shops in town for \$4. The colorful book shows each mural and its history and author. The Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce has the Mural Gallery in its building. The gallery has all of the original artists' renderings and even includes a 10-minute video for tourists and residents alike.

Each mural can be found on a self-guided tour of the downtown area. The tour book tells visitors about each mural and certain objects hidden within each one. Many murals have motion detectors that, when triggered, add sound effects to the experience.

Chamber Executive Eileen May invites everyone to the chamber and gallery to experience one of Lake Placid's treasures. The Chamber of Commerce is open



Original renderings of each of Lake Placid's murals are located inside the Mural Gallery at the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce, located at 18 N. Oak Ave.



KIM LEATHERMAN/STAFF

The Mural Galley is located inside the Greater Lake Placid Chamber of Commerce building. Guests can watch a video on the history of Lake Placid and the Mural Society.

At right: "Bassin" is an award-winning mural created by Keith Goodson in 1993 and is located at the intersection of North Main and East Bellevue.

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Dragons pull away from Devils

Lake Placid boys pick up pair of district wins

By **RUTH ANNE LAWSON**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Red Devils hosted their long time rivals the Lake Placid Green Dragons on Thursday. The Dragons swept the Devils in girls and boys soccer Thursday night. The Dragons shutout the Devils in both of the district games with the girls winning 4-0 and the boys winning 5-0.

“It was a great game,” said Lake

Placid Coach Alix Jolicoeur “I think our boys fought hard. At the beginning it started real slow but in the second half they regrouped and came out and fought real hard. The other team put up a fight. We play as a team, as a unit and they all did a fantastic job. Oby Vega had a hat trick and did a great job but we all fought hard. I’m proud of our team.”

Avon Park and Lake Placid fought hard to gain control of the game. Both teams were

determined to score but their defenses were on point and would not allow a goal for a great majority of the first half. The Devils got a free kick that Victor Tellez kicked towards the goal and Lane Franza headed but Lake Placid’s goalie snagged the ball before it went into the net.

Avon Park’s Roberto Marin took a shot on goal but Jose “Chano” Orozco, Lake Placid’s goalkeeper,



RUTH ANNE LAWSON/CORRESPONDENT

Lake Placid’s Oby Vega kicks the ball downfield, as Avon Park’s Jeston Mason defends.

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Making a splash



MARK PINSON/STAFF

Lake Placid’s Brice Creel broke the school record in the 200 freestyle, was district champion in the 100 freestyle, the medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay. The talented Green Dragon senior capped an outstanding season with a 14th-place finish at state in the 200 freestyle relay. For her ability and accomplishments, Creel has been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Girls Swimmer of the Year.

Creel paces All-Highlands Girls Swim Team

By **MARK PINSON**
STAFF WRITER

Lake Placid’s Brice Creel was unstoppable in the pool this past season.

Creel, a team captain and four-year varsity swimmer for

the district champion Green Dragons, made her senior year one to remember by breaking the school record in the 200 individual freestyle in a time of 2:03.31, she was district champion in the 100 freestyle and was a member of the

district-winning 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay teams. She was lead swimmer on the 200 freestyle relay squad that finished 14th at the state finals.

“Brice excelled at swimming her four years on the team,” said father, and coach, Tom Creel. “She set three county records and left her mark as one of the many great talents to be part of the Green Dragon swim legacy. She was a pleasure to coach, always worked hard to improve and has a true love for the sport.”

For her ability and accomplishments, Creel has been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Girls Swimmer of the Year.

“It means a lot to me to win this award,” said Brice. “I love the sport, I’ve put in a lot of hard work the last few years and I’m honored to be chosen

as the swimmer of the year. I like how technical swimming is, how you have to use a lot of your brain and the sportsmanship part of it. I loved swimming for my father because he knows how to be dad and the coach and he is very good at both roles.”

Creel will continue competitive swimming when she attends Randolph College in Lynchburg, Virginia, in the fall. “Randolph College is a Division III school and it’s got a beautiful campus,” Creel said. “I’m looking forward to being able to swim in college and receive a quality education.”

The Team

Kristen Farless, senior, Avon Park - Farless was a three-year swimmer for the Red Devils, known for being

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JIM TAYLOR PHOTO

Avon Park’s Kristen Farless, who broke 15 school records, was the district winner in the 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly and was a member of the first-place 200 medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay teams.

Lake Placid blanks Avon Park

By **RUTH ANNE LAWSON**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Red Devils hosted the Lake Placid Green Dragons in girls soccer and the Green Dragons came away with a 4-0 victory.

“Big turn around from the last game,” said Lake Placid coach John Merlo. “They are young and if they are feeling it they do good. Even in this game, I know we won 4-0, there were times in the game that we were

not organized and then there were times where we were great. We keep having the same struggles as a young team.”

The Dragons and Devils battled for control for most of the first half. Avon Park’s Essence Wright and Gabriella Sbotto were clear leaders on the field with big hits and lots of steals. Lake Placid got on the board with a corner shot, kicked in by Yasiana Ramirez, the ball hit the left post



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DISTRICT | 3 Lake Placid’s Edith Cortez pushes the ball up the field against Avon Park.



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Dave Douglass

Patience is key for winter fishing

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the third week of January gives anglers the new moon phase and another cold front besides the one which arrived yesterday. It is mornings like this morning, which bring back memories of sitting on a frozen lake in New England during January — fishing.

This is when I, as a youngster, started to really learn what “patience” was, struggling with mind over matter — “what shows more intelligence, sitting on this bucket waiting for fish to bite or...tying on my ice skates for some practice in hockey puck control at high speeds forward and backward? It wasn’t long before I figured out how to do both at the same time successfully...staying warmer at the same time.

All fishing factors considered for this week, ‘patience’ will be the key to achieving success. Even though this current cold front did not shock fish since water temperatures were already in the upper 50s to lower 60s, fish will still be slowing down even more ‘as they feed’ — which will only occur a few times per week.

Just as fish don’t move far when a lake is frozen over, staying in centralized smaller areas with protective cover, so too Florida’s freshwater fish species do not move far when their bodies’ metabolisms slow down to the slowest speeds they’ll experience in their lifetimes.

So to achieve success through patience, anglers have to be ‘dead-sticking’ a bait for long periods, exactly where the fish are — dead-sticking simply means pausing the bait’s movement by keeping the fishing rod motionless.

Fish do not chase baits in 50-degree water temperatures in Florida. This is especially true in lakes which have healthy thriving food-chains, such as Istokpoga. In contrast, a hungry fish in Lake Jackson will have to chase-down every meal, travel further, since potential food sources are far less in numbers and widely dispersed — per acre comparison.

So assuming you know where fish are holding, you’ll need to select baits which look exactly correct to their areas food-chain members. I suggest a brown, red, black colored bait which is three to four inches in length, has a very large girth. Wide girth causes the bait to produce heavy vibration and action when it is moved

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Left: Avon Park goalie Guadalupe Guzman stretches out to make a save in Thursday's match with Lake Placid.

RUTH ANNE LAWSON

Above: Avon Park's Lane Franza, right, defends against Lake Placid's Orlando Medina during Thursday's match.

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stopped it. It was not until the last seconds of the half when the Dragons scored. Lake Placid's Alejandro "Gordo" Villagomez kicked in a corner shot that Diego Orduna headed in past the Avon Park goalkeeper. The Dragons went into half time with a small lead of 1-0.

"I am extremely proud of these guys," said Avon Park Coach Lee Albritton.

"We have come a long way since the beginning of the season. You cannot ever fault these kids' effort. The progressions they have made through out the year, I cannot even put it into words, I'm very proud of them."

"Lane Franza, Jose Zepeda, Latroy Hillard, Roberto Marin and Jeston Mason all stood out, they all played very physical, gave it their all and they have done that all season for us. The progression we have made does not reflect our record."

Avon Park's goalie, Guadalupe Guzman,

made several big saves for his team. He was hard at work at the goalie position and made nine outstanding saves for the Devils. Lake Placid's Orduna kicked in a penalty kick that soared past Avon Park's diving goalie and into the back of the net putting the Dragons up 2-0. Sam Troutman of Lake Placid took a shot on goal that was just out of reach of Guzman for another Dragon goal increasing their lead to 3-0 with 17:45 left in the game.

Lake Placid added another goal when

Troutman took a shot on goal that hit the right post and came to Vega, who found the back of the net furthering the Dragons lead to 4-0. Omar Resendiz took a shot on goal for Lake Placid but Avon Park's goalie, Guzman, blocked the ball but was not able to recover on time to stop Vega from rebounding the ball for another Dragon goal with just seconds left in the game. The Dragons defeated the Devils with a final score of 5-0.

"We played a little sloppy but we got the

win," said Lake Placid's Orduna. "We are a young team but we are talented. We have done a lot of great things. My senior year came too quick. I want to win regionals and make my team the team that has made it furthest in Lake Placid history for soccer. I want to play in college and I already have an offer to Johnson University but I have not decided if that is the school I want to go to yet. Our team wants to win districts and I am going to do what I can to make that happen."

Orduna's first-half goal

on Friday night was the difference, as the Green Dragons followed up their victory over the Red Devils with a 1-0 victory over McKeel Academy to improve to 8-5-2 overall and 7-2-1 in the district.

The Green Dragons have two home district games remaining, against Tenoroc and Frostproof before a home-and-home series with Sebring.

The Red Devils fell to 0-13 with the loss, but two of their four remaining games are rematches with teams they lost to by one goal earlier in the season.

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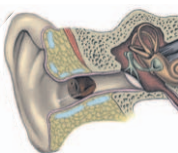
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and the Avon Park goalie went to grab the ball but accidentally knocked the ball in for a Lake Placid goal with 16:30 left in the first half.

The Dragons got close to the goal again and Avon Park's goalie, Alexis Sbotto, dove to grab the ball and missed and while she was down Lake Placid's Edith Cortez took advantage and put the ball in the back of the net for another Dragons goal. Lake Placid moved ahead 2-0 with less than two minutes left in the half.

"Edith Cortez had a great game," Merlo said. "This might be here best game she has had at center-mid. I really love the job that Mia Davis has been doing on defense. Yaritza Martinez is always consistent and doesn't get recognized enough. I never mention her because

she is steady but she did a really great job tonight. If they have this confidence going into district I think we will make to the second round and that's what we are shooting for. When you are young that is what you shoot for. If we play like I know we can play we can beat anybody. This was a good win for us."

The Dragons continued to dominate in the second half. The Dragons made a goalie change with 32 minutes left in the game. Alondra Torres made a total of three saves for the Dragons before leaving the goalie position. Lake Placid's Cortez found a hole and took a long shot at the goal. Avon Park's goalie, Alexis Sbotto, dove for the ball but just could not reach it. The Dragons score escalated to 3-0 with 19:15 left in the match. Avon Park continued to battle defensively and made the Dragons fight for every point.

"Big praises to the coach of Avon Park,"

Merlo said. "I've been here for 25 years and he is turning this program around. There have been times we have beat them 12 or 14 to zero at half and now we are only winning by four. He has done a great job and really turned his team around. He has done a fantastic job. I'm always happy when anyone of our county teams does well."

With less than 2 minutes left in the game Lake Placid's Cortez added another goal to make the final 4-0.

"I think we started well and with confidence," said Lake Placid's Cortez. "We knew we could come at them and we did, we got the win we wanted and we played as a team. I scored three goals tonight and that made me really happy. That's been my goal all season. I just want to have a good record for my team. I love this team and we are like a family." Lake Placid made a



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Lake Placid's Nitzellie Amaro, left, controls the ball as Avon Park's Adriana Hernandez defends.

total of 16 shots on goal and the Devils had six shots on goal.

"I though for my girls it was a good game," said Avon Park's Coach Christopher Sbotto. "For

Avon Park soccer we are looking for the progress and how we are matching up with other teams. We had some unlucky breaks and we had the corner kick where the goalie was probably blinded a little bit. From what I've seen we had a few opportunities to score which is great for us."

Coach Sbotto said he wants to see his team play hard and that's what he saw.

"We have really been focusing on the defensive positioning," he said. "Defensively we really held them on the outside most of the game. We did not have the breakaways that we did when we played them the first time. I'm very proud of the girls they fought the whole game, endurance stayed up the whole game, we had two starters get injured and that really hurt us that second half of the game but we pushed through it. We just want to see that progression each game and we saw that tonight.

From where we were at in the beginning of the season and where we are at now is almost a complete turnaround."

It was Senior Night for the Red Devils and Coach Sbotto said he will definitely miss his senior class.

"My daughter Alexis Sbotto is a senior and she is a four-year player," he said. "She will be missed next year. She really stood up. She never played goalie until last year and she stepped up, gave up her position on the field and stepped into a position she never played before. I'm very proud of all my seniors. They have all played their hearts out and I'm so proud. This team never gives up and puts all their hearts into every game. We still have a lot of work to do but we are getting there."

Lake Placid will host Desoto on Thursday. The Avon Park Red Devils have finished their regular season and will prepare for the district tournament.



Lake Placid's Lizbeth Gonzalez, left, and Avon Park's Macy McWharther battle for the ball.

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self-motivated and goal driven. The Red Devils competed in 12 meets, including districts and regionals, and Farless broke school records in six of them.

"Kristen is an athlete that has unbelievable determination, motivation and dedication," said Avon Park coach Tracy Lee. "She broke 15 records this year including the 200 Individual Medley which had been in place at Avon Park since 1998; the 100 back from 1997 and the 100 fly, which had been standing since 1995. She was a member of the 200 medley relay, swimming the back portion of the relay and the 400 free relay. Both the 200 medley relay had been broken in 2016 by Kristen and three others, but the 400 free relay had been in place at Avon Park High School since 1996. Kristen was the district winner for the 100 back, 100 fly and the two relays, 200 medley and 400 free advancing to the regional meet in Gainesville."

Lyndsay Rigdon, junior, Sebring - Rigdon was a hard-working freestyle swimmer for the Blue Streaks and coach Pat Caton believes she can make it to state next season.

Juliana Bogaert, sophomore, Lake Placid - An alternate for the medley relay team, who placed eighth in the 200 IM at districts, ninth in the 100 butterfly and was part of the 200 freestyle relay team, who Coach Creel says has a bright future on the Dragon team.

Gigi Sutherland, junior, Avon Park - "Gigi has been a member of the APHS swim and dive team for three years focusing on the breaststroke," Lee said. "This year she asked to swim the 500 free and did very well with several personal bests times in her individual events, breaking the 100 breast stroke record for APHS. She was also a member of a relay team that broke several records in the 200 medley and 400 free relay events."

Emily Rego, senior, Sebring - A pleasant surprise for the Blue Streaks



JIM TAYLOR PHOTO

Sebring's Lyndsay Rigdon has the versatility to swim well in different events for the Blue Streaks.

after transferring from up north and a swimmer who Coach Caton said fit in great with the team. Won the district title in the 200 IM.

Alexis Maulden, junior, Lake Placid - Maulden was part of the state-qualifying 200 freestyle team, who swam in prelims and finals. At districts, Maulden was fourth in the IM, and 11th in the 100 butterfly. She is a three-year swimmer for the Dragons.

Taylor Nelson, senior, Avon Park - "Taylor has been a member of the swim and dive team for three years, all three years making it on the regional teams," Lee said. "Taylor was the district winner for both the 50 and 100 free individual events. She was also a member of the relay teams that broke several years for the 200 medley and 400 free."

Shayla Cox, freshman, Sebring - Cox has a solid future with the Blue Streaks and Caton said she has plenty of skill and is competitive.

Emma Mooring, senior, Lake Placid - Mooring tied the oldest school record in the 100 breaststroke and she now shares a place with Tracy Moreo with a time of 1:14.15. Moreo's record has stood since 1996. She was on the district champion medley relay team, was district champ in the 100 breaststroke, district champ as part of the 400 free relay team, runner-up in the 500 freestyle. She swam all these event in regionals.

"She has left her mark in Dragon History," said coach Creel.

Mara Elder, freshman,

Avon Park - "We were excited to have Mara Elder join APHS this year," Lee said. "Mara is an excellent athlete. Mara not only swam individual events including the breaststroke but she was a member of relay team that broke the 200 medley relay. She was one of the freshmen that made it to the regional meet in Gainesville and we are excited to see where her future leads her at APHS as a swimmer."

Annie Silva, senior, Sebring - Silva made her mark in the butterfly for the Blue Streaks and Caton said she was a very accomplished swimmer for Sebring.

Anna Sapp, sophomore, Lake Placid - Coach Creel said next year Sapp will be the region's strongest swimmer and is slated to shatter records at the school and county level. She was part of the state relay team and district champion in the 50 freestyle and the 100 butterfly, as well as on the district champion 400 freestyle relay team. She has two individual county records and is on two county record-setting relays.

"Anna has no limits she will excel in the event she chooses to swim," Creel said.

Madison Knowles, sophomore, Avon Park - "Madison has been a member of the swim and dive team for two years and during those two years she has focused on the 200 free and 500 free events," Lee said. "Not only did she establish new personal bests times with her individual events but she was also a member

of the 400 free relay that broke the school record that had been in place for many years. We are looking forward to having Madison swim with APHS for two more years."

Maritza Armengol, senior, Sebring - Caton said Armengol was a smooth and steady swimmer who will be missed next year.

Tori Severance, junior, Lake Placid - Severance was a force in the water; runner-up in the 50 freestyle and fourth in the 500 freestyle at districts. She was part of the state 200 freestyle relay team to swim in prelims and finals, and part of the 400 freestyle relay team.

"This year was all about racing faster for Tori, she consistently dropped her times and has set herself up for a great senior year," Coach Creel said.

Madison Coceano, junior, Avon Park - "This season wrapped up Madison's third year with APHS swim and dive team," Lee said. "She works hard on dropping her time with the 200 IM and 100 fly. The last two years Madison has been a member of the regional teams, this year competing with the 200 free relay. Madison's senior year is looking bright for her individual events."

Robin Shattler, senior, Lake Placid - Shattler followed the footsteps on her sisters, Rachel and Camille, and was a four-year swimmer for the Dragons.

"Robin was a all-around swimmer who excelled in the 100 butterfly, placing 10th in districts and was our relay alternate through the state series," Coach Creel said.

Myah Greene, senior, Sebring - Greene had a solid four years diving for the Blue Streaks.

Myah is a hard worker

and really stepped up her game this season," said Blue Streak dive coach James Dion.

Kinsloe Barben, freshman, Avon Park - "We are excited that Kinsloe joined the swim and dive team this year," Lee said. "Kinsloe is a pleasure to have on the pool deck and brings joy to the team. This year the coaches threw a few curves at Kinsloe with difficult events and she never complained, always did her best and continued to drop time with each meet. Kinsloe was a member of the 200 free relay team that advanced to the regional meet at the University of Florida this year."

Molly Tunning, sophomore, Lake Placid - "Molly is a two-year swimmer, who came back this year with a goal to swim faster and that she did shatter her own personal bests, earning a spot in districts in the 100 freestyle, this also earned her a spot as our alternate in the 400 freestyle relay event," Coach Creel said. "We are very proud of Molly's improvements."

Jameson Waller, junior, Lake Placid - Waller placed seventh in the 200 IM at districts and was third in the 100 breaststroke, earning a spot at regionals.

She is a hard working swimmer who adds depth to our Dragon team," Coach Creel said.

Anna Grace Wheeler, junior, Lake Placid - A three-year swimmer who placed third in the 100 freestyle at districts and eighth in the 50 freestyle.

She was part of the runner-up 200 freestyle team at districts and swam at regionals in the 400 freestyle relay team.

Anastasia LaPlante, freshman, Lake Placid - diver, runner-up at Districts.

Honorable Mention

Kaitlyn Williams, junior, Avon Park - "This was Kaitlyn's first year with the team and she did an amazing job in both swim and dive competitions," Lee said. "We are excited to see what she does next year, especially in diving."

Julissa Negron, sophomore, Sebring - Caton said Negron was a diligent, hard-working swimmer who was always improving.

Alexxa Poole, junior, Avon Park - "Alexxa joined the team last year in middle of the season and was not able to compete the entire year," Lee said. "This year Alexxa has made great gains in her individual events. Alexxa is always willing to try different strokes and this will prove to be beneficial next year."

Mei Bowman, junior, Sebring - Caton said Bowman is talented in different events and believes she is going to excel in the IM.

Haleigh Helms, junior, Avon Park - "Haleigh has been a member of the team for three years and each year she is improving especially with the backstroke," Lee said. "We are looking forward to her senior year with APHS."

Zoey Filppula, freshman, Sebring - Caton said Filppula is a tireless swimmer who will do well in the butterfly.

Anna-Marie Rauno, Sebring - Caton said Rauno is a very coachable swimmer and has a bright future in the breaststroke.

Coach Of The Year

For guiding their teams to outstanding seasons, Avon Park's **Tracy Lee**, Lake Placid's **Tom Creel** and Sebring's **Pat Caton** have been selected as the Highlands News-Sun 2017 All-Highlands Swim Coaches of the Year.

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The Major Fishing

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The Minor Fishing

Period: The moonset occurs today at 4:07 p.m. and the sunset at 5:52 p.m. and will create a feed rating of 1-2 today and a 3-rating Monday and Tuesday during the same period.

It should be noted that there has been twice as much atmospheric pressure upward movement during the sunset period than during the morning. Since water temps will start to reverse at this time of day, any pressure movement upward will trigger fish to move shallow-upward, and fish which 'need-to-feed' will opportunistically feed.

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Ginetta unveils new LMP1 car

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

The Ginetta G60-LT-P1 broke cover on Thursday at the Birmingham National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, England. As one of the most highly anticipated launches of the Autosport International schedule, the car — which is named in tribute to the 60th anniversary of the Ginetta brand — made its public debut during the opening day of this year's trade show.

Industry professionals and associated media flocked to Ginetta's stand to be among the first people to catch a glimpse of the ground-breaking new prototype. The first car appears in the livery of TRS Racing Manor and is set to take part in the full, eight race 2018 2019 FIA World Endurance Championship, including the Le Mans 24 Hours in both 2018 and 2019. The car will also compete in Sebring in March, 2019 as part of the WEC's 'Super Season.'

The G60-LT-P1 was unveiled by Ginetta Chairman Lawrence Tomlinson, Ginetta Technical Director Ewan Baldry, Manor Endurance Racing Sporting Director Graeme Lowdon, Chairman of TRS Zhang



GINETTA PHOTOS

The Ginetta G60-LT-P1 made its public debut Thursday in England. The LMP1 will contest the 2018-19 WEC Super Season, which includes a stop in Sebring in March, 2019.

Yi and Vice President of TRS Li Qiao. The launch was hosted by Louise Goodman and attended by a number of industry insiders.

Tomlinson said: "I'm delighted to finally be able to unveil our latest machine to the motor-sport industry, and what better time than at the start of our 60th year of manufacturing? Ginetta

has a long history of international success in with the G55 GT4, LMP3 and G57. The LMP1 will be a strong contender in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) and at Le Mans. We have a great team of design engineers in Leeds, have worked with some excellent partners on the project, and can't wait to show you what the LMP1

is made of out on track."

The G60-LT-P1 will remain on display throughout Autosport International, where it will be joined by static displays of the G40, G55 GT4 and G58.

The 2018-19 WEC season begins on May 3 with the 6 Hours of Spa-Francorchamps.



The Ginetta G60-LT-P1.

ANNOUNCEMENT

South Florida State College Nursing Program Accreditation

The South Florida State College Nursing Program is seeking continuing accreditation from the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) for its Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ADN) program.

The SFSC Nursing Department will host the ACEN visitation team as the final part of the accreditation process. You are invited to meet the ACEN visitation team and share your comments about the SFSC Associate of Science Degree in Nursing program at a meeting scheduled for:

Wednesday, Jan. 31, 3-4 p.m.
Dr. Norman L. Stephens Jr.
Health and Science Education Center
Room 138/150
SFSC Highlands Campus
600 West College Drive, Avon Park

Written comments are also welcome and should be directly submitted to:

Dr. Marsal Stoll,
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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Monday
 Ridge girls soccer at Sebring, 7 p.m.
 Avon Park, Sebring boys basketball at Lake Wales, TBA

Tuesday
 Lake Placid girls soccer at Hardee, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring girls soccer at Frostproof, 8 p.m.
 Fort Meade boys soccer at Avon Park, 7 p.m.
 Tenoroc boys soccer at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Clewiston boys soccer at Sebring, 7:30 p.m.
 Avon Park girls basketball at Tenoroc, 8 p.m.
 McKeel girls basketball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring girls basketball at Hardee, 7:30 p.m.
 Tenoroc boys basketball at Avon Park, 8 p.m.
 Lake Placid boys basketball at McKeel, 8 p.m.
 Hardee boys basketball at Sebring, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday
 DeSoto girls soccer at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Clewiston girls soccer at Sebring, 7 p.m.
 Frostproof girls basketball at Avon Park, 8 p.m.
 Sebring girls basketball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.

Friday
 Lake Placid girls soccer at Okeechobee, 7:30 p.m.
 Tenoroc boys soccer at Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.

Frostproof boys soccer at Lake Placid, 8 p.m.
 Mulberry girls basketball at Avon Park, 8 p.m.
 DeSoto girls basketball at Sebring, 7:30 p.m.
 Fort Meade boys basketball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at DeSoto, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday
 Sebring wrestling at Wolfpack Duals, 10 a.m.

Westwood girls basketball at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.
 Booker girls basketball at Sebring, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Placid boys basketball at Vanguard, 7 p.m.
 Lake Placid wrestling at Sebring, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 27
 Sebring wrestling at George Jenkins, TBA

Monday, Jan. 29
 Lake Placid girls basketball at Clewiston, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring girls basketball at Mulberry, 7 p.m.
 DeSoto boys basketball at Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Placid boys basketball at Discovery, 6:30 p.m.

Hardee girls basketball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Frostproof boys basketball at Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Placid boys basketball at Fort Meade, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at Hardee, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 3
 Sebring wrestling Spiegel Memorial, 10 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 6
 Avon Park boys basketball at All Saints, 7 p.m.
 Discovery boys basketball at Lake Placid, 6:30 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at Frostproof, 8 p.m.



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Avon Park's Kenijah Deveaux goes up for a layup in Friday's game at Lake Placid.

Monday, Jan. 22
 Avon Park boys soccer at Lake Wales, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Placid boys soccer at Sebring, 7 p.m.
 Frostproof girls basketball at Sebring, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 23
 Lake Placid girls basketball at Tenoroc, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring girls basketball at Bishop Verot, 7 p.m.
 Tenoroc boys basketball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at Kingdom Prep, 7:30 p.m.
 George Jenkins wrestling at Sebring, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 25
 Sebring boys soccer at Lake Placid, 7 p.m.
 Avon Park girls basketball at Hardee, 7:30 p.m.
 DeSoto girls basketball at Lake Placid, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at Booker, 7 p.m.
 Kingdom Prep boys basketball at Avon Park, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 26
 Avon Park boys soccer at Sebring, 6:30 p.m.
 George Jenkins girls basketball at Avon Park, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 30
 Avon Park girls basketball at DeSoto, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Wales boys basketball at Sebring, 8 p.m.
 Sebring wrestling at Avon Park, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 1
 Sebring girls basketball at Avon Park, 7:30 p.m.
 Lake Placid girls basketball at Moore Haven, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 2
 Avon Park girls basketball at Lakeland, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 8
 Lake Placid boys basketball at Okeechobee, 7:30 p.m.
 Sebring boys basketball at Haines City, 8 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 9
 Sebring wrestling at Lakeland, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 10
 Sebring wrestling at Lakeland, TBA

Saturday, Feb. 17
 Sebring wrestling at Venice (districts), 10:30 a.m.

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Plenty of pickleball coming up

By NEIL SIMPSON

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

The South Central Florida Pickleball League begins a new season with several matches in the coming days. In ladies action, Highlands Ridge will travel to Frostproof to play at Lily Lake on Saturday. On Thursday, the defending champion Tanglewood team will play host to the newest team in the league, Buttonwood Bay.

In Best Eight, (both men and women may play on these teams) Highlands Ridge will visit Frostproof, playing at Camp Inn on Sunday, the Tanglewood Tigers will host Sun 'N Lake on Wednesday. All matches commence at 9 a.m. except for Saturday, Jan. 20 when Del Webb, Orlando will travel to Lake Ashton for a 1

p.m. start.

Spectators are encouraged to come out to see some excellent play.

Heartland Games

Feb. 10 & 11 at 8 a.m.

Tanglewood will host the Heartland Games doubles tournament on Saturday, Feb. 10 and mixed doubles on Sunday, Feb. 11. Play will be in five-year age groupings from 50-54 up to 90 and over. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.southflorida.edu/heartlandgames. The registration deadline is Jan. 24. Entry fee for one day is \$15 or \$25 for both days.

Tanglewood Winter Classic

Feb. 23-25 at 8 a.m.



NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

Ladies Defending League Champions (2016 & 2017), Tanglewood, from left; Jess Anundson, Tracy Smith, Joyce Boivin, Sandie March, Marcie Taylor, Cheryl McCullough, Michelle King, Alisa Blackburn, Sylvler Hunter, Betty Schleis and Tracy Vernest.

Tanglewood is proud to be hosting the sixth annual Winter Classic Pickleball Tournament Feb. 23 to 25. Play

will be by ability levels: 2.5, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5-5.0 in the following age divisions 19+, 50+, 60+ and 70+.

Register at pickleballtournaments.com by Feb. 16. Registration is limited and the cost is \$40.

LOCAL SPORTS BRIEFS

Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival

The 21st annual Space Coast Birding & Wildlife Festival is scheduled Jan. 24 - Jan. 29 and

headquartered at Eastern Florida State College in Titusville. Festival activities feature unique birding, wildlife, nature, technology, cultural/historical field trips, special photography

classes and field trips, off-shore birding boat trips, classroom and evening keynote presentations, as well as nature-based exhibits.

Nationally recognized naturalists, scientists, biologists, photographers and ornithologists lead the Festival events and are available to participants for one-on-one discussions and instructions. For more information call 321-268-5224 email: festival@brevardnaturealliance.org.

After School Tennis Program

The After School Tennis Program at the Thakkar Tennis Center at the Country Club of Sebring will 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.

Winter softball leagues forming

The Highlands County Parks and Recreation Department's 2018 winter softball leagues will start the week of Jan. 22. Leagues will include Church, Women's and Recreational A and B. Leagues are open to all adults and youth 16 years and older. Registration and fees are due by Jan. 16 - no exceptions. Fees are \$360 plus \$25 sanctioning fee. There will also be a coaches meeting on Jan. 16 at

6 p.m. at the softball complex meeting room.

For any further information, please call Trey Cleveland at 863-214-1500 or 863-402-6755.

Lake Placid Christian School Fun Shoot

Lake Placid Christian School is hosting its 12th annual Fun Shoot on Saturday, Feb. 24, at Square One Sporting Clay on Highway 70. The event begins at 7:30 a.m. and will end at approximately 2 p.m. Lunch consist of prime rib, green beans with potatoes, corn, strawberry shortcake and a roll. Jumbo shrimp for an appetizer and ice tea.



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Local golfers back in the swing

Spring Lake men, Golf Hammock ladies in action

By **JIM FOOTE**

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

On Thursday, Jan. 11, the Spring Lake Men's Golf Association finalized a two-day Pick Your Partner event that was based on points: one point for bogey, two points for par, four for birdies and six points for an eagle. Both days were played on the Panther Creek golf course with three flights and all scores on a handicap basis.

Our league is proud to have 11 new members this year over the same time last year. We had 26 teams — 52 players — for the biggest turnout of the year so far.

In the A Flight, Paul Benden and Bill Kingshott took first place with 173 points — 89 from Tuesday and 84 on Thursday. Ham and Egg specialists, Mr. Benden shot a net 69 on Day 1 and Mr. Kingshott scored a net 67 on Day 2.

New members David Snell and Mike Lagoditch won second place with 170 points. Mike Custer and Rich Strawn rallied from a fourth-place 79 on Day 1 to finish in third place with 89 points on Thursday for a total 168 points.

Bill Burress and Larry Carlson scored 91 points to go with 76 points from

Tuesday for fourth place and 167 points total. Bill Brown and Don Cunning came in fifth place with 157 points.

In B Flight, Len Buck and Dan Bauer went from sixth place on Tuesday (78) to score 90 points on Thursday for 168 total points and first place. Jerry Brown and Steve Cavaney took second place with 167 points.

Golf course owner Edd Vowels and his partner, Steve Gorham held on to third place with 165 points, while fourth place went to Jim Sipula and Ed Thorsen and their net 156 points.

C Flight winners were Bill Lawens and Bart Bartholomy, whose solid games posted 84 and 89 for a net 173 points.

Pat Shatney and Gary Lueck squeezed out 163 points for second place over Garry Wessel and Ed Griffith's net 157 for third place. Ron McNeill and Larry Miesner took fourth place with 153 points and Rich Ellison and Steve Sandholm picked up fifth place with 147 points.

On a side note, legendary Ed Clay now has a reason for his own cart — he has to carry his oxygen tank beside him. Your humble scribe noted Mr. Clay flying around Cougar's 13th green on Wednesday's Ken Kirby



COURTESY PHOTO

Spring Lake golfing legend Ed Clay.

game in his normal rush to finish the hole. No collapsed lung is going to hold him back...

For new members wondering why he is considered by many to be "legendary," as of last summer he was the only 86-year-old member who played golf five days a week (Thursdays off for groceries and Sundays off for football), who could go out on a hot summer day and usually shoot his age, but needed to drink

a pitcher of beer to cool off. He has had to give up the beer and cigarettes, but still plays full speed — reminiscent of the time he stepped off of his cart on Panther No. 3 and watched it roll into the canal.

Golf Hammock Ladies League

The Golf Hammock Ladies League played for low net and low gross on Wednesday. Low gross in the First

Flight was won by Beth Weiler, with Lorraine Northrup placing second and Laura Imboden finishing third.

Marilyn Redenbarger had the low gross score in the Second Flight, with Judy Trier placing second and Lorraine Friend taking third.

In the Third Flight, Barbara Walczak took the low gross honors, with Donna Fisher placing second and Sharon Reinhold placing third.

Low net in the First Flight went to Carolyn Riffle, while Theresa Hahn placed second and Ida Warner finished third.

In the Second Flight, Shirley Passafume took home the top low net honors, with Caroline Duncan placing second and Wanda Hastie placing third.

Susan Accorsi had low net in the Third Flight, with Jean Haig placing second and Audrey Walther taking third.

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Leaders say Trump presidency is at odds with MLK's legacy

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

ATLANTA — The first Martin Luther King Jr. holiday of Donald Trump's presidency is taking place amid a racial firestorm of Trump's own making.

In the same week that he honored King by making a national park out of the ground where King was born and preached until his death, Trump denigrated practically the entire African diaspora, and left many Americans headed into the civil rights icon's birthday convinced that the leader of their country is a racist.

For African-Americans in particular, this latest insult from Trump felt like whiplash. Barely a year ago, America's first black

president, Barack Obama, marked his final King Day in office with his usual community service; now, his successor is presiding over a racial backlash the country has hardly seen in more than a generation.

Trump has denied being racist, labeling himself the "least racist person there is" during his 2016 campaign. Some of his actions leading up to this year's federal holiday honoring King's birth seemed to be an attempt to live up to that.

He began last week by designating the historic site around King's Atlanta birth home as a national park.

By week's end, Trump was signing a King holiday proclamation with the martyred activist's nephew at his side. But in between, the



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Jan. 16, 2017 file photo, President-elect Donald Trump shakes hands with Martin Luther King III, son of Martin Luther King Jr. at Trump Tower in New York.

president sat in a White House meeting on immigration policy and denigrated much of the African diaspora as "s***hole countries"

while expressing a preference for immigrants from Norway, a majority white

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EMERGENCY ALERTS X

Emergency Alert
BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.

Hawaii officials mistakenly warn of inbound missile

By AUDREY McAVOY and JENNIFER KELLEHER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HONOLULU — A false alarm that warned of a ballistic missile headed for Hawaii sent the islands into a panic Saturday, with people abandoning cars in a highway and preparing to flee their homes until officials said the cellphone alert was a mistake.

Hawaii officials apologized repeatedly and said the alert was sent when someone hit the wrong button during a shift change. They vowed to ensure it would never happen again.

"We made a mistake," said Hawaii Emergency Management Agency Administrator Vern Miyagi.

For nearly 40 minutes, it seemed like the world was about to end in Hawaii, an island paradise already jittery over the threat of nuclear-tipped missiles from North Korea.

The emergency alert, which was sent to cellphones statewide just before 8:10 a.m., said: "BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

On the H-3, a major highway north of Honolulu, vehicles sat empty after drivers left them to run to a nearby tunnel after the alert showed up, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported. Workers at a golf club huddled in a kitchen fearing the worst.

Professional golfer Colt Knost, staying at Waikiki Beach during a PGA Tour event, said "everyone was panicking" in the lobby of his hotel.

"Everyone was running around like,

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FILE PHOTO

Lionfish-killing contests help control them, study claims

By DAVID FLESHLER
SUN SENTINEL

FORT LAUDERDALE — They are festive killing sprees, contests among divers armed with spears and nets to catch the biggest haul of venomous, non-native fish that have colonized South Florida's reefs.

Lionfish derbies take aim at spiky, elaborately decorated fish from the Indian and Pacific oceans that have done to Florida's coastal waters what Burmese pythons have done to the Everglades. The fish devour native species and compete with them for prey, while reproducing at a rate that has frustrated attempts at controlling them.

The derbies, organized by environmental groups and scuba organizations across South Florida, award cash prizes for the most fish caught, the biggest fish and even the smallest fish, in a party atmosphere that often includes cooking demonstrations, lionfish tastings and live music. Some scientists have been skeptical of the effectiveness of these efforts, regarding the derbies as feel-good events that do little to hold down lionfish populations. A new study, however, claims these lionfish-killing contests can — sometimes — have lasting effect.



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 22, 2012 file photo, a lionfish swims near coral off the Caribbean island of Bonaire. The effort to turn lionfish into a menu item appears to be working but the demand seems to be outpacing the supply. Lionfish are difficult to catch and must be individually speared.

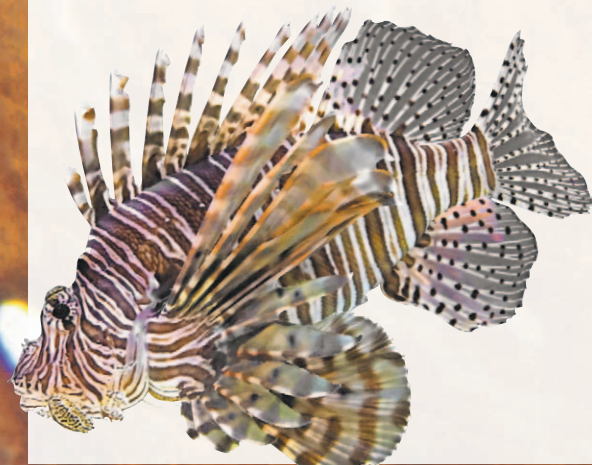
The study, published in the peer-reviewed journal Conservation Letters, claims that lionfish derbies reduced the species' numbers by 52 percent over an average area of 74 square miles over three years in Key Largo and the Bahamas. The study was led by Stephanie Greene, a scientist at Stanford University's Center for Ocean Solutions, who has worked with Reef Environmental Education Foundation, or REEF, a Key Largo nonprofit that organizes lionfish derbies.

The most successful derbies took place in the Bahamas study area, where the one-day events

resulted in a permanent decrease in lionfish populations below the level that would harm native fish. Less successful was the one in Key Largo. Although numbers went down and stayed down, the lionfish that did take their place were bigger, resulting in no reduction in the threat to native fish.

Lad Akins, director of special projects for REEF and a co-author of the study, said the greater success in the Bahamas may stem from the study's region's isolation from other coastal waters, which would have reduced recruitment of lionfish from other populations. But he said the study showed the derbies can reduce the lionfish threat, if held

LIONFISH | 3



Medicaid work mandate: Common sense or unfair burden?

By ANDREW DeMILLO and GRETCHEN EHLKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Republicans this past week began to realize their long-held goal of requiring certain adults to work, get job training or perform community service in exchange for getting health coverage through Medicaid.

Whether that's a commonsense approach or an added burden that will end up costing many Americans their health insurance will now be debated in states across the country considering the landmark change to the nation's largest health insurance program.

To Medicaid recipients such as Thomas J. Penister of Milwaukee, it has created uncertainty about their ability to have health coverage.

He has been unemployed for the last four or five years and has received Medicaid for the past two. He sees a behavioral health specialist to deal with anxiety and said Medicaid has made a big difference in his life.

Penister, 36, said he is not yet ready to rejoin the workforce and is unnerved by the prospect of potentially losing Medicaid. His state, Wisconsin, is one 10 that applied to the federal government for a waiver seeking to implement work and other requirements for single adults.

"Would it be advantageous for me even to go into the workforce instead of me therapeutically transitioning to a state where I'm actually ready to perform in the workforce?" he said. He compared it to someone recovering from a car accident "and saying that in order for me to give you this medication, you got to go to work. Well, I can't."

Yet his story also helps make the case for those who favor some type of commitment from working-age adults who benefit from Medicaid, the state-federal health care program for poor and lower-income Americans. Wisconsin

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FINANCIAL/WEATHER

Health and College Costs

Dear Mr. Berko: I pay over \$33,000 a year for health insurance for me, my wife and my four children. That's more than we've spent on doctor bills and medicine in the past 10 years for our whole family, including our 9-year-old black Lab. My insurance agent and I are good friends, so I'm reluctant to question his recommendations. So I was hoping that with your contacts, you'd be able to advise me on a lower-cost policy. Our son will be attending college next September, and I need to reduce our expenditures. His four-year college costs will be unbelievable. I can understand why medical insurance costs have risen so much, but why have college costs risen as much as medical insurance costs?

— GK, Joliet, Ill.



Malcolm Berko

and your family are victims of an ugly political game masterfully played by your representative and senators and their 532 comrades. These members of Congress have government-paid health plans so posh and cushy that Bill Gates, Warren Buffett and even the Rockefeller family are green with envy. With Congress, health care is a game of money that converts to power — who pays, how much is paid and who receives it. Get used to those huge costs; unless you are willing to significantly lower your benefits, I doubt your rates will ever decline. So suck it up!

The most egregious reason for high college costs is probably the fact that there are unlimited student loans for an unlimited number of students. Today a non-English-speaking 87-year-old great-grandmother who harbors Islamic terrorists would qualify. Government attempts to make college degrees more accessible have also made them more expensive. As more money chases the same object, the cost of the object rises to meet the money available. It's simple economics. Students owe \$1.4 trillion, and I suspect that most of those loans will be forgiven by Congress. So those greedy colleges took all that dough to become bigger, not better. Note that since 1986, college costs have increased nearly sevenfold.

Another reason that

college costs are a tragedy is that there are swarms of poorly educated teens with no work skills. They've nothing to do but matriculate. Enrolling students who are not up to par forces colleges to spend more time educating them — an average of nearly three semesters per student — because the kids need remedial courses in math, English and basic sciences. Those semesters cost approximately \$36,000 in extra student loans. Then those students are given pity diplomas.

Another reason college costs are a tragedy is administration bloat. In the past 15 years, total university costs have risen by 37 percent, with enrollment up by 15 percent and spending on administration up by 66 percent. The nature of all bureaucracies is to expand. And most college administrators know bupkis about business and budgets. The University of Florida has 58,000 students and 31,000 employees. That translates to nearly two students per employee. What an impressive ratio. Remember the old axiom that work increases to match the number of people available — and the opposite is also valid.

Will the day ever come when along with glorifying our college sports standouts, we equally glorify our colleges' educational standouts? Sadly, the public doesn't care enough. Just look at what we elect to Congress.

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FINANCIAL NEWS BRIEFS

South Africa party storms H&M stores over monkey shirt ad

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Members of a South African opposition party have stormed into some H&M stores to protest a promotional image of a black child wearing a sweatshirt with the words "Coolest monkey in the jungle."

Local media reports say the Economic Freedom Fighters members urged local malls to evict the Swedish clothing retailer, which has apologized after an outcry in other countries. People have called the image racist and inappropriate.

Footage on Saturday shows clothing in one of the South African stores scattered everywhere.

The South African Broadcasting Corporation reports that EFF leader Julius Malema says he doesn't regret taking the action.

NBA star LeBron James, rapper Diddy and singer The Weeknd are among the celebrities who expressed shock in recent days over the H&M image, which has been removed.

UK treasury chief accuses EU of paranoia over Brexit

BERLIN (AP) — Britain's treasury chief has accused the European Union of "paranoia" over Brexit.

Philip Hammond says the EU should stop threatening to punish Britain for its decision to leave the bloc and instead offer a positive vision for what a post-Brexit relationship might look like.

British officials are trying to put the onus on Brussels in the divorce negotiations and downplay the idea that quitting the EU might end up harming Britain.

Hammond told German weekly Welt am Sonntag in an interview published Saturday that those hoping London might do a U-turn on Brexit should "stop harking on about this illusion."

Hammond also was quoted as saying that a future free trade deal between Britain and the EU has to

include services, which make up 80 percent of the U.K. economy.

Sandberg, Dorsey to leave the Disney board

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg and Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey will be leaving the board of The Walt Disney Co. Neither executive will stand for re-election at the company's annual meeting in March.

A Disney spokesperson says it has become "increasingly difficult for them to avoid conflicts relating to board matters."

With Disney planning to put ESPN online, Twitter live-streaming sports like NFL football, and Facebook prioritizing live video, online video is a likely area of overlap.

The pending departure of the two Disney board members was revealed in a securities filing Friday.

Former billionaire reaches \$3 million deal with creditors

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Former billionaire real estate developer Tim Blixseth has reached a \$3 million settlement to resolve claims he illegally pocketed hundreds of millions of dollars from a Montana resort for the superrich.

The agreement between Blixseth and creditors for the Yellowstone Club was revealed in court documents filed late Friday.

Blixseth founded the posh resort near Big Sky that has attracted celebrity members including Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

It went bankrupt in 2008 and has since come under new ownership.

The \$3 million payment to its creditors is a pittance compared to \$525 million in court judgments they have against Blixseth. It won't even cover their litigation costs.

But creditors' attorneys say it was the best they could do after Blixseth lost his fortune.

Dear GK: There's only one reason your health insurance costs are so high. It's an eight-letter word, and that word is Congress. But I place all the blame on you and millions of other voters who are too lazy to take the time to understand how our crooked Congress snubs citizens. Most Americans don't realize the visceral contempt that members of Congress have for voters. Several congressmen I've known for years privately look down on common folks like us, calling us the "great unwashed." And unfortunately, their Washington staffers often share that view.

I don't know enough about health insurance to offer knowledgeable advice; however, I do think that \$33,000 is a lot of premium to part with each year. My suggestion is to find another insurance agent, and be mindful that financial dealings with friends usually have bad outcomes. You

TODAY / TONIGHT

Partly sunny and cool
A starlit sky and chilly

HIGH 65° **LOW 43°**
5% chance of rain 0% chance of rain

MONDAY

Partly sunny

70° / 46°
0% chance of rain

TUESDAY

Mostly sunny and pleasant

74° / 48°
0% chance of rain

WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny

69° / 34°
5% chance of rain

THURSDAY

Cool with plenty of sunshine

61° / 40°
0% chance of rain

FRIDAY

Partly sunny

69° / 54°
10% chance of rain

62° GULF WATER TEMPERATURE

FLORIDA CITIES

City	Today	Mon.
Apalachicola	53 34 s	58 39 s
Bradenton	61 44 pc	66 47 pc
Clearwater	59 44 pc	63 47 pc
Orlando	69 57 pc	71 63 pc
Daytona Beach	57 44 pc	59 46 s
Fort Lauderdale	69 56 pc	70 65 pc
Fort Myers	66 47 s	70 50 pc
Gainesville	55 32 pc	58 35 s
Jacksonville	52 34 pc	55 36 s
Key Largo	69 58 pc	72 65 pc
Key West	65 58 pc	69 62 pc
Lakeland	61 41 pc	65 43 pc
Melbourne	64 50 pc	67 54 pc
Miami	71 57 pc	73 64 pc
Naples	65 48 s	69 51 pc
Ocala	57 34 pc	61 36 s
Okeechobee	64 49 pc	68 51 pc
Orlando	61 43 pc	65 45 pc
Panama City	51 34 s	57 38 s
Pensacola	50 33 s	57 38 s
Pompano Beach	69 57 pc	71 66 pc
St. Augustine	51 39 pc	53 42 s
St. Petersburg	60 44 pc	64 45 pc
Sarasota	61 42 pc	66 45 pc
Tallahassee	53 29 s	58 31 s
Tampa	62 43 pc	66 46 pc
Vero Beach	64 53 pc	67 56 pc
West Palm Beach	68 57 pc	69 64 pc

TIDES

Location	High	Low	High	Low
Punta Gorda	12:13a	8:32a	3:35p	7:00p
Englewood	2:12p	6:48a	11:27p	5:16p
Boca Grande	12:42p	5:32a	10:37p	3:37p
El Jobean	12:45a	9:01a	4:07p	7:29p
Venice	12:27p	5:27a	9:42p	3:55p

MARINE

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

Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs
NNE 10-20 1-3 Light

Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola
NNE 10-20 2-4 Moderate

SUN AND MOON

The Sun	Rise	Set
Today	7:19 a.m.	5:56 p.m.
Monday	7:19 a.m.	5:57 p.m.

The Moon	Rise	Set
Today	5:15 a.m.	4:12 p.m.
Monday	6:04 a.m.	4:59 p.m.

Jan 16 Jan 24 Jan 31 Feb 7

SOLAR TABLE

Minor	Major	Minor	Major	
Today	3:13a	9:25a	3:36p	9:48p
Mon.	3:57a	10:09a	4:21p	10:33p
Tue.	4:43a	10:55a	5:07p	11:19p

WORLD CITIES

City	Today	Mon.	City	Today	Mon.
Amsterdam	39 33 pc	45 38 r	Mexico City	63 33 pc	67 39 pc
Baghdad	71 44 s	66 43 s	Montreal	0 -11 s	3 0 pc
Beijing	45 19 s	35 19 c	Ottawa	2 -13 s	4 -1 c
Berlin	32 25 s	37 32 pc	Paris	45 36 pc	48 45 r
Buenos Aires	70 63 r	80 62 pc	Regina	1 -19 s	-4 -12 s
Cairo	66 54 s	68 50 s	Rio de Janeiro	9 28 t	93 79 t
Calgary	30 12 sn	22 8 pc	Rome	54 43 pc	54 45 pc
Cancun	73 61 pc	74 64 pc	St. John's	47 25 sh	28 21 sn
Dublin	47 43 c	48 32 sh	San Juan	84 74 pc	84 73 sh
Edmonton	14 -6 sn	16 7 s	Sydney	73 62 sh	76 66 s
Halfon	31 18 c	27 23 pc	Tokyo	45 38 s	55 40 s
Kiev	21 11 s	22 14 s	Toronto	20 10 pc	22 19 sn
London	42 39 pc	53 38 r	Vancouver	46 35 pc	48 40 r
Madrid	44 27 sh	47 32 pc	Winnipeg	3 -21 sn	-11 -22 c

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 71°/57°
Normal High/Low 75°/51°
Record High 85° (2005)
Record Low 25° (1981)

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.60"
Normal month to date 1.06"
Year to date 0.60"
Normal year to date 1.06"
Record 0.48" (1979)

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures
High/Low 64°/55°

Precipitation (in inches)
24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.03"

AIRPORT

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

Hi/Lo	Outlook	Delays
Ft. Myers	66/47	sun none
Punta Gorda	66/42	sun none
Sarasota	61/42	part cldy none

MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	2018	2017	Avg. Record/Year
Jan.	0.21	0.88	1.80 9.93/2016
Feb.	0.94	2.52	11.05/1983
Mar.	0.80	3.28	9.26/1970
Apr.	1.59	2.03	5.80/1994
May	2.74	2.50	9.45/1991
Jun.	14.79	8.92	23.99/1974
Jul.	9.02	8.22	14.22/1995
Aug.	13.12	8.01	15.60/1995
Sep.	12.46	6.84	14.03/1979
Oct.	2.54	2.93	10.88/1995
Nov.	0.44	1.91	5.53/2002
Dec.	1.04	1.78	6.83/2002
Year	0.21	60.36	50.74 (since 1931)

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature® Today

Index	Temp
1	36
3	48
4	59
3	63
1	62
0	54

POLLEN INDEX

Pollen Index readings as of Saturday

Trees absent
Grass absent
Weeds absent
Molds absent

absent low moderate high very high

Source: National Allergy Bureau

AIR QUALITY INDEX

Air Quality Index readings as of Saturday

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

Main pollutant: Ozone
Source: ssgov.net

WEATHER HISTORY

Cold air penetrating into Southern California on Jan. 14, 1882, brought a record 15 inches of snow to San Bernardino.

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A: No, snowflakes melt into raindrops but the opposite is not true.

THE NATION

Publication date: 01/14/18

U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 84° at Camp Pendleton, CA
Low -45° at Embarras, MN

STATE NEWS / FROM PAGE ONE

Helping displaced Puerto Ricans celebrate Three Kings Day

By **BIANCA PADRÓ OCASIO**
ORLANDO SENTINEL

ORLANDO — Destiny Cassandra Cueto works the front desk at Star Motel on Highway 192 near Kissimmee, where she tends to the daily physical and mental needs of all her guests. “The office is more like a therapy room than it is an office nowadays,” said Cueto, who lives in the motel with her husband and three kids.

On the week leading up to Saturday’s Three Kings’ Day, or the Epiphany, she made calls to organizations in Central Florida to ask for toy donations. Jan. 6 is a gift-giving Christian holiday that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. It’s celebrated in countries throughout Europe and Latin America, including Puerto Rico.

“I grew up in foster care, so I know what it is to have nothing during the holidays — to not feel loved, not have anything,” Cueto said. “To me, being a child and not being able to control

your situation . I don’t ever want any child to feel the way I felt growing up.”

One of the few who called her back was Father Jose Rodriguez, who leads the service at the Episcopal Church Jesus de Nazaret in Orlando. In a matter of hours Friday night, he organized a group of volunteers to buy more than 100 toys to take to Star Motel on Saturday morning.

Three volunteers, dressed in clothing reminiscent of the three wise men who followed a star to baby Jesus, hand-delivered the toys to the dozens of children living at the extended-stay motel. Kids into their teens lined up to get musical instruments, toy cars and dolls. On the other side of the lawn, a truck pulled up with boxes of food donations.

“This is what’s on the other side of Disney,” Rodriguez said.

While the motel is not on the list of FEMA-approved hotels for hurricane evacuees, a handful of Puerto

Ricans displaced by the September storm call it a temporary home away from home.

“They come with nothing; a lot of them don’t even have hope at this point. This is a family, this is not a motel,” Cueto said. “A few of them have found jobs, a few others have applied with Social Security and food stamps. But we’re all doing our best so that everyone is taken care of.”

Nidia Irizarry, 45, is not a motel guest, but Rodriguez insisted she come to the celebration with her two children, Keishla Betancourt Irizarry, 22, and Felix Rodriguez Irizarry, 11.

They arrived in Central Florida Oct. 24 from Manatí, Puerto Rico, a town on the northwest coast of the island. Her daughter, a cancer patient, was overheating inside their home with no power. Her condition worsened, and Irizarry was left with no option but to flee, she said. They have been staying at a Maitland hotel paid for by the American



BIANCA PADRÓ OCASIO/ORLANDO SENTINEL VIA AP

In this Saturday photo, volunteer Erick Perez, 34, of Winter Park, dressed as one of the three wise men, hands a doll to one of the residents of the Star Motel in Kissimmee, Fla. Volunteers, dressed in clothing reminiscent of the three wise men who followed a star to baby Jesus, hand-delivered the toys to the dozens of children living at the extended-stay motel.

Cancer Society. “At least for now, I’m not even considering going back. Puerto Rico no longer offers me what I need, in any way,” she said. Irizarry didn’t qualify for aid from FEMA

because the deed to her home is not under her name. And on the island, medical bills made it difficult to keep up with her mortgage payments. She’s now facing foreclosure. Though under

less than ideal circumstances, she says they’ve found more than what they had back home. “The only thing I want is the opportunity of having what they need,” Irizarry said.

LIONFISH

FROM PAGE 1

frequently enough and in the places most likely to benefit from them.

“We were a little skeptical as well,” he said. “The question had been posed, how effective are these events? They’re great at educating people and we know a lot of fish come in, but it was very surprising to me to see how effective the derbies could be across such a large area.”

Native to the Indian and Pacific oceans, lionfish were first reported in Florida off Dania Beach in 1985, and since then have spread through coastal waters on both coasts of the state. Their appearance in Florida has been blamed on owners of home aquariums who released them. The state has since banned their importation.

Lionfish typically grow about a foot long and use their venomous, needle-like spines for defense. Even in the rough environment of a coral reef, where predators lurk in every nook, lionfish are impressive competitors. They can take prey more than half their own length, using their fins to herd their quarry into a corner. And they’re not



AP FILE PHOTO

In this May 22, 2012 file photo, a lionfish swims near coral off the Caribbean island of Bonaire.

choosy. They’re known to consume more than 70 species of fish and invertebrates, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Aggressive and territorial, they can reach densities of up to 200 adults per acre.

Michael Allen, professor of fisheries and aquatic sciences at the University of Florida, who was not involved in the study, said he has overcome his initial skepticism on the value of lionfish derbies, not that he thinks they can come anywhere close to eradicating the species

from Florida. “When I first started working on this, I was of the opinion that derbies aren’t a great use of resources,” he said. “And in the grand scheme of things, derbies are probably not going to reduce lionfish in, for example, the Gulf of Mexico. But I do think that the recent work that paper showed that if focused in areas that are deemed critical habitat, important areas, and if the derbies are done regularly with regular removal, you can suppress lionfish abundances

substantially.” They need to be done more frequently than the once-a-year intervals that are common, he said. And they work best on isolated populations of lionfish, so the removals don’t simply open up spots for surplus lionfish on an adjacent reef. “The take-home message for derbies is that yes, they can be effective for reducing lionfish abundance substantially,” he said. “The best strategy for lionfish removals is going to be repeated removals in a focused area. The key to doing it is to focus on hotspots where we want to protect a diverse reef community. If you repeatedly remove lionfish off those sites, you can have a long-term impact.”

But a long-term effect does not mean eliminating them. Lionfish reach sexual maturity fast. Females can discharge up to 15,000 eggs every four days. They can live comfortably hundreds of feet down, beyond the range of any diver. So no one expects them to be eradicated. “We don’t even use that word any more,” Akins said. “That is not on the table. They’re just too deep and too widespread.”



AP PHOTO

A lionfish swims in a holding tank at the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston, S.C., on Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013.

STATE NEWS BRIEFS

Florida boy, 16, arrested after parents stabbed while asleep

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — A 16-year-old Florida teen has been arrested after his parents were stabbed as they slept in the family’s apartment.

The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office says Raylan Wagner was arrested for two counts of aggravated battery after investigators say he stabbed his parents in the neck and head as they slept early Wednesday.

Police say both victims fought their attacker off before he fled.

Police say Wagner was found at a nearby church with scratches on his legs around 11 a.m., and that he confessed to the incident.

New high-speed Florida train hits and kills woman

MIAMI (AP) — A Florida woman was struck and killed by a high-speed train that was offering preview runs a day before its debut.

Boynton Beach Police said in a statement Saturday that 31-year-old Melissa Lavell was struck by the Brightline train after the sun set on Friday.

Witnesses told police the woman was crossing the tracks after the guard rails were down attempting to beat the train. No one on the train was injured.

The high-speed train began service in South Florida on Saturday running between Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach. It will expand south and north to take passengers from Miami to Orlando.

GOP-leaning states line up to require work for Medicaid

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Republicans this past week began to realize their long-held goal of requiring certain adults to work, get job training

or perform community service in exchange for getting health coverage through Medicaid. Whether that’s a commonsense approach or an added burden that will cost many Americans their health insurance will be debated in states across the country.

Republicans say work and other requirements will return Medicaid to its original intent — to act as a stopgap until people can find work.

The Trump administration announced that it will allow states to implement certain requirements as a condition of receiving Medicaid benefits. It will mean states can require many adults on Medicaid to get a job, go to school, take a job-training course or perform community service to continue their eligibility.

Critics say hundreds of thousands of Americans could lose coverage, even if they meet the requirements.

Authorities: wrong woman killed in botched murder-for-hire

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Authorities in Florida say the wrong person was killed in a botched murder-for-hire plot set up by a scorned woman.

Osceola County Sheriff Russ Gibson tells news outlets that Ishnar Marie Lopez was upset that a man she loved was in a relationship with another woman. She hired 22-year-old Alexis Ramos and his girlfriend, Glorianmarie Quinones Montes, to kill the woman.

Gibson said they tracked down a woman they believed to be the target and forced her into the back of her car and drove her to another location.

Even when they realized they had the wrong person, Gibson said they covered her head in duct tape and garbage bags and beat her. She suffocated.

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“What do we do?” he said.

Cherese Carlson, in Honolulu for a class and away from her children, said she called to make sure they were inside after getting the alert.

“I thought, ‘Oh my god, this is it. Something bad’s about to happen and I could die,’” she said.

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency tweeted there was no threat about 10 minutes after the initial alert, but that didn’t reach people who aren’t on the social media platform. A revised alert informing of the “false alarm” didn’t reach cellphones until about 40 minutes later.

The incident prompted defense agencies including the Pentagon and the U.S. Pacific Command to issue the same statement, that they had “detected no ballistic missile threat to Hawaii.”

The White House said President Donald Trump, at his private club in Florida, was briefed on the false alert. White House spokesperson Lindsay Walters said it “was purely a state exercise.”

Hawaii House Speaker Scott Saiki said the system Hawaii residents have been told to rely on failed miserably. He also took emergency management officials to task for taking 30 minutes to issue a



This smartphone screen capture shows a false incoming ballistic missile emergency alert sent from the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency system on Saturday.

correction, prolonging panic.

“Clearly, government agencies are not prepared and lack the capacity to deal with emergency situations,” he said in a statement.

For their part, Hawaii Gov. David Ige and Miyagi, the emergency management administrator, apologized and vowed changes.

“I am sorry for the pain and confusion it caused. I, too, am extremely upset about this and am doing everything I can do to immediately improve our emergency management systems, procedures and staffing,” said Hawaii Gov. David Ige.

The alert caused a tizzy across social media.

At the PGA Tour’s Sony



AP PHOTOS

Diamond Head, an extinct volcanic crater, and high-rises are seen in Honolulu on Saturday. A push alert that warned of an incoming ballistic missile to Hawaii and sent residents into a full-blown panic was a mistake, state emergency officials said.

Open on Oahu, Waialae Country Club was largely empty and players were still a few hours from arriving when the alert showed up. Workers streamed into the clubhouse trying to seek cover in the locker room, which was filled with the players’ golf bags, but instead went into the kitchen.

Several players took to Twitter. Justin Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year, tweeted, “To all that just received the warning along with me this morning ... apparently it was a ‘mistake’?? hell of a mistake!! Haha glad to know we’ll all be safe.”

In Honolulu, hair salon owner Jaime Malapit texted his clients that he was cancelling their appointments and was closing his

shop for the day.

“I woke up and saw a missile warning and thought ‘no way.’ I thought ‘No, this is not happening today,’” Malapit said.

Brian Naeole, who was visiting Honolulu from Molokai, said he wasn’t worried since he didn’t hear sirens and neither TV nor radio stations issued alerts.

“I thought it was either a hoax or a false alarm,” he said.

Others were outraged. Hawaii U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz tweeted the false alarm was “totally inexcusable” and was caused by human error.

“There needs to be tough and quick accountability and a fixed process,” he wrote.

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Ajit Pai said on social media the panel would launch an investigation.

With the threat of missiles from North Korea in people’s minds, the state reintroduced the Cold War-era warning siren tests last month that drew international attention. But there were problems there, too.

Even though the state says nearly 93 percent of the state’s 386 sirens worked properly, 12 mistakenly played an ambulance siren. At the tourist mecca of Waikiki, the sirens were barely audible, prompting officials to add more sirens there and to reposition ones already in place.

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Gov. Scott Walker, a Republican, sought federal approval for a work requirement last year and said it helps prepare recipients to leave public assistance.

Penister’s status is unclear, because Wisconsin’s proposed changes would exempt anyone diagnosed with a mental illness or who is mentally unable to work.

Republicans say work and other requirements will return Medicaid to its original intent — to act as a stopgap until people can find work. They say it has expanded far beyond

its basic mission.

The program, created in 1965 for families on welfare and low-income seniors, now covers more than 70 million people, or about 1 in 5 Americans. It expanded under President Barack Obama’s health care law, with a majority of states choosing to cover millions more low-income people.

President Donald Trump’s administration announced that it will allow states to implement certain requirements as a condition of receiving Medicaid benefits. Generally, it will mean that states can require many adults on Medicaid to get a job, go to school, take a job-training course or perform community

service to continue their eligibility.

Ten states had previously asked the federal government for the requirement waiver, and others are sure to follow. On Friday, Kentucky became the first to have it approved. Gov. Matt Bevin, a Republican, called the new requirement “transformational.”

Bevin has said he expects the move to save the state more than \$300 million over the next five years in Medicaid costs. But he also estimated that as many as 95,000 Kentucky residents could lose their Medicaid benefits, either because they will not comply with the new rules or will make too much money once they

begin working.

“We just have concerns that a lot of people who still are legitimately eligible, who do meet the work requirement, will end up falling off the rolls because they don’t know how to verify or there’s a technology glitch,” said Marquita Little, health policy director for Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families.

States face limits on how far they can go. The administration has said states should exempt pregnant women, the disabled and the elderly, and that they should take into account hardships for people in areas with high unemployment or for people caring for children or elderly relatives. States

also have to make accommodations for people in treatment for drug and alcohol problems.

In Maine, where Republican Gov. Paul LePage is pushing for a work requirement, Democrats are deriding the idea as essentially a political stunt to punish the poor.

“They aren’t about getting people back to work. Instead, it’s a political move to take health care away from people who have already fallen on hard times,” Democratic House Speaker Sara Gideon said. “The reality is that Medicaid supports work, and the sooner Governor LePage and the Trump Administration realize this, the better.”

LEGACY

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nation.

This is the type of thing, activists, religious leaders and scholars say, that puts Trump’s presidency in direct conflict with the legacy of King, who was assassinated April 4, 1968 while trying to make America a more inclusive society.

King’s daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, will be the keynote speaker at the commemorative service honoring her father at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. As is the custom for most presidents, Trump is not expected to participate, but she does hope he will observe the holiday.

“This is what I would like President Trump to do: Don’t let the King Holiday find you using your Twitter account in an inappropriate way,” Bernice King told The Associated Press in an interview. “If he can dare to do that, I would be proud on that day that our president honored Dr. King by not doing things that are offensive.”

Much of Trump’s first year as president has been marked by racial controversy. Last February, Trump kicked off Black History Month

by praising long-dead abolitionist Frederick Douglass in the present tense, as if Douglass were still alive. He referred to NFL players protesting systemic racism as “sons of b*****s” and suggested they should be benched or fired for their refusal to stand during the national anthem.

During a speech to African leaders last fall, he referred to the non-existent country of “Nambia” when attempting to discuss Namibia. In June, he said Nigerian immigrants would “never go back to their huts” after coming to the U.S.

King’s son, Martin Luther King III, met with Trump on the last King holiday, four days before Trump took office. He spoke to the then-president-elect about the importance of voting rights — only to see Trump establish a now-defunct commission to investigate voter fraud, which some saw as a move to intimidate minority voters.

“I would like to believe that the president’s intentions are not to be divisive, but much of what he says seems or feels to be divisive,” King III told AP in an interview. “It would be wonderful to have a president who talked about bringing



AP FILE PHOTO

In this April 4, 2011 file photo, Martin Luther King III, right, the son of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., lays a wreath at the crypt of his father along with from right, Rev. King’s daughter, Rev. Bernice King, granddaughter Yolanda, 2, her mother Arndrea King, and Christine King Farris, sister of Dr. King Jr., on the 43rd anniversary of his assassination in Atlanta.

America together and exhibited that, who was involved in doing a social project ... that would show humility.”

Civil rights leaders said Friday the president’s comments are not new, but are the most recent and glaring proof of Trump’s racist views, and shocking to the point that congressional leaders and Americans can no longer ignore his bigotry.

“The Trump era ...

is a direct assault on the legacy of Dr. King,” said the Rev. Raphael Warnock, pastor of Ebenezer, where King preached for the last eight years of his life. “The conversation about who we are as Americans has shifted and given in to a kind of xenophobia that makes it difficult to discuss issues that affect all Americans.”

Bernice King, who serves as chief executive officer of The King

Center for Nonviolent Social Change, said the lesson of nonviolence is to focus on defeating injustice, not individuals. She said her father’s life and work should be applied to the current moment, where racism has again come out into the open.

“Trump’s election could be a blessing in disguise,” Bernice King said. “This is the opportunity for America to correct itself.”

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Jan. 14**, the 14th day of 2018. There are 351 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Jan. 14, 1968**, the Green Bay Packers of the NFL defeated the AFL’s Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in the second AFL-NFL World Championship game (now referred to as Super Bowl II).

On this date

In **1784**, the United States ratified the Treaty of Paris ending the Revolutionary War; Britain followed suit in April 1784.

In **1898**, author Charles Lutwidge Dodgson — better known as “Alice in Wonderland” creator Lewis Carroll — died in Guildford, Surrey, England, less than two weeks before his 66th birthday.

In **1900**, Puccini’s opera “Tosca” had its world premiere in Rome.

In **1927**, the Paramount silent romantic comedy “It,” starring Clara Bow (who became known as “The ‘It’ Girl”), had its world premiere in Los Angeles.

In **1943**, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and French General Charles de Gaulle opened a wartime conference in Casablanca.

In **1953**, Josip Broz Tito was elected president of Yugoslavia by the country’s Parliament.

In **1963**, George C. Wallace was sworn in as governor of Alabama with the pledge, “Segregation forever!” — a view Wallace later repudiated. Sylvia Plath’s novel “The Bell Jar” was published in London under a pseudonym less than a month before Plath committed suicide.

In **1989**, President Ronald Reagan delivered his 331st and final weekly White House radio address, telling listeners, “Believe me, Saturdays will never seem the same. I’ll miss you.”

In **1993**, TV talk show host David Letterman announced he was moving from NBC to CBS.

Today’s birthdays

Blues singer **Clarence Carter** is 82. Singer **Jack Jones** is 80. Actress **Faye Dunaway** is 77. Actress **Holland Taylor** is 75. Actor **Carl Weathers** is 70. Singer-producer **T-Bone Burnett** is 70. Movie writer-director **Lawrence Kasdan** is 69. Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist **Maureen Dowd** is 66. Rock singer **Geoff Tate** (Queensryche) is 59. Movie writer-director **Steven Soderbergh** is 55.

ODD NEWS

Police called after bank worker wrote ‘HELP’ on door as joke

NEWTOWN, Conn. (AP) — Police say a bank employee was cited after writing “HELP” on fogged-up glass on the front door as a joke.

The Hartford Courant reports police were called to the Wells Fargo Bank in Newtown, Connecticut, Friday morning after a customer saw the message and called 911.

Police say officers who responded saw nothing unusual as employees prepared to open the bank. When officers asked about the message, a manager said one of the workers had written it as a joke.

A police spokesman said it was “not funny in any way” and that officers feared a robbery or hostage situation was taking place.

The employee was cited with creating a public disturbance.

The bank is less than 2 miles from the site of the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.

NATION

Frustrations, tragedy mount for California mudslide town

By KRISTA FAURIA and BRIAN MELLEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MONTECITO, Calif. — Frustrations and dark discoveries mounted for a California town ravaged by a deadly and destructive mudslide.

Most of the people of Montecito, a town usually known for its serenity and luxury, were under orders to stay out of town as gas and power were expected to be shut off Saturday for repairs.

Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown on Thursday expanded what was known as the public safety exclusion zone to incorporate most of the town. That meant even those who had stayed behind would have to leave and those who entered the zone would be subject to arrest.

“It is a little frustrating,” said Sarah Ettman, whose home was undamaged and whose section of town still had gas and electricity. “It’s martial law here, basically.”

However, with most utilities about to be cut off and sewage running into the nearby creek, she decided to heed the order to leave.

“I mean you’re losing all your basic health and sanitation services,” she said. “When those go down, you have to leave.”

It was another difficult turn for those living in the Southern California town that has been subject to repeated evacuation orders in recent weeks, first because of a monster



AP PHOTO

In this Wednesday, still image from video, cars and debris that washed to the coast from storms and flooding are shown on a beach in Montecito, Calif. Rescue workers slogged through knee-deep ooze and used long poles to probe for bodies Thursday as the search dragged on for victims of the mudslides that slammed this wealthy coastal town.

wildfire last month, then because of downpours and mudslides.

Cia Monroe said her family was lucky their home wasn’t ruined and they were all healthy and safe, though her daughter lost one of her best friends.

But Monroe said it was stressful after evacuating three times during the wildfire to be packing up a fourth time. A family had offered them a room to stay overnight, but then they were looking at spending up to \$3,000 a week for a hotel.

“Where do you go when you’re a family of four and you don’t have a second house?” Monroe asked, noting that some residents of town have third and fourth homes. “Financially that’s a burden.”

While Montecito is best known as a getaway for

the rich and famous — the median home price among current listings is more than \$4 million — there are also working families living in modest houses and apartments.

More than 1,200 workers taking part in the search and cleanup effort flooded into the town with a population of about 9,000.

A backhoe scooped up mud and rocks around buckled and flattened homes, while bulldozers cleared roads of tangled trees, muck and boulders. Tanker trucks were being used to haul off floodwaters sucked up from U.S. Highway 101, the crippled coastal route connecting Santa Barbara to Ventura.

Brown said the recovery effort has been hindered by residents who had stayed behind or tried to check on damage in neighborhoods where homes were leveled and car-size boulders blocked roads and littered properties.

Rescuers were busy probing thick muck, swollen creeks and tangled trees with poles in search of seven missing people while dogs sniffed for bodies.

A crew found the body of the 18th victim, Joseph Bleckel, 87, before noon in his home near Romero Canyon, Brown said. It was the first death discovered since Wednesday.

The cause of Bleckel’s death wasn’t announced, but all other victims died from multiple traumatic injuries due to a flash flood and mudslides.

The seven missing people included Fabiola Benitez, the mother of Jonathan Benitez, a 10-year-old killed in the flooding.

Benitez lived with her sister-in-law, Marilyn Ramos, 27, who was asleep with her daughter, Kaelly, 3, when mud crashed through their Montecito rental home, carrying both to their deaths.

“My sister was such a good person, she only thought of others to the point that she would cry with you when you were hurt or sick,” said Ramos’ sister, Jennifer Ramos, pausing to sob for several seconds.

The husbands of both women and the 2-year-old son of Fabiola Benitez, were hospitalized with injuries, Ramos said.

Drenching rains that unleashed the deadly torrents managed to finally contain the largest wildfire in state history, which burned for weeks above Montecito and stripped the steep hills of vegetation, making it prone to mudslides. The U.S. Forest Service announced Friday that the fire that burned 440 square miles was fully contained.



Debris and flooded water is shown on Highway 101 in Montecito, Calif., Friday.

Bipartisan deal would create 12-year citizenship pathway

By ALAN FRAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan agreement among a handful of senators to prevent deportation of hundreds of thousands of young immigrants includes a pathway to citizenship that would take up to 12 years.

The Associated Press on Saturday obtained details of the deal that includes \$1.6 billion for structures including a wall for border security.

The agreement between three Republican and three Democratic senators would prevent deportation of hundreds of thousands of so-called Dreamers, who were brought to this country as children and are here illegally.

President Donald Trump and some GOP congressional leaders have said the bipartisan deal is insufficient. Its proponents — led by

Sens. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. — say they are continuing to round up supporters in hopes of building momentum for their plan.

Political battle lines intensified following Trump’s vulgar description of African nations and derogatory comments about Haiti at a White House meeting last Thursday, and its fate is uncertain.

A showdown was expected by Friday, the deadline for Congress approving a spending bill to prevent a government shutdown the following day. Some Democrats are threatening to withhold needed votes for the budget measure unless there’s an immigration accord.

Some details of the bipartisan Senate compromise:

DREAMERS

Twelve-year pathway

to citizenship. Can be reduced by up to two years for time in U.S. under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, the Obama-era initiative Trump wants to terminate.

Once Dreamers become citizens, they would not be able to sponsor their parents to also become citizens. Parents would qualify for three-year work permits, which could be renewed repeatedly.

BORDER SECURITY

\$1.6 billion for designing and building structures including a wall. That’s the same amount Trump requested for this year to build or replace 74 miles of fencing in Texas and California.

Additional \$1.1 billion surveillance technology, retaining and relocating Border Patrol agents.

Other steps including body cameras, rescue beacons, more

investigators for Border Patrol.

VISA LOTTERY

Lottery distributes up to 50,000 for visas annually to people from countries that send few immigrants to the U.S. It is a major entry way for people from African nations.

Instead, half those visas would go to people from “priority countries” with low rates of immigration to the U.S. Priority to applicants under a “merit-based” system. Documents did not define what those terms mean.

Other half of the visas would go to people currently receiving temporary protected status. It gives several hundred thousand people from countries struggling with natural disasters or armed conflicts the right to live and work in the U.S. Trump has curtailed it for people from El Salvador, Haiti, Sudan and Nicaragua.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Dunkin’ without the ‘Donuts’: New store tests shorter name

QUINCY, Mass. (AP) — Dunkin’ without the Donuts?

A new Dunkin’ Donuts store opening in the Boston suburb of Quincy is giving the idea a try, at least in name. Officials say the “next generation” store being unveiled Tuesday will be the first in the nation to be billed simply as “Dunkin.”

But the chain’s signature doughnuts aren’t going anywhere. The restaurant will still serve the fried treats that have been a mainstay for the company since its founding in Quincy in 1950.

The shortened name is part of a broader re-branding at several of the company’s stores. The Canton, Massachusetts-based company has been referring to itself as Dunkin’ in advertisements for years.

Chelsea Manning files for US Senate bid in Maryland

NORTH BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — Chelsea Manning will run for the U.S. Senate in Maryland.

The transgender former Army intelligence analyst who was convicted of leaking classified documents filed her statement of candidacy with the Federal Election Commission on Thursday.

She is running as a Democrat and will likely challenge two-term Senator Democrat Ben Cardin. He has served two terms and is an overwhelming favorite to win.

The 30-year-old Manning listed a North Bethesda address in her FEC filing. She is running as a Democrat.

Manning was convicted of leaking classified information and spent more than six years behind bars.

Known as Bradley Manning at the time of her 2010 arrest, Manning came out as transgender after being sentenced. President Barack Obama granted clemency to Manning before leaving office.

White House: Trump gets ‘in-depth’ China trade briefing

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The White House says President Donald Trump has received an “in-depth” briefing on trade with China and its economy.

Trump met Saturday in Florida with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer. Spokeswoman Lindsay Walters says also discussed ongoing talks with Canada and Mexico to renegotiate the North

American Free Trade Agreement. The three countries are parties to the agreement. Trump says he wants better terms for the U.S. or he’ll pull out of NAFTA.

Trump is also seeking China’s help pressuring North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons program.

The president has complained about long-standing trade deficits with the Asian economic powerhouse. Walters says he was also updated on pending enforcement actions against China.

Trump is spending the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend at his estate in Palm Beach.

Suspect in postal worker deaths to be tried in federal court

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A disgruntled postal worker accused of fatally shooting his supervisor at an Ohio post office and then killing a postmaster outside her apartment will be tried in federal court.

County and federal prosecutors in Columbus said Friday that sending the case to federal court was a joint decision.

Police say 24-year-old DeShaune Stewart, of Columbus, shot and killed 52-year-old Lance Dempsey at a post office in suburban Dublin on Dec. 23.

They say he then killed 53-year-old Ginger Ballard at an apartment complex.

Authorities say Stewart was naked during both attacks.

After outcry, Mark Wahlberg donates \$1.5 million film fee

NEW YORK (AP) — Mark Wahlberg has agreed to donate the \$1.5 million he made for reshoots on the film “All the Money in the World” to the sexual misconduct defense initiative Time’s Up.

The actor said Saturday he’ll make the donation in the name of his co-star, Michelle Williams, who was reportedly paid less than \$1,000 for the reshoots.

The agency William Morris Endeavor represents both actors and said it will donate an additional \$500,000, also in Williams’ name.

The reshoots occurred over 10 days when Christopher Plummer replaced Kevin Spacey in the film after sexual misconduct accusations against Spacey surfaced.

Both Plummer and Williams were nominated for Golden Globes for their performances.

Williams had no immediate comment Saturday. Wahlberg said he “100 percent” supports the right for fair pay in Hollywood.

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD

A crossword puzzle grid with letters filled in for the answers. The grid is 15 columns wide and 15 rows high. The letters are: Row 1: J, U, L, S, P, A, S, S, M, A, R, M, C, O, R, A; Row 2: U, N, I, T, O, R, T, A, L, O, A, D, E, R, A, P, E, X; Row 3: D, E, A, L, L, M, E, A, L, A, N, N, A, L, S, R, I, D, E; Row 4: A, S, S, E, S, S, D, I, E, M, S, P, E, C, I, F, I, C; Row 5: H, Y, E, N, A, T, R, I, J, E, T, S, K, I, D, S; Row 6: I, T, O, S, T, I, N, E, S, U, M, E, R; Row 7: D, A, M, N, F, U, L, C, L, L, S, O, P, E, D, A, S; Row 8: E, L, S, A, T, S, E, A, L, I, P, O, S, S, U, L, T; Row 9: V, A, N, T, A, G, E, M, I, N, E, D, N, B, A; Row 10: T, O, R, E, A, T, S, A, T, I, N, S, U, B, G, U, M; Row 11: W, H, O, M, I, T, R, A, C, K, S, T, E, R, P, R, E, A, M, P; Row 12: H, E, R, B, A, L, A, M, I, C, A, L, A, G, E, A, R; Row 13: E, L, S, A, H, I, B, R, A, D, I, O, E, R, A; Row 14: L, L, D, C, A, N, I, T, I, R, W, I, N, D, E, I, N; Row 15: P, O, S, I, T, E, D, C, H, I, R, W, I, N, G, E, S, P, N; Row 16: G, O, Y, A, S, E, T, H, E, L, S, A, D; Row 17: T, R, I, G, G, A, I, N, S, O, N, T, R, A, I, T; Row 18: W, H, T, E, T, O, L, E, R, I, S, L, A, U, N, C, H; Row 19: H, E, L, I, S, T, R, O, B, E, S, T, R, I, N, G, T, E, A; Row 20: A, T, O, Z, K, I, S, S, E, D, H, O, U, N, D, E, S, S; Row 21: M, A, N, E, S, T, E, E, D, P, E, S, T, S, T, P.

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BROADCAST	ABC 40	7	7	7	10	7	-	-	ABC World News Tonight (N)	News (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos Bad luck occurs. (TVPG) (R) (HD)	America's Funniest Home Videos Cat antics. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	America's Funniest Home Videos Cat antics. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A re-engineered bathrobe for men. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A re-engineered bathrobe for men. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A food item for breastfeeding moms. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A food item for breastfeeding moms. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	ABC7 News @ 11pm (N)	(35) Paid Program Sponsored.	
	ABC 26	-	-	-	7	11	7	-	ABC World News Tonight (N)	ABC7 News @ 6:30pm (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos Bad luck occurs. (TVPG) (R) (HD)	America's Funniest Home Videos Cat antics. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	America's Funniest Home Videos Cat antics. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A re-engineered bathrobe for men. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A re-engineered bathrobe for men. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A food item for breastfeeding moms. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Shark Tank A food item for breastfeeding moms. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	ABC7 News @ 11:00pm (N)	Entertainment Tonight (R) (HD) (N)	
	CBS 11	213	213	-	5	5	5	-	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	CBS Weekend News (N) (HD)	60 Minutes (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Wisdom of the Crowd: The Tipping Point User is murdered. (TV14) (N)	Wisdom of the Crowd: The Tipping Point User is murdered. (TV14) (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Cac Tu Nhan Hetly's whereabouts. (TV14) (N) (HD)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Cac Tu Nhan Hetly's whereabouts. (TV14) (N) (HD)	Madam Secretary: Sound and Fury Blame Russia. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Madam Secretary: Sound and Fury Blame Russia. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	WINK News at 11pm Sunday (N) (HD)		
	CBS 10	10	10	10	-	-	-	10	College Basketball (Live) (HD)	10 News Weekend (N)	60 Minutes (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Wisdom of the Crowd: The Tipping Point User is murdered. (TV14) (N)	Wisdom of the Crowd: The Tipping Point User is murdered. (TV14) (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Cac Tu Nhan Hetly's whereabouts. (TV14) (N) (HD)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Cac Tu Nhan Hetly's whereabouts. (TV14) (N) (HD)	Madam Secretary: Sound and Fury Blame Russia. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Madam Secretary: Sound and Fury Blame Russia. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	10 News Weekend at 11:00 (N)	Joel Osteen Message of Christ.	
	NBC 20	-	232	-	2	2	2	-	NBC2 News @ 6pm - Sun (N)	NBC Nightly News (N) (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	NBC2 News @ 11pm - Sun (N)	Paid Program Sponsored.	
	NBC 8	8	8	8	-	-	-	8	NewsChannel 8 at 6:00 (N)	NBC Nightly News (N) (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Dateline NBC Investigative features, breaking news coverage and newsmaker profiles. (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	Ride Along '14, Comedy) ★★½ Ice Cube, Kevin Hart. Fast-talker rides with girlfriend's hot-tempered cop brother to prove his worth. (PG-13) (HD)	NewsChannel 8 at 11:00 (N)	(35) Super Sports Sunday (N)	
	FOX 36	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	NFL Playoffs: NFC Divisional Playoff: New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings from U.S. Bank Stadium	NFL Playoffs: NFC Divisional Playoff: New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings from U.S. Bank Stadium	The OT (Live) (HD)	Simpsons End of the world. (N)	Bob's Burgers Girls' night out.	Family Guy Friendship ends.	Last Man Karl meets group. (N)	FOX 4 News at Ten Local news report and weather update. (N)	FOX 4 News at Ten Local news report and weather update. (N)	FOX 4 News at Ten Local news report and weather update. (N)	The List Pop culture. (HD)	Cars.TV (TV G) (R)
	FOX 13	13	13	13	-	-	-	13	NFL Playoffs: NFC Divisional Playoff: New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings from U.S. Bank Stadium	NFL Playoffs: NFC Divisional Playoff: New Orleans Saints at Minnesota Vikings from U.S. Bank Stadium	The OT (Live) (HD)	Simpsons End of the world. (N)	Bob's Burgers Girls' night out.	Family Guy Friendship ends.	Last Man Karl meets group. (N)	FOX 13 10:00 News The top news stories are updated. (N) (HD)	FOX 13 10:00 News The top news stories are updated. (N) (HD)	FOX 13 11:00 News (N)	FOX 13 News (N)	
	PBS 30	-	3	-	3	3	3	-	(4:30) Celtic Woman (TV G) (R)	My Music: Classical Rewind music set against scenic images of the beauty found in nature. (TV G)	Classical Rewind Classical music set against scenic images of the beauty found in nature. (TV G)	Classical Rewind Classical music set against scenic images of the beauty found in nature. (TV G)	Classical Rewind Classical music set against scenic images of the beauty found in nature. (TV G)	Masterpiece: Victoria: Young England Walk among subjects. (TVPG)	Masterpiece: Victoria: Young England Walk among subjects. (TVPG)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Impatience. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Impatience. (TVPG) (N) (HD)	Rick Steves' Europe: Italy's Great Hill Towns Hillside villages. (TV14)	Rick Steves' Europe: Italy's Great Hill Towns Hillside villages. (TV14)	Independent Lens: Unrest (R)
	PBS 3	3	17	3	-	-	-	3	Weekend Oregon gun control.	WEDU Arts Plus (TV G) (R)	Father Brown: Judgment of Man Attempts to steal priceless painting.	Masterpiece: Victoria: Young England Walk among subjects. (TVPG)	Masterpiece: Victoria: Young England Walk among subjects. (TVPG)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Victoria is impatient to resume ruling; Ada Lovelace disquiets Victoria. (N)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Victoria is impatient to resume ruling; Ada Lovelace disquiets Victoria. (N)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Victoria is impatient to resume ruling; Ada Lovelace disquiets Victoria. (N)	Masterpiece: Victoria II: A Soldier's Daughter/The Green-Eyed Monster Victoria is impatient to resume ruling; Ada Lovelace disquiets Victoria. (N)	A Place to Call Home: The Trouble With Harry (R)	A Place to Call Home: The Trouble With Harry (R)	
CW 46	-	-	-	6	21	6	-	Goldbergs: The Other Smother	News (N) (HD)	Big Bang Paintball game. (HD)	Big Bang Actress on train. (HD)	2 Broke Girls Earl's sweetheart.	2 Broke Girls Bartending exam.	Modern Family Claire's plans.	Mod Family Phil and Jay fish.	WINK News @10pm (N) (HD)	Mike & Molly: Mike Likes Cake	Mike & Molly: Mike Likes Cake		
CW 44	9	9	9	-	-	-	4	Mike & Molly: Mike Likes Cake	Mike & Molly Baby planning.	2 Broke Girls Earl's sweetheart.	2 Broke Girls Bartending exam.	Blue Bloods: Personal Business Murdered ex. (TV14) (HD)	Blue Bloods: Personal Business Murdered ex. (TV14) (HD)	Blue Bloods: Hold Outs A homicide case results in a hung jury. (TV14)	Blue Bloods: Hold Outs A homicide case results in a hung jury. (TV14)	Saving Hope: Little Piggies Alex works with Dawn. (TV14) (HD)	Saving Hope: Little Piggies Alex works with Dawn. (TV14) (HD)	CSI: Miami: By the Book Body appears to be killed by vampire. (TVPG)		
MYN 38	11	11	11	-	-	-	14	Bones Scientist and cop investigate murders. (TVPG) (HD)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	Family Feud (TVPG) (R)	News Channel 8 News @ 8pm News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)	News Channel 8 News @ 8pm News, sports, weather and traffic. (N)	Full Measure with Sharyl (N)	Seinfeld Susan foundation.	Elementary Sherlock Holmes helps NYPD with cases. (TV14)	Elementary Sherlock Holmes helps NYPD with cases. (TV14)	Born to Ride Biker events.	Born to Ride Biker events.		
IND 32	12	12	12	-	38	-	12	Modern Family Claire's plans.	Mod Family Phil and Jay fish.	Big Bang Paintball game. (HD)	Big Bang Actress on train. (HD)	Anger Lacey engaged. (TV14) (HD)	Anger Las Vegas trouble. (HD)	Leverage: The Homecoming Job Military contractor with secrets. (HD)	Leverage: The Homecoming Job Military contractor with secrets. (HD)	Leverage: The Tap-Out Job The team's plans are discovered. (TVPG)	Leverage: The Tap-Out Job The team's plans are discovered. (TVPG)	Matter of Fact (TVPG) (R)	Hiring America (TV G) (R) (HD)	
ION 66	2	2	2	13	26	-	17	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	NCIS: Los Angeles: Standoff Recruitment center held hostage. (TVPG)	Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior: The Time Is Now Bad testimony.	Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior: The Time Is Now Bad testimony.	Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior: Strays Abducted daughter. (TV14)	Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior: Strays Abducted daughter. (TV14)	Criminal Minds: Suspect Behavior: Sadistic killer. (TV14) (HD)		
A&E	26	26	26	26	39	181		Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	Stor. Wars	(03) Rooster (TV14) (R)
AMC	56	56	56	56	30	53	231	Breaking Bad: Bullet Points A power move.	Breaking Bad: Bullet Points A power move.	(04) Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.	Breaking Bad: Shotgun Unfortunate news.
APL	44	44	44	44	36	68	130	North Wood (TV14) (R)	North Wood (TVPG) (R)	North Wood (TVPG) (R)	Woods Law (TVPG) (N)	Woods Law (TVPG) (N)	North Wood (TVPG) (N)	North Wood (TVPG) (N)	Lone Star (TV14) (N)	Lone Star (TV14) (N)	North Wood (TVPG) (R)	North Wood (TVPG) (R)		
BBCAM	114	114	114	114	114	189	(4:00) Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	Braveheart '95) ★★½ Fight for freedom. (R)	
BET	35	35	35	35	40	22	770	(5:35) Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	Baggage Claim '13) ★★ Woman's search.	
BRavo	68	68	68	68	254	51	185	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Atlanta Social (TV14)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	To Rome (N)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	Housewives (TV14) (R)	
COM	66	66	66	66	15	27	190	(5:30) Office Space '99, Comedy) Man who hates his job hatches a plan.	Office Space '99, Comedy) Man who hates his job hatches a plan.	(40) Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	Horrible Bosses '11, Comedy) ★★ Three friends devise a way to forever rid themselves of their horrible bosses. (R)	
DISC	40	40	40	40	25	43	120	Alaska (TVPG) (R) (HD)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	Alaska: The Last Frontier Black bear search. (N)	
E!	46	46	46	46	27	26	196	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Revenge (TV14) (N)	Revenge (TV14) (N)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)	Kardashian (TV14) (R)		
FOOD	37	37	37	37	183	76	164	Iron Chef (TV G) (R)	Guy's Small budget. (R)	Guy's Grocery Rush	Guy's Grocery Rush	Guy's Grocery Rush	Guy's Grocery Rush	Worst Cook (TV G) (N)	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby	Beat Bobby		
FREE	55	55	55	55	10	46	199	(5:10) Up '09) ★★½ Ed Asner. A flying house.	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)	Ratatouille '07, Comedy) ★★½ Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm. A rat teams up with an inept, young chef to realize his culinary dreams. (G) (HD)		
FX	51	51	51	51	58	49	53	Taken 2 (12, Action) ★★½ A retired CIA operative and his wife are targets of revenge in Istanbul.	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)	Taken 3 (15, Action) ★★½ Liam Neeson. Framed for her death, a retired covert operative pursues his ex-wife's killers. (HD)		
GSN	179	179	179	179	34	179	184	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Press Your Luck	Press Luck	Press Luck	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Press Your Luck	Press Luck	Press Luck	Press Luck	Press Luck	
HALL	5	5	5	5	17	73	240	Falling Vermont ('17)	Frozen in Love ('18) Opposite makeovers. (HD)	Frozen in Love ('18) Opposite makeovers. (HD)	Frozen in Love ('18) Opposite makeovers. (HD)	Frozen in Love ('18) Opposite makeovers. (HD)	Frozen in Love ('18) Opposite makeovers. (HD)	Love on Ice A figure skater makes a comeback.	Love on Ice A figure skater makes a comeback.	Love on Ice A figure skater makes a comeback.	Love on Ice A figure skater makes a comeback.	Gold. Girl	Gold. Girl	
HGTV	41	41	41	41	53	42	165	Hunt (R)	Hunt (R)	Hunt (R)	Hunt (R)	Hunt (R)	Hunt (R)	Bahamas Bahamas	Island (N)	Island (N)	Carib Life	Carib Life		
HIST	81	81	81	81	33	65	128	Forged in Fire: Talwar	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)	Forged in (TVPG) (R)		
LIFE	36	36	36	36	52	41	140	Who Killed My Husband? '16) Case solving.	Who Killed My Husband? '16) Case solving.	I Am Elizabeth Smart ('17, Drama) Abduction.	I Am Elizabeth Smart ('17, Drama) Abduction.	I Am Elizabeth Smart ('17, Drama) Abduction.	I Am Elizabeth Smart ('17, Drama) Abduction.	(04) Mommy's Little Boy ('17) A fight to stay. (HD)	(04) Mommy's Little Boy ('17) A fight to stay. (HD)	(04) Mommy's Little Boy ('17) A fight to stay. (HD)	(04) Mommy's Little Boy ('17) A fight to stay. (HD)	(04) Mommy's Little Boy ('17) A fight to stay. (HD)		
NICK	25	25	25	25	24	44	252	Loud House	Loud House	Dude (N)	School (N)	The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ('04) ★★	The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ('04) ★★	Prince	Prince	Friends	Friends			
OWN	58	58	58	58	47	145	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)	227 (HD)		
QVC	14	14	14	14	13	150		Electronics (TV G)	Susan Graver (TV G)	AeroPilates	AeroPilates	AeroPilates	AeroPilates	Electronics (TV G)	Style Vibrant colors.	Electronics (TV G)	Electronics (TV G)			
SPIKE	57	57	57	57	29	63	54	National Treasure ('04, Adventure) ★★ Treasure hunter protects history.	National Treasure ('04, Adventure) ★★ Treasure hunter protects history.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.	Shooter ('07, Thriller) Mark Wahlberg. Sniper framed for dignitary's death.			
SYFY	67	67	67	67	253	64	180	Pirates of the Caribbean ('11) A perplexed pirate.	Ghost Rider ('07, Action) ★★ A supernatural cyclist battles evil.	Ghost Rider ('07, Action) ★★ A supernatural cyclist battles evil.	Ghost Rider ('07, Action) ★★ A supernatural cyclist battles evil.	Ghost Rider ('07, Action) ★★ A supernatural cyclist battles evil.	Ghost Rider ('07, Action) ★★ A supernatural cyclist battles evil.	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama			
TBS	59	59	59	59	32	62	52	Hunger Games ('12)	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Action) ★★½ Game two. (PG-13)	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Action) ★★½ Game two. (PG-13)	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Action) ★★½ Game two. (PG-13)	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Action) ★★½ Game two. (PG-13)	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire ('13, Action) ★★½ Game two. (PG-13)	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 ('14)	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 ('14)	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 ('14)	The Hunger Games: Mockingjay - Part 1 ('14)			
TCM	65	65	65	65	65	74	230	Flying Leathernecks ('51, Drama) ★★½ John Wayne, Robert Ryan. A tough aviator ups his men.	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir ('47, Fantasy) Gene Tierney. A woman befriends the ghost of a sailor.	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir ('47, Fantasy) Gene Tierney. A woman befriends the ghost of a sailor.	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir ('47, Fantasy) Gene Tierney. A woman befriends the ghost of a sailor.	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir ('47, Fantasy) Gene Tierney. A woman befriends the ghost of a sailor.	The Ghost and Mrs. Muir ('47, Fantasy) Gene Tierney. A woman befriends the ghost of a sailor.	On Her Fingers A woman is taken to Palm Beach by a pair of con artists in need of a third.	On Her Fingers A woman is taken to Palm Beach by a pair of con artists in need of a third.	On Her Fingers A woman is taken to Palm Beach by a pair of con artists in need of a third.	On Her Fingers A woman is taken to Palm Beach by a pair of con artists in need of a third.			
TLC	45	45	45	45	57	72	139	Sister Families meet.	Sister Families meet.	Sister Wives: Groomzilla Wedding dress. (TVPG)	Sister Wives: Groomzilla Wedding dress. (TVPG)	Sister Wives: Groomzilla Wedding dress. (TVPG)	Sister Wives: Groomzilla Wedding dress. (TVPG)	Seeking Wife search.	Seeking Wife search.	Sister Wedding dress.	Sister Wedding dress.			
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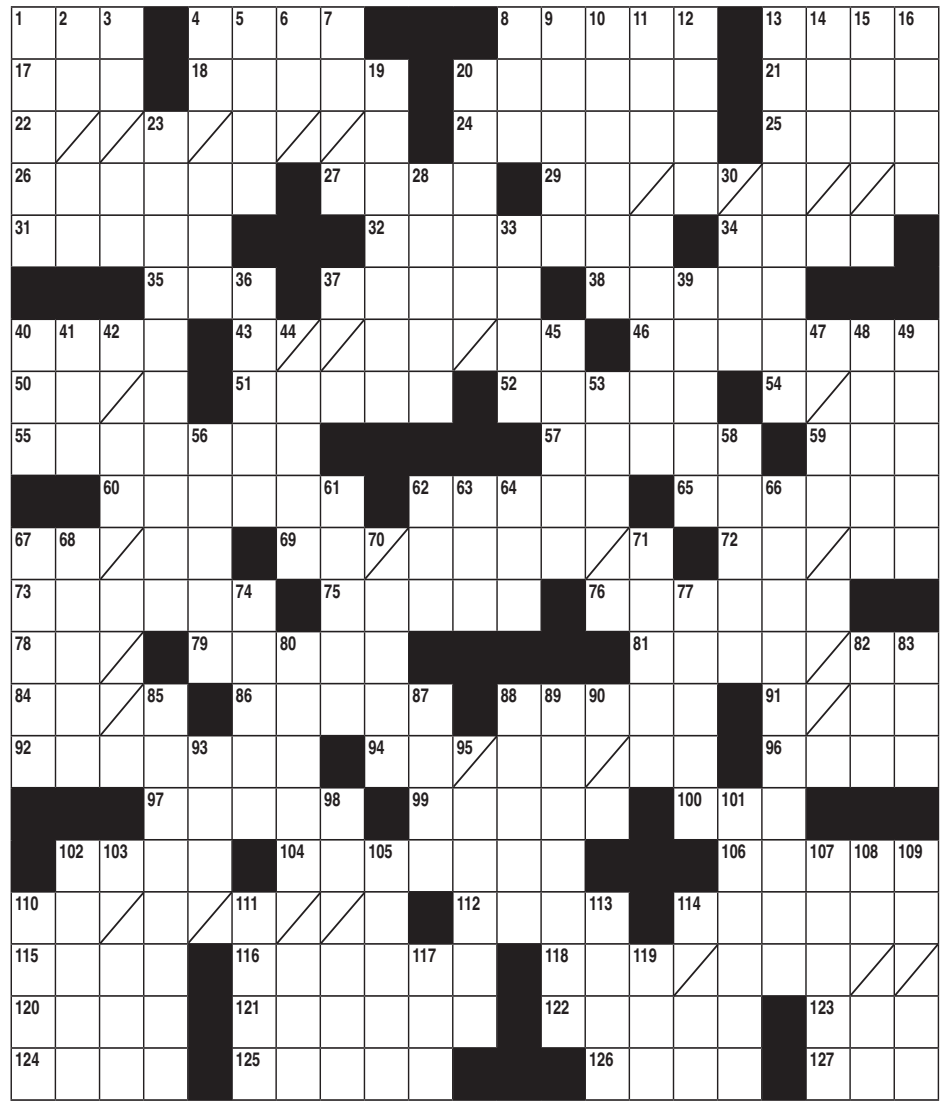
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Ask the Fool

\$300,000 per Share?!

I read that shares of Warren Buffett's company, Berkshire Hathaway, are priced around \$300,000 apiece. Can that be right? How can most people invest in it? — J.S., Santa Rosa, California

You read that correctly. The shares that traded for less than \$20 apiece when Buffett took over the company in the early 1960s topped \$300,000 in early December 2017. In his 50th anniversary letter to shareholders, Buffett noted a 1,826,163 percent gain in the market price of the company's shares in those 50 years. That's an average annual gain of more than 21 percent!

The stock price (recently a bit below \$300,000) is indeed too high for most investors — but that's only for the Class A shares. In 1996, Buffett introduced Class B shares, valued at 1/30th of Class A shares, which were much more affordable for average investors. (They initially traded near \$1,000 apiece.)

In 2010, when Class A shares were priced near \$100,000 and Class B shares were around \$3,000, Buffett split the B's 50-for-1, bringing their price down to around \$60. From there, they have grown to nearly \$200, as of this writing.

What are audited financial statements? — F.N., Sioux City, Iowa

Publicly traded companies — ones you can invest in on the stock market — are required to report on their earnings and financial condition each quarter. They issue comprehensive "10-K" reports once a year, along with their annual report. In the intervening quarters, they issue less substantial "10-Q" reports.

Ten-K reports detail the company's recent performance and discuss risks, among other things, and their financial statements are audited by accounting firms. Ten-Q reports, though, are not required to be audited.

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Don't let yourself assume that dividends are boring little payments that don't add up to much. Dividend investing is quite powerful.

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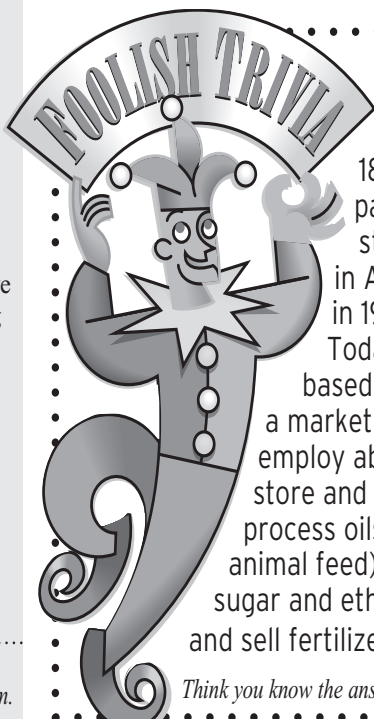
Here's something investors rarely consider: Imagine you bought 10 shares of the Antisocial Media Co. (ticker: SCRAM) for \$100 each, and it offers a respectable 3 percent dividend. With a \$1,000 investment, that's an annual payout of \$30. That's not a huge sum, but healthy companies tend to increase their dividends regularly.

A few years down the line, Antisocial Media may be trading at \$200 per share. Imagine that its dividend

yield is still 3 percent, as its dividend has been gradually raised to \$6 per share. (Note that \$6 is a 3 percent yield for anyone buying the stock at \$200, but since you bought it at \$100, to you it's effectively a 6 percent yield on your initial investment.)

Now imagine that many years later, your initial 10 shares have split twice and become 40 shares, each worth \$225 now. Your initial \$1,000 investment is now valued at \$9,000. The dividend is now \$6.75 per share for a yield that's still 3 percent, so your 40 shares deliver a whopping \$270 per year. You're now earning \$270 for the year on a \$1,000 investment. That's an effective return of 27 percent per year (and growing) — without even counting any stock-price appreciation. The yield on your initial investment has gone from 3 percent to 27 percent, because you just hung on to a growing company. Even if the stock price drops, you're still likely to get that 27 percent payout — unless the company is in trouble.

For a list of promising dividend-paying stocks we've recommended, test-drive our "Motley Fool Income Investor" newsletter for free via fool.com/services.



Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the 1818 founding of a trading company in Amsterdam. In 1884 I started a grain trading business in Argentina, expanding to Brazil in 1905 and North America in 1918.

Today I'm a global agricultural giant based in White Plains, New York. I sport a market value of more than \$9 billion and employ about 32,000 people. I buy, sell, store and transport oilseeds and grains; process oilseeds to make protein meal (for animal feed) and edible oil products; produce sugar and ethanol; mill wheat, corn and rice; and sell fertilizer. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.

My Dumbest Investment

Friends and Family — No, Thanks

Friends and family may make for a solid telephone plan, but investing advice? Not so much, at least in my experience.

Provenge, wildcat oil, cancer research startups ... all these investments turned out to be big losers for me, and I made them based on advice from friends and family. I am not too smart, so it took some real pain to learn this. I don't buy anything now unless I do a lot of research first. — J.R., Kerrville, Texas

The Fool Responds: It's always best to make investment decisions based on your own research, analysis and thinking. Friends and family may mean well, but much of the time they haven't done much digging into whatever they're recommending — they've just heard about it somewhere.

Provenge, a drug to treat prostate cancer, was in the news for its ultra-high price tag, and its initial maker, a company called Dendreon, ended up filing for bankruptcy. Its assets were bought by Valeant Pharmaceuticals, which later sold them to a Chinese company.

Wildcat oil companies and cancer research startups sound like classic penny stocks with exciting stories that lure naive investors with promises of oil discoveries and cancer cures around the corner.

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The Motley Fool Take

Under-the-Radar and Promising

If you've ever picked up an iPhone, you've likely used some of Skyworks Solutions' (Nasdaq: SWKS) technologies. Skyworks makes various semiconductors — amplifiers, filters, front-end modules, etc. — that help improve wireless signals and power management for some of the biggest tech companies. About 40 percent of its revenue was recently tied to Apple products.

Skyworks is coming off a stellar quarter, when revenue jumped 18 percent year over year to \$985 million, and earnings per share popped 15 percent. Its balance sheet is nearly pristine: It ended the year with a cash balance of \$1.6 billion and no long-term debt.

The company has been expanding its customer base and getting its technologies into more devices, diversifying its business. Its chips are now found in smart thermostats, home security systems, in-vehicle telematics systems, drones and smartwatches.

Skyworks' share price has surged more than 30 percent over the past year, but there's likely more growth ahead. With a recent forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of just 13, the stock is looking relatively inexpensive compared to the broad tech sector — plus it offers a growing dividend that recently yielded 1.3 percent. (The Motley Fool owns shares and short January 2018 \$105 calls of Skyworks Solutions. One Fool service has recommended Skyworks shares, while another has recommended short options. Remember, we are motley!)

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

Nearly 20 major companies were integrated over time to form me, and their innovations and achievements include the Flying Wing, the B-2 Spirit stealth bomber, transporting Charles Lindbergh across the Atlantic and carrying astronauts to the moon's surface and back. Marilyn Monroe once worked on one of my production lines, and I supplied navigation and pointing aids for NASA's Mars Rovers. Today, with a market value recently near \$53 billion, I'm a premier global security company, specializing in autonomous systems, cyber, C4ISR, strike, and logistics and modernization offerings. I employ more than 60,000 people worldwide. Who am I? (Answer: Northrup Grumman)



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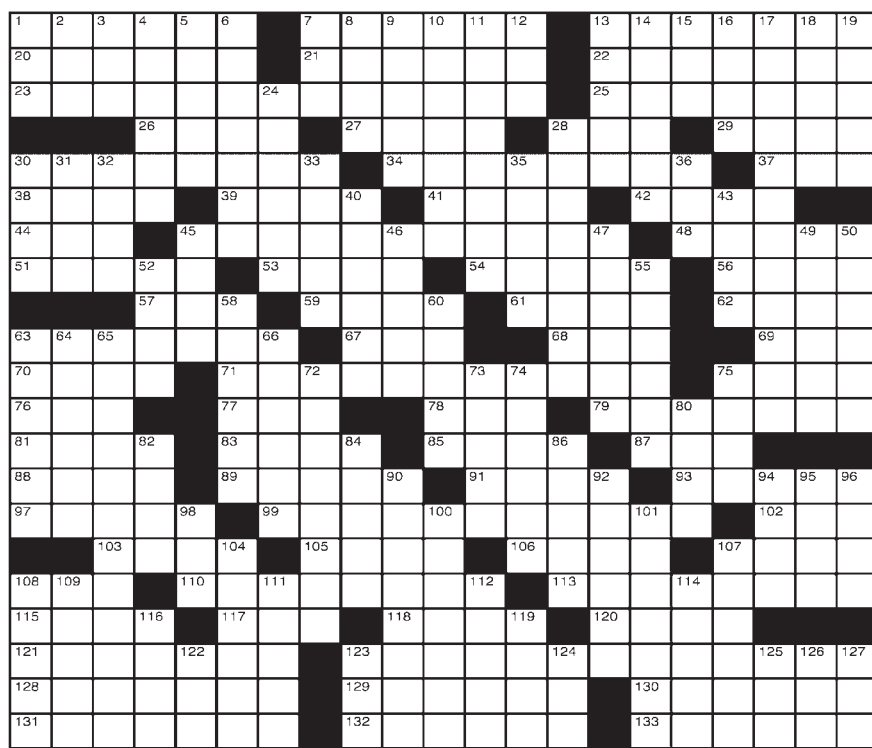
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Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

OPEN BOOK

East-West vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

- ♠ J 8 7
♥ A K 8 7 3
♦ 8 7 6
♣ K 9

WEST

- ♠ A
♥ Q 6
♦ K J 10 9 3
♣ Q 10 8 7 3

EAST

- ♠ K Q 10 6 5 4 3
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 5 4
♣ 4

SOUTH

- ♠ 9 2
♥ J 10 5
♦ A Q 2
♣ A J 6 5 2

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. Rows show Pass, 2♦*, 3NT, All pass, and *Transfer to hearts.

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

North-South were using the "weak" no trump. The opening bid showed 12-14 points. This is a popular treatment in many parts of the world. South was Russian expert Alexander Petrunin.

West did not have an appealing shift after leading the ace of spades. He tried a low heart, which Petrunin

let run around to his jack. A heart to dummy's ace was followed by the king of hearts, drawing the trumps, as West shed a diamond. Petrunin cashed dummy's king of clubs and then led the nine of clubs. He ducked this to West's 10 when East showed out.

End-played for the first time, West chose to lead the jack of diamonds. Petrunin won this in hand with the queen and then ruffed a club in dummy. The hand was an open book. West would surely have led another spade at some point if he had one, so West's original distribution had to be 1-2-5-5. Petrunin cashed dummy's last trump, discarding his remaining spade. West could not defend the position. A club discard would make both of South's clubs good, so he discarded a diamond instead. Certain of the position, Petrunin led a diamond to his ace and exited with his last diamond. West won with the king but was end-played for the second time. Holding only clubs, he had to lead a club into South's ace-jack and Petrunin had his game. Nicely done!

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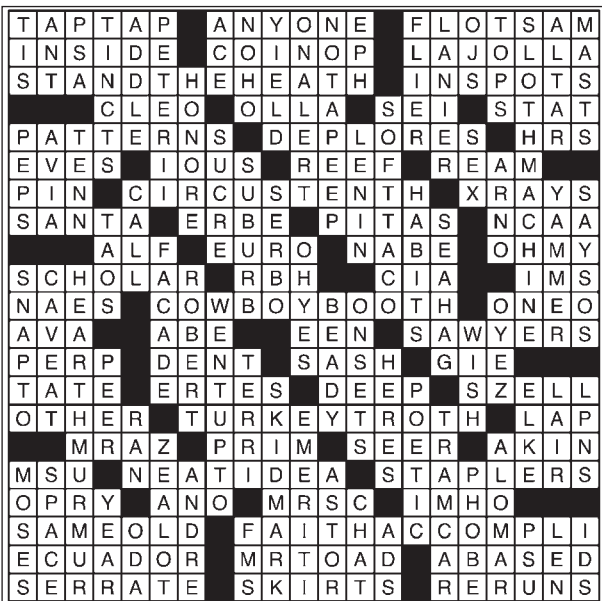
CRYPTOGRAMS

DWARVES by Myles Mellor

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X V J K W X E V A J K W O H T K I I E !
3. N Z G ' S F O L Z H , F Q V R B W U Z C N Z E O H . D B
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R D J Z W S Q G N B O O U R Q E E H !
4. G T A S O L B P X H P P E A , A S O Z L H N P W W Q L W
T L R G I G L B N B O R Y A T P P I G H N . C O W N P W X S R P
E P P X , C P Z S R P X I P P Y A S B J S Y P A L H J C P
Q L Y Y A !

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

- ICONIC DENOTE MASCOT
SCENIC SHREWD EXPAND

After running out of hot dogs, the food vendor had to make a —

CONCESSION SPEECH

- 1. Doc was more than a little sleepy and he wanted a big nap so he could be happy rather than grumpy.
2. Feeling frumpy is one thing, but being sneezy could lead to you getting dizzy and grumpy. But get the doc and you can be happy!
3. Don't be coy, bashful or dopey. If you really like the handsome doc, ask him out and feel happy!
4. If you are sneezy, you can get that familiar grumpy feeling. But get some zees, become sleepy or dopey and be happy!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People don't "have" time or "find" time; we all get the same amount per day. People prioritize events in time, and our lives represent these priorities. Except lately, it doesn't feel as if you do, so reprioritize.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you assume you know the answer, it will ruin you for asking new and interesting questions. Ignorance leads to wonder, which leads to finding the new gleaming facets of the situation that go missed when one assumes familiarity.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It might be argued that one person cannot provide for all of the needs of another, however amazing that one person may be. Anyway, diversifying your time among friends will help you appreciate those nearest to you.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). People say "we should get together sometime" when they are interested in each other but can't quite figure out how to continue or when they have no intention of seeing each other ever again.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe it's too much for you to take it on faith, but it really is getting better, so relax! Focus on one way in which it's improving. Relax more. Focus on another improvement. This is how to get there in comfort.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You deserve the best support you can get. Fickle and judgmental support isn't support at all. Bottom line, if they aren't rooting for you, then they aren't on your team.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends and family have influence over your roles in life. They see you a certain way, and you behave accordingly. People who don't know you

may provide a bit of enlightenment for you that others who are close to you cannot.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You want to live fully, not virtually. Screen time changes people. It's an excellent day to keep yourself in check in regard to how often you involve yourself with powerful glowing objects.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While winning someone over, you'll make the effort to please and entertain -- a kindness that shouldn't have to end once you earn favor. Continued efforts are the mark of class, i.e., valuing the right things in life.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will only discuss others in the way you would want yourself discussed. By following this one rule, you will avoid trouble and create a more charming presence all at once.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will attract helpful people. You don't even have to look for them. What you're up to is so interesting that it will draw the curiosity of people who absolutely won't be able to resist helping you.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The ones who have experienced acute loss will go to great lengths to avoid it going forward. This is why they may take too much, consume too much and need too much. Give them time to heal. When they do, they'll need less.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 14). The way you recognize, understand and handle feelings (yours and others') is the strength you will ride to the top ranks of the arena you most want to rule. You'll wind up in unexpected and awesome places in the name of love and friendship. Moves and sales come with a mental shift about ownership. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 7, 20, 25 and 18.

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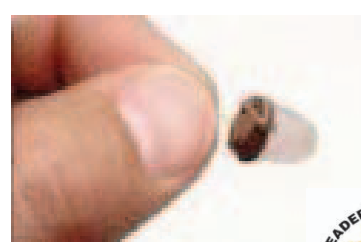
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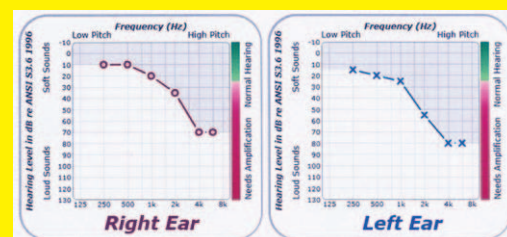
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SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is located at 1841 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$595,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

Welcome to this Mediterranean-Revival classic located on the shores of Lake Jackson. This home was built by Leo M. Elliot in 1919, who also designed the well-known Kenilworth Lodge. This was once the home of H. Orvel Sebring, one of the founding fathers of Sebring; it has only had three owners.

A property like this only comes on the market once every few decades. Even though the property was built in 1919 it is structurally sound and has every major component updated. The home still has the characteristics of its original foot-print yet has many modern updates.

This home features 3,956 living square feet of under air-conditioned space and over 5,900 total square feet of under roof in the main home. The property is situated on 1.019 acres of lake front property

DELL | 2

DIRECTIONS

1841 Lakeview Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, near the South Publix shopping plaza, turn onto Lakeview Drive. The home is on the left.



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This home is located at 1841 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$595,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

Large pool home on golf course

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

This home is located at 6028 Strafford Oaks Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$379,000 and is listed with Kevin and Teresa Bock with RE/MAX Realty Plus.

This magnificent home is located in the Country Club of Sebring and is situated on two beautifully landscaped lots overlooking the golf course. It offers 3,424 living square feet and more than 4,500 total square feet under roof.

This home features three bedrooms, three baths, an office with coffered ceilings and wood flooring, extensive crown molding throughout and a 21 by 23 media/bonus room. The rear porch includes a wet bar, expansive salt water concrete pool with pool cage and plenty of room for relaxing and entertaining as well as a hot tub.

This home was made for entertaining and has a large entertainment center with gas fireplace and comes with an awesome view overlooking the pool and

BOCK | 2

DIRECTIONS

6028 Strafford Oaks Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Turn left onto Country Road 635. Turn right onto Haw Branch Road into the Country Club of Sebring. Turn right onto Strafford Oaks Drive. The home is on the left.



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Best value in Highlands Ridge

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This home is located at 3140 E. Pebble Creek Drive in Avon Park. It is priced for \$124,900 and is listed with Sue Clark with Lake and Land Realty of Highlands Inc.

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The price on this home was just reduced. It is a lovely two-bedroom, two-bath home with an oversized one-car garage. The floor plan is very desirable.

Most homes this size have a tiny kitchen but this one is huge. It measures

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DIRECTIONS

3140 E. Pebble Creek Drive, Avon Park

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn left onto Home Avenue. Turn left onto Hwy 17 North. Turn right onto Powerline Road. Turn left into Highlands Ridge onto South Clubhouse Boulevard. Turn right onto East Fairway Vista Drive. Turn left onto Whitehouse Road. Turn left onto East Pebble Creek Drive. The home is on the left.



COURTESY PHOTO

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COURTESY PHOTOS

The living room's main focal point is the marble natural gas fireplace.

DELL

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on Lake Jackson, with a westerly sunset view all year long that could definitely rival those in Key West. Additionally, the home has a detached garage and a full apartment/mother-in-law quarters.

The home features four bedrooms, all upstairs, two bathrooms upstairs and a half bath downstairs. From the moment you walk through the lead glass doors you will see a nostalgic grand staircase that has been well preserved and is a miniature replica of the one found in the legendary Kenilworth Lodge.

The flooring is made of Miami-Dade Heart of Pine and has withstood the test of time and looks absolutely stunning. To the left is the main formal dining room and to the right is the formal living room. The living room's main focal point is the marble natural gas fireplace.

An additional space beyond the living room is a perfect setting for a home office and also features a natural gas fireplace. This space has its own entrance from



The property fronts Lake Jackson, with a westerly sunset view all year long. It has an open air pool complete with a tropical mural and is the perfect space for entertaining.

the front of the home. The office features original lead glass windows and measures 10 by 27, perfect for a professional to conduct business from home with a separate entrance while maintaining private living quarters.

A screened enclosed porch overlooks the lake with a jet tub.

The dining room has a butler's pantry adjoining to the kitchen. The kitchen has wood cabinets and some original glass work embedded in them, matching refrigerator cover and large stove.

The farm house sink appears to be original also. There is a Mitsubishi vent-less wall-mounted air conditioner that efficiently cools this side of the home. A dinette area overlooks the pool

and lake.

Upstairs on the lakeside is the master owner's suite. This space has converted the "sleeping-porches" into a vanity dressing area and overlooks the lake. The owner's suite bathroom has an additional sink, walk-in shower and claw foot tub.

The other lakeside bedroom has a walk-in closet and also has the "sleeping-porch" converted for more space. Spectacular sunsets are viewed from this space daily.

The front bedrooms are large in size and have a Jack-n-Jill bathroom. This bathroom was remodeled several years back and features a walk-in shower.

Additional closet space



COURTESY PHOTO

This home features a salt water concrete pool with pool cage, hot tub, wet bar, and plenty of room for relaxing and entertaining.

BOCK

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porch area.

You will love the oversized kitchen with center island, tile back splash, Corian counter tops and an abundance of cabinets and counter space as well as stainless steel appliances and a panoramic mitered glass window in the large breakfast nook.

The formal dining area is located off the front entry and close to the kitchen.

The large dining room has plantation shutters,

chair railing, crown molding and beautiful draperies.

The oversized master suite features high double step ceilings with crown molding, double closets, and an oversized bath with double sink vanity, cultured marble shower and soaking tub.

Both guest bedrooms are a nice size and have wood flooring and double closets. The third bathroom has direct access to the pool and porch area and has a tiled shower.

The oversized garage has room for two cars plus a golf cart. This home also includes a

whole-house generator and the media room includes a projection television and separate air conditioner.

This executive home offers plenty of privacy and is located in a golfing community with many activities available.

This list price has just been drastically reduced.

For more information or to arrange for a showing, call Kevin and Teresa Bock at 863-381-9063 or 863-381-7884, visit www.teresabock.com or email Teresa@TeresaBock.com. Qualified buyers only.

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15 by 17 and has a spacious eat-in area. The living room has a 16-foot vaulted ceiling. The bedrooms are set up on either side of the living room, so guests can have privacy.

This home comes fully equipped with all appliances and is move-in ready. The monthly maintenance fee is only \$198 and includes community amenities and lawn maintenance.

For more information, call Clark at 863-441-0969 or email SueSellsLakePlacid@gmail.com.

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is in the hallway. Many large closets make this home stand out from others built in the same time period.

There is a partially finished basement that has a wine distillery and a wine bar. Tons of extra storage is also a benefit to this space. Imagine entertaining your guests in your very own wine bar.

The detached garage is just steps away and is 22 by 22 with an automatic garage door opener. Step down the side stairway and enter

a full apartment with a large concrete porch area that is private to this residence.

Around the corner is the open air pool complete with a tropical mural and perfect space for entertaining.

This property is located on Lake Jackson, which is a 3,212-acre sandy ridge bottom lake and is considered the "Crown Jewel" of Sebring. There is a health path/sidewalk going around the entire lake for all to enjoy.

The home is also in

the Downtown CRA District and is eligible for exterior facade grants on an annual basis. The property was put on the National and Local Historic Registry. Given that the home is in a mixed use zoning area, you could essentially use 25 percent of the home's square footage for a business. The home also has great bed and breakfast potential.

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Jones joins Re/Max in Sebring

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SEBRING — Emily Jones is a recently licensed Florida Real Estate sales associate beginning her career at RE/MAX Realty Plus in Sebring.



JONES

Before jumping into the world of Real Estate, Jones was a dental assistant for Dr. Albert Ruiz for 10 years. She was also a certified personal fitness trainer for Gold's Gym Sebring. Her outgoing and upbeat personality served both careers well and enabled her to connect with any person in various paths of life. Jones is willing and able to assist her clients in finding their perfect home based on their individual preferences and desires.

Jones lives and owns her home here in Sebring. She has seen first-hand the many benefits of home ownership in the prime location of Central Florida, where any major Florida city is just a short drive in any direction.

She enjoys international world travel, competitive running, socializing with friends as well as

meeting new people and creating meaningful relationships. Jones has a large extended family spread throughout Highlands County and she values and cherishes every one of her family members. She will always stay committed to bringing high value and outstanding service to her clients as if they were members of her own family.

Jones chose to enter into the field of Real Estate because her grandmother was a successful Realtor in Highlands County years ago. She always knew that she wanted to pursue this career path from close observations of her grandmother assisting clients with finding the perfect home, thoroughly guiding them through the closing process, and afterwards keeping in contact with the new homeowners for years to come.

Jones will use these observations and apply them to her own professional practices in going above and beyond for her clients with purchasing or selling Real Estate.

Jones can be reached at RE/MAX Realty Plus in the Sebring office location. Call the office at 863-385-0077 or Jones directly at 863-446-3246.

CENTURY 21 Compton Realty names Fletcher sales manager

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LAKE PLACID — Susan Compton, Broker/owner of CENTURY 21 Compton Realty, announced Thursday that Kristy



FLETCHER

Fletcher is the real estate company's sales manager. Fletcher has been training new agents in technology for over 10 years for Compton Realty as well as providing day to day assistance to all of its agents.

She is a Highlands County native and has been with CENTURY 21 Compton Realty for 15 years. She has held and

active real estate license for 13 years and holds an active Brokers license since 2016.

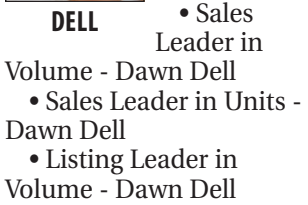
"It is due time to officially recognize Kristy Fletcher to the management team at CENTURY 21 Compton Realty," said Compton. "As we look to grow our business and create the best possible real estate experience for the home buyers and sellers residing in or relocating to the Highlands County area, talented and experienced professionals such as Kristy are crucial to our overall success."

"For all that know Kristy, please stop by and give her your personal congratulations," Compton said.

Heartland Real Estate announces leader awards

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SEBRING — One of Highlands County's top real estate firms, Heartland Real Estate Corp., is pleased to announce its 2017 Fourth Quarter Awards, which were all won by Dawn Dell of Team Dell.



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"We have a tremendous team at Heartland Real Estate full of knowledgeable Realtors who are dedicated to their clients," said Jimmy Wohl, HREC president/broker. "We congratulate Dawn and her team on their well deserved recognition and performance achievements during the last three months of 2017."

Jamison joins HREC

SEBRING — Keith Jamison is a new associate and Realtor with



JAMISON

Heartland Real Estate Corp. Jamison started his Real Estate career in Virginia working with buyers and sellers in residential, commercial and leasing and served as a youth football and baseball coach. He has 12 years experience working as an associate broker and specializes as a buyer's agent, listing agent, relocation, foreclosure, property management and landlord. "As a Realtor who

believes in strong community support, Keith is a perfect fit for our company," said Jimmy Wohl, HREC president/broker. "We are very happy to have Keith join the HREC family."

Heartland Real Estate Corporation is a real estate brokerage and development firm located in Sebring for more than 20 years. With extensive knowledge in all areas of real estate investment, HREC specializes in development, agricultural, commercial and residential properties. For more information, visit heartlandre.net or call 863-382-3887.

Ferguson joins ICI Homes team

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TAMPA — ICI Homes is proud to introduce Ron Ferguson as Division Manager of the company's West Florida Division.

"Ron has extensive knowledge and expertise of residential new home construction, and we are pleased he has joined the ICI Homes team," said ICI



FERGUSON

Homes Chief Operating Officer Tom McCall. "We look forward to Ron guiding ICI Homes' West Florida division through an exciting period of growth."

In his role, Ferguson will oversee the

company's communities in the Tampa region including Asturia, Bexley and FishHawk Ranch.

Ferguson joins ICI Homes after 12 years with David Weekley Homes, where he served as project manager in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area for the past five years.

He has more than 18 years of construction

management experience and has earned high customer satisfaction results throughout his career.

Ferguson supports several charitable community organizations including Paint Your Heart Out Tampa Bay and Metropolitan Ministries. He earned a bachelor's degree in construction management from Illinois State University.

Speed Queen laundry equipment touched a nerve

SOUND ADVICE
DON LINDICH

Q. Will you please consider reviewing other appliances? Less than two years ago I purchased all new appliances for my new kitchen. They were supposed to be quality, but I think all of them are cheaply made and difficult to operate. — M.S., Bethel Park, Pa.

A. When I reviewed appliances in the past it was because they were new or novel, like the Panasonic Countertop Induction Oven.

As I expected, the column featuring Speed Queen laundry equipment touched a nerve. I received quite a few emails about Speed Queen specifically and major appliances in general. The Speed Queen correspondence was overwhelmingly positive. Of the few critical emails, one reader had one and was not satisfied with its performance on delicates, saying the agitator does not swish enough, only two times per load. I ran a load of delicates to see for myself, and my own washer swished quite a few times before I got tired of watching it and moved

on to other things. A few others suggested front load washer problems with smells and mold can be minimized by leaving the washer and detergent doors open, and by not using too much detergent.

A few readers asked if it is possible to get other types of appliances with Speed Queen's old-school quality, reliability and longevity. I did some research online and spoke with repair personnel, as well as longtime industry veteran Rick Voss of Voss Appliance in Pittsburgh. The general consensus is no, you can't. I was also advised that the more electronics and complexity in the appliance, the more likely it will break and the more expensive it will be to fix. If longevity is what you are after, you may be better off repairing older, simpler appliances in a lot of instances.

Soon I may be able to say more myself. Within a day of moving into my new home I replaced the early 1980s GE kitchen appliances (which all still worked perfectly) as part of a kitchen remodeling project. I chose a Frigidaire Gallery range based on the look, feel

and positive reviews, then added a side-by-side Frigidaire Gallery refrigerator so the stainless finishes would match exactly. Both have worked reliably for five years now, though the icemaker's poor design often dumps

ice into the freezer compartment.

Keep those emails coming, and I look forward to providing more appliance coverage soon.

Contact Don Lindich at www.soundadvicenews.com

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Average 30-year mortgage rates rise to 3.99 percent

By **MATT OTT**
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The cost of borrowing money to buy a home rose slightly this week, but remains historically low. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac says the average rate on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose to 3.99 percent, from 3.95 percent last

week. This week's rate matches a 5-month high set two weeks ago. A year ago, the 30-year rate averaged 4.12 percent. The low rates — anything below 4 percent is low by historical standards — are some consolation for home buyers dealing with rising prices amid a shortage of supply.

The rate on 15-year fixed-rate mortgages increased to an average 3.44 percent from 3.38 percent in the prior week. The 15-year rate averaged 3.37 percent a year ago. The average on five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 3.46 percent from 3.45 percent last week.



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This October 2017 file photo shows a home for sale in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. On Thursday, Jan. 11, Freddie Mac reports on the week's average U.S. mortgage rates.

Will the bitcoin bubble be validated?

MORTGAGE PROFESSOR

Jack Guttentag

“You made the case that current house price inflation is not yet a bubble. How about recent bitcoin inflation?”

Recent bitcoin inflation is at least 90 percent bubble. Most of the bitcoin purchases that have driven up the price have been speculative, based on the assumption that prices are bound to increase further. The question up for grabs is whether or not the bubble price will be validated by widespread future use of bitcoin as a transaction currency.

Bitcoin is a decentralized digital currency that allows payments to be made over the internet without an intermediary. A bitcoin is a computer file owned by someone, say A, who can discharge a debt to B through the transfer of the file to B, without any third party involvement.

All transactions are recorded in a public file called a “blockchain,” and every transaction is checked against that file to assure the integrity of the process.

New bitcoin comes into existence through “miners” whose computers create it through a time-consuming energy-using process. At some point, however, the outstanding volume of bitcoins will hit a maximum that was built into the system, and mining will cease.

Bitcoin will be used as a transaction

currency to the extent that it comes to be viewed as superior to existing currencies in important applications.

The major potential advantage of bitcoin over some existing currencies is its credibility. Bitcoin is transparent to everyone but controllable by no one. This gives it an enormous appeal in countries like Zimbabwe and Venezuela, where the local currencies have lost all credibility because of government mismanagement. In Venezuela, bitcoin mining has been extensive because of the subsidized cost of the electricity used to power the computers used in mining.

Since currency mismanagement is common, bitcoin may have a future as a partial though perhaps a temporary fix wherever its credibility is needed.

It is difficult to visualize bitcoin as the permanent or dominant currency anywhere because of the following shortcomings:

— Short-term value instability: The price of bitcoin fluctuates markedly because of speculation. Since no one wants to be paid with assets that can decline sharply in value shortly after they have been received, value instability makes bitcoin a poor medium of exchange. But bitcoin value might become more stable over time.

— Long-term value increase: When the number of bitcoins reaches its maximum, further growth in demand must increase the price, which means that the value of everything else denominated in bitcoin declines. The prevailing view of economists is that declining

price levels depress economic growth, which could make policymakers hostile to bitcoin.

— Pricing confusion: When I checked the price of bitcoin on Dec. 30, it was \$17,367. That means that the price of a \$2 loaf of bread would be 0.0001104 bitcoin. Many consumers have great difficulty dealing with numbers less than 1, and the more zeroes there are to the right of the decimal, the greater their difficulty. While this would be a potent barrier to bitcoin becoming the major currency, it would not prevent its use as a second currency, where prices of goods and services were denominated in the primary currency.

— Difficulty in accessing bitcoin: After all bitcoin mining ceases, the only way a country in need of a credible currency will be able to obtain bitcoin is to buy it from existing holders. To do that, would-be purchasers must have assets acceptable to potential sellers,

including U.S. dollars. That may or may not be the case.

The blockchain technology developed with the bitcoin system is now being developed for application in a wide range of industries, such as banking, insurance, medical and real estate. The technology has the greatest potential when applied to processes with multiple participants, which includes real estate transactions. It is possible, perhaps even likely, that a means of payment will be integrated into some of these systems, in which case bitcoin would be a logical choice — though it will have competitors.

In sum, bitcoin could be vastly overpriced today, but it might also be vastly underpriced.

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Lettuce: the great all-around American garden veggie

GROWING PAINS

CHARLIE REYNOLDS

Don't let your veggie garden sit idle, 'taint' too late for plantin', as some of my rural friends would say.

You just have to do a bit of searching on the University of Florida's website titled "Vegetable Gardening in Florida" <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/vh021>. It's a great source of information with a chart for planting times in North, Central and South Florida.

We generally fall into the South Florida section here in Highlands County for most of our veggie information.

Among the veggies recommended for January and February planting are: beets, broccoli, cabbage, collards, kale, mustard and lettuce among several others.

Here's some info on lettuce, the great all-around American garden veggie.

Lettuce is a wonderful cool season veggie that has been around for at least 3,000 years according to Dan Gill, LSU AgCenter Horticulturalist. Ancient Babylonians cultivated lettuce varieties as well as the Ancient Egyptians who included lettuce seeds within their mummies tombs. Not to mention the Roman emperors being served lettuce as well.

Northern U.S. gardens can grow lettuce in the summer with no problem but here in Florida our summers are way too hot for most lettuce varieties, which are considered "cool season" crops. Of course, as



COURTESY PHOTO

Heading varieties of lettuce, like this butterhead seen here, are a real challenge to grow here in Florida.

usual, there are exceptions to the rule.

Garden lettuce can be divided into three classes based on growth habit; first: leaf or loose-leaf; second: semi-heading like butterhead and romaine; and third: crisphead lettuce such as the iceberg varieties commonly sold in grocery stores.

Heading varieties are a real challenge to grow here in Florida so the University of Florida recommends the home gardener plant the leaf or semi-heading varieties for a better chance of success. Besides, with leaf/loose-leaf varieties you can pluck a leaf or two of mature leaves without damaging the main plant, it will regenerate over and over while the other two varieties, headed and romaine, are

harvested all at once.

Another good quality of leaf lettuce is its heat tolerance far above the other varieties, so it will last well into spring/summer. There are numerous color variations in leaf lettuce, which some folks use in their flower beds as well.

For best quality, lettuce must be encouraged to grow rapidly. This merely means keeping the lettuce well-watered



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Crisphead lettuce such as the iceberg varieties are commonly sold in grocery stores.

and lightly fertilized with a standard veggie garden fertilizer. Stress from low fertilizer or drought will cause the lettuce to be bitter and even tough to chew.

Too much heat on the heading varieties will cause them to bolt or shoot up a flower stalk and produce seeds. This takes all the nutrients away from the leaves and makes the lettuce inedible.

When planting lettuce

seeds, place them on top of the planting soil and sprinkle lightly with the soil to barely cover them, keep them moist and presto — instant salad.

Got questions? We got answers. Contact the Extension Office on George Boulevard at 402-6540 or stop by in person between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have a question that may help others, submit it directly to

Highlands News-Sun at karen.clogston@highlandsnewssun.com for possible publication.

Charlie Reynolds is a Highlands County Master Gardener and has been named the Florida Master Gardener of the Year by The University of Florida IFAS for 2017-2018.

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How do you know when it's time to replace your carpet?

By **MEGAN LINHOFF**
ANGIE'S LIST

Carpeting offers a number of benefits. Not only is it cozy, quiet and easy to install, but it's also more affordable than many other flooring options. And high-quality carpeting can last a decade or more with proper care and maintenance. Of course, even the best carpets will eventually need to be replaced. Here are four signs that it's time to retire the existing carpet in your home:

Wear and tear:

Irreparable matting, tearing and ripping are telltale signs it's time to replace your carpet. Polyester carpet fibers are known to mat and lose their form — and once this happens not even professional cleaning can revive them. Nylon carpeting is more resilient than polyester. When there is life left in nylon carpet, it will typically respond well to cleaning.

It's also possible to repair some small rips and tears. Significant damage is difficult to address, however — particularly on stairs and major walkways.

Stains: Most carpeting comes with a stain-resistant finish. But over time, this treatment fades and leaves the carpet and pad unprotected. At this point, your carpet becomes more susceptible

to deep and stubborn stains — particularly those caused by bleach, wine, mustard and biological substances such as pet urine. Professional carpet cleaners offer heavy-duty extraction services to address these stains, though biological substances can absorb into carpet padding and cause mold and mildew buildup. When this happens — or when professional carpet cleaning fails to remove stubborn stains from your carpet — it's probably time to consider replacing it.

Lingering odors: Odors resulting from pets and other causes such as tobacco smoke should be eliminated or noticeably diminished after a professional cleaning. If odors remain, this could indicate that they have penetrated deep into the carpet fibers, the carpet pad or the subfloor.

And, in the case of pet urine and other biological sources, it may even indicate mold and mildew growth. In these cases, it is typically most cost-effective to replace the carpet entirely.

Age: After several years, even the highest-quality carpeting will start to show signs of wear.

Carpet fibers will start to lose their texture and tuft. Professional cleaning will yield sub-par results. And color loss, fading and rippling will likely begin to occur.



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The four signs that it's time to retire the existing carpet in your home are wear and tear, stains, lingering odors and age.

You may also notice increased allergy symptoms as older carpets collect and disperse more allergens and particulate matter. Most manufacturers say carpet will last about 10 years with proper care. If your carpet is nearing 10 years or older, you may want

to start considering a replacement.

How much will new carpet cost?

The cost to replace your carpet will depend on the square footage of the carpeted area and the kind of carpet you choose. Carpet prices start at roughly \$2 per

square foot and increase with quality. Mid-grade carpet typically runs from \$3 to \$4 per square foot, and higher grades cost \$5 or more. Experts say you can expect to pay an additional \$2.50 to \$6 per square foot for new carpet padding and an additional \$2 to

\$6 per square foot for installation.

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Bidet seat or bidet fixture?

By **ED DEL GRANDE**
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Question: Hi Ed: I have a resolution this year to remodel my master bathroom. We want to include a bidet, but I don't know if we should install a separate bidet plumbing fixture or install a bidet seat on the toilet to make a combo unit. Can you please let me know the advantages of each? — Dave, Washington state

Answer: Years ago, a bidet fixture with a hot and cold mixing valve was the standard choice.

But recently, new electronic bidet-functioning toilet seats and smart toilets have become very popular.

While both styles will do the job, here are a few advantages of each type.

1. Dedicated bidet plumbing fixture
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2. Electronic bidet seat
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One final note: Make sure you can fit a bidet and toilet. If not, a single bidet seat/toilet combo can wash away a small space issue.

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How to use throws in your decor

DESIGN RECIPES

CATHY HOBBS

Throws and blankets are not only aesthetically pleasing but this time of year, they're functional as well. With cold weather in the mix more often right now, you may look to incorporate throws and blankets into the mix.

Design Recipes has compiled a list of what to look for that promise to help keep you cozy!

Materials

Throws and blankets come in all different types of materials, and some are more common than others. One of the most popular materials right now is faux fur. Faux fur is considered to be luxurious and elegant and can easily translate to a lot of different rooms in the home. Faux fur also comes in different colors and textures from smooth to shaggy. As an alternative, wool still remains a popular choice in throws. Thicker wools tend to maintain shape and provide warmth. Another material often used is cotton. Although not as warm as wool, cotton is a popular throw choice, especially in a children's room. Looking for other material choices? Why not consider cashmere or mohair? Throws made of this material tend to be a higher price point but will likely be beautiful additions to your home.

Different styles of throws

These days, knitting remains more popular

than ever. And as such, a number of different styles of knits have become in vogue. One of the most popular styles of throws is known as a chunky knit. These types of throws tend to be plush, oversized and incredibly cozy. For those looking to incorporate the Danish sense of calm known as hygge, this is a certain way to help achieve it.

How to decide color

Keep in mind that a throw is an accessory that can help enhance nearly any decor. A throw can introduce a new color to a space, blend with existing colors or act as an accent. For those looking to maintain a more neutral palette, taupe, black and charcoal gray are some great options. Prefer to incorporate a pop of color? Why not incorporate warm colors into your space such as chocolate brown, deep orange, mustard yellow or a rich red?

Suggested rooms in the home

The beauty of throws is

that they can be used anywhere. Social areas, such as living rooms and family rooms, are typically great choices, as these are areas where people typically relax or curl up by a fire or television viewing. Bedrooms are also a perfect location, as they can serve as additional bedding at night. Another location a throw may provide a welcomed decor element and comfort include a home office, where there might be a reading chair.

Styling tips

When it comes to throws, it's best to do what feels and looks most comfortable to you. At the foot of a bed, a folded rectangle can provide a clean, crisp look, while on sofas and across beds, throws simply tossed into place may work best. Another option may be to drape a throw over the back of a sofa or chair. In general, there is no right or wrong way to display a throw.

Mistakes to avoid

When it comes to throws and blankets, here is a short list of do's and don'ts.



COURTESY PHOTO

Throws and blankets are aesthetically pleasing and functional as well.

DO:

- Experiment with different colors and textures.
- Consider color choices, either using a throw color that blends with your space or provides an accent.

DON'T:

- Use too many

different materials in one room, though it is perfectly acceptable and welcomed to use different styles of throws throughout the home.

- Forget function.
- Skimp on size.

Throws are intended to be generous and cozy.

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NFL: Eagles 15, Falcons 10

Eagles use goal-line stand to top Falcons

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Fly Eagles Fly.

With the wind and against it.

With Nick Foles engineering several long drives, Jake Elliott converting three field goals, and the defense getting stingy in the tightest spot, Philadelphia moved into the NFC championship game with a 15-10 victory over the Atlanta Falcons on Saturday.

Foles directed brilliant marches of 74 and 80 yards in the second half — one into the whipping wind, the other with it — and Elliott atoned for missing an extra point by converting from 53 yards at the end of the second quarter, 37 and 21 in the second half. Then the Eagles (14-3) held when Atlanta (11-7) got to the 9-yard line with a first down, and to the 2 on fourth down.

When Matt Ryan's final pass sailed over

Julio Jones' head in the end zone, Philly could celebrate its first playoff victory since the 2008 season.

Next Sunday, the Eagles will host either Minnesota or New Orleans for the conference crown. The Eagles last made the Super Bowl in the 2004 season, losing to New England.

"I mean, we just kept believing in each other," said Foles, who became the starter when Carson Wentz, a leading MVP contender, injured his

knee in December. "That was it. Our team never wavered, defense did an amazing job, special teams — that's just been the story this year is that we just all stuck together..."

The Falcons, of course, memorably blew a 28-3 second-half lead to the Patriots in last year's Super Bowl. They will not get the opportunity to atone for it, though Ryan got them close at the end.

SEE EAGLES, 3



Eagles' Jalen Mills (31) and Brandon Graham (55) celebrate after Atlanta Falcons' Julio Jones (11) cannot catch a fourth down pass during the second half Saturday in Philadelphia.

NFL: AFC Divisional Round

STAGE IS SET

Jaguars surging, Steelers wary in high-stakes AFC rematch

By **WILL GRAVES**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — At the time the score looked like a misprint.

Jacksonville 30. Pittsburgh 9.

On the road.

A result so stunningly one-sided Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger stood in the locker room on that gray October afternoon only half-jokingly wondered if he still had "it."

Throwing five interceptions, two of which the Jaguars returned for momentum-swinging, confidence-sapping touchdowns, will do that.

Yet Roethlisberger insists he's not out for revenge in the rematch on Sunday when the



Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Marcell Dareus (99) flexes as he celebrates after defeating the Buffalo Bills in an NFL wild-card playoff football game Sunday in Jacksonville.

Jaguars (11-6) visit Heinz Field in the divisional round with a trip to the AFC title game on the line.

There's too much at stake for him to settle some sort of personal

vendetta.

Or so he says.

"I'll play anyone in the postseason," Roethlisberger said.

Only Jacksonville isn't "anyone." Not anymore. Not after

the NFL's top-ranked defense proved that breakout performance three months ago was a sign of things to come.

SEE JAGUARS, 3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Clemson 72, Miami 63

Grantham leads Tigers to win over Hurricanes

By **PETE IACOBELLI**
Associated Press

CLEMSON, S.C. — Clemson coach Brad Brownell had a simple plan at the only practice before facing No. 18 Miami — don't shoot at all.

"We didn't shoot one free throw. We didn't shoot one shot," Brownell explained. "We didn't do anything."

Turns out, it was just what the 19th-ranked Tigers needed to outlast the Hurricanes 72-63 on Saturday.

Donte Grantham had

18 points, including four 3-pointers, and Mark Donnal had 12 points, including two critical second-half 3s, to help Clemson (15-2, 4-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) continue its best start in nine years.

The Tigers had a season-high 12 3-pointers, four of those coming in the final 10 minutes of a tie game.

Donnal, the Michigan graduate transfer, had two straight, no-doubt-about-it 3s to put Clemson ahead 50-44.

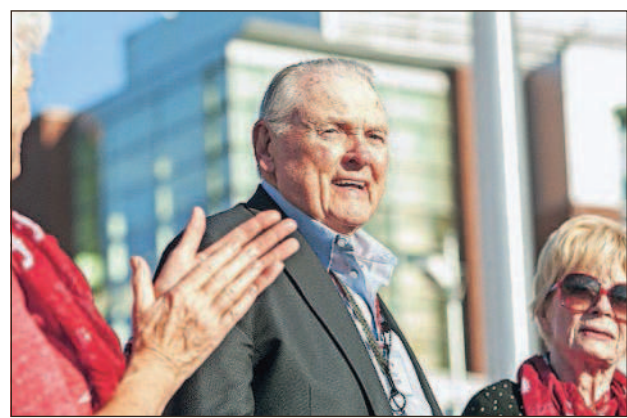
SEE MIAMI, 3



Miami's Lonnie Walker IV drives to the basket while defended by Clemson's Elijah Thomas during the first half Saturday in Clemson, S.C.

OBITUARY: Keith Jackson

Keith Jackson, 89, broadcaster with 'Whoa, Nelly!' call, dies



Washington State alumnus Keith Jackson smiles after raising the Cougar flag before the start of a 2014 NCAA college football game against Portland State at Martin Stadium in Pullman, Wash.

By **JAY REEVES**
Associated Press

Keith Jackson, whose signature phrases like "Whoa, Nelly!" made him the down-home voice of college football during more than five decades as a sportscaster, has died. He was 89.

Jackson died Friday, according to a statement Saturday by ESPN, which consolidated with ABC Sports, Jackson's longtime employer. No cause or place of death

was given. Jackson was a longtime resident of Sherman Oaks, California, and Pender Harbor, British Columbia.

Jackson covered many sports, but he was best known for college football. A native of rural west Georgia, his smooth baritone voice and use of phrases like "big uglies" for linemen gave his game calls a familiar feel.

He might be best known for his "Whoa, Nelly!" exclamation, but he didn't overuse it during games.

Borrowed from his great-grandfather, a farmer, the phrase was also part of a commercial Jackson did for Miller Lite in the mid-'90s.

In a Fox Sports interview in 2013, Jackson said his folksy language stemmed from his rural upbringing and he became comfortable with the usage through the years.

"I would go around and pluck things off the bush and see if I could find a different way to say some

things. And the older I got the more willing I was to go back into the Southern vernacular because some of it's funny," Jackson said.

Bob Iger, chairman and chief executive of The Walt Disney Co., said listeners "knew it was a big game" when they heard Jackson's voice.

"For generations of fans, Keith Jackson was college football," Iger said.

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 Jan. 12N 8-3
 Jan. 12D 7-5
 Jan. 11N 1-3
 Jan. 11D 3-6
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 3

Jan. 13N 0-5-1
 Jan. 13D 2-4-1
 Jan. 12N 7-8-3
 Jan. 12D 5-9-6
 Jan. 11N 9-4-1
 Jan. 11D 3-0-6
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 4

Jan. 13N 4-6-9-2
 Jan. 13D 5-9-6-6
 Jan. 12N 3-6-4-4
 Jan. 12D 7-6-7-1
 Jan. 11N 9-2-2-8
 Jan. 11D 5-1-6-1
 D-Day, N-Night

PICK 5

Jan. 13N 7-2-7-1-9
 Jan. 13D 9-8-2-7-4
 Jan. 12N 5-5-5-7-6
 Jan. 12D 3-9-2-6-3
 Jan. 11N 8-4-8-2-4
 Jan. 11D 8-0-2-7-8
 D-Day, N-Night

FANTASY 5

Jan. 13 19-16-14-11-32
 Jan. 12 12-14-23-29-34
 Jan. 11 2-13-19-27-28

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 11
 4.5-digit winners \$55,094.36
 305...4-digit winners \$116.50
 8,895...3-digit winners \$11.00

CASH FOR LIFE

Jan. 11 18-22-23-41-53
 Cash Ball 1
 Jan. 8 3-11-44-47-58
 Cash Ball 3

SPORTS ON TV**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

2:30 p.m.
 CBSSN — Army at Navy
 3 p.m.
 NBCSN — Davidson at Fordham
 4:30 p.m.
 CBS — Northwestern at Indiana
 5 p.m.
 NBCSN — St. Joseph's at UMass
 6 p.m.
 ESPNU — NC State at Virginia
 7 p.m.
 BTN — Ohio St. at Rutgers
 8 p.m.
 ESPNU — Utah at Southern Cal

GOLF

5 a.m.
 GOLF — European PGA Tour, South African Open, final round, at Gauteng, South Africa
 11 a.m.
 GOLF — Web.com Tour, Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, second round, at Great Exuma, Bahamas

1 p.m.
 GOLF — Champions Tour, Diamond Resorts Invitational, final round, at Orlando, Fla.

6 p.m.
 GOLF — PGA Tour, Sony Open, final round, at Honolulu

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS

8 p.m.
 FS1 — UFC Fight Night, prelims, at St. Louis

10 p.m.
 FS1 — UFC Fight Night, Jeremy Stephen vs. Dooho Choi, at St. Louis

NBA BASKETBALL

9 p.m.
 ESPN — Portland at Minnesota

NFL FOOTBALL

1:05 p.m.
 CBS — AFC Divisional playoff, Jacksonville at Pittsburgh

4:40 p.m.

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 11
 0.....5-of-5 CB..... \$1,000/Day
 0.....5-of-5..... \$1,000/Week
 1.....4-of-5 CB..... \$2,500
 11.....4-of-5..... \$500

LUCKY MONEY

Jan. 12 10-29-31-35
 Lucky Ball 5
 Jan. 9 11-29-32-47
 Lucky Ball 16

LOTTO

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 12
 1.....4-of-4 LB \$550,000
 3.....4-of-4..... \$1,763.00
 37.....3-of-4 LB \$313.00
 572.....3-of-4..... \$59.50

Jan. 13 27-8-1-22-50-24
 Jan. 10 5-19-20-24-27-51
 Jan. 6 11-28-30-33-36-49

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 10
 0.6-digit winners \$2.5 million
 25...5-digit winners \$3,107.00
 907...4-digit winners.. \$67.00

POWERBALL

Jan. 13 14-25-35-58-69
 Powerball 24
 Jan. 10 7-24-33-49-50
 Powerball 4

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 6
 0...5 of 5 + PB ... \$570 Million
 0...5 of 5 \$1 million
 12...4 of 5 + PB \$50,000
 55...4 of 5 \$300
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$40 million

MEGA MILLIONS

Jan. 12 17-18-33-46-60
 Mega Ball 24
 Jan. 9 16-29-31-65-67
 Mega Ball 23

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 9
 0.....5 of 5 + MB... \$40 Million
 0.....5 of 5 \$1 Million
 1.....4 of 5 + MB \$10,000
 13...4 of 5 \$500
 ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$45 million

FOX — NFC Divisional playoff, New Orleans at Minnesota

NHL HOCKEY

12:30 p.m.
 NBC — Detroit at Chicago
 7:30 p.m.
 NBCSN — N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh

SOCCER

8:30 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Bournemouth vs. Arsenal
 9:30 a.m.
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Koln vs. Borussia Monchengladbach

11 a.m.
 NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool vs. Manchester City
 Noon
 FS1 — Bundesliga, Borussia Dortmund vs. Wolfsburg

TENNIS
 7 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Australian Open, first round, at Melbourne, Australia

3 a.m. (Monday)
 ESPN2 — Australian Open, first round, at Melbourne, Australia

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Noon
 CBSSN — Army at Navy
 ESPNU — UCF at South Florida

1 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Tennessee at South Carolina
 SEC — LSU at Florida

2 p.m.
 BTN — Penn St. at Wisconsin
 ESPNU — Saint Louis at Dayton

FS1 — Baylor at Oklahoma
 3 p.m.
 ESPN2 — Virginia at Duke
 SEC — Georgia at Texas A&M

4 p.m.
 ESPNU — Alabama at Mississippi St.
 4:30 p.m.
 CBSSN — Butler at DePaul

5 p.m.
 SEC — Arkansas at Auburn

NHL ROUNDUP

Barzal, Beauvillier lead Islanders to win over Rangers

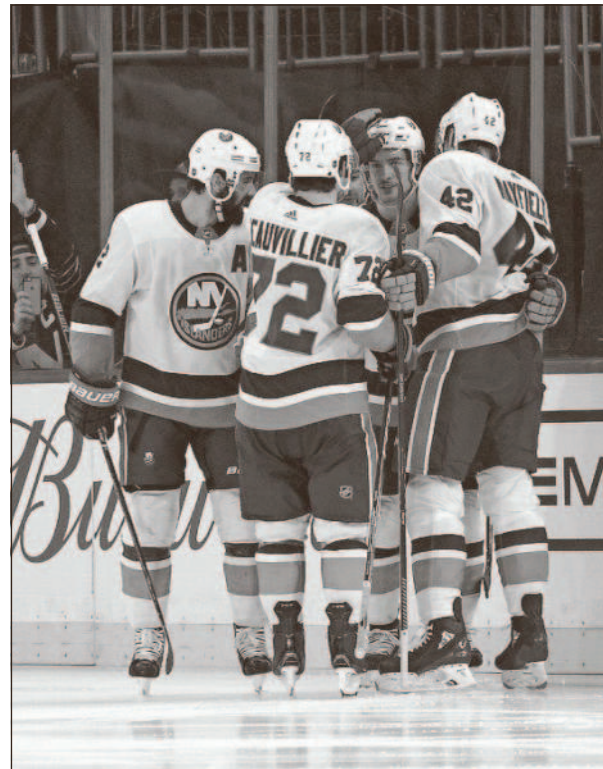
Associated Press

Mathew Barzal was terrific and Jaroslav Halak stepped up at a couple of key moments. It was the Islanders' day again in New York. Barzal had two goals and three assists, Beauvillier added two goals and an assist, and the Islanders beat the Rangers 7-2 on Saturday for their ninth win in the last 10 meetings of the crosstown rivals.

Shane Prince, Thomas Hickey and Cal Clutterbuck also scored, helping the Islanders to the victory in both teams' first game after their respective five-day byes. Jordan Eberle had four assists in the Isles' highest scoring game of the season, and Halak stopped 37 shots.

PENGUINS 4, RED WINGS 1:

Evgeni Malkin had two goals and two assists, and the Pittsburgh Penguins beat the Detroit Red Wings for their third consecutive victory. Phil Kessel added a goal and two assists for Pittsburgh, which had dropped its last three games against Detroit. Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist, and rookie Tristan Jarry stopped 29



AP PHOTO

New York Islanders center Mathew Barzal, center, celebrates with his teammates after scoring a goal during the second period against the New York Rangers on Saturday at Madison Square Garden in New York.

shots in his third straight start while Matt Murray is home in Canada tending to a personal family matter. The Penguins have won four of five after dropping seven of their previous 10. Their three-game win streak is their longest since they won four in a row from late November into December. Justin Abdelkader

for the Red Wings, who lost their second straight after a four-game winning streak. Jimmy Howard made 32 saves after missing one game with a lower-body injury.

FLYERS 5, DEVILS 3: Sean Couturier had two goals and an assist, helping Philadelphia to its fourth

straight win. Wayne Simmonds, Travis Konecny and Michael Raffl also scored for the Flyers, who have won five of six overall. Claude Giroux had the primary assist on two power-play goals and Brian Elliott made 26 saves as Philadelphia won in New Jersey for the first time since Feb. 16, 2016. Jesper Bratt, Kyle Palmieri and Drew Stafford scored for the Devils, who dropped to 0-3-3 in their last six games. Cory Schneider had 20 saves.

WILD 4, JETS 1: Matt Dumba scored two goals in the third period, and Minnesota got its first win against Winnipeg in four tries this season. Jason Zucker and Mikael Granlund also scored, helping Minnesota win its second straight behind 32 saves from Devan Dubnyk. The Jets were coming off a 2-1 loss at Chicago on Friday night. Mathieu Perreault scored against the Wild, and Connor Hellebuyck stopped 37 shots. Dumba's slap shot from the faceoff circle sneaked between Hellebuyck and the post for a 3-1 lead in the third. Another shot from the point secured Dumba's second two-goal game of the season.

NBA ROUNDUP

Randle leads Lakers past Mavericks in OT

Associated Press

With a matinee game in the middle of a road trip, Dallas native Julius Randle had a rare opportunity to enjoy a night off in his hometown.

He already had a good afternoon.

Randle had 23 points and 15 rebounds, including a follow shot late in overtime that helped the Los Angeles Lakers seal a 107-101 victory over the Mavericks on Saturday.

"Yeah, I'm going to enjoy it for sure," Randle said. "I've got my little man here, got my wife here, my family. I'm going to enjoy this night."

With his team leading 104-101, Randle grabbed

a rebound on Lonzo Ball's missed jump shot and scored on the rebound with 18 seconds remaining, giving the Lakers a five-point lead they preserved to extend their winning streak to a season-best four games.

CLIPPERS 126, KINGS 105:

Lou Williams scored 26 points and the injury-depleted Los Angeles Clippers beat the Sacramento Kings to get to .500 at the season's halfway mark. Willie Reed added 14 points and 13 rebounds starting in place of DeAndre Jordan, who has a sprained left ankle. Blake Griffin had 11 points and nine assists as one of eight Clippers in double figures. Their second game

in three days against the last-place Kings was just what the doctor ordered for the Clippers. Besides Jordan, they were without Austin Rivers and Danilo Gallinari. Patrick Beverley had season-ending knee surgery while C.J. Wilson is out indefinitely. After the Kings scored the game's first four points, it was all Clippers.

THUNDER 101, HORNETS 91:

Russell Westbrook had 25 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Charlotte Hornets to snap a three-game losing streak. Paul George added 17 points and Steven Adams had 14 rebounds and 11 rebounds as the Thunder avenged

a loss earlier this season to the Hornets. Oklahoma City trailed by three entering the fourth quarter, but its bench helped open a double-digit lead as Charlotte shot 5 of 21 from the field over the final 12 minutes.

WIZARDS 119, NETS 113, OT:

John Wall scored 17 of his 23 points in the second half and overtime and added 16 assists as the Washington Wizards beat the Brooklyn Nets after giving back a 23-point lead. Bradley Beal added 24 points and Marcin Gortat had 16 points and 13 rebounds for the Wizards, who needed their first overtime victory of the season to avoid being swept by the Nets in the season series.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Texas Tech makes history at home over WVU

Associated Press

Freshman Zhaire Smith cradled the inbound pass as the final eight-tenths of a second ticked off the clock and the frenzied Texas Tech fans rushed the court.

The Red Raiders will savor this moment, even if the rough-and-tumble Big 12 is just getting started.

Keenan Evans scored 20 points, Brandone Francis had a career-high 17 and No. 8 Texas Tech won the first-ever Top 10 matchup on its home court, beating second-ranked West Virginia 72-71 on Saturday. The Mountaineers

(15-2, 4-1 Big 12) couldn't hold an 11-point lead in the final 13 minutes and had their nation-leading 15-game winning streak stopped.

They were the last team in the Big 12 with a perfect league record. Now Texas Tech (15-2, 4-1) is part of a four-way tie atop arguably the nation's toughest conference — with 13 league games to go.

NO. 5 PURDUE 81, MINNESOTA 47:

Vincent Edwards scored 25 points in 29 minutes on 9-for-14 shooting for fifth-ranked Purdue, and the Boilermakers easily beat undermanned Minnesota for their 13th consecutive

victory. Isaac Haas pitched in 14 points and five rebounds for Purdue (17-2, 6-0), which produced its best Big Ten start since going 8-0 to begin conference play in the 1989-90 season. This is the fourth 6-0 start in the Big Ten in Boilermakers history.

NO. 6 WICHITA STATE 72, TULSA 69:

Landry Shamet and backcourt mate Conner Frankamp each scored 16 points and Wichita State held off Tulsa. Shamet made the first of two free throws with 8 seconds left for a three-point edge. After Shamet missed his second shot, the Shockers fouled Sterling Taplin. He missed the front end

of a one-and-one with 4.9 seconds left, Junior Etou rebounded and passed back to Taplin, whose 3-point try rimmed out.

NO. 7 DUKE 89, WAKE FOREST 71:

Marvin Bagley III had 30 points and 11 rebounds, and No. 7 Duke beat Wake Forest in a game Hall of Fame coach Mike Krzyzewski missed due to a virus. With longtime assistant Jeff Capel in charge, the short-handed and illness-ravaged Blue Devils (15-2, 3-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) won their second straight and moved their conference record over .500 for the first time this season. Gary Trent Jr. added 19 points and six 3-pointers.

JACKSON

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Jackson's death comes just three weeks after that of another sports-casting titan — Dick Enberg, known for his own excited calls of "Oh, my!" during a 60-year career.

Kirk Herbstreit was among the college

football broadcasters paying tribute to Jackson on social media. He said in a tweet that Jackson was "everyone's favorite CFB broadcaster."

"Can close my eyes and think of so many of his special calls. Thank you Keith for all the memories and the grace in which you provided them," Herbstreit wrote.

After serving four years

in the Marine Corps, Jackson broadcast his first college football game in 1952 as an undergraduate at Washington State. He worked in radio and television before joining ABC Sports in 1966.

Jackson first announced his retirement in 1998 but returned to work. He retired for good after the 2006 Rose Bowl, which featured Texas'

upset of Southern California in the BCS national championship game. He is a member of the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

The Rose Bowl stadium's radio and TV booths were renamed in his honor two years ago. He is in the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame for his contributions to the New Year's Day game, which

he called a record 15 times and nicknamed "The granddaddy of them all," according to the Rose Bowl website.

Though best known for his college broadcasts, Jackson called NFL games and was the first play-by-play announcer on ABC's "Monday Night Football" telecasts before being replaced in the program's second season

by Frank Gifford.

Jackson also called multiple World Series and baseball All-Star games, and was ABC's lead NBA play-by-play announcer and worked college basketball with Dick Vitale. Jackson also covered 10 Olympics, calling swimming, track and field, basketball, speedskating and ski jumping.

NFL: NFC Divisional Round

Brees-Keenum: Will playoff savvy prevail?

By DAVE CAMPBELL
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Drew Brees will lead the New Orleans offense onto the field at Minnesota and commence the 13th postseason game of his stellar career, already armed with seven such victories and one Super Bowl ring for the Saints.

"I prepare for every game as if it's that magnitude," Brees said.

"When you're in games of that magnitude, it's as if you've been there and done it many times before, even if it was just in your mind."

For Case Keenum, it's truly all in his mind.

His first start in the NFL playoffs will come when the Vikings kick off their divisional round game on Sunday.

"I'm going to play like I know how to play. I don't have to be anybody



At left, Minnesota Vikings' Case Keenum throws during the first half of an NFL football game against the Green Bay Packers, in Green Bay, Wis. At right, New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees (9) drops back to pass in the first half of an NFL football game against the Atlanta Falcons, in New Orleans.



AP FILE PHOTOS

but myself. Not more conservative or less conservative. Either way, I'm going to be me," said Keenum, whose successful takeover for the injured Sam Bradford helped lead the Vikings (13-3) to their best record

in 19 years. "That's all I have to be. I've got a great squad in this room."

Solely measuring quarterback experience and accomplishment, the Saints have a clear advantage over the Vikings in this divisional

round game to help determine the matchup in the NFC championship game. Keenum, though, has been overcoming the odds all season, let alone his career.

"I always root for guys like that. Kind of the

undersized guy that is coming out and nobody wants to give him any credit and always plays with a chip on his shoulder," Brees said.

Though he was drafted by the San Diego Chargers in the second round

in 2001 out of Purdue, with Keenum going undrafted out of Houston and needing the Texans practice squad to get his career going in 2012, Brees can relate. He's shorter than the NFL standard for their position, too. Oh, and they're both from Texas.

Brees added another highlight last week, with 376 passing yards to help the Saints (12-5) advance with a 31-26 victory over Carolina while the Vikings had a bye.

"Just a guy that I really admire in how he moves the ball down the field and how he operates, what kind of leader he is," Keenum said.

"I read his book a long time ago. I think he's someone to learn from. I try to watch all of the really good quarterbacks in the offseason and take little things to try to work on my game."

JAGUARS

From Page 1

The Jaguars don't play a particularly pretty brand of football. They also don't particularly care.

Doubt them all you want. Mock their offense at your leisure.

Last they checked, there will be 24 teams watching the playoffs this weekend and Jacksonville isn't one of them.

"We've just got to score one more point than they do," Jaguars quarterback Blake Bortles said.

"It doesn't matter who scores it, where it comes from, how we do it, what it looks like, we score one more than them and I'm happy with how we did it."

Bortles and the other 52 guys on the roster might be the only ones.

The Steelers (13-3) entered the season as one of the favorites to reach the Super Bowl.

Despite a fall filled with drama (much of it self-created) Pittsburgh was really only pushed around once. By the Jaguars.

Take Jacksonville lightly at your peril, something the Steelers found out on Oct. 8.

"Some people come in thinking a team may be easier by their record or tougher by their record, but we know that can't be on our mind," Pittsburgh running back Le'Veon Bell said.

"I think that kind of got us in the first game because the Jacksonville Jaguars, they're normally not a good team but those guys got players this year. They've been making plays."



AP FILE PHOTO

Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver Antonio Brown (84) makes a catch as Jacksonville Jaguars cornerback Jalen Ramsey (20) defends, but comes down out-of-bounds for an incomplete pass in the fourth quarter in an NFL football game, in Pittsburgh.

If the Jaguars can do it for another 60 minutes, they'll reach the NFL's final four for just the third time in franchise history.

Yes, really.

Some things to look for as the Jaguars try to pull off a second stunner against a team that believes its season is destined to end with a trip to Minneapolis for the Super Bowl.

AB'S BACK: Pittsburgh All-Pro wide receiver Antonio Brown is expected to play after missing the final 2½ games of the regular season with a left calf contusion. Brown practiced all week, though he was sent home on Friday because of an illness.

Brown caught 10 passes for 157 yards in the first meeting with Jacksonville and his return means all of Pittsburgh's "Killer Bs" will be ready to go.

"If he's out there, I expect him to be AB,"

Steelers cornerback Joe Haden said.

LEONARD'S LEAP: Jaguars rookie running back Leonard Fournette hampered the Steelers for a season-high 181 yards in October, including a 2-yard touchdown leap and a 90-yard sprint to the end zone in the final two minutes that sealed it. Fournette's production has dipped in recent weeks. He's only averaged higher than 3.9 yards per carry once over the past eight weeks, though Bortles doesn't think Fournette has smacked into the rookie wall.

"There has obviously been some hiccups and bumps in the road with different things," Bortles said. "It's not on him, it's on guys up front, it's on me getting us in the right play, receivers blocking. It's on everyone."

CHILL OUT DUDE: Temperatures are expected to be in the teens at kickoff,

a decided departure for the Jaguars.

While Jacksonville coach Doug Marrone downplayed the elements, Bell believes he has an advantage when the mercury drops.

A year ago against Miami in the wild-card round, he pounded the Dolphins for 167 yards and two touchdowns as the temperature hovered around 17 degrees.

"It definitely affects guys who are tackling," Bell said. "That's why when it's cold outside I take a lot of pride because I know guys don't want to tackle."

COACH SHAY: Injured Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier spent some time at the team's facility this week, getting around in a wheelchair while recovering from spinal stabilization surgery last month following a hit against Cincinnati that left his lower body motionless.

MIAMI

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With Miami in striking range at 60-57 in the final 2 minutes, Marquise Reed and Grantham struck with long-range shots to put the game away.

The Tigers needed time off following a drama-filled, 79-78 loss at North Carolina State on Thursday night. Brownell wondered how the quick turnaround would affect his club.

"It was good," Grantham said about the short session. "Coach did a good job of letting us get some rest because we knew we had another big game coming up."

Miami pushed the pace much of the way, grabbing a seven-point lead early and driving the lane whenever the Hurricanes could.

Things turned with Donnal's baskets from behind the arc. He said he makes those regularly in practice and felt good when the ball came his way about the open looks.

"My teammates were able to find me and I knocked them down to put us up," said Donnal, who had made just seven 3-pointers on the season before this.

Miami kept things tight most of the way until the Tigers got hot from the outside once more.

Reed's 3-pointer with 1:41 left put Clemson ahead 63-57 and Grantham clinched things a possession later with the last of his 3s. Clemson opened up a 13-point lead in the final minute.

Anthony Lawrence II and Lonnie Walker IV had 16 points each for Miami (13-3, 2-2).

Miami coach Jim

Larranaga said his game plan was to take away Clemson's 3-point shooting. The Tigers, though, ended up 12 of 21 (57.1 percent) from beyond the arc.

"If they shoot like this, it makes them very hard to beat," Larranaga said.

Reed had 16 points for Clemson, nine of those coming in the last 2 minutes.

When the horn sounded, Grantham raised his arms and urged on the cheers from the sort of full house that's normally the case next door at football's Death Valley.

"If we continue to do what we do and continue to play the way we've been playing, we can do anything," Grantham said. "It makes me mad that people are leaving us out, but we're going to prove people wrong."

It was the second straight game in double figures for Donnal, who had 13 in the Wolfpack loss.

BIG PICTURE

Miami: The Hurricanes are loaded with lengthy, mobile players confident in driving to the basket and knowing what to do when they get there. Miami had 30 of its points in the paint. Also, 17 of their 37 rebounds came on the offensive glass, nearly double the nine Clemson had.

Clemson: The Tigers had a short turnaround from their first ACC loss of the season at North Carolina State on Thursday night to their Saturday afternoon contest. And they looked a bit out-of-step early as they fell behind 22-15. But Clemson rallied to close the half on a 19-8 run to lead 34-30 at the break.

EAGLES

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Despite being underdogs as the No. 1 seed, the Eagles showed plenty of moxie.

"Just keep on disrespecting and we're going to keep proving people wrong," receiver Alshon Jeffery said.

A masterful 74-yard, 12-play drive on which Foles threw for 70 yards led to Elliott's 37-yard kick into the wind that made it 12-10. The Eagles then put together their best drive, an 80-yarder covering 14 plays, yet again faltered close to the end zone. Elliott added a 21-yarder with 6:02 remaining after coach Doug Pederson briefly considered going for it

on fourth-and-1 at the Atlanta 3.

"It was tricky out there, really gusty," Elliott said.

Then, as the fans in the Linc held their breath, the Eagles held deep in their territory.

"Man, just stay calm," said defensive tackle Fletcher Cox, who was a force all day. "We always talk about that. We've been in those situations during the regular season, so we kind of know how to handle those situations, not try to make a play but let the play come to us."

And the road to the Super Bowl remains through Philly.

WINDY DECISIONS

Falcons coach Dan Quinn could have opted to take the wind in the fourth quarter after deferring

on the opening coin toss. Instead, he took the ball to start the second half, but it was the Eagles who got the only points of the third period.

And in the end, Atlanta had to deal with the currents on that final drive, which did include a 20-yard completion to Jones on fourth-and-6.

"It was a tough game for us tonight," Quinn said, "and as we go through, we will go back and assess everything we have done."

ERROR-FILLED HALF

Mistakes hurt the Eagles in the opening half. Jay Ajayi's fumble and a misplayed punt that bounced off Bryan Braman led to all 10 Atlanta points.

Things began nicely for Philadelphia when safety

Brian Poole was tagged with pass interference on a deep pass by Foles that was held up by the wind. But Ajayi fumbled on the next play with Keanu Neal recovering.

Atlanta efficiently mixed runs and passes to drive to Matt Bryant's 33-yard field goal for an early lead.

Philadelphia got the run game going with Ajayi in the opening period. Then, with the wind in the next quarter, the Eagles kept the Falcons so off-balance Atlanta took two timeouts in three plays.

Receiver Nelson Agholor's 21-yard run got the ball to the 3, and Foles botched a handoff to Corey Clement. But the quarterback quickly dived on the loose ball and was ruled to have

scored. Replay showed otherwise.

Pederson showed no hesitation going for it, and Blount surged in from the 1. Elliott's missed extra point left it 6-3.

Soon after came Matt Boshier's punt that took a wicked bounce and hit Braman while he was blocking. From the Philly 18, the Falcons benefited from two penalties before Ryan scrambled from pressure and found Devonta Freeman for a 6-yard TD and a 10-3 lead.

With 46 seconds left in the half, the hosts got lucky. Foles' errant pass ricocheted off Neal's hands to Torrey Smith for 20 yards. Jeffery made a long stretch to haul in another throw

with 1 second remaining, and Elliott's 53-yard field goal just made it over the crossbar.

"It was great for momentum," Foles said. "Jake did an awesome job of kicking that for us."

QB NUMBERS

Foles finished a very efficient outing by going 23 of 30 for 246 yards.

Ryan was 22 of 36 for 210 yards on a difficult day to throw. Jones had nine receptions for 101 yards.

UP NEXT

Philadelphia will host either Minnesota or New Orleans next Sunday night for the NFC title.

Atlanta's season ends after a wild-card berth and a win at Los Angeles before Saturday's defeat.

TENNIS: Australian Open

Even without Serena, Aussie Open women's field still tough

By JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Without defending champion Serena Williams in the draw at the Australian Open, there's certainly an opportunity for another player to go on a surprising run and emerge as a first-time Grand Slam champion.

Sloane Stephens and Jelena Ostapenko did it last year.

Just don't describe the first Grand Slam of the year as "more open" than usual.

"Whenever I get asked that question, it always comes across in really kind of an almost negative way instead of acknowledging how many great players we have," Johanna Konta, who reached the semi-finals of Wimbledon last year, said in her pre-tournament news conference Saturday.

"The depth in women's tennis, I really do believe in the last few years, has gotten so strong," she added. "There's no straight sailing to the quarters or semis. It doesn't exist."

Stephens agrees the Australian Open field is still extremely tough, even without Williams, the 23-time major winner. Williams withdrew from the tournament to recover from health issues after a



AP PHOTO

United States' Sloane Stephens smiles during a press conference at the Australian Open tennis championships Saturday in Melbourne, Australia.

complicated childbirth in September.

"There's a lot of great players," Stephens said. "It's up for grabs."

A new face will be holding the trophy at Melbourne Park in two weeks. The No. 1-ranking changed seven times in 2017, with five different women assuming top spot — three for the first time.

Top-ranked Simona Halep is looking to finally break through and win her first major after twice finishing runner-up. She won the season-opening Shenzhen Open in China, but has mixed results at Melbourne Park, losing in the first round the last two years.

"I don't feel pressure. I feel OK. I feel fit. I feel ready to start," Halep

said. "I have one more goal: to win a Grand Slam."

Stephens made a stellar run to the U.S. Open title after missing several months with an injured left foot. She's struggled to adjust to the sudden stardom that's come with being a Grand Slam champion — losing seven straight matches since September — but believes she can find her game again in Melbourne.

"I think it's always a tough transition when you go from not playing tennis for 11 months to winning a Grand Slam," she said. "I like to just stay in my own little bubble and do my own thing. ... It's kind of been what I'm trying to do."

There are plenty of other contenders.

Ostapenko, now 20, rocketed up the rankings after her stunning win at the French Open. Venus Williams is a threat at 37 years old after finishing runner-up to her sister last year. Angelique Kerber, the 2016 Australian Open winner, won the Sydney International title on Saturday.

Garbine Muguruza is the reigning Wimbledon champion, though her health has been in question at the start of the new year. Caroline Wozniacki had a career-reviving 2017 season and could return to the No. 1 ranking for the first time in six years with a strong showing in Melbourne.

Maria Sharapova, the 2008 winner, returns after missing last year's Australian Open because of a drug suspension.

And then there's Elina Svitolina, who earned her 10th tour title last week at the Brisbane International. She has a shot at No. 1 during the Australian Open.

"I had a great week in Brisbane. Of course, I'm confident," she said.

But she added that isn't enough in the constantly shifting, ultra-competitive women's game.

"Everyone wants to win a Grand Slam," Svitolina said. "So, I try to find my way, what can help me to be there, to be ready for the fight."

NHL: Lightning



JASON BEHNKEN | TIMES

Tampa Bay Lightning right wing J.T. Brown (23) and Tampa Bay Lightning center Valtteri Filppula (51) celebrate Filppula's game winning goal against the Rangers during the 3rd period Thursday night at Amalie Arena. Brown had the assist on the goal.

J.T. Brown put on waivers by Lightning

By JOE SMITH
Times staff writer

The Lightning put veteran wing J.T. Brown on waivers Saturday with plans to send him to AHL Syracuse if he clears Sunday at noon.

GM Steve Yzerman said the move was about creating roster flexibility, creating some room for a potential callup from the Crunch.

"I wanted the flexibility within our roster, when the time comes, to recall players currently excelling in Syracuse and give them an opportunity to play," Yzerman told the Times.

Yzerman has praised prospects like Adam Erne, saying he's "been playing his way out of the American League."

The Lightning has also been impressed with Carter Verhaeghe and Russian Alex Volkov, who is finding his way in his first year pro. Matt Peca was an AHL All-Star.

No callups are expected immediately, as the Lightning is the middle of a five-day bye week, with its next game Thursday against Vegas at Amalie Arena.

Brown, 27, in his fifth full season with Tampa Bay, has played in just 24 of the team's 44 games this season (one goal, three assists). Brown and Cory Conacher have alternated being healthy scratches when the Lightning goes with 12 forwards. This could free up a spot for Conacher, who has more offensive upside.

This still has to be tough for Brown, a gritty fan favorite who has made a significant impact off the ice. On Oct. 7, Brown, one of 30 black players in the league, became the first NHL player to perform a silent protest of the anthem, in an attempt to raise awareness for racial inequality and police brutality. Brown has since done a lot of work with the Tampa Police Department, including going on ride-a-longs and joining them for trick-or-treating in the troubled area of Seminole Heights.

The Lightning already lost forward Gabriel Dumont to Ottawa after placing him on waivers earlier this season. If Brown clears, he could get more playing time with the Crunch.

MLB: Rays

Colome, Dickerson among seven avoiding arbitration with Rays

By FRED GOODALL
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG — Closer Alex Colome and All-Star designated hitter/outfielder Corey Dickerson are among seven players who agreed to one-year contracts with the Tampa Bay Rays, avoiding salary arbitration.

Infielders Matt Duffy and Brad Miller, outfielder Steven Souza, Jr., catcher Jesus Sucre and relief pitcher Dan Jennings also reached terms before Friday's deadline for players and teams to exchange proposed salaries for next season.

Pitcher Jake Odorizzi and shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria are Tampa Bay's only arbitration-eligible players who didn't agree to deals. Odorizzi's case set to be settled by an arbiter for the second straight winter.

The 27-year-old right-hander won his arbitration case last February, receiving a raise



AP FILE PHOTO

Tampa Bay Rays relief pitcher Alex Colome throws against the Baltimore Orioles during a baseball game in Baltimore.

from \$520,700 to \$4.1 million. He went 10-8 with a 4.14 ERA in 28 starts last season.

This time, Odorizzi is seeking \$6.3 million while the Rays are offering \$6.05 million.

Hechavarria, acquired in a trade from Miami in June, is asking for \$5.9 million after making \$4.35 million last season. He played solid defense while batting .257 with seven homers and 24 RBIs after the joining the Rays, who are offering \$5.35 million for 2018.

Colome, an AL All-Star for the first time two years ago, received a whopping raise from \$547,900 to \$5.3 million after going 2-3 with a 3.24 ERA and a major league-leading 47 saves in 2017. He's the first pitcher in franchise history to lead the majors in saves, finishing with six more than the nearest contender.

Dickerson, meanwhile, was bumped up to \$5.95 million after batting .282 with a career-best 27 homers last season, when he made \$3.025 million

and was the starting designated hitter for the AL in the all-star game.

The left-handed hitting slugger also posted career highs for games played (150), runs (84), hits (166), extra-base hits (64), total bases (288) and multihit games (51) in 2017.

Duffy will earn \$930,000 — up from \$545,300 a year ago, when he missed the entire season while recovering from Achilles surgery. He's appeared in just 21 games since being acquired in a trade that sent pitcher Matt Moore to the San Francisco Giants in August 2016. In addition to his salary, Duffy can earn \$70,000 in bonuses based on plate appearances: \$10,000 each for 150, 200, 250, 300, 350, 375 and 400.

Miller hit a career-low .201 with nine homers and 40 RBIs in 110 games last season, a big drop from 2016, when he batted .243 with a career-best 30 homers and 81 RBIs in his first season in Tampa Bay.

MLB: Blue Jays

Donaldson agrees to \$23M, 1-year deal with Blue Jays

Associated Press

TORONTO — Third baseman Josh Donaldson and the Toronto Blue Jays agreed to a \$23 million contract Friday, the largest one-year deal for an arbitration-eligible player.

The 32-year-old, a three-time All-Star, topped the \$21,625,000, one-year deal covering 2018 agreed to last May by outfielder Bryce Harper and Washington.

Donaldson, the 2015 AL MVP, got a \$6 million raise after rebounding from an

injury-slowed 2016 to hit .270 last season with 33 homers and 78 RBIs in 113 games. The sure-handed infielder missed time from April 14 through May 25 with a calf injury, which also hampered him during spring training.

Donaldson was coming off a \$28.65 million, two-year deal. He is eligible for free agency after this season.

Toronto also agreed to one-year deals with outfielder Ezequiel Carrera for \$1.9 million, left-hander Aaron Loup

for \$1,812,500, outfielder Kevin Pillar for \$3.25 million, right-hander Aaron Sanchez for \$2.7 million, second baseman Devon Travis for \$1.45 million and right-hander Dominic Leone for \$1,085,000.

Carrera earned \$1,162,500 last season, when the 30-year-old Venezuelan played every outfield spot and batted .282 with eight homers and 20 RBIs in a career-high 131 games for the Blue Jays — 91 of those in left field.

Pillar batted .256 with 16 homers and 42 RBIs in

154 games. He can earn a \$50,000 bonus for 450 plate appearances.

Loup, who made \$1,125,000 in 2017, went 2-3 with a 3.75 ERA in 70 appearances and 57 ⅓ innings. Sanchez went 1-3 with a 4.25 ERA in eight starts, while Leone was 3-0 with a 2.56 ERA in a career-high 65 appearances and his most innings at 70 ⅓.

Toronto's remaining arbitration eligible players are right-handers Marcus Stroman and Roberto Osuna.

GOLF: Sony Open

False alarm on missile creates uneasy moment at Sony Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Charles Howell III was eating breakfast in his hotel when the restaurant at the Kahala started buzzing.

Everyone had their phones. Everyone received the same push alert.

"BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

"All the alarms went off at the same time," Howell said. "It got everyone's attention. I didn't know what to do. We all stared at each other. It kind of shows you the world we live in now. Your whole life can change in a second."

The push alert turned out to be a mistake.

The scare lasted only about 10 minutes, a little longer depending on the source of information.

Some players at least knew about Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, whose tweet that it was a false alarm made the rounds quickly. But it was long enough to create an unsettling start to the third round of the Sony Open from the brief uncertainty

and panic across the island.

When the Hawaii Emergency Agency tweeted there was no missile threat, J.J. Spaun replied on Twitter, "In a basement under hotel. Barely any service. Can you send confirmed message over radio or tv?"

John Peterson was playing in the final group Saturday, three shots out of the lead. He is traveling with his wife, her parents and their 3-month-old son.

"Under mattresses in the bathtub with my wife, baby and in-laws. Please lord let this bomb threat not be real," Peterson tweeted.

The push alert was issued shortly after 8 a.m., and Waialae Country Club was largely empty because the first tee time was not until 11:05 a.m. Candice Kraughto, who runs press operations for the tournament, ran into the media center with news of the alert and asked everyone to evacuate.

A local golf radio program, set up in the clubhouse next to glass windows overlooking the ocean, kept broadcasting.

SCOREBOARD

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NFL PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

All times Eastern (National TV in parentheses)
Wild-card Playoffs
Jan. 6
 Tennessee 22, Kansas City 21
 Atlanta 26, Los Angeles Rams 13
Jan. 7
 Jacksonville 10, Buffalo 3
 New Orleans 31, Carolina 26

Divisional Playoffs

Saturday
 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10
 Tennessee at New England, late
Today
 Jacksonville at Pittsburgh, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)
 New Orleans at Minnesota, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC: TBD, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC: New Orleans-Minnesota winner at Philadelphia, 6:40 p.m. (FOX)

Pro Bowl

Sunday, Jan. 28 at Orlando, Fla.
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ESPN/ABC)

Super Bowl LII

Sunday, Feb. 4 at Minneapolis, Minn.
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

NFC DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

EAGLES 15, FALCONS 10
ATLANTA 3 7 0 0 - 10
PHILADELPHIA 0 9 3 3 - 15

First Quarter
 Atl—FG Bryant 33, 9:04.

Second Quarter
 Phi—Blount 1 run (kick failed), 10:28.
 Atl—Freeman 6 pass from Ryan (Bryant kick), 5:41.
 Phi—FG Elliott 53, 3:00.

Third Quarter
 Phi—FG Elliott 37, 1:11.

Fourth Quarter
 Phi—FG Elliott 21, 6:02.
 A—69, 59:6.

	Atl	Phi
First downs	19	22
Total Net Yards	281	334
Rushes-yards	20-86	32-96
Passing	195	238
Punt Returns	0-0	1-0
Kickoff Returns	2-31	2-48
Interceptions	0-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	22-36-0	23-30-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-15	1-8
Punts	6-33.8	3-41.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	4-2
Penalties-Yards	4-73	4-24
Time of Possession	27:54	32:06

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Atlanta, T.Coleman 10-79, Freeman 10-77, Philadelphia, Ajayi 15-54, Agholor 2-20, Blount 9-19, Clement 1-5, Foles 5-(minus 2).
PASSING—Atlanta, Ryan 22-36-0-210. Philadelphia, Foles 23-30-0-246.
RECEIVING—Atlanta, J.Jones 9-101, Freeman 5-26, Sanu 3-50, Gabriel 2-4, T.Coleman 1-14, Toilolo 1-12, Hooper 1-3. Philadelphia, Clement 5-31, Jeffery 4-61, Ajayi 3-44, Smith 3-39, Trz 3-32, Agholor 3-24, Hollins 1-9, Celek 1-6.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

NFL PLAYOFF INJURY REPORT

The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (OUT: definitely will not play; DNP: did not practice; LIMITED: limited participation; FULL: full participation):
Today
JACKSONVILLE at PITTSBURGH — **JAGUARS:** QUESTIONABLE: LB Blair Brown (ankle), WR Jaydon Mickens (hamstring). **STEELERS:** QUESTIONABLE: WR Antonio Brown (calf, illness).
NEW ORLEANS at MINNESOTA — **SAINTS:** SAINTS: OUT: WR Brandon Coleman (neck). QUESTIONABLE: QB Tayshawn Hill (illness), LB Michael Mauti (illness). **VIKINGS:** QUESTIONABLE: CB Terence Newman (foot).

ODDS

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Today	FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
at Miami	2	206		Milwaukee
New Orleans	1½	217		at New York
Indiana	4½	219		at Phoenix
at Minnesota	5½	213½		Portland

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Today	FAVORITE	OPEN	UNDERDOG
at Indiana	2½		Northwestern
Houston	15½		at East Carolina
Davidson	7½		at Fordham
at Missouri St.	9		Indiana St.
at UMass	2		St. Joseph's
at Virginia	15		NC State
Ohio State	5½		at Rutgers
at Southern Cal	6		Utah

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Today	FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	LINE
at Chicago	Off		Detroit	Off
at Pittsburgh	Off		N.Y. Rangers	Off
at Carolina	-115		Calgary	+105
at Minnesota	Off		Vancouver	Off

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

FAVORITE **OPEN TODAY** **O/U** **UNDERDOG**
 at Pittsburgh 6 7 41½ Jacksonville
 at Minnesota 4 5½ 46½ New Orleans
 Updated odds available at Pregame.com

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Dario Gardea and Martin Herrera on minor league contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with SS Guillermo Fernandez and RHP Luis Barroso on minor league contracts.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned LHP Nate Smith outright to Salt Lake (PCL).
National League
MIAMI MARLINS — Agreed to terms with OF/1B Scott Van Slyke, LHP Mike Kickham and RHPs Jumbo Diaz, Javy Guerra and Tyler Cloyd on minor league contracts.
NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHP Eiker Huizot on a minor league contract.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with LHP Nathaniel Herea and OF Claudio Ramirez on minor league contracts.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with RHP Jose Gerardo on a minor league contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Waived F Vince Hunter. Signed G/F Mike Henry to a two-way contract.
NEW YORK KNICKS — Waived G Ramon Sessions.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

HOUSTON TEXANS — Named Brian Gaine general manager. Signed coach Bill O'Brien to a contract extension through the 2022 season.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Waived TE Kyle Carter. Activated QB Sam Bradford from injured reserve.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DALLAS STARS — Placed D Marc Methun on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 4. Recalled D Dillon Heatterington from Texas (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS — Recalled C Dominic Tanguay from Grand Rapids (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Reassigned G Louis Domingue to Syracuse (AHL).
WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Reassigned F Travis Boyd to Hershey (AHL).
WINNIPEG JETS — Recalled G Jamie Phillips from Jacksonville (ECHL) to Manitoba (AHL).
American Hockey League
IOWA WILD — Recalled F Jack Walker from Rapid City (ECHL).
SAN ANTONIO RAMPAGE — Recalled F Michael Joy from Colorado (ECHL).
ECHL — Suspended Kalamazoo D Kyle Bushee two games.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Added G Doug Melvin as emergency backup.
JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN — Released G Tyler Toyota as emergency backup.
READING ROYALS — Signed F Dillan Fox.

WICHITA THUNDER — Signed F Nick Latta.

COLLEGES

GEORGIA — DT Trenton Thompson will enter the NFL draft.

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE					
Atlantic Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Boston	34	10	.773	—	
Toronto	29	11	.725	3	
Philadelphia	19	20	.487	12½	
New York	19	23	.452	14	
Brooklyn	16	27	.372	17½	
Southeast Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Miami	24	17	.585	—	
Washington	25	18	.581	—	
Charlotte	16	25	.390	8	
Orlando	12	31	.279	13	
Atlanta	11	31	.262	13½	
Central Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Cleveland	26	16	.619	—	
Detroit	22	18	.550	3	
Milwaukee	22	19	.537	3½	
Indiana	22	20	.524	4	
Chicago	15	27	.357	11	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Houston	30	11	.732	—	
San Antonio	28	15	.651	3	
New Orleans	21	20	.512	9	
Dallas	15	29	.341	16½	
Memphis	13	28	.317	17	
Northwest Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Minnesota	28	16	.636	—	
Oklahoma City	23	20	.535	4½	
Portland	22	20	.524	5	
Denver	22	20	.524	5	
Utah	17	25	.405	10	
Pacific Division					
	W	L	PCT.	GB	
Golden State	34	9	.791	—	
L.A. Clippers	21	21	.500	12½	
Phoenix	16	27	.372	18	
L.A. Lakers	15	27	.357	18½	
Sacramento	13	29	.310	20½	

REBOUNDS

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG.
Drummond, DET	38	186	385	571	15.0
Jordan, LAC	41	180	429	609	14.9
Cousins, NOR	41	85	429	514	12.5
Howard, CHA	40	140	346	486	12.2
Towns, MIN	44	122	406	528	12.0
Capela, HOU	36	120	283	403	11.2
Embiid, PHI	30	63	262	325	10.8
Kanter, NYK	35	85	275	360	10.3
Davis, NOR	39	138	256	394	10.1
Jokic, DEN	35	90	263	353	10.1

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG.
Westbrook, OKC	42	421	10.0
Harden, HOU	35	318	9.1
Wall, WAS	31	281	9.1
James, CLE	42	371	8.8
Green, GOL	37	280	7.6
Simmons, PHL	38	279	7.3
Teague, MIN	33	236	7.2
Ball, LAL	35	248	7.1
Lowry, TOR	38	265	7.0
Schroder, ATL	39	257	6.6

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James, CLE	42	436	189	1140	27.1
Durant, GOL	35	333	166	920	26.3
Davis, NOR	35	335	218	912	26.1
Cousins, NOR	41	358	249	1058	25.8
Westbrook, OKC	42	390	213	1054	25.1
DeRozan, TOR	40	348	255	999	25.0
Lillard, POR	35	283	209	873	24.9
Booker, PHX	33	275	185	823	24.9
Oladipo, IND	37	326	157	904	24.4
Irving, BOS	42	370	162	1009	24.0
Beal, WAS	42	363	175	998	23.8
Porzingis, NYK	36	303	178	848	23.6
Embiid, PHL	30	243	191	704	23.5
Williams, LAC	40	293	219	923	23.1
Aldridge, SAN	41	358	187	925	22.8
Walker, CHA	38	279	178	833	21.6
McCollum, POR	41	337	113	885	21.6
Butler, MIN	42	306	239	900	21.4

	FG	FGA	PCT.
Capela, HOU	221	331	.668
Jordan, LAC	199	301	.661
Adams, OKC	211	333	.634
Kanter, NYK	227	377	.602
Henson, MIL	150	250	.600
Collins, ATL	155	265	.585
Gibson, MIN	218	379	.575
Davis, NOR	335	592	.566
Valanciunas, TOR	156	281	.555
Antetokounmpo, MIL	410	740	.554

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG.
Drummond, DET	38	186	385	571	15.0
Jordan, LAC	41	180	429	609	14.9
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Friday's Games
 None scheduled
Saturday's Games
 No. 1 Villanova vs. St. John's, late
 No. 8 Texas Tech 72, No. 2 West Virginia 71
 Michigan 82, No. 4 Michigan State 72
 No. 5 Purdue 81, Minnesota 47
 No. 5 Wichita State 72, Tulsa 69
 No. 7 Duke 89, Wake Forest 71
 No. 9 Oklahoma 102, No. 16 TCU 97, OT
 No. 10 Xavier 92, No. 25 Creighton 70
 No. 11 Arizona State 77, Oregon State 75
 No. 12 Kansas 73, Kansas State 70
 No. 13 Seton Hall 74, Georgetown 61
 No. 14 Cincinnati 78, South Florida 55
 No. 15 Gonzaga at San Francisco, late
 No. 17 Arizona 90, Oregon 83
 No. 19 Clemson 72, No. 18 Miami 63
 No. 20 North Carolina 69, Notre Dame 68
 No. 21 Kentucky 74, Vanderbilt 67
 No. 22 Auburn 76, Mississippi State 68
 No. 23 Florida State 101, Syracuse 90, 2OT
 No. 24 Tennessee 75, Texas A&M 62
Today's Game
 No. 3 Virginia vs. N.C. State, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

EAST
 Albany (NY) 84, Maine 66
 Boston College 86, Dartmouth 72
 Buffalo 82, Miami (Ohio) 66
 Central Connecticut St. 80, Bryant 76
 Duquesne 101, La Salle 94, 3OT
 Georgia Tech 69, Pittsburgh 54
 Hartford 97, Binghamton 65
 Hofstra 91, Drexel 86
 LIU Brooklyn 69, Wagner 67
 Manhattan 72, Siena 61
 Marist 95, Fairfield 89, OT
 Memphis 75, Temple 72, OT
 Mount St. Mary's 81, St. Francis (Pa.) 80, OT
 Penn 77, Columbia 71
 Princeton 91, Cornell 54
 Rhode Island 87, St. Bonaventure 73
 Robert Morris 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 75
 Sacred Heart 92, St. Francis Brooklyn 52
 Seton Hall 74, Georgetown 61
 UMB 89, Mass.-Lowell 62
 Vermont 73, Stony Brook 62
 Villanova at St. John's, late
SOUTH
 Abilene Christian 69, Northwestern St.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Oklahoma 102, TCU 97 (OT)

Young's 43 points lead Oklahoma past TCU

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Oklahoma guard Christian James can't grasp what Trae Young does.

Young scored 29 of his 43 points after halftime, and No. 9 Oklahoma defeated No. 16 TCU 102-97 in overtime on Saturday.

"Sometimes you wonder, is he even human?" James said.

Young, the freshman who leads the nation in scoring and assists, matched a season scoring high and also had 11 rebounds and seven assists. He made 10 3-pointers, one short of the school record of 11 set by Brent Price against Loyola Marymount in 1990. He pushed his season scoring average to 30.1 points per game.

"I had to continue to be aggressive, and the shots were there and open for me to take, so I was just trying to knock it down every time," Young said.

Brady Manek added 22 points for the Sooners (14-2, 4-1 Big 12), who made a school-record 19 3-pointers.

It was Young's second dominant performance against TCU this season. He had 39 points and 14 assists and made the game-winning free throws with 7 seconds left in a 90-89 win over the Horned Frogs on Dec. 30.

Jaylen Fisher had a career-high 22 points and Vladimir Brodziansky added 21 for TCU (13-4, 1-4), which lost its second overtime game of the week. TCU lost to Texas in double-overtime on Wednesday after Fisher missed what would have been the go-ahead layup in the closing seconds.



AP PHOTO

Oklahoma's Trae Young (11) drives the ball against TCU's Alex Robinson (25) during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Saturday in Norman, Okla.

TCU's losses are by a combined 11 points, and three have been in overtime. Coach Jamie Dixon shrugged off questions about how difficult losing so many close games must be.

"I expressed that to them wholeheartedly in the locker room afterward that I am positive without a shadow of a doubt that we are as good as anybody, and I think we are going to show it down the road," Dixon said.

Young scored 11 points in a 3-minute span to help the Sooners rally from a 6-point deficit and tie the game at 85. He found James for a 3-pointer with 6 seconds remaining that gave the Sooners an 89-87 lead.

"I mean being the competitor I am, obviously I want to take the last shot and I want the game to be in my hands," Young said, "but I want to make the right play, and the right play was

throwing it to Christian. I have so much trust in him to knock it down, and he did."

Fisher's layup with 1.4 seconds left forced overtime. In the extra period, the Sooners outscored the Horned Frogs 8-0 from the free throw line.

"We needed them all," Oklahoma coach Lon Kruger said. "They weren't easy shots, but they still stepped up and knocked them down."

BIG PICTURE

TCU: The Horned Frogs are likely out of the hunt for the Big 12 title, but the schedule eases up a bit, and they have a chance to get some wins by the end of January.

Oklahoma: Young continues to make adjustments and dominate after halftime. It's another quality win for the Sooners, who are in the race for the conference title and a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Florida State 101, Syracuse 90 (2OT)



AP PHOTO

Florida State guard CJ Walker reacts to a dunk in the second overtime of an NCAA college basketball game against Syracuse Saturday in Tallahassee.

No. 23 Florida State holds off Syracuse

By **JOE REEDY**
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — Florida State squandered a double-digit halftime lead for the second straight game, but this time it was able to overcome that despite needing overtime.

The 23rd-ranked Seminoles scored the first six points in the second overtime to propel them to a 101-90 victory over Syracuse on Saturday.

"This is a very big win for us. Going 2-3 (in the Atlantic Coast Conference) is better than 1-4," said Braian Angola, who had 24 points, including five in the second overtime. "We let Louisville slip out of our hands. Today we executed what we had to do."

Tied at 82 at the end of the first overtime, the Seminoles scored the first six points of the second extra session to take control. Two free throws by Tyus Battle cut FSU's lead to 88-84 but it scored nine of the next 11 points to put it out of reach.

Christ Koumadje had a career-high 23 points and Phil Cofer added 16 for Florida State (13-4,

2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), which played without leading scorer and rebounder Terance Mann, who missed the game due to a concussion.

"We had a little more depth, we had some guys step up and make some plays. We were fortunate to come away with a victory. ... We just kind of hung on a little longer," coach Leonard Hamilton said.

Florida State had a 10-point lead at halftime but found itself down 48-41 with 10:11 left as Syracuse took advantage of turnovers and cold shooting from the perimeter. In a 73-69 loss to Louisville on Wednesday, the Seminoles led by 13 at halftime but were also victimized by poor shooting and turnovers.

This time though FSU was able to chip away. They were 5 of 24 from 3-point range at one point, but made five of their last six in regulation.

FSU had a 74-71 lead after CJ Walker made one of two free throws but Battle tied it with a 3-pointer with 6.4 seconds left. The Seminoles had a chance to win it in

regulation but Mfiondu Kabengele missed a driving layup.

"They were a lot more aggressive than we were in that period (when Syracuse made a 19-3 run)," Hamilton said. "Then PJ (Savoy) made a couple 3s, Braian made a couple baskets and we got some momentum going. Sometimes you need games like this to reach down deep and overcome some challenges."

Syracuse scored the first four points in the first overtime but was unable to hold on. Trent Forrest tied it at 82 with a jumper with 24 seconds remaining and Syracuse's Oshae Brissett missed a 3-pointer.

Battle, who had five points at halftime, led the Orange (12-6, 1-4) with 37 points and Brissett added 14. Battle is the first player to score 30 or more points in an overtime game for the Orange since Rakeem Christmas had 35 against Wake Forest on Jan. 3, 2015.

"We put some motion in which helped open things up for us in the lane," Battle said. "We need to start grinding out some wins."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Mississippi 78, Florida 72

Ole Miss beats Florida with strong inside game

Associated Press

OXFORD, Miss. — Deandre Burnett had beaten Florida before in his college career, but each time after is just as sweet to him.

Bruce Stevens scored 22 points, Burnett added 20, and Mississippi held off Florida for a 78-72 win on Saturday afternoon.

Burnett — a transfer from the University of Miami — added six assists and two rebounds. It was his first game back after sitting out against No. 22 Auburn last Tuesday after a bout with the flu.

"It's very big being from Florida and beating a team like Florida," Burnett said. "I felt great. The win helped me pushed through. My teammates behind me and us staying together just got us a real gutsy



AP PHOTO

Mississippi's Deandre Burnett (1) drives against Florida's Jalen Hudson (3) during an NCAA college basketball game Saturday in Oxford, Miss.

win down the stretch."

The Rebels (10-7, 3-2 Southeastern Conference) used success in the

paint and on the boards to hand the Gators their first conference loss of the season.

Ole Miss shot 41 percent from the floor, including 15 of 25 in the second half, outscored the Gators 32-22 in the paint, and outrebounded them 44-35. After shooting 30 percent in the first half, the Rebels doubled it with a 60 percent effort in the second.

"I think our ball movement was a little bit better," Ole Miss coach Andy Kennedy said. "We were still trying to go through Bruce (Stevens) because Bruce had 10 or 12 (points) at the half. We were trying to make a concerted effort of throwing it close and don't settle. In the second half, quite frankly, we just made more shots."

Burnett scored 15 of his points in the second half, shooting 4 of 4 from the field, including 2 of 2 from 3-point range.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Big Ten Upset Wagner scores 27, Michigan downs No. 4 Michigan State

By **LARRY LAGE**
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Moritz Wagner flicked his right wrist, made a 3-pointer and pressed his right index fingers against his lips.

And, there wasn't anything Michigan State players or fans could do about it.

Wagner scored a career-high 27 points, lifting Michigan to an 82-72 victory over the fourth-ranked Spartans on Saturday.

Making his performance even more impressive, he played through a lingering injury.

"We didn't know if Moe would play," coach John Beilein said. "He tweaked the ankle. We have a trainer, Alex Wong, who needs a

shout-out for this one."

Wagner was 8 of 13, making 3 of 4 3-pointers, and shot over and drove past every player who attempted to defend him.

"He's a pick-and-pop guy and it's tough to guard him," Michigan State's Miles Bridges said. "We could tell he really wanted that game."

Wagner, who was jeered by the fans before it was clear Michigan was going to win, celebrated the victory by shouting with joy and bouncing around the court.

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo compared Wagner to former Spartans guard Scott Skiles, who taunted the Wolverines while scoring against them in the mid-1980s.

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New year, new minimum wage

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Millions of Floridians will be bringing in the new year with a little more money in their paychecks as the minimum wage was raised as of Jan. 1. The new minimum wage is \$8.25 per hour, an increase of 15 cents.

Tip-based employees will also see an increase and must be paid \$5.23 per hour and have a tip credit of \$3.02. Based on an hourly pay rate

of \$8.25 and a work week of 40 hours, the gross pay would be \$330 a week or a total of \$17,160 annually.

Donna Doubleday, president and CEO of Heartland Career Source, says that her staff can see the benefits to Highlands County employees and also the impact that it has on employers, such as a tax hike for them.

"I think it is important to note that many of our employers pay higher than minimum wage," Doubleday said.

FAST FACT

The new minimum wage is \$8.25 per hour, an increase of 15 cents.

"Out of 186 jobs showing current openings, only 10 of those report an entry wage of \$8.25 or \$8.10 or less; two showed \$8.10 — and will need to be updated," she said.

"A few of those 10 have ranges beginning at minimum wage but could, and usually do, pay more depending on

experience. Then, two are 'tipped' positions; positions such as waitpersons who earn the minimum (wage), now \$5.23," Doubleday said.

Annually, on Sept. 30, the minimum wage is closely looked at in light of inflation and recalculated by the Consumer Price Index. It will either stay the same or be adjusted in small increments based on the new calculations.

Many Floridians wish to see the minimum wage raised to \$15 per hour but there are no

active plans for that. However, an increase to \$10 may be possible if the minimum wage initiative collects enough signatures to get the issue on the November general ballot. The campaign would take nearly 754,000 petitioner's signatures by the Feb. 1 deadline.

A \$10 minimum wage with a 40-hour work week would mean \$400 per week, or \$20,800 annually. A \$15 minimum wage with the same criteria would be \$600 per week and \$31,200 per year.



KIM LEATHERMAN / STAFF

The Wells Fargo Bank in Lake Placid has closed its door in the South Highlands Shopping Plaza on Wednesday Jan. 10. On Thursday morning big trucks and moving crews helped to dismantle the office.

Wells Fargo closes Lake Placid branch

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — The Wells Fargo Bank at 354 U.S. 27 in Lake Placid quietly closed its doors on that branch for good at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

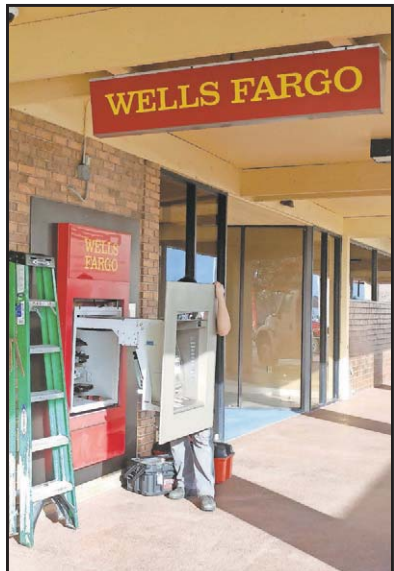
Crews of movers wasted no time in disassembling the office in the South Highlands Shopping Plaza on Thursday morning.

Windows were scraped of the bank's name and signs in the lobby were taken down. Office equipment was loaded into large moving trucks and the ATM was removed from the exterior wall.

A sign on the front door stated, "We've moved to a nearby branch."

The sign invites customers to continue banking with Wells Fargo at the nearest

branch in the Desoto Square plaza at 3200 U.S. 27 in Sebring. A Mapquest search revealed that customers will have to travel 13.6 miles from the South Highlands Shopping Plaza to the new location and



This man is removing the ATM from the exterior wall of the Wells Fargo Bank that just closed in Lake Placid on Wednesday.

CLOSED | 2

Under new ownership

Yogi Bar becomes 'more fun'

By **BILL ROGERS**
CORRESPONDENT

SEBRING — Yogi Bar has two new pool tables, eight more televisions, an electronic dart board and — perhaps most important — a new owner.

Dave Holloway has bought the bar, located at 536 N. Ridgewood Drive, next to the Sebring Post Office.

It is open from 9:30 a.m. to midnight Monday through Thursday and from 9:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The bar is open from 1 p.m. to midnight on Sunday.

A retired AT&T lineman, Holloway said he had been visiting Sebring for many years. His parents have a winter home here. "I wanted to come down

here and invest in something that I feel can support me..." he said.

Although he has never owned a bar, Holloway said he has been "in and around the bar business most of my life." He added that he helped his best friend get started after the friend bought his first bar at the age of 18.

"I use a lot of common sense when it comes to getting a place on the right track," he said. "Try not to over do it."

He learned about the Yogi Bar while playing golf with local Realtor Pat Dell. Dell took him to see the place.

That was a couple of years ago and Holloway continued to show interest and decided to become a bar owner.

"The first thing I did was the clean the place," said Holloway, noting that people have commented they couldn't believe how clean it is. Holloway said he intends on installing smoke eaters in the bar "for people like myself who don't smoke." He said he is investigating the various kinds of smoke eaters to

YOGI | 2



BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

Dave Holloway, who now owns the Yogi Bar in downtown Sebring, stands next to one of the new pool tables

Duke donation



COURTESY PHOTO

Duke Energy recently surprised The Humane Society of Highlands County with a \$5,000 grant donation. Taking part in the presentation are, from left, Kenny Tyson, Monica Meir, Diane Daniels, and Jerry Miller.

Ribbon cutting for LP Bealls Outlet

By **KIM LEATHERMAN**
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID—Eager shoppers didn't let the thick fog and drizzling rain stop them from forming a long line to get into the new Bealls Outlet at 490 U.S. 27 Ste. 1280 on Thursday morning. The ribbon cutting ceremony and official opening was supposed to take

IF YOU GO

490 U.S. 27 Ste. 1280 Lake Placid

place at 9 a.m. but because of the crowds and weather, they started a bit earlier. Customers Bill Neudecker and 4-year old Cali Iglesias cut the ribbon while employees were gathered around the action.

The new store is just a few doors down from the old Bealls Outlet store at 362 U.S. 27. When Publix vacated the building to create a new store to the north of the complex, Bealls Outlet renovated its store size and model type and took over the vacancy. The Lake



COURTESY PHOTO

Customers Bill Neudecker, in black and four-year old Cali Iglesias cut the ribbon to officially open Bealls Outlet's new Lake Placid store on Thursday morning.

Placid store closely mirrors the Sebring location and has 18,000 square feet.

Mayor John Holbrook was in attendance for the grand opening and was pleased with the new store.

"It's a really nice store," Holbrook said. "We are pleased to have a newly improved store in the shopping plaza. We wish them all the best."

Lake Placid Police Department's Sergeant Mostyn Mullins, Detective Stuart Troutman and Chief James Fansler were on hand with fingerprint and DNA kits for customers with children.

Regional Director Monique Ritz said that the employees will be handing out mystery scratch off coupons as guests arrive through the weekend.

Business highlights

Walmart boosts starting pay, closing dozens of Sam's Clubs

NEW YORK (AP) — Walmart is closing dozens of Sam's Club warehouse stores across the country after announcing earlier that it was boosting its starting salary for U.S. workers. The world's largest private employer said it was closing 63 Sam's Clubs over the next week, with some shut already. It said earlier it was raising its starting wage to \$11 an hour.

Apple investors urge action to curb child gadget addiction

NEW YORK — Two major Apple investors are urging the iPhone maker to take action to curb growing smartphone addiction among children. Jana Partners LLC and the California State Teachers' Retirement System, or CalSTRS, said in open letter to Apple that the company must offer more choices and tools to help youngsters fight addiction to its gadgets.

The Weeknd dumps H&M after sweatshirt ad

NEW YORK — Singer The Weeknd said Monday that he will no longer work with H&M after the clothing company posted an ad of a black child in a sweatshirt with the words "Coolest monkey in the jungle" on the front. Many people criticized the image on social media, calling it racist. H&M removed the image

Monday and apologized to anyone it "may have offended."

Fired Google engineer's suit claims reverse discrimination

NEW YORK — The Google engineer who was fired for writing a memo criticizing Google for pushing diversity is suing the company, saying it discriminates against white men and conservatives. James Damore's lawsuit says he was discriminated for his perceived conservative political views and for being white and male. He is joined in the lawsuit by another former Google engineer, David Gudeman.

GoPro expects revenue slump, slashes workforce

NEW YORK — GoPro expects 4Q revenue slump on weak sales as it slashes workforce and drones. The company expects a 37 percent drop in 4Q revenue and will cut more than 20 percent of its staff. It is also exiting the drone market, citing tough competition and regulations.

Emory University gets largest gift — \$400 million

ATLANTA — Georgia's Emory University is receiving a \$400 million gift — the largest in the history of the institution — to find new cures for disease and improve lives. The private school in Atlanta on Monday announced

that the Robert W. Woodruff Foundation has pledged the money for medical advances and to enhance people's health. The Woodruff Foundation says its giving was inspired by the legacy of Robert Winship Woodruff, longtime leader of the Atlanta-based Coca-Cola Co.

Americans borrowed more in November amid solid holiday sales

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumers ran up nearly \$28 billion in new debt on their credit cards and in the form of new auto and student loans, a sign of growing confidence in the economy. The Federal Reserve says that consumer borrowing grew 8.8 percent, the most in more than two years, to \$3.83 trillion.

BBC's China editor resigns over gender pay gap dispute

BEIJING — The BBC's China editor has resigned her position in Beijing in protest over what she called a failure to sufficiently address a gap in compensation between men and women at the public broadcaster. Carrie Gracie's departure is the latest aftershock from the public corporation's forced publication last year of pay levels for its top earners that showed two-thirds of those in the top bracket were men. — *The Associated Press*



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The bar is open seven days a week.

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see which would be the best for the bar.

Holloway plans to have an outdoor seating area. He hasn't decided exactly what he is going to do, but he is considering locating it in front of the building.

According to Holloway, the building was built in 1935. He said it was originally a vegetable stand.

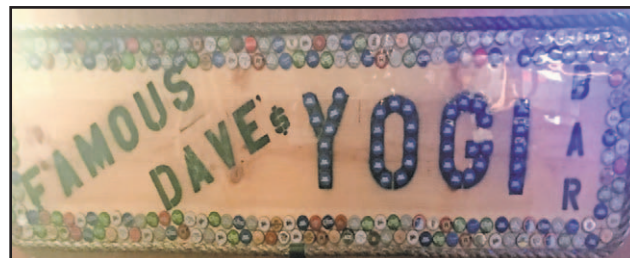
"Everything angles to the back," he said, referring to the floor and ceiling. "At the end of the day, they would take the hose and they would wash down

the floor ... just wash it out the back."

Holloway said he would like to raise the ceiling but that would be a major project.

The bar has DirectTV and NFL Sunday Ticket, which should appeal to pro football fans.

Since Holloway is from Wisconsin, he is sure fans



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A customer made this sign for the bar.

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of a certain team will be able to watch their games at the bar.

"I guarantee there is going to be a Packer game on when they are playing," he said.

There is karaoke on Wednesday nights from 8 p.m. to midnight. Pool tournaments are held on Saturdays.

Holloway also plans to start dart tournaments.

Holloway has been operating the bar since late October. He said people like what he is doing so

far, making it brighter, cleaner, and "more fun." He wants customers to enjoy themselves and to be safe as well.

Holloway said he has told his employees, if someone is intoxicated, do not continue to serve them and make sure the person has a ride home.

"If they don't have a safe ride home, you call me. I don't care what time it is, I will come here and drive them home," he said. "We're trying to make sure that our customers get home safe. We want our clientele to be safe and our community to be safe."

The telephone number at the bar is 863-382-2664.

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it will take around 15 minutes, not including traffic.

When Vice President of Retail Property Management J. David Azevedo was asked why the branch closed, his response was terse.

"The Lake Placid branch was officially closed at 12 (p.m.) yesterday," he said.

Calls to the Lake Placid branch routes calls to the Sebring branch. Jennifer Then is the branch manager at the Desoto Square location. According to her, the bank's customer's have known about the closure for three months.

"The decision to close the bank was made about three months ago," Then said. "I am not sure why they closed that location, but it is a business decision and our customers were aware."

Wells Fargo Spokeswoman Gabriela Lambertus was not sure specifically why the Lake Placid branch closed and that the bottom line is that any business decisions that are made are done to make financial sense for the customers.

"We continuously evaluate our branch network, and our physical distribution strategy is driven by customer behavior," Lambertus said. "While branches continue to be important in serving our customers' needs, our investment in digital capabilities has enabled us to seamlessly serve our customers across channels so customers have a choice in how they bank with us."

"Our strategy is also influenced by geographical differences in our individual markets, economic trends and competitor actions to

close or open branches," she said.

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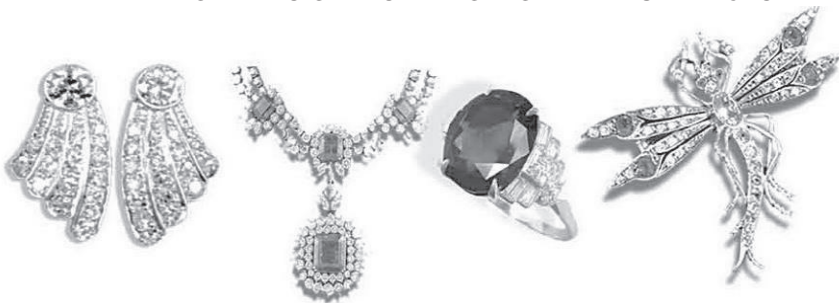
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After decades of hard work, you're nearing retirement age and looking forward to long days spent outdoors, online and on the road. But, maybe you haven't decided how to use up all that free time — or you enjoy the structure that work brings.

Continuing to work in retirement isn't uncommon. A 2017 report conducted by the Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies found that 53 percent of U.S. workers expect to retire after age 65 or don't plan to retire, while 56 percent intend to take on part-time work.

Instead of picking up random jobs to fill your days, consider turning your hobby into a business or finding work in your field of interest. You'll make a little money to pad your savings while practicing your passion.

— **Teach what you love:** Whether you're a skilled photographer, chef or engineer, chances are you can find work teaching what you love. You can set up shop in your home — like your neighborhood piano teacher — or teach at a local adult education program or school.

Alternatively, you can become an instructor for online instructional platforms like Udemy. But, if you prefer face-to-face interaction, Craigslist is a good place to find tutoring work.

If you have a knack for

editing video, YouTube is a great place for you to post instructional videos, product reviews and more. Although you won't make a ton of money at first, successful YouTubers can rack in quite a bit off ads shown on their videos.

— **Sell your own products:** In the past, crafty individuals had the opportunity to sell handmade goods only at fairs and farmers markets. But because of the proliferation of online marketplaces, you can now sell your creations worldwide.

Etsy is the best-known marketplace for artisans, but there are plenty of smaller sites you can consider, like ArtFire and Zibbet. You can also use eBay to sell your creations. Even if you don't make a lot of money, you can file a tax deduction for your hobby to help offset costs.

A lot of online craftspeople make shirts, posters and knickknacks for trendy TV shows like "Game of Thrones" and "Doctor Who." These shows have large audiences that are looking for unique items they can display or wear.

— **Write about your experiences or crafts:** Whether you carve wood sculptures or explore hiking trails in your city, chances are you can find people online interested in what you do.

Start a blog and post photos of your creations, favorite trails or foods you cook. If you enjoy writing, create a DIY blog that provides



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step-by-step instructions with photos. You can even post your work to Instagram or BuzzFeed, which might help boost sales or viewership.

If you don't want to bank on ad revenue and sponsorships for income, pick up freelance writing assignments on sites like Mediabistro and FlexJobs.

Yoga enthusiasts need mats; cooks need knives; and gym rats need fitness journals. If you can invent a product that fills a gap in your field of interest, you can make quite a bit of money.

As an enthusiast, think about products that would make enjoying your hobby safer or more efficient. You can even make pins and bumper stickers so other

enthusiasts can share their love for a hobby. If you're not sure whether there's a market for something you have in mind, make a prototype for yourself and share it online to gauge interest. You might be surprised by the reception and end up starting a small business.

— **Lead a tour:** Americans are on the move. In 2016, they took 1.7 billion trips for leisure, according to the U.S. Travel Association. That amounts to \$683.1 billion in travel spending for the year. With so many travelers on the move, you can set up and run bird-watching groups, brewery tours or bike tours, leading tourists to attractions around your city.

The company Cheese Journeys, for example, offers a behind-the-scenes look at how cheese and wine is made. Tourists can sign up for tours to meet culinary experts and get hands-on experience in a new city.

— **Find part-time work:** From the baseball fan who writes about spring training for his local paper to the movie enthusiast who works as an usher at the local arts center, finding a job related to your hobby is a wonderful way to blend work and fun. Think about the places you like to spend your free time — ballparks, bookstores, gardening centers — and see if they have any part-time job openings.

You can even find seasonal work for resorts,

national parks and tourist attractions. CoolWorks has job openings for tour guides, community managers and guest services at resorts, letting you enjoy the outdoors, meet new people or just have a picturesque workplace to enjoy your golden years.

— **Rent out your space:** Do you like meeting new people and have extra space in your home? You can rent out rooms to travelers. This could be one of the best money-making hobbies for retirees who live in big cities or near popular vacation destinations.

Think about that extra room in your house, basement or even garage and how it can be used to accommodate vacationers. Once you consider how you can use the space, you can then pick the platform to advertise and promote your residence. There are many options, including Airbnb, Craigslist and Zillow.

— **International house-sitting:** Imagine spending some time away at a French vineyard or in the countryside of Italy. If traveling is a hobby of yours in retirement, why not have your stay paid for by house-sitting internationally?

With websites like MindMyHouse, there are many options to connect international homeowners to house sitters. The website is free to homeowners but house sitters pay \$20 to join. So although it's not directly

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Should I tell my partner I'm in serious debt?

Q: I'm overwhelmed by student loan and credit card debt, and I'm embarrassed to admit it to my partner. Should I come clean?



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A: Some secrets are harmless, like eating the last slice of your partner's favorite cake. Or saying you're sick to avoid his aunt's retirement party. Hiding thousands of dollars in debt does not fall into the "harmless" category. While having debt is just one piece of your identity, it could directly affect your partner also: Maybe you're unable to contribute to joint savings or keep up with your share of the bills, or you'll have a harder time qualifying for a mortgage as a couple.

The debt might not come as a surprise if, say, your partner already knows about your lavish sneaker-buying habit. But the longer you wait to divulge the details of your financial stress,

the more betrayed your beloved may feel when you eventually do it, says Don Cole, clinical director of the Seattle-based Gottman Institute, which conducts research on relationships.

"It's better to be honest than to get caught," Cole says. "The relationship is going to be able to repair much better from a shared problem than one that's discovered."

Gather the facts

First, nail down the specifics of the debt

for yourself, says Kelly Luethje, a certified financial planner and founder of Willow Planning Group in Boston.

Understand your loans' and credit cards' outstanding balances, accompanying interest rates and payoff dates. That may help you gain some control, and it's also the first step toward developing a plan to get out of debt.

Time it right

Confessing your debt balance isn't first-date fodder. Tell your partner the truth once the relationship gets serious, like by the time you've hit the six-month mark.

At the very least, get everything out in the open before you decide to move in together. At that point, your debt will have an immediate financial impact on your partner. A credit card balance at the top of your credit limit means a lower credit score,

for instance. And that could make getting an apartment together challenging.

If you've been together for more than six months or you're already shackled up, don't panic. But prepare to spill the beans soon. Cole explains it this way: After the fun and excitement of first falling in love, the next step is to make sure we can be our true selves with our partners.

"That is an essential phase in developing a lifelong, happy relationship," he says. And it takes trust, which you can build only by being honest and transparent.

Broach the subject gently

Ask your partner to set aside time to talk. Pick a weeknight rather than a Friday or Saturday, says W. Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project at the University of Virginia. He says weekends should

be reserved for having fun, reconnecting and maintaining spontaneity, all of which strengthen long-term relationships.

Cole recommends starting the conversation with an "I feel" statement, followed by what you're concerned about and what you need next. The Gottman Institute calls this a "softened start-up," and it lays a positive foundation for hard discussions. You might say, "I worry about talking to you about money, but because I love you, I need to tell you about my finances."

Explain the circumstances of your debt. Are you spending beyond your means, or did you pay for school without any help from family? Has your behavior changed since you first built up a credit card balance, or is spending still an issue?

Then talk about how you plan to pay it off. Work on eliminating credit card debt first,

for example. Credit cards generally have higher interest rates than student loans. And think of coming clean as a positive step.

"Debt is stressful, and it takes away future options for people," Wilcox says. "It robs you of a horizon, of the possibility to dream financially."

Having debt doesn't erase the fact that you're the world's greatest karaoke duet partner or banana bread baker. Opening up about it and asking for encouragement to address it could bring you and your partner closer — and give you permission to dream.

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paying you in cash, you will be saving on your lodging while helping house-sit abroad.

If you want to make some cash, you can rent out your place while you take a house-sitting assignment. For more information, check out House Sitting Magazine, a free online publication.

— **Run errands for others:** Searching for hobbies for retirees that pay?

Retired people often want to remain helpful, as they enjoy the feeling that

they're needed.

If you're handy, efficient and like completing tasks, but still want to make extra cash, consider giving a hand to others.

Technology has made it simple to get paid for helping others by moving furniture, completing handyman tasks or serving as an assistant.

For example, TaskRabbit connects people who want to outsource jobs with people who have the ability to get them done. For this website, you bid on an assignment, and if accepted you're paid upon completion.

— **Drive for a ride-hailing service:** For some, fun hobbies include driving.

If you're a retiree who loves to be in the car rather than sitting at home, you can make some decent cash being a professional driver for those who need rides through services like Uber and Lyft.

The best part is you don't have to accept a ride request, which keeps you in control of your schedule.

— **Become a consultant:** What sets a retiree apart from everyone else? A lifetime of experience. One of the most lucrative hobbies for a retiree is becoming a professional consultant.

You can work as a consultant in your professional area or become a consultant in a hobby that you like and are good at.

For example, maybe you're a great gardener and received "yard of the month" more than once in the neighborhood. Advise others how they can get a garden like yours.



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INVITATION TO BID 14

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")
The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida ("County") will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

ITB NO. 18-011 Construction of the Highlands Park Estates Clubhouse (Project 12056)
Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbbc.net, or by contacting: Jamee Soto, Buyer I, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, Phone: 863-402-6526; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E Mail: jasoto@hcbbc.org.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in the County Engineering Training Room, 505 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum where the Bidders can familiarize themselves with the Specifications of the Project. The County will only accept Bids from Bidders that are represented during the entire pre-Bid meeting.

BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, to reach that office **no later than 11:00 A.M., Thursday, February 15, 2018,** at which time they will be opened. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy and Women/Minority Business Preference Policy will apply to the award of this Bid.

The Board does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Mrs. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progres@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
Jan. 14, 21, 2018

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")
The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida ("County") will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

ITB NO. 18-014 AVON PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY SIDEWALK AND PARKING IMPROVEMENTS ADA TRANSITION PLAN (HC PROJECT #15008)
Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbbc.net, or by contacting: Jamee Soto, Buyer I, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, Phone: 863-402-6526; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E Mail: jasoto@hcbbc.org.

A Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 in the Engineering Training Room, 505 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. **BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED** to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 and reach that office no later than **3:00 P.M., Thursday, February 8, 2018,** at which time they will be opened. The Public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy and Women/Minority Business Preference Policy will apply to the award of this Bid.

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Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
Jan. 7, 14, 2018

INVITATION TO BID ("ITB")
The Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida ("County") will receive sealed Bids in the Highlands County Purchasing Division ("Purchasing Division") for:

ITB NO. 18-024 GOVERNMENT CENTER HVAC UPGRADE (PROJECT NUMBER: 15068)
Specifications may be obtained by downloading from our website: www.hcbbc.net, or by contacting: Jamee Soto, Buyer I, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, Florida 33870, Phone: 863-402-6526; Fax: 863-402-6735; or E Mail: jasoto@hcbbc.org.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 31, 2018, in the Government Center Board Room, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum where the Bidders can familiarize themselves with the Specifications of the Project. The

INVITATION TO BID 14

County will only accept Bids from Bidders that are represented during the entire pre-Bid meeting.

BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED to the Purchasing Division, 600 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870 so as to reach that office no later than **2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, February 15, 2018,** at which time they will be opened. The public is invited to attend this meeting.

The Board's Local Preference Policy and Women/Minority Business Preference Policy will apply to the award of this Bid.

The Board does not discriminate upon the basis of any individual's disability status. This non-discrimination policy involves every aspect of the Board's functions, including one's access to, participation, employment or treatment in its programs or activities. Anyone requiring reasonable accommodation as provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act or Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, should contact Mrs. Pamela Rogers, ADA Coordinator at: 863-402-6509 (Voice), or via Florida Relay Service 711, or by e-mail: progres@hcbbc.org. Requests for CART or interpreter services should be made at least 24 hours in advance to permit coordination of the service.

Board of County Commissioners, Highlands County, FL
Jan. 14, 21, 2018

NOTICE TO CREDITORS 20

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION FILE NO. PC 17-559 IN RE: ESTATE OF **DORIS SUTHERLAND-WHITE a/k/a DORIS WHITE**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of **DORIS SUTHERLAND-WHITE a/k/a DORIS WHITE**, deceased, whose date of death was **December 3, 2017**, is pending in the Circuit Court for HIGHLANDS County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 590 S. 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 upon whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE 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 persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claim with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN SECTION 733.702 OF THE FLORIDA PROBATE CODE WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
The date of first publication of this Notice is January 7, 2018.
Personal Representative: **SHIRLEY ANGERMEIER 11217 Clear Oak Circle New Port Richey, FL 34654 /s/ Shirley Angermeier**
Attorney for Personal Representative **ABLES & CRAIG, P.A.**
551 South Commerce Avenue Sebring, Florida 33870
Telephone: (863) 385-0112
Fax: (863) 385-1284
E-mail: service@heartlandfloridalaw.com
By: /s/ Clifford M. Ables III
BRANDON S. CRAIG
Florida Bar No.: 0085800
CLIFFORD M. ABLES, III
Florida Bar No.: 178379

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SOUTH FLORIDA State College

HELP WANTED 2001

HELP WANTED POLICE OFFICER CITY OF BOWLING GREEN, FL
The City of Bowling Green is accepting applications for a full-time police officer. The successful applicant must possess a current Florida certification and fulfill the hiring prerequisites as set forth by the department, which includes a thorough background investigation and drug screening. The position will remain open until filled. To obtain an application, please contact Captain Brett Dowden or Chief John Scheel at (863)375-2255 or you may obtain one in person at 104 E. Main St. The police department offers competitive pay and benefits and an active, challenging work environment. The City of Bowling Green is a drug free workplace and an equal opportunity employer.

FT Housekeeper-For Condo Complex. Sat. +4 week days; 8a-4p; \$8.50/hr. Apply at: 124 Lake Drive Blvd., Sebring.

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Genpak
Open Interviews January 8 - January 11, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm. **GENPAK LLC**, a leader in the manufacture of carry-out food containers in Sebring, FL has an immediate need for **MACHINE OPERATORS** to operate production machinery. Must be an energetic self-starter with a positive attitude. Experience in a manufacturing or production environment preferred. Mechanical and mathematical aptitude a plus. Must be able to work with heavy equipment. 12 hour shifts available. Competitive salary and benefit package. You also may submit a resume/work experience with your contact information in your response or stop by our office to fill out an application.

Genpak 116 Shicane Drive Sebring, FL 33870 863-655-1814

Lakeshore Mall Hiring Maintenance Worker
Perform general maintenance and custodial duties to maintain the interior and exterior of the mall property. Duties include but not limited to:
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★ Plumbing
★ Electrical
★ Painting/wall repair
★ Exterior & Interior maintenance & repairs

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Part Time Clerical Position
For busy Sebring law office. Looking for personable; well-groomed; organized; and self-motivated individual eager to learn. **Clerical duties:** filing, copying; greeting clients. Must have own transportation for minimal pick-up and delivery of legal documents. Minimum 20 hour work week 8 a.m. to noon daily; Monday-Friday. Must have good typing skills and experience in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Outlook. Please send resume and references to: **Box #5, 315 US Hwy 27 N., Sebring FL 33870**

Genpak
Open Interviews January 8 - January 11, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm. **GENPAK LLC**, a leading manufacturer in the plastic foodservice packaging industry in Sebring, FL has an immediate need for **Packers** to pack plastic and styrofoam food containers into boxes. Light lifting. 12 hour shifts available. Mfg. experience a plus but not required. Competitive salary and benefit package. We are an equal opportunity employer. You also may submit a resume/work experience with your contact information in your response or stop by our office to fill out an application.

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POOL TECH needed for pool route. Dependable. We will train. Clean driving record. **863-655-6993**

HELP WANTED 2001

Genpak
Open Interviews January 8 - January 11, 2018 from 9:00am-3:00pm. **GENPAK LLC**, a leading manufacturer in the plastic foodservice packaging industry in Sebring, FL area has openings for **MECHANICS** in our Maintenance Department. Minimum of three (3) years industrial maintenance experience. Applicants must have formal training or experience in related fields that would be useful in maintaining and repairing our production machinery and related equipment. Must have a strong industrial/ electrical/electronic background. Troubleshooting and repair of mechanical, pneumatic & hydraulic production machinery. Should be familiar with all facets and procedures of plant manufacturing operations and will be expected to diagnose and repair faulty production and related plant equipment with a minimum of supervision. Must be able to troubleshoot and repair electrical control circuitry, motor/process controls and set up machinery for production. Welding and fabrication a plus. Applicants must maintain a full complement of tools to perform normal duties. 12 hour shifts available. Competitive salary and benefit package. You also may submit a resume/work experience with your contact information in your response or stop by our office to fill out an application.

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Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties, Inc.
Is hiring 2 new positions:
★ PT BSN Nurse Supervisor (7-10 hrs. per wk);
★ PT Data Entry Clerk Based in Highlands County. For complete details on job postings, visit: www.healthystarthhp.org/job-openings/
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HEALTHY START COALITION
Hardee, Highlands & Polk Counties
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CLERICAL/OFFICE 2020

Receptionist Wanted
★ **Duties include:** general office duties as well as creating design portfolios & advertisements & Social Media mgmt.
★ **Requirements:** 2+ yrs of exp. in similar position pref.; knowledge in MS Office and Photoshop; must be organized, positive attitude, good time mgmt. & exc. communication skills.
Email application to: ericmarshall00@gmail.com or tim@needplans.com

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Applications Analyst
A member of the Information Technology Business Applications Team, provides application-level support for multi-user database applications. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following: The configuration, maintenance, and troubleshooting of applications (e.g. Florida Courts E-Filing Portal). This individual performs technical work— planning, developing, implementing, and organizing application projects—and support of information technology. Identifies alternative methods for optimizing information system applications. Provides project management and documentation, including training for applications and new application projects. <http://hcclerk.org/Home/Employment-Opportunities.aspx>

MEDICAL 2030

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THINGS TO DO 3030

Forever Friends at Southside Baptist Church, Sebring Presents **Joe Lewis in Concert 11am Tue. Jan. 16** at 379 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring. Lunch to follow. Cost, \$6, incl. lunch.

LOST & FOUND 3090

FOUND young cat-behind Sebring Nu Hope Thrift Store Dec. 29. Call to describe. **863-253-2688 or 863-446-0395.**

FOUND-Grocery/Jewelry items found in Fairmount Estates around Dec. 28. Call to claim: **574-239-5030**

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AUCTIONS 6020

Door hinges, (13), solid brass, new in boxes w/screws 3.5 inch x 5/8" radius \$5.00 per pair OBO, 863-402-2285

SEWING 6026

Sewing table-foldable, 59.5 x 34.5 x 35.5 open. 19.13 x 35 x 36 closed. \$65 (863) 840-2129

HOUSEHOLD GOODS 6030

50th Anniversary Dishes, gold pedestal cake dish, relish dish, tea pot, creamer/sugar, all in gold trim, \$50-863-464-0004

59 PC set china, Copeland Spode Great Britain china Gainesboro flower garden \$125 (863) 471-1904

AV cart, welded steel black 3 shelves, 18x24x42, \$50, 863-385-6414

Bread machine, Weibilt, ABm100-2 works well, \$20, 863-699-0582

Ceiling Fans (7), 48", good condition, \$150.00 for all or will sell separately, 863-382-8622

Clock, Franklin Mint, Marie Antoinette, Flowers of Versailles, \$340.00 - 727-430-3491

Corelle Dish Set, service for 4, pink & blue foral, excellent \$25, 863-382-4375

Electric Skillet, GE, new, \$25.00 - 863-699-0559

Eureka Vacuum, new, \$10.00 (863) 699-2886

Food Processor/Blender, GE, \$20.00 - 863-699-0559

HOUSEHOLD GOODS 6030

Foyer Light, \$10.00 - 863-382-8622

Fruit & Vegetable Peeler, automatic rotary, uses 4 AA batteries, never used, still in box, \$12.00 - 863-273-7625

Grill Master Oven, Toastermaster, \$8.00 - 863-699-2886

Mirror Tiles, 12 x12, \$10.00 for all, 863-464-0004

Moving cart, 2 wheel, aluminum, folds flat carries 275 lbs, used very little, stores easily, \$40, 863-402-2285

Queen size mattress, box springs and frame with comforter, pillow shams and skirting \$120. (419) 706-0630

Silverware, 12 place setting of genuine Thai brassware, 144 pcs in wd chest, knives, sp, forks & misc. \$99 obo, 863-471-2948

Turkey Serving Platter, oval 16" by Gibson, fine ceramic, micro/dishwasher safe, unused, new in box, \$15-863-273-7625

TV Tray Tables (2), wood, wte legs w/blues & sandpipers on top, ex. cond., rarely used, \$45 ea or both \$80 - 863-273-7625

Vacuum Cleaner, Bissell, upright, bagged/bagless, reconditioned, 30 day guarantee, \$20.00 - 863-402-2285

Vacuum Cleaner, Oreck upright, works great, light weight, new belt and bag \$50.00, (863) 402-2285

Vase, by Hazel Atlas, 7.5" tall, vintage cobalt blue, \$25, 863-382-4375

HOLIDAY ITEMS 6031

Christmas wreaths - 18" and 24" round, some with lights \$15 each (863) 385-6414

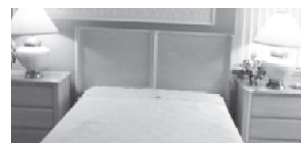
FURNITURE 6035

5 Kitchen chairs, swivel, vinyl, cream colored, \$25.00 for each or \$100 for 5, 603-848-2186

6 drawer dresser \$30 (863) 314-0107.



Antique Bedroom- dble head & footboard, nightstand, dressing table w/mirror & stool, dresser w/mirror, highboy, Exc. cond! \$2500 **863-385-6414**



Bedroom Set- light ash wood; dble headboard, nightstands, dresser w/mirror & highboy Exc. cond \$800 **863-385-6414**

Chair, white wicker w/arms, \$30.00 - 863-382-8852

China cabinet, dark pecan, 65" wide, lighted, \$300 (863) 443-2863

China cabinet- mirrored back & 4 glass shelves. White-washed oak. \$100. 270-625-4747.

Coffee Table- black metal with glass top. Like new condition, \$45.00 - 863-402-0539

Computer Desk, Ethan Allen, w/hutch and filing cabinet, cherry wood & cherry veneers, \$450 OBO, 863-446-1649

Desk- 3 piece, solid oak desk. Excellent condition! \$500.00. 863-655-2612



Antique Dining Room- China cabinet, Oval 3-pedestal table, 3 leaves, table pads, 6 chairs. Exc. cond! \$2500. **863-385-6414**

Dining Room Set, table and 4 chairs w/cushions, solid wood, blonde, \$30.00 - 727-365-2259

Dining set ornate wrought iron 48" glass & marble top w/4 upholstered tan cloth chairs, exc. cond. \$125. (317) 919-5050

Dining Table and 4 chairs, light oak, upholstered chairs, 1 leaf, seats 6, excellent condition, \$200, 863-382-4783

Dining Table, 48" round, glass top with 4 upholstered seat metal chairs, \$200, 863-452-9760

Dining Table, extends to 96 L, 42" W, dark inlay w/6 cushioned chairs, custom table pads, exc. cond., \$475.00-863-385-4725

Dining table, seats 6, dark wood \$60 (863) 441-4483, (312) 418-4215

Dressing Table w/bench, solid oak, never used, asking \$200.00 - 863-471-3640

FURNITURE 6035

Entertainment Center, armoire style w/pocket doors, light pine wood, will hold 38" wide TV, \$100 - 270-625-4747

Floral couch and chair, perfect condition. \$100. (231) 342-1234

Glider Rocker, good condition, \$25, 540-686-6849

Kitchen Hutch, 2 piece, oak, \$100 - 863-441-4483 or 321-418-4215

Kitchen table round pedestal with 4 chairs, almond. exc. condition \$300 (863) 385-6414

Large **rolltop desk**, brown \$300 (863) 314-0107.

Lounge chair, brown, tilt back, \$50, OBO, 863-214-1324

Lovely Cindy Crawford Home Edition beige/brown **leather living room set**- 2 sofas, chair, ottoman, matching 5x7 rug, 8 pillows, 2 lamps & 2 end tables. Exc. cond. \$1,600. **863-385-0567**

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Recliner, maroon, 4 months old, paid \$400.00, asking \$200.00 - 863-471-3640

Recliner, maroon, 4 months old, paid \$400.00, asking \$200.00 - 863-471-3640

Roll Up Desk, small 45 x 26 light gray, \$200, 614-452-3196

Sofa & Loveseat set-light ratan w/loose cushions in a light pastel print. \$150 for both. 270-625-4747

Sofa, sectional with chaise lounge, 136 x 90, tan fiber, washable covers, clean, \$500.00 - 863-617-2058

Sofa- 82" cinnamon color, like new! \$225. 219-688-0979

Table, authentic looking Lobster Trap Table, 24x40x16, w/glass top, \$50, 863-402-2285

TV Stand, modern, gray, wood with glass shelf, 47L x 22H, beautiful condition, \$75.00, 863-273-1834

Wall unit, 5 sections, light pecan \$200 (863) 443-2863

Wing Chair, emerald green, new, \$55.00 - 863-382-3805

ELECTRONICS 6038

Next Book Ares 8A 8" Quad, cire and android, brand new, never used, in box, \$50, 863-402-2285

Phone system- AT&T phone base, 3 cordless handsets & answering mach. \$50. 863-835-2662

Trafone Battery, new Samsung AB463446BA, 800mAh, \$7.00 - 863-451-5511

TV/STEREO/RADIO 6040

45" Big Screen Samsung TV Perfect, Mint Cond \$325 firm . 863-699-0028

Console TV & Record Player with stereo, 1960, \$300.00, 614-452-3196

Home Theatre Sys, Phillips, sub-woofer, 2 wifi remote twr spkrs/3 shelf spkrs, DVD player w/remote, \$250-863-385-9501

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COMPUTER EQUIPMENT 6060

Routers, modems, microsoft mouse, box full, some new in the box, \$10.00 for all, 407-385-4196

CLOTHING / JEWELRY/ ACCESSORIES 6065

Boots, cowgirl, Durango, size 6M, 14" tall, worn once, like new, brown, pointed toes, beautifully designed, \$100, 863-385-4502

Boots, dress style, new, ladies size 7M, 20.5" tall, brown, full zipper, \$30, 863-385-4502

Hats, Jacksonville Jaguars lite-up, \$15.00, 863-452-0246

Leather Jacket- Brown, (M) sz med. Brand new, w/tags, never worn. Motorcycle-type. \$200. 863-679-7597

Leather Jacket- Columbia Men's size 42 XL black. Barely worn. \$55. 863-243-9986.

Men's golf clothing, jackets, shorts, shirts, size medium - 32-34. \$3 to \$10 exc cond. some new. (863) 402-1159

CLOTHING / JEWELRY/ ACCESSORIES 6065

Money clip, mint perfect American Silver Eagle, 1oz, mounted on diamond cut stainless & rhodium, \$95, 863-840-1380

Motorcycle Jacket, BILT woman's size large, like new, \$45.00 - 727-430-3491

ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES 6070

(5) 1 oz pure silver .999 fine us silver dollar coins, 2017 \$1.00 Amer silver eagle, 1 oz mint perfect, \$150.00, 863-840-1380

Crystal Vase, Tranquil Garden, silver metal band, 8 ft, diameter 2.5/8", new and in the box, \$25.00, 863-840-1380



Antiques Wanted
Upscale Decorative Items,
Art Glass, Sterling, etc.
812-535-1400

German Stein, authentic collection, 1 commerial commemorative Budweiser, \$300 OBO, 863-446-1649

Phone - Country Belle 1950's wall unit, wood/brass, vintage, AM-FM tube radio, origianl, \$65.00 - 954-394-8932

Pitcher & bowl, vintage good condition \$40 (863) 385-4502

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Sword collection, (7), 1 from early 1900's, \$300 OBO, 863-446-1649

Thomas Kinkade Cottages, illuminated Hawthorne Village, \$30.00 each or 5 for \$135.00, 863-458-6593

Vintage Military Padlocks (2) w/key-new in box-Eagle, shackle w/9" chain-key comes out when locked, \$15 ea. -863-273-7625

Walk behind, horse-drawn **Plovs (2) & Cultivator**-Original, late 1800's. Exc. cond! \$150-\$250. **863-446-0876**

MUSICAL 6090

French Horn, Yamaha YR313 single student, \$259.00 obo 727-430-3491

Guitar, Ovation 12 string Matrix with custom case, \$225, 540-686-6849

LPs and albums, 200, most in sleeves, \$100 OBO, 863-385-4754

Organ in good condition \$150 (201) 207-4809

Organ, 2 manual Baldwin, solid oak cabinet w/matching bench, full octave bass, pedals w/different sounds, \$50, 419-342-2879

Yamaha Upright Piano-w/bench & music. In perfect cond. \$500 obo. 863-273-6334

MEDICAL 6095

Electric wheel chair \$500 (863) 314-0107

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Portable Toilet, Invacare Medical, \$15.00 - 863-464-0004

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Why you should save for something fun



NERD WALLET
Liz Weston

Financial planners tend to have firm ideas about the most important goals: You should save for retirement, pay off debt and build an emergency fund. Buying a pair of \$200 sneakers or an ultra-high definition TV is probably not on that list.

But maybe saving for something you really, really want isn't frivolous. It may be exactly what you need to get your financial life on track.

Researchers who have studied the role of savings in financial health say what's important is the habit of putting aside money and having a plan for that cash. People who have a planned savings habit are four times more likely to be financially healthy than those who don't, according to a report by the nonprofit Center for Financial Services Innovation. That habit is more important than income, age or other demographic characteristics, the report

found. Saving even small amounts can help people avoid the high cost of being broke. A few hundred bucks saved may help bypass credit card debt, payday lenders, rent-to-own stores and bank overdraft fees. It can help avoid eviction, or losing a job because the car broke down. Even a thin financial cushion can help people become more financially stable.

"That ability to be resilient in the face of ups and downs is a very important component of financial health," says

John Thompson, senior vice president and head of research consulting at the Center for Financial Services Innovation. "It also helps people avoid high-cost financial services when they face a short-term challenge."

But saving a small amount, only to see it wiped out by an unexpected expense, isn't satisfying. Saving up to buy something we want, on the other hand, can feel like a real win — and it's the winning that matters to our brains. Each time we anticipate getting a reward, our brains are treated to a shot of dopamine, the chemical that makes us want to repeat a pleasurable experience.

Recalling our small wins also can help us learn to persist when difficulties arise, rather than just giving up, says Michael Thomas Jr., an accredited financial counselor who advises clients at the University of Georgia's free Aspire

Clinic. Remembering the times we've achieved a money-focused goal helps counteract the "negative automatic thoughts and catastrophic thinking" that keeps people from seeing progress, says Thomas, who has studied psychology and is getting his Ph.D. in financial planning and who also co-hosts "Nothing Funny About Money," a public radio program in Atlanta.

If people aren't already in the habit of saving money, their goal doesn't need to be lofty — and perhaps shouldn't be. Being told to save \$1 million for retirement or three months' worth of expenses for emergencies could cause them to give up in despair.

"When I'm starting from zero, those seem like magical, fantastical, unattainable sums of money," Thompson says. "How would you begin is a daunting challenge."

What may be worse is telling non-savers that they need to put aside money for retirement and emergencies and a host of other goals. Researchers at the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management found people were much more likely to save money when presented with a single goal. When contemplating multiple goals, people considered the trade-offs and put off taking action, the researchers found.

Letting people set their own goals also may gose savings habits. WiseBanyan, a digital investing site, found the percentage of customers who set up automatic savings plans increased about 50 percent after it allowed them to create their own milestones or goals, whether retirement, a trip around the world or a new wardrobe, says chief operating officer and co-founder Vicki Zhou.

"When you personalize it, the way you think about it changes," Zhou says.

That's not to say people should save only for the fun stuff and ignore their long-term financial health. But the fun stuff can be a powerful motivator. "The behavior of savings is what we're trying to encourage," Thompson says. "It's not that we're suggesting (saving for emergencies and retirement) isn't important, but before that comes the behavior."

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Retail workers feel disruption from shifting shopper habits


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— The Associated Press

the FUNNIES

PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ


"The Cabin"



When he got up that morning, the sky was clear.



By now, however, it had turned gray. He shivered slightly.



Soon it began to snow.



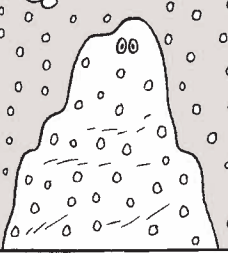
At first, only a few feathers swirling in the wind.




Then heavy, wet flakes which quickly covered everything.



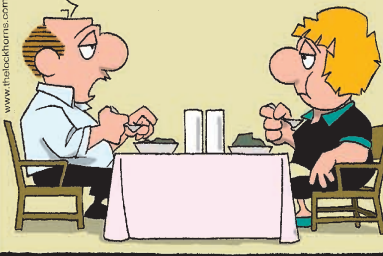
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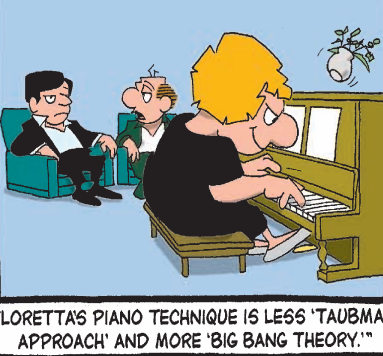
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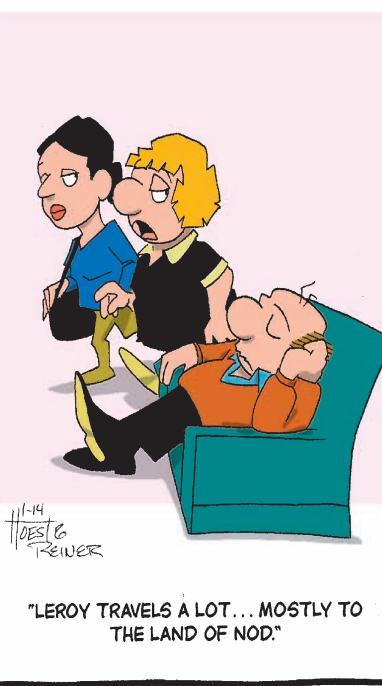
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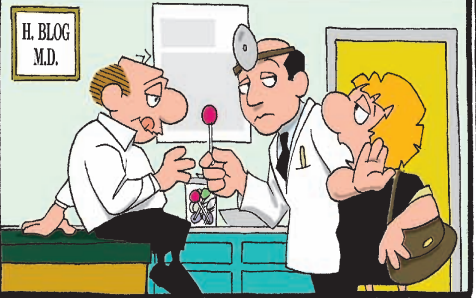
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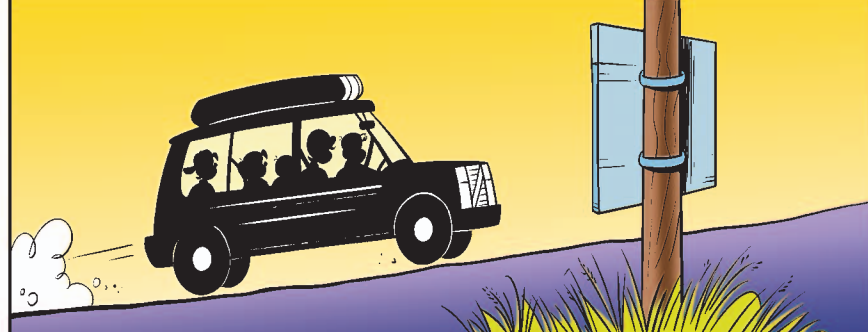
"JUST HUMOR HIM, DOCTOR... THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY I COULD GET HIM TO COME FOR HIS SHOT."



"MAKE A NOTE... NEXT TIME, WE'LL HOLD THEIR SESSION IN A STEEL CAGE."



Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER



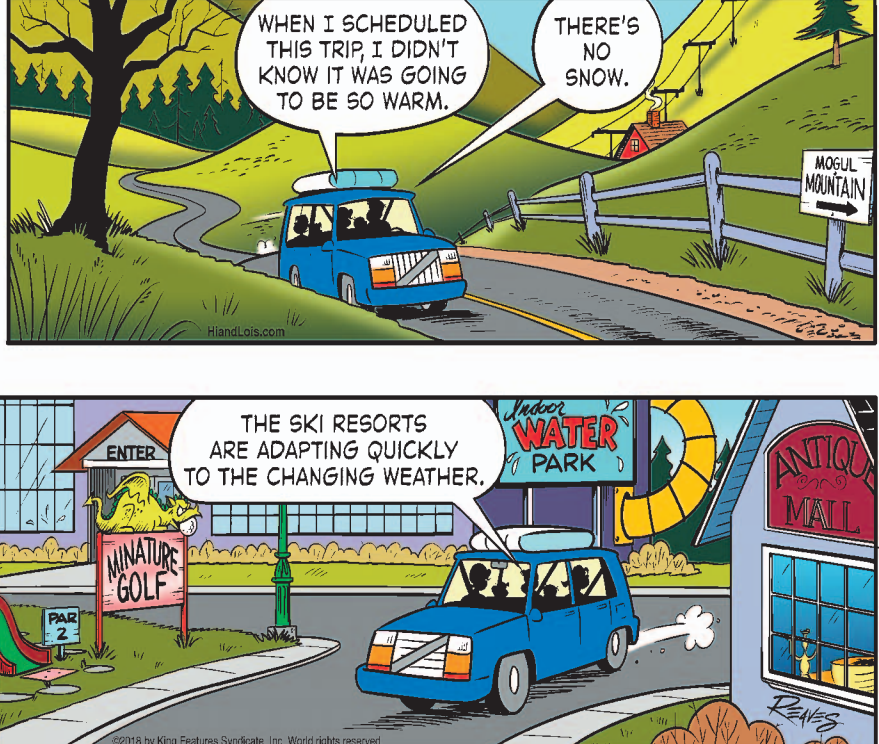
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WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

DON'T WORRY.

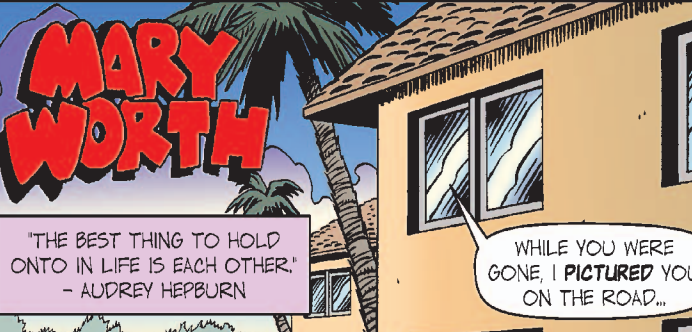
THE SKI RESORTS ARE ADAPTING QUICKLY TO THE CHANGING WEATHER.



MARY WORTH

"THE BEST THING TO HOLD ONTO IN LIFE IS EACH OTHER."
- AUDREY HEPBURN

WHILE YOU WERE GONE, I PICTURED YOU ON THE ROAD...

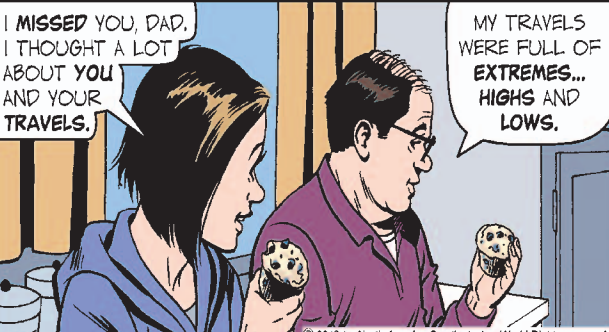


AND I TRIED TO SEND YOU GOOD THOUGHTS THROUGH THE ETHERS.



I MISSED YOU, DAD. I THOUGHT A LOT ABOUT YOU AND YOUR TRAVELS.

MY TRAVELS WERE FULL OF EXTREMES... HIGHS AND LOWS.



IT'S COMFORTING TO BE HOME, DAWN... TO BE STABLE IN A FAMILIAR PLACE, WITH FAMILIAR PEOPLE.



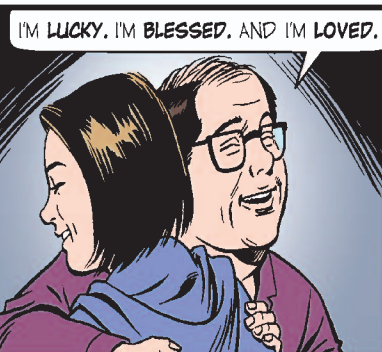
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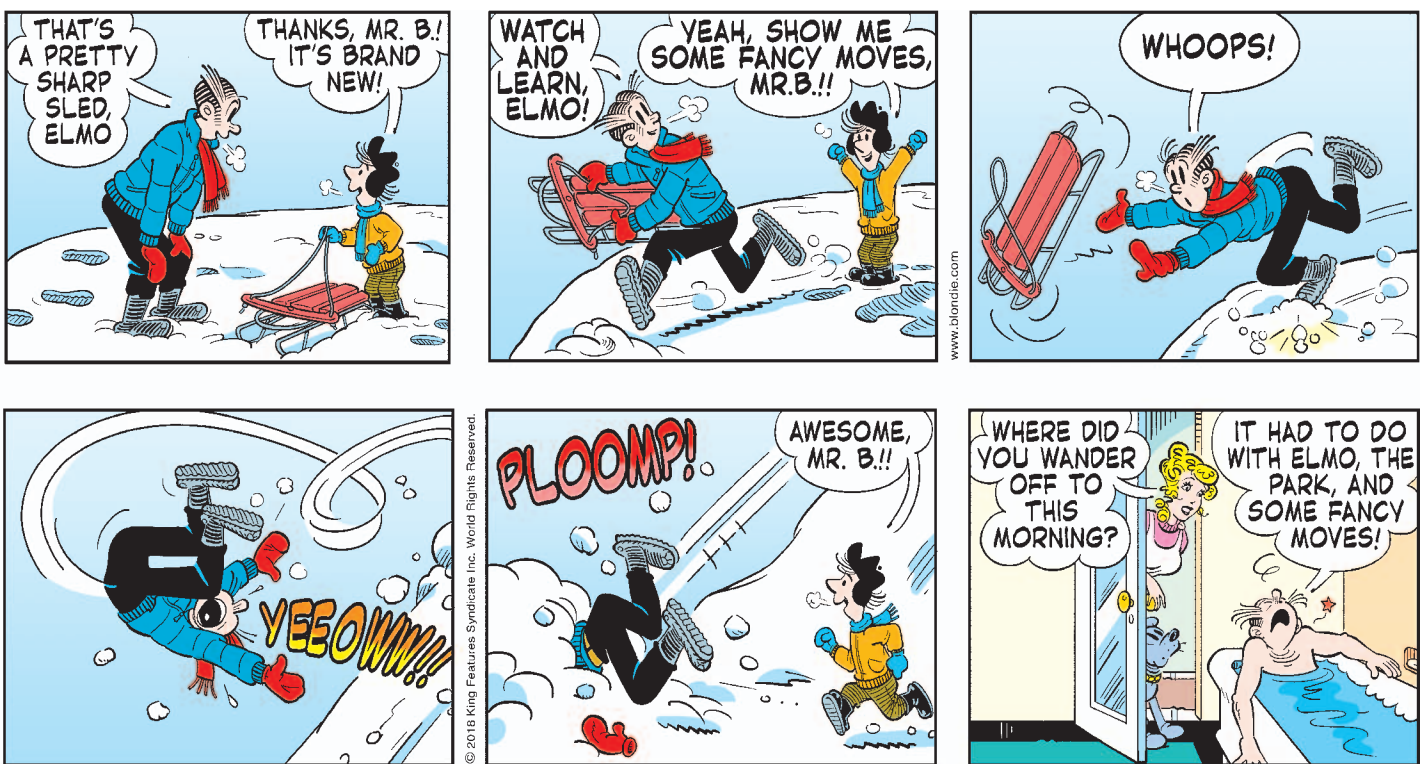
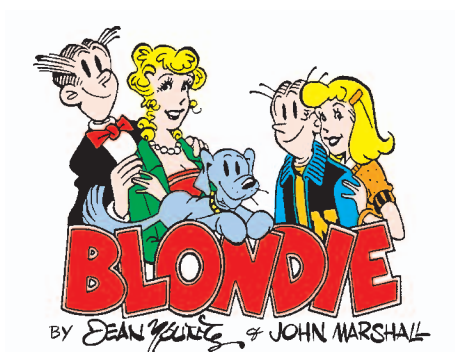
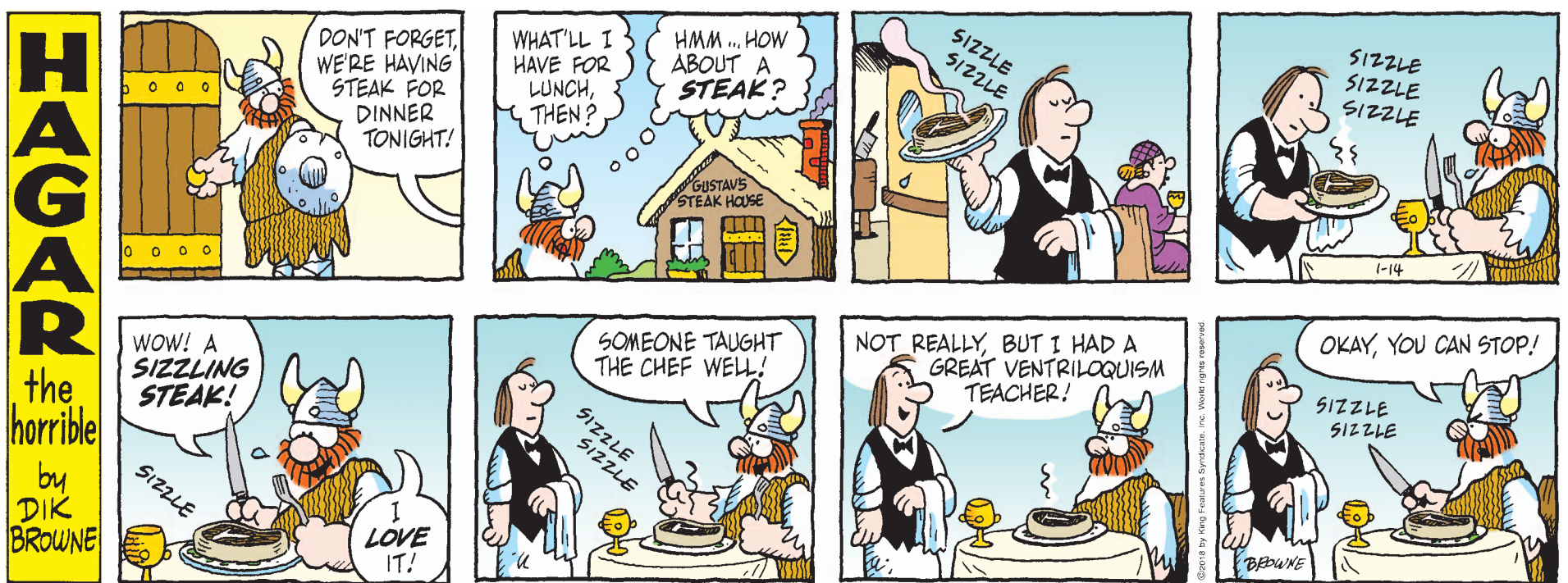
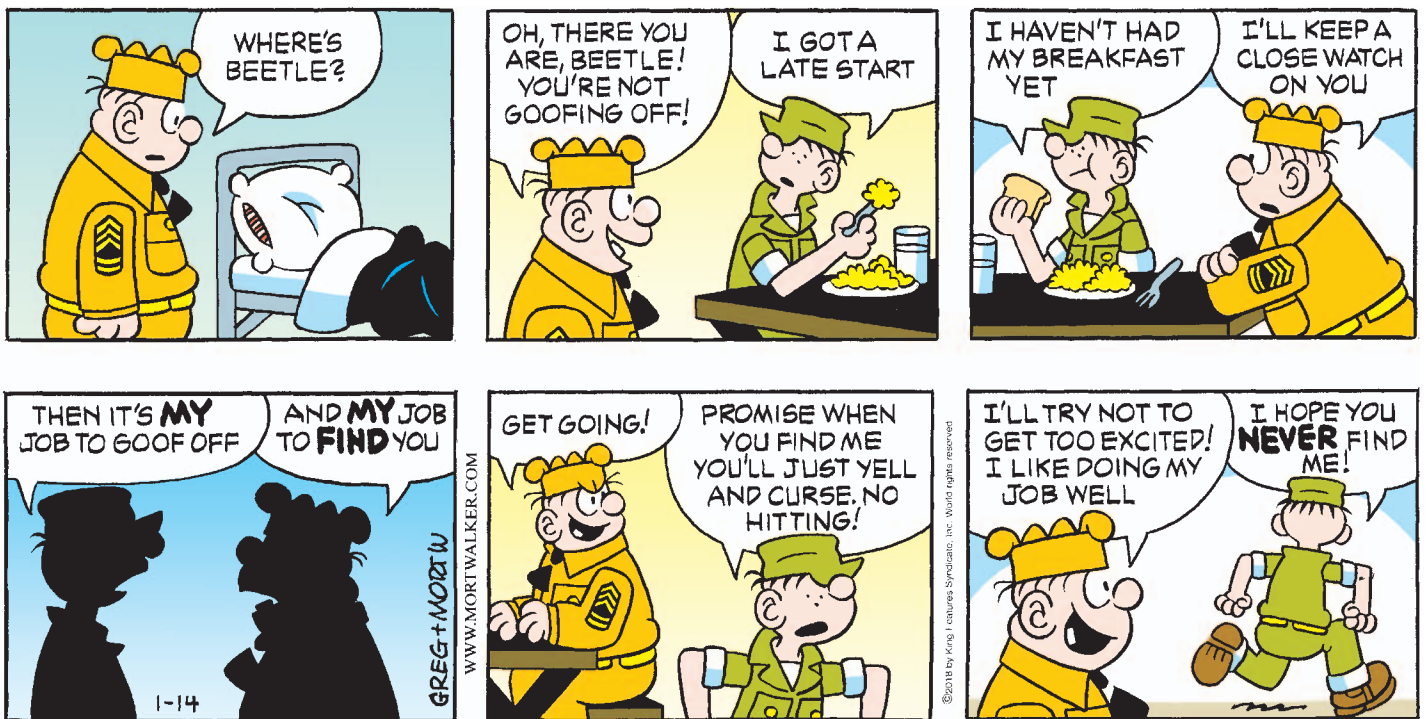
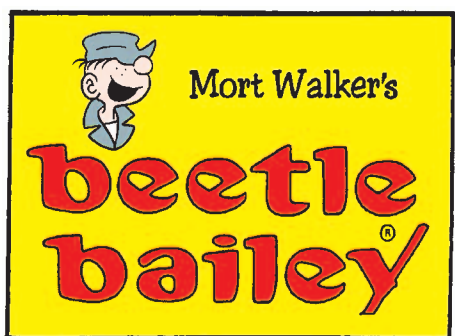
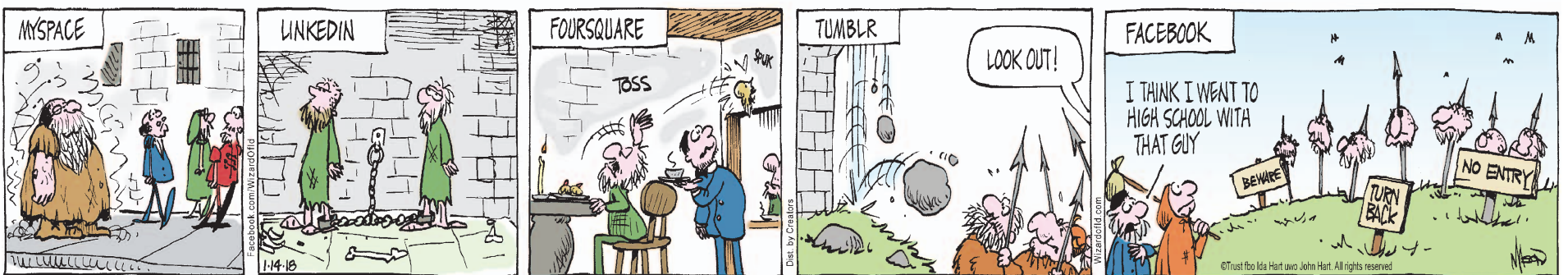
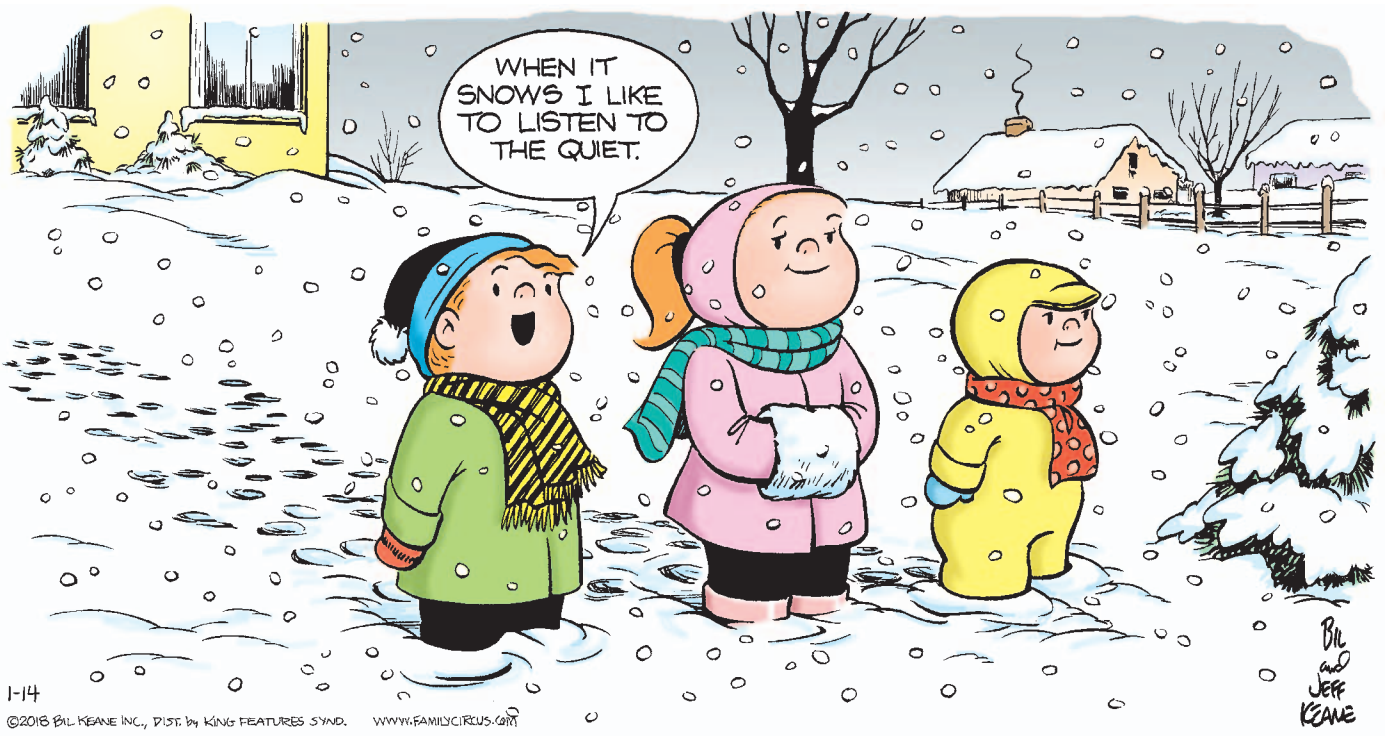
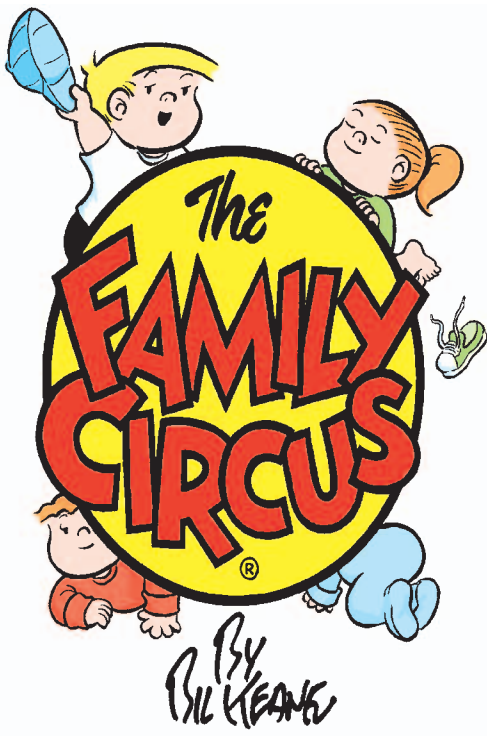


I SAW SO MUCH WHILE I WAS OVERSEAS. I REALIZE NOW...



I'M LUCKY, I'M BLESSED, AND I'M LOVED.







FOR BETTER FOR WORSE
By Lynn Johnston

HMPH!

AAAAHHHHH...

WOULD YOU GET OFF THAT COUCH?! YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE THERE!

NO, NO SANDWICH. THIS IS FOR YOU!

SNORT!!

FARLEY, I HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL YOU--AND I'M TELLING YOU THIS BECAUSE I LOVE YOU AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE HURT.

YOU'RE A DOG, FARLEY. YES, YOU ARE! YOU WERE BORN A DOG, YOU WILL ALWAYS BE A DOG.

DOGS SLEEP ON THE FLOOR, FARLEY, AND EAT DOG FOOD! I KNOW THIS IS HARD FOR YOU-- BUT THAT'S THE RULE!

SIGH!!

MIND YOU--EVERY RULE WAS MADE TO BE BROKEN.

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Prince Valiant

BY SCHULTZ AND YEATES

MUCH TO VALS UNENDING AMAZEMENT, A RAVEN COMES AT KAREN'S COMMAND. HIS DAUGHTER AND THE BIRD, IN FACT, SEEM QUITE FAMILIAR WITH EACH OTHER. THEN KAREN GESTURES, AND THE RAVEN SOARS UP...

... AND WINGS WESTWARD, SHE FOLLOWS THE YINCHU TO THE ARAL LAKE, AND THEN BEYOND AND ACROSS THE KHAZAR SEA...

... AND STILL SHE FLIES WESTWARD, OVER THE SNOW-CAPPED CAUCASUS, AND RUGGED ANATOLIA ...

... AND ON TO THE SUNNY MEDITERRANEAN, AND THE MISTY ISLES, WHERE SHE CIRCLES LOWER AND LOWER...

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YEATES 1/14/18

... AND ALIGHTS AT A WINDOW OF THE QUEEN'S CHAMBERS. ALETA HAS BEEN WAITING EXPECTANTLY FOR A SIGN THAT HER DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND ARE WELL.

NEXT: The narrows

SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

A soccer ball was kicked through Mrs. Beaver's window. Baxter Bat says the kicker wore the number 19 on his jersey. But there isn't anyone wearing that number. Does Slylock Fox think the kicker fled the scene?

Solution -- No. Slylock read the number while hanging upside down. Instead of 19, the number on the jersey was really 61.

Spot six differences between these panels.

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HOW TO DRAW a parrot

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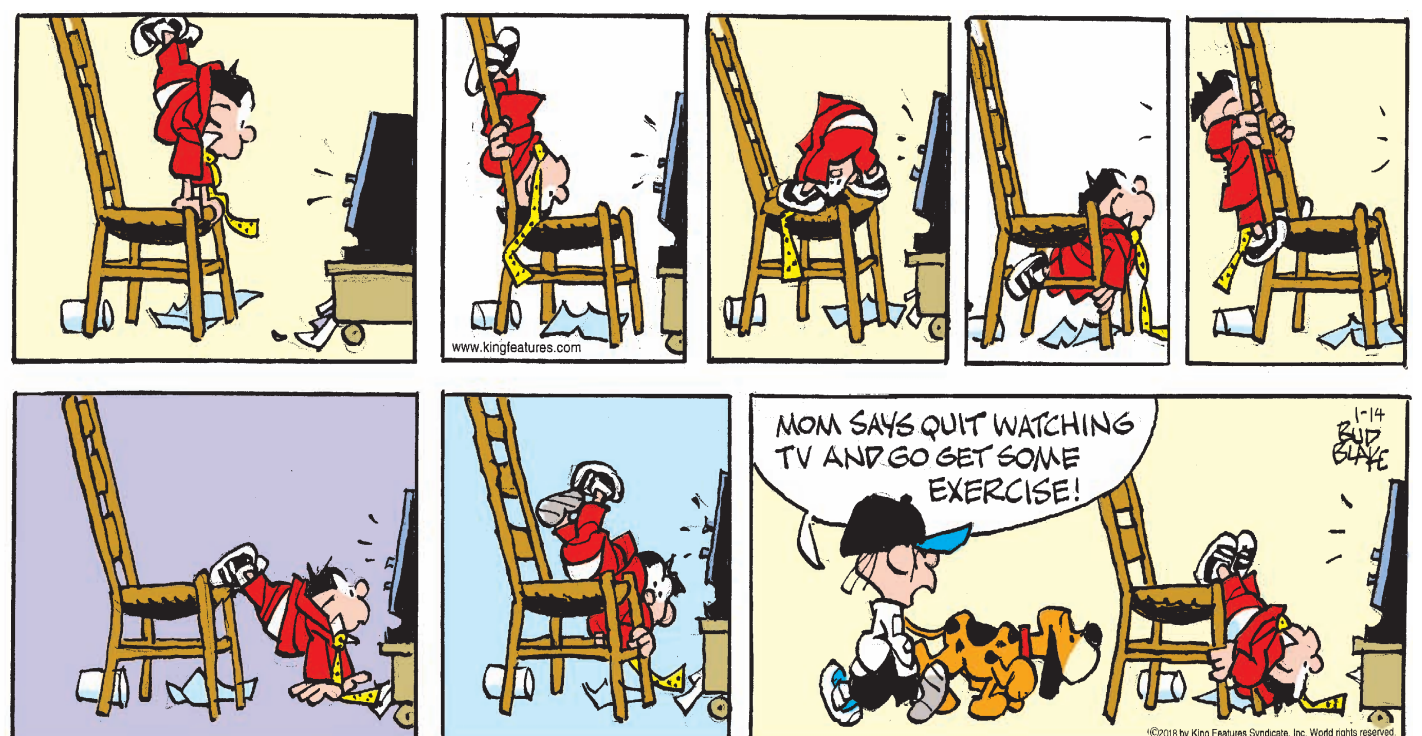
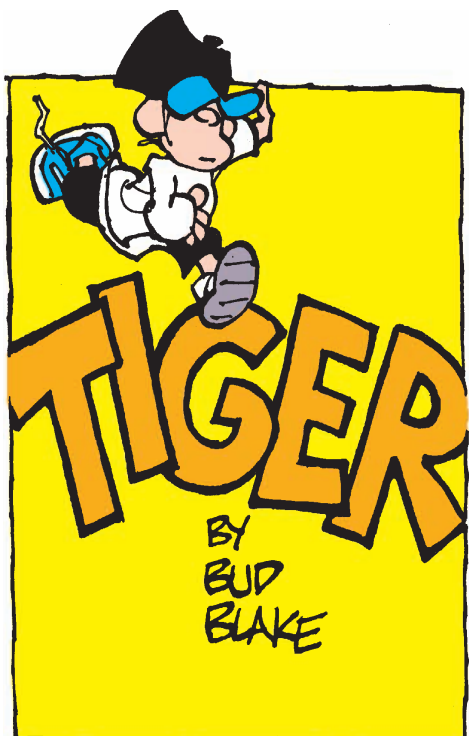
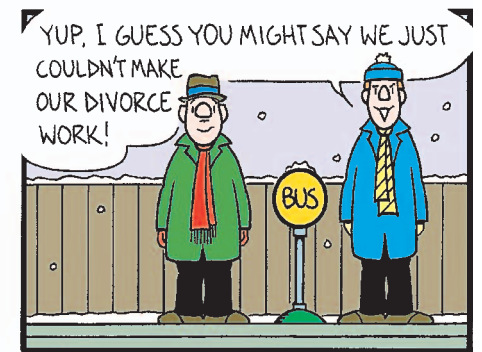
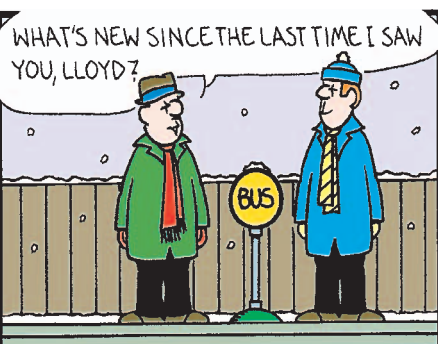
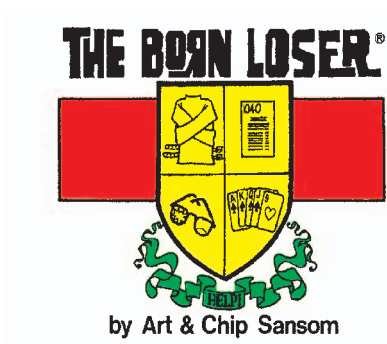
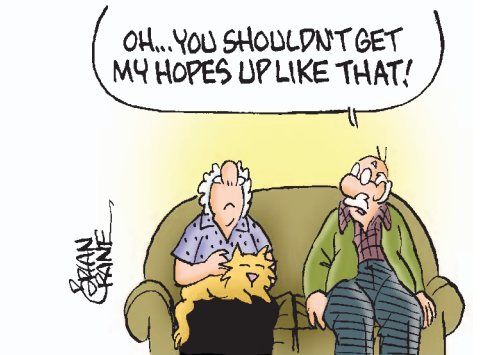
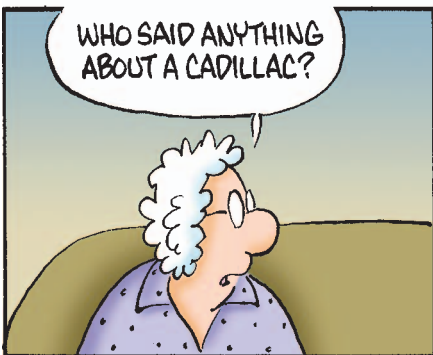
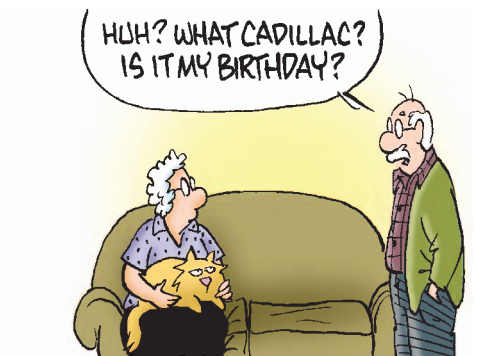
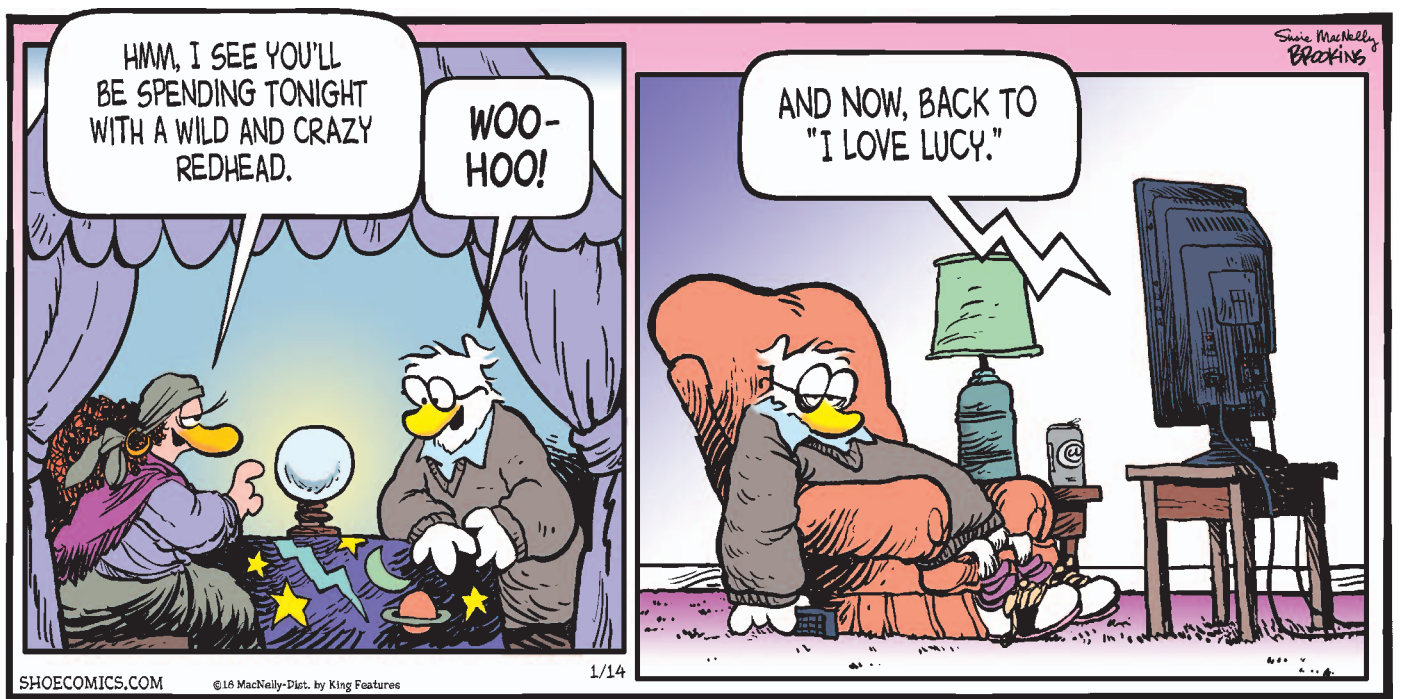
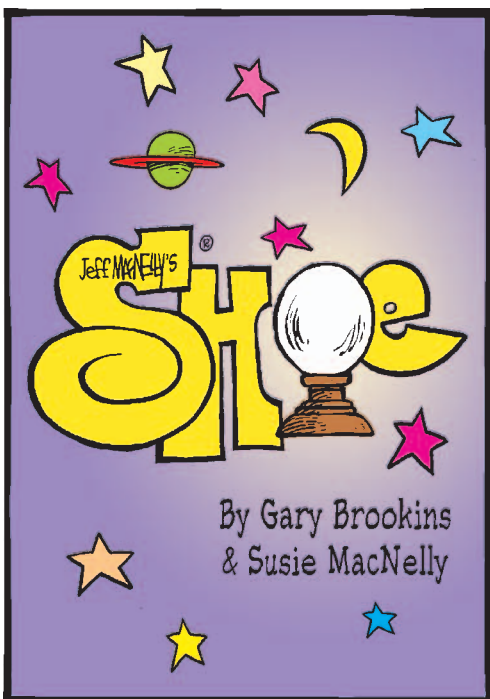
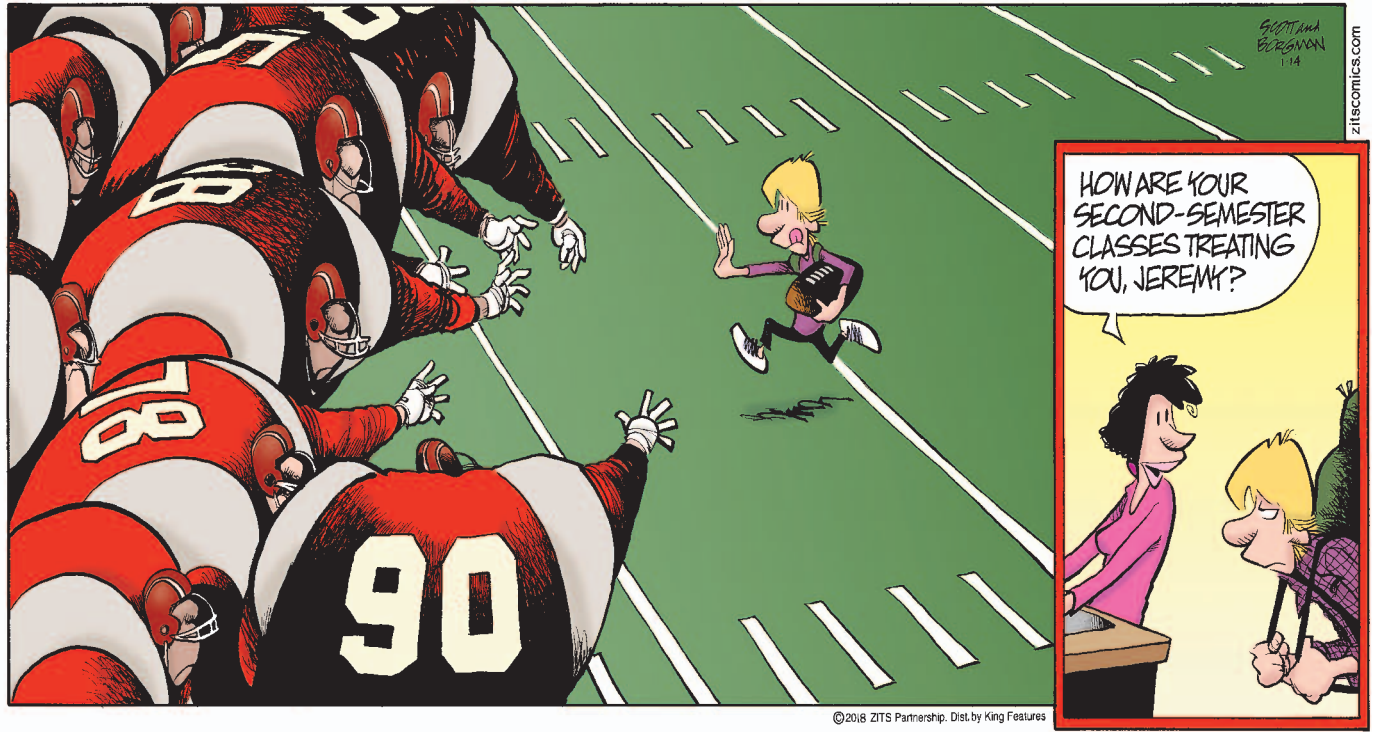
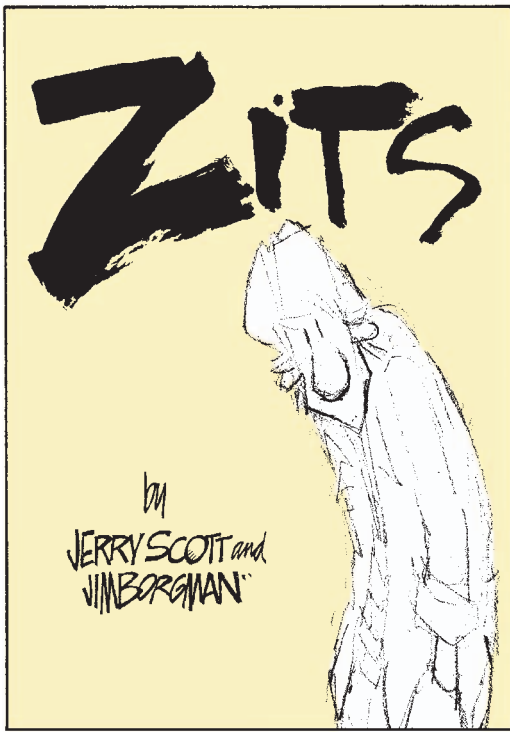
The scrambled words are team sports. How many can you unscramble?

- 1) CESOCR
- 2) LABELSBA
- 3) YOCEHK
- 4) BRGYU

Answer -- 1) Soccer (2) Baseball (3) Hockey (4) Rugby

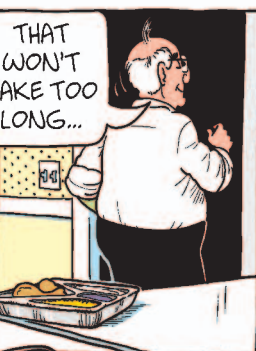
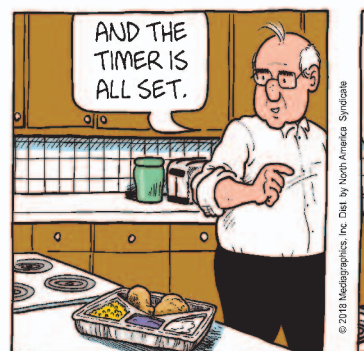
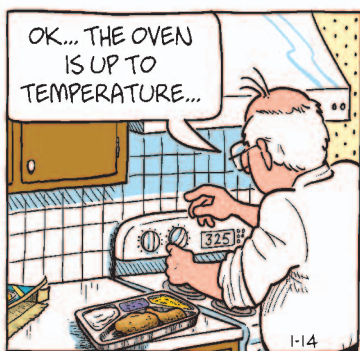
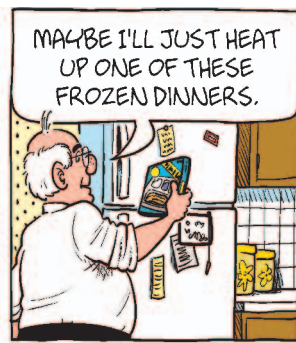
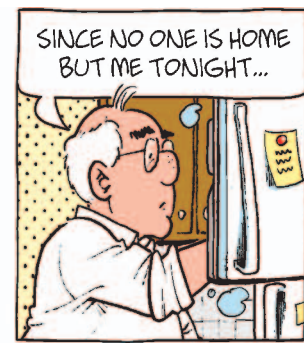
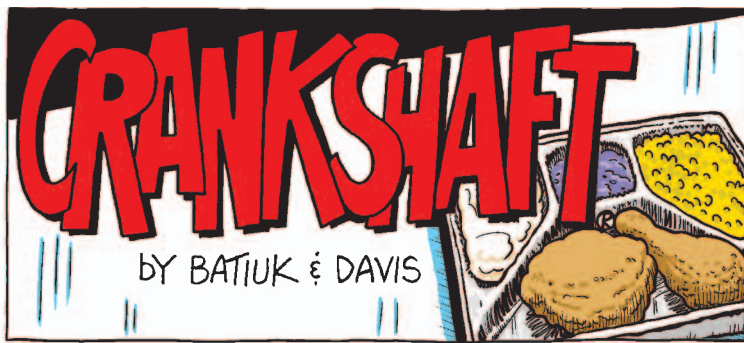
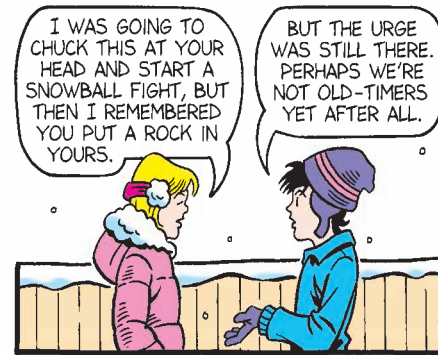
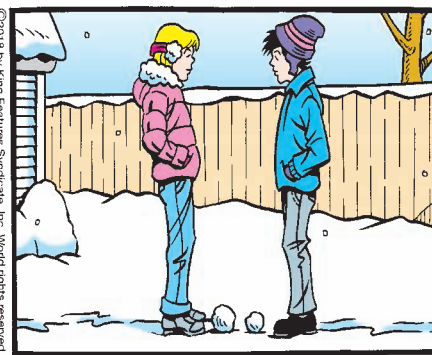
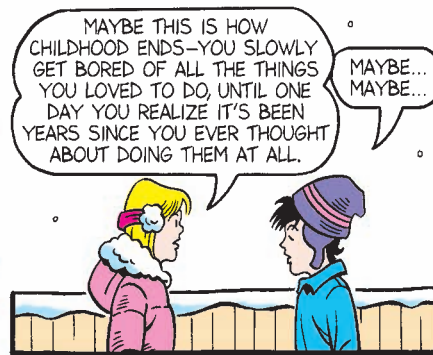
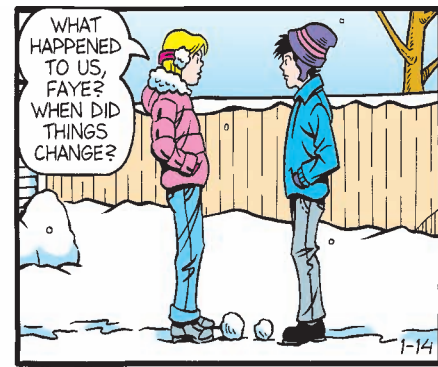
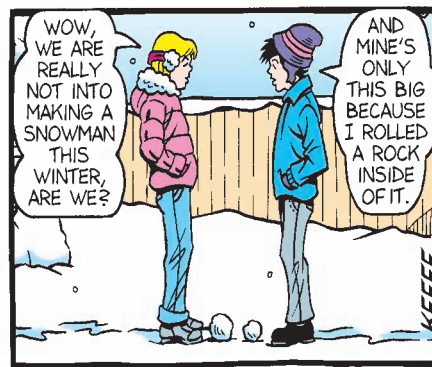
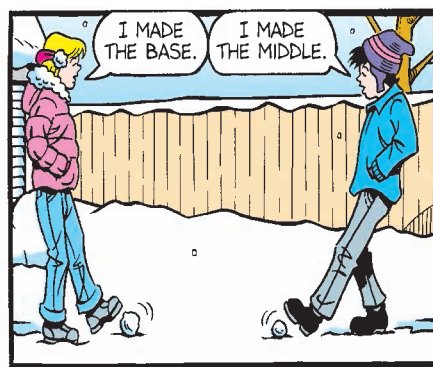
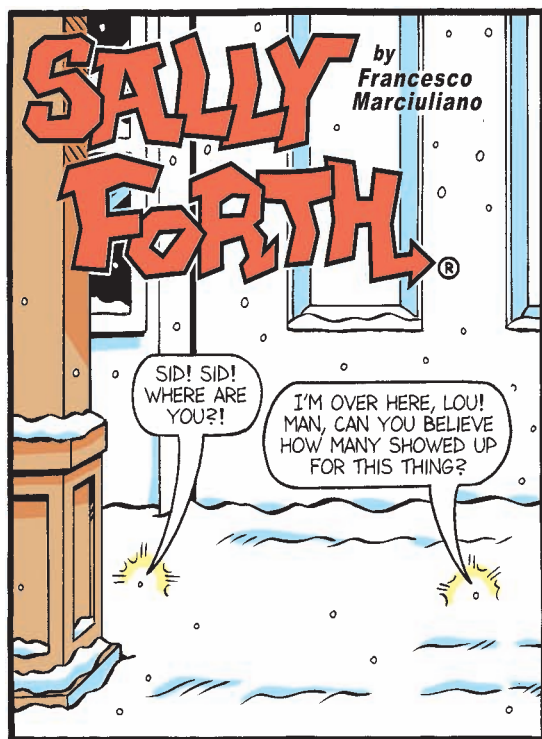
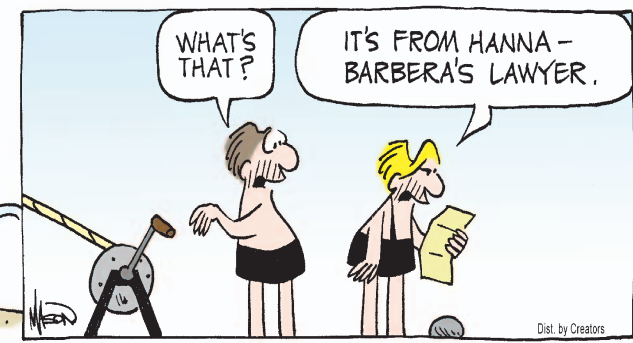
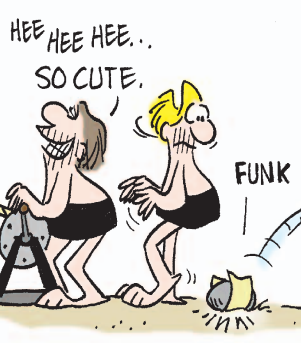
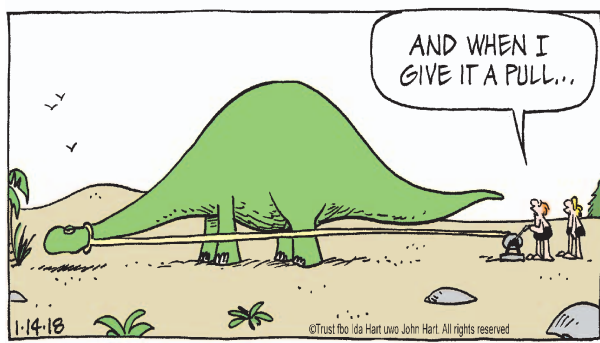
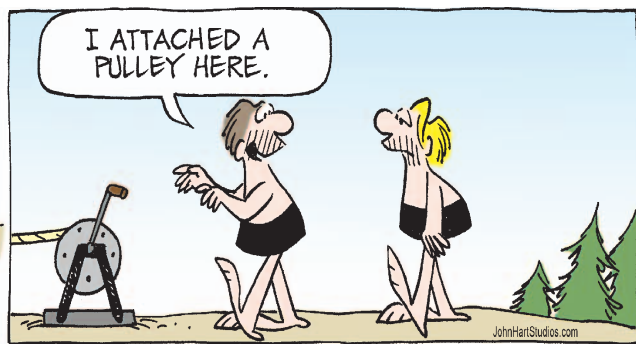
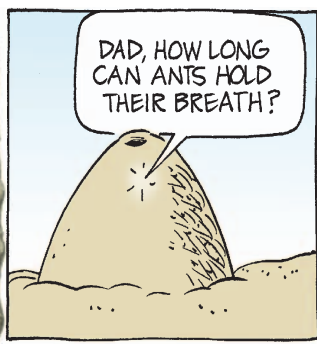
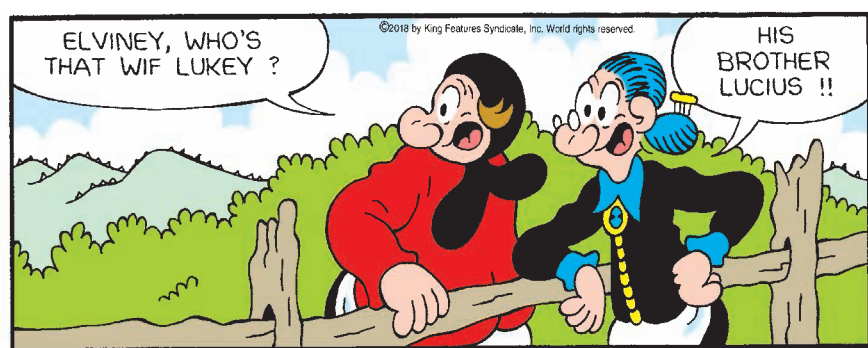
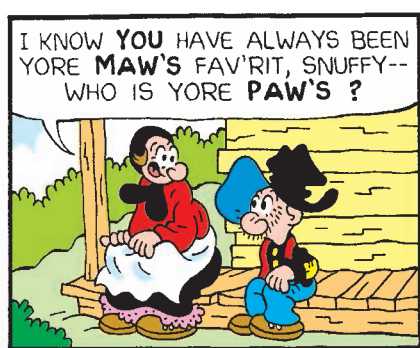
Answer -- Button, coat, scarf, carrot, flower and stick.

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BARNEY GOOGLE and SNUSFEMITH
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THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK

...PHANTOM'S SECRET WAY OUT!

BOTH HANDS ON THE WALL... WATCH YOUR STEP...

...IT'S A LONG WAY DOWN.

HA! WE GO UP THE STAIRS...

...THEN BACK DOWN THE SAME STAIRS!

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE FOOLING, MYSTERY MAN?!

WE MUST BE BACK DOWN NEAR MY CELL AGAIN! ANY GUARDS AROUND?

SHH! I SEE ONE NOW...

HE HAS NO IDEA WE'RE INSIDE THE TOWER WALL!

Tony DePaul & Jeff Weigel 1-14-18

NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

THEAH I WAS, TRAPPED IN THE POLAH ICE ...AGAIN...

THEN, OFF IN THE DISTANCE, I SAW A MAN WALKIN' TOWAHD ME

WHEN HE GOT CLOSAH, I COULDN'T BELIEVE MY EYES...

..GARR.. ARE YOU...

..SIGH.. YES, IT'S ME

I ASKED WHY A BIG SHOT LIKE HIM IS OUT WANDERIN' IN THE FROZEN WILDADNESS

PENANCE... I CAN'T RETURN UNTIL I TRULY UNDERSTAND THE GRAVITY OF MY MISDEEDS, AND I THINK YOUR ARRIVAL MEANS MY QUEST IS DONE

I NOW REALIZE MY FALL...

...IS THE FAULT OF ALL THOSE WAGH!! WOMEN WHO RATTED ME OUT!!

...WHICH ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF A NEAHBY KAHMA BEAH

...AND THAT'S WHEN THINGS REALLY GOT BIZZAH...

WAIT... KARMA BEAR?

QUIET, DEAH. I'M BEGINNIN' TO LIKE THIS STAHRY

DENNIS THE MENACE

BY HANK KETCHAM

HOW ARE YOU FEELING, KIDDO?

I'M THINKIN' ABOUT TAKIN' TOMORROW OFF!

REALLY? LET'S TAKE THAT TEMPERATURE FIRST.

MOM DOESN'T NEED ONE OF THOSE....

SHE CAN TELL IF I'M SICK JUST BY FEELING MY HEAD!

REALLY?

YEAH... THAT'S WHY I CALL HER THE THER-MOM-METER!

WELL, YOU BETTER HOPE THE THER-MOM-METER ISN'T WORKING TOMORROW.

MARVIN

COME ON, BITSY... LET'S BUILD A SNOWMAN!!

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

COULD YOU PLEASE STOP THAT ANNOYING SNIFFLING?

I CAN'T

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

BEING IN THE COLD MAKES MY NOSE START RUNNING!

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

WHAT?! GIVE ME THOSE!

SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF

FAT PAT PAT PAT

MY (SNIFF SNIFF) SNIFFLING BOTHERS ME, TOO. THAT'S WHY I WEAR (SNIFF SNIFF) HEADPHONES WHEN I GO OUTSIDE IN THE WINTER