

Avon Park takes district showdown



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TDC hears promo options

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Tourism officials heard at least three different proposals recently on ways to bring in events or visitors to Highlands County.

They haven't taken action on them yet, but want to hear more.

One possibility presented at the last Tourist Development Council meeting by Casey Wohl Hartt, contract marketing consultant for the TDC, came from Paddle for Paradise. The company helps an area develop waterfront events, manages them for three to five years, then turns them over to local organizers.

Hartt said when Paddle for Paradise representatives came to Highlands County for a meeting in December, they loved the drive coming over from the coast because the landscape looked pristine.

She said they felt like they were going to the middle of nowhere, which is what eco-tourists want.

TDC members said they would like to hear more about the proposal at a later date.

Another promoter — Lindsey Wilkes of Orange142 — spoke to the TDC about digital marketing. She said the Austin, Texas-based company can market Highlands County to event planners to fill hotel rooms on weekdays. Wilkes said her company uses online surveys

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Phase III may need \$1.23M more

Fire fee, Behr Hollow up for approval

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — To get started on Sebring Parkway Phase III, Highlands County may have to come up with another \$1.23 million.

County Engineer Clinton Howerton Jr. and Road and Bridge Superintendent W. Kyle Green may explain the matter this morning to the Highlands County Board of County Commission. If information was provided by the contractor prior to the meeting, the agenda item will stand. If not, it will be scheduled for a future meeting.

The Florida Department of Transportation has provided \$3 million to the project and the county has committed \$8.37 million, but may need \$9.6 million, according to agenda documents. Howerton explained via text on Monday that the contractor — Preferred Materials in Kissimmee — has not explained why the price has gone up, "other than to claim they can not build it for the price quoted originally," based on changes in "design conditions."

"Their claim is for just 2 (sic) lanes," Howerton wrote. "If we take (the) project over, we think for \$9.6 (million) we can

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Working together



Representatives of the Mary Toney H.O.P.E. Foundation march during the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday parade in Sebring.

Residents honor Martin Luther King Jr.

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Alfred Welch and his wife, Eunice, recalled on Monday growing up in much different society in the years before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. led the campaign for civil rights.

When they grew up in Sebring, they recalled, segregation was the norm. Just being on the wrong side of town at night could put a black person at risk, Alfred Welch said.

And during the daytime, in many venues they were kept separate from white people.

"If you wanted to get a plate of food you had to go to the back of the restaurant," Eunice Welch said.

For the most part, they said, black people were not welcome on The Circle. If a black person was thirsty,

The Circle had a fountain, but "there was one for colored people and one for whites," Alfred Welch said.

They had to attend separate schools. Those were among the reasons why the Welches participated in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. annual parade in Sebring.

King's efforts helped bring about laws that forced changes in society in Sebring and elsewhere. Those included removing separate water fountains and prohibitions against black people entering a restaurant and dining with black people.

When asked why he was participating in the parade, Alfred Welch, who said he represented black veterans, answered that "it's the simple reason that I can. We earned that right."

Other parade participants, including Synella West and Quen Heyward, said



Trice Laboo does a dance during the Highlands County NAACP's Annual Prayer Breakfast in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

they wanted to honor King by being in the parade.

In Avon Park, people filled the Grogan Center at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Prayer Breakfast presented by the Highlands County branch of the NAACP.

The Rev. Derrick L. McRae, an Avon Park native resident who is pastor of the Experience Christian Center in Orlando, was the main speaker at the breakfast. He said the success of the Civil Rights movement was in large part to people working together. They joined together to achieve King's vision of a society where people were judged by their character rather than the color of their skin, McRae said.

God gives people visions and they may not live to see those visions totally fulfilled, he said. But when they share those visions, as King did, the accomplishment of those visions transcends them.

"God gives us gifts and talents to share," he said. "Visions can become manifested when we share those visions."

McRae urged people at the breakfast to continue to work to fully fulfill King's dream to benefit the children of today and future generations.

During the breakfast, the NAACP honored Ernestine Johnson and Lillie Belle White for their service to the community. They also honored Catherine T. Hart posthumously for her service.

The NAACP presented scholarships to Caleah D. Gammage, who is attending South Florida State College, and Cleopatra S. McNeil, who is attending Florida Southwestern State College.



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

Ernestine Johnson receives a community service award from the NAACP during the annual prayer breakfast on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

HGTV to film a LP renovation show

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Home and Garden Television producers seem to have taken a shine to the Town of Murals in the last couple of years. An episode of House Hunters just aired a week ago and the company is seeking to film an episode of Lakefront Bargain Hunt, Renovation Edition.

It all started when HGTV approached Lake & Land Realty's Eve Brock and, after casting and some reassurances that people can go into the lakes without being eaten by alligators, the hunt for the Lakefront Bargain Hunt began. The first episode that was filmed with Brock and her

client is finished, but not too much can be revealed on it because the show has not aired yet. Brock is looking forward to working with another new homeowner in finding the major renovation projects that they have and working with them through the completion and airing of the show.

"There are some qualifications," Brock said. "The client has had to have bought the house in the last six months or is currently looking and ready to make a move on closing shortly."

The homeowners and realtors would have to take three days out of their schedules and commit them to filming the renovations. Brock said the producers want to see a major renovation such as a master bath and bedroom or a complete kitchen renovation in February or March. "They will pay \$1,000 to that person for doing this,"



COURTESY PHOTO

Jen Korn took part in the Lake Front Bargain Hunt last year with Lake Placid realtor Eve Brock of Lake & Land Realty. The episode has not aired yet so, we cannot reveal the house she chose. HGTV will be back to film Lake Front Bargain Hunt Renovation Edition soon.

Brock said. "They will also negotiate the heck out of all the supplies that you get and any labor that they may need in exchange for product recognition on a major T.V. show."

A \$5,000 bonus is given for a bonus project like a backyard redo. It's a pretty lucrative thing if you're in the right spot at the right time."

HGTV is looking for energetic young people somewhere in their 40's or under with the energy to help in the projects.

"They Skype interview you and then cast you, just like in the movies," Brock said. "You have to impress them."

For more information on the HGTV project, call Brock at 863-446-0908.



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OBITUARIES

Joseph Biros



Joseph Biros, age 90, passed away on

Jan. 8, 2018 in Sebring, Florida. He was born on Feb. 28, 1927 to George and Anna (Garanovsky) Biros in Campbell, Ohio. He had been a resident since 1995 coming from Port St. Lucie, Florida and attended St. Catherine Catholic Church. He was a veteran serving in the Army and the Navy during the Korean War, serving in a MASH unit.

He was very proud of serving his country. Joseph was a member of the VFW, Elks, the Military Sea Services Museum in Sebring and the Knights of Columbus. He was the owner and pharmacist at Guy's Pharmacy in Hubbard, Ohio. Joseph enjoyed computers and writing his autobiography. Above all, he loved his family.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy "Dot" Biros of Sebring, Florida; son, Dr. Ken Biros (Cheryl) of Ohio; sister, Mary Richley (Victor) of Ohio; close family friends, Betsy and Ruth and God-child Anna; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter, JoAnn Biros.

A memorial service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018 at Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home in Sebring, Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to Good

Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, FL 33870 or The Youth Fund at St. Catherine Catholic Church, 882 Bay St. Sebring, FL 33870. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Ellene E. Fields



Ellene Elizabeth Fields, age 82, of Sebring, Florida, passed away Saturday, Jan. 13,

2018. She was born June 11, 1935 in Babson Park, Florida to Hollis Emmitt and Mary Elizabeth (Womack) Richards. Ellene was owner and operator of Ida's Gift Shop, served on the Sebring Airport Authority Board, Sebring Downtown Merchants Association, Sebring City Council from 1985-1995, and along with her husband, served as Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus for the city of Sebring for over 25 years. She is of Baptist Faith and has been a lifelong resident of Sebring, Florida.

She is survived by her daughters, Terry Elwood of Sebring, Brenda Bachman (Mark) of Sebring, and Sherri Bennett (Jackie), all of Sebring, Florida; grandchildren, Dusty Weed, Ross Weed, Austin Weed, Taylor Whidden,

Hunter Bennett, Kendall McIntyre, Kori Bachman, Cody Owens, Brandon Owens, and Martha Elwood; and 16 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth W. Fields; son, Wayne Weed; and three brothers.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2018 with family receiving friends beginning at 10 a.m. at Grace Bible Church.

Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Memorial contributions may be made to Compassionate Care Hospice, 2525 Drane Field Road, Suite 4, Lakeland, FL 33811. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Marilyn M. Salberg



Marilyn Mitzie Salberg passed away Jan. 14, 2018. Marilyn was born and raised in

the Bronx. She resided in Wappingers Falls, New York for over 30 years before retiring to Florida. She was a loving wife and a devoted mother and grandmother. She saw the bright side of life and had a big heart and a caring soul. Marilyn

touched the lives of all who knew her, and was admired for her kindness, courage, and amazing inner strength. She had a tremendous love of family and friends.

While residing in the Bronx, Marilyn worked in the Teacher Mom program at PS 89, nurturing kids with developmental challenges. Marilyn made her mark on Dutchess County, New York first in the insurance business, and then in real estate. Marilyn loved to travel. She traveled the world over including the United States, Europe, China, South America, and Africa. She also fancied herself an artist, and her paintings of birds brought smiles to those who received them. Marilyn loved word games, and was particularly good at Scrabble. Marilyn was a passionate volunteer with Reach for Recovery, We Care, and Tanglewood Cancer Support Group. She also belonged to several women's groups.

She is survived by her husband, Sherman; sons, Howard and Glenn; her son's spouses, Katie and Cynthia; grandchildren, Micah (Donna), Carie, and Alexander; extended family and many friends. She is predeceased by her brother, Larry, and his wife, Ruth.

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society. Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at www.stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Precautionary Boil Water Notice

LAKE PLACID — Due to a water main break, the Town of Lake Placid's water system lost pressure on Monday. Loss of pressure requires the issuance of a boil water notice. The boil water notice is in effect for the town water system in the Lake Blue subdivision only.

The precautionary boil water notice will be in effect until noon on Thursday, Jan. 18. This is required by the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation - FAC 655.340 etc. A rescind notice will be issued when the town receives passing water sample test results. As a precaution, the Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department suggests that all water used for drinking or cooking be boiled. A rolling boil of one minute or longer is sufficient. As an alternate, bottled water may be used.

If you have any questions, or for more information, contact the Town of Lake Placid Utilities Department at 863-699-3747.

Missing motorist found safe

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — Sometime Sunday, Harry Bell of Sebring asked directions to Lakeland Regional



BELL

Medical Center at a Citgo station in Belleview, 10.5 miles south of Ocala. Then he disappeared. Just before 7 p.m. Sunday, the Highlands County Sheriff's Office put out an alert on the 82-year-old Bell. Deputies described a 5-foot-10-inch man, weighing 149 pounds, with white hair, blue eyes and two sores on the right side of his face, and driving a 2003 Cadillac DeVille four-door sedan.

Palmetto Bay Police Department found him early Monday at 1:30 a.m., according to Highlands County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Scott Dressel. Palmetto Bay is south of Miami, approximately 42 miles north of Key Largo.

By direct routes, the 82-year-old man would have driven more than 300 miles from Belleview and approximately 445 miles, more than seven hours, from Sebring trying to reach the Lakeland hospital.

The Sheriff's Office did not officially issue Bell's disappearance as a Silver Alert, which is dependent both on age and also clear indication of irreversible deterioration of intellectual faculties.

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OUR VIEW

See flashers? Slow down, Move Over!

With the beginning of a new year and another influx of winter residents making our roads even busier, it's the perfect time for Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles to dedicate a month to the "Move Over, Florida!" campaign.

This is simply a reminder for all motorists to Move Over for stopped law enforcement, first responders, service and utility vehicles and Road Rangers.

It was in 2006 when Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy Roger St. Laurent was struck in his left rear pocket and left elbow by a passenger-side view mirror. Officers are trained to use extreme caution, but it wasn't warranted when St. Laurent pulled over a New York driver to issue a speeding citation. Traffic was sparse on the southbound shoulder of U.S. 27 in Avon Park.

St. Laurent didn't hear the car approaching, but he did hear it draw in air just before hitting him.

The incident spun him, leaving the trace of paint on his pants. His body was bruised. The mirror had scraped his arm to his hand and knocked his ticket book 20 feet away. The radio was knocked into the driver's lap.

This deputy was one of the lucky ones. Many other officers and rescue workers have died after being hit by a car while simply doing their job.

In 2016, more than 200 crashes occurred and 5,518 citations issued for failure to move over in Florida.

As DMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes said last year, "The simple act of moving over not only gives law enforcement, first responders, service and utility vehicles and Road Rangers space to do their job in an intensely dangerous setting, it also helps to ensure they are able to return home to their loved ones following their shift each day."

The Move Over Law was added to section 316.126, Florida Statutes, in 2002. The statute requires motorists to move or yield right-of-way to emergency vehicles. In 2014, utility and sanitation vehicles were added to the Move Over Law.

The crux of the law is that drivers must shift lanes as soon as it is safe to do so for any authorized law enforcement, emergency or service vehicles displaying any visible signals while stopped on the roadside. This includes Road Rangers, sanitation vehicles and tow trucks.

When motorists cannot vacate the lane closest to the emergency vehicle, they must slow to a speed 20 miles per hour below the posted speed limit. Failure to yield or move over puts law enforcement officers, emergency first responders and public service workers in danger while they are on the job protecting and serving the citizens and visitors of Florida.

"There are more than 15 million licensed drivers in our state, and our officers work around the clock to help keep them safe. Unfortunately, far too many officers have been fatally struck by a vehicle while performing a traffic stop, investigating an accident or assisting a victim on the side of the road. That's unacceptable," said former Punta Gorda Police Chief Butch Arenal last year. Arenal is now the chief in Coconut Creek and is the immediate past president of the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

Let's do what we can as motorists to make sure that these officers stay safe while doing their job.

Don't rubber-neck or keep the pedal to the metal. Move Over!

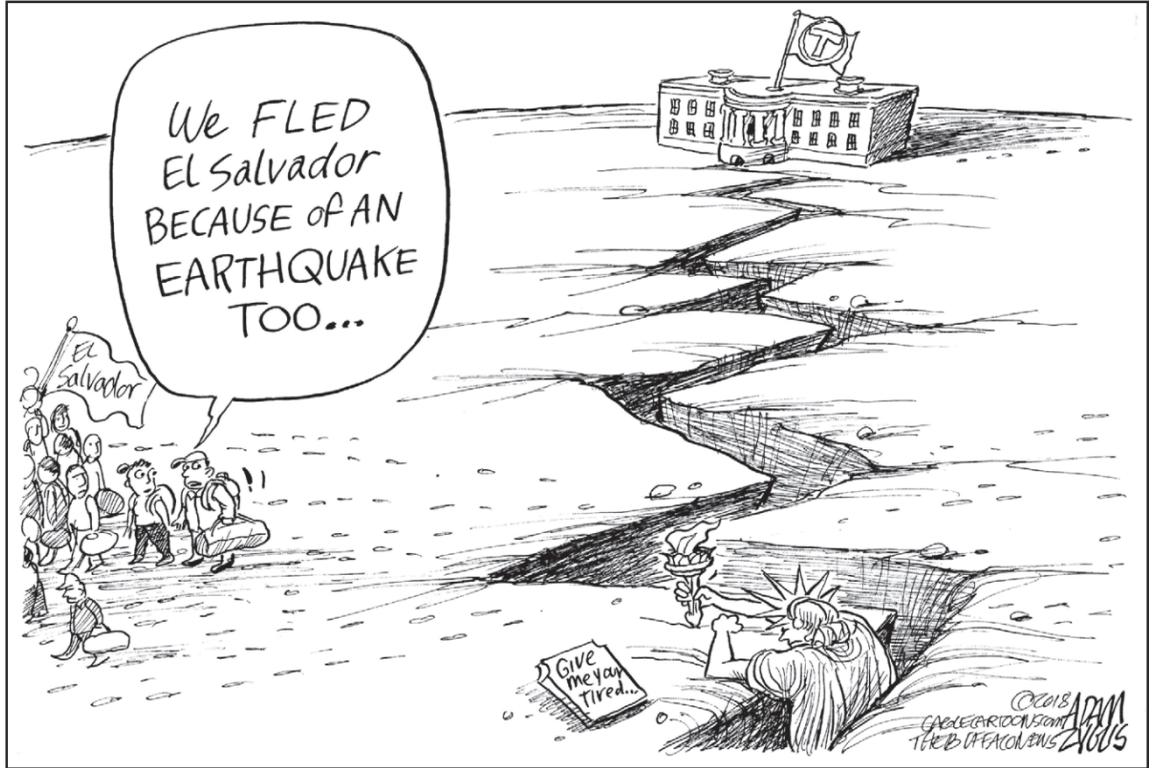
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New Year's un-resolutions

Along with the many articles this time of year regarding New Year's resolutions, there are also articles sprinkled here and there, not about things you want to do, but about things to stop doing. What a novel idea, right? These articles offer a plethora of suggestions including things like working through lunch, hanging onto people who don't want to grow, and failing to exercise. Remember, these are things to stop doing.

Inc.com offers a list specifically for business leaders. I do like some of the things on this list — a lot. Wouldn't you like your boss to stop setting unclear expectations, having unproductive meetings, constantly changing things, over-controlling, and underutilizing you. Who wouldn't want to work for that person?

From Living Well, this stop-doing list, more than likely, is directed at the female population.

I say this only because it has been my experience that women, more



NEVER A DULL MOMENT
Mike Lee

than men, tend to spend time on this site. Living Well encourages us to stop over-apologizing, comparing ourselves to others, beating ourselves up over our diet, giving all our time away, and my personal favorite, buying something because it's a "good deal."

Alright, fellas. How many of you have heard a female in your life utter these words, "I just saved you a ton of money." "Oh, how much did you spend?" you might respond. "I spent \$200 but if I hadn't found this on sale, I would have spent \$350.

See, I saved you \$150." They always say it with good intentions and with such conviction, don't they? It's a fascinating phenomena.

I did find one Stop-Doing List that is very relevant to me. It comes from Success.com and includes some of these gems — hanging onto people who don't want to grow, failing to exercise, multitasking, and not protecting your recharge time.

All are good suggestions to discontinue. We need to exercise. We need to protect our recharge time. And, we have to be very careful who we spend our time with.

Now, the two suggestions I particularly related to were "saying yes when I want to say no" and "immediately answering your PMs (Personal Messages) and emails." These two activities come up all the time in articles on efficiency and productivity. But, I have just one question, maybe two. Aren't we supposed to help people? What if they

are contacting me about something important and need my help right away? See, that's my struggle. Or maybe it's just my justification, I'm really not sure.

Before I leave, let me run just one more thing by you. Wouldn't you like to read more? I sure would. Did you know there are people, normal every-day people, who read 40, 50, 60, or more books a year? Consider this.

The average book is about 65,000 words and the average person reads about 300 words per minute. Using these numbers, it would take you about 3.5 hours to complete a book, give or take.

That means if you take 30 minutes each day to read, you could complete one book a week. Wouldn't it be absolutely awesome to be looking back 12 months from now and have finished 50 books. By golly, I think I'm going to try that. How about you?

Mike Lee is a teacher and coach. More information at www.simplelife-coach.com.

Who Is crazy?

As Sen. Ted Cruz said last year, "The Democratic Party's base is bat-crap-crazy," especially when it comes to President Trump and will believe, do and say anything if they think doing so damages him.

More recently, they've latched on like leeches to Michael Wolff's new book, "Fire and Fury," which the author himself admits he's not sure if everything is true. The book's prologue states: "Many of the accounts of what has happened in the Trump White House are in conflict with one another; many, in Trumpian fashion, are baldly untrue. These conflicts, and that looseness with the truth, if not with reality itself, are an elemental thread of the book."

In essence, Wolff unloaded a pile of garbage and dutiful Democrats were right there to scoop it up. They will cling to Wolff's book like they did the Fusion GPS Steele dossier, which we now know was little more than a political ploy cooked up by the Democratic Party, the Clinton campaign and the Russians. An interesting side note — when the dossier scheme was being cooked up, Michelle Obama was speaking at the DNC convention saying, "When they go low we go high," which roughly translated means, "When



COLUMNIST
Susan Stamper Brown

they go low, we scrape the bottom."

King Solomon once wrote in the book of Proverbs the most annoying sound on the planet was a nagging wife. Obviously, he'd never heard what Democrats sound like after they lose elections.

Trump Derangement Syndrome has been rampant for more than a year, inspiring people to do the craziest things, like the guy last year in front of Trump Tower who protested by setting himself on fire. He was joined by other anti-Trumpers who "protested" on Inauguration Day by chucking bricks, lighting fires and shattering glass, to name a few.

The crazy did not end there. The post-election "nasty women" marches turned vulgar when women wore vagina hats to make a statement, or

something. Madonna welcomed protesters to her "revolution of love" and shot off a series of F-bombs amidst crazy talk about blowing up the White House. The marches in New York City were particularly odd. It looked more like a Fort Worth Stockyard cow auction when many sizeable women remained immobile, loitering on bridges. Hopefully, Rep. Hank Johnson (D-Georgia), one of the smartest Democrats to ever run for office, certified the structural integrity of the bridges, given he once raised concern the island of Guam might "tip over and capsized" from overpopulation.

Let's not forget the deranged media who are as saturated in leftism as a urine-soaked puppy training pad. In the process of voicing their "concerns" about Russia influencing the election, they influenced the election by giving undue credence to the salacious rumors in the Steele dossier, and then covered for themselves with convenient words like "unsubstantiated and unproven." Their relentless bias was recently highlighted in a Pew Research Center study, which found the early media coverage of Trump was three times more negative than Obama. Only five percent

of the stories were positive for Trump, compared to 42 percent for Obama, who corrupted the IRS, FBI and DOJ, made shady deals with Iran, said ISIS was "JV," lied about Benghazi and Obamacare and all but destroyed the economy with his policies.

The latest is that Trump is mentally unfit for office, say those who claim there are 67 genders, see Russian boogymen around every corner, boo God at their national convention, believe in global warming, sexually assault each other, idolize Che Guevara and shamefully stigmatize mental health issues to score political points.

So riddle me this: Who is truly crazy?
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TDC

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and search engine data to build a consumer database of 3.5 million people.

From that, Wilkes said, Orange 142 can send web advertisements about Highlands County to people, based on their interests. If people browse VisitSebring.com, Wilkes said, ads for the website can display on their browsers for up to 90 days.

For \$1,000 per month, Wilkes said, Orange 142 could give the county 120,000 "impressions" (single displays of a particular ad) from email, 4,615

clicks (people clicking on ads) from targeted advertisements and up to 100,000 impressions from re-targeting the internet users after they've looked at VisitSebring once already.

Each campaign is monitored and adjusted for effectiveness, Wilkes said, with results tallied at the end of the next campaign better.

TDC Board member Leila Currence of Residence Inn Marriott in Sebring said she didn't need help with weekdays and warned that event planners charge a fee for setting up a conference. She also questioned Wilkes' estimated room rate of \$80.

However, TDC member Bill Brantley

said wedding planners are picking places like Highlands County for the rural atmosphere.

TDC members took no action at this time on Orange 142, but they did approve \$5,000 to Get Fish Slapped social media marketing and consulting to match \$5,000 local golf courses have put up to promote the Citrus Golf Trail in 2018.

Tracy McCoy with Get Fish Slapped said the county saw great results from promoting the trail through golfing websites. She said the grant would help couple those ads through email marketing to target all golf travelers. This request is \$12,000 less than in 2016 and \$3,000 less than 2017,.

BOCC

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build all 4 (sic) lanes all the way through."

In August, about two weeks before Hurricane Irma, Howerton said he had permits to immediately start construction on Phase III, if the contractor — Preferred Materials in Kissimmee — would agree to the price and a recent redesign.

Howerton was trying to arrange a meeting at the time. If the contractor did not agree, Howerton said the county would have to rebid the project.

The road design, for now, is a two-lane road in a right-of-way wide enough for four, with plans to expand to four lanes when the road gets busy enough for it.

The county had been waiting on an environmental resource permit from the Southwest Florida Water Management District. With that, Howerton said, all environmental issues were handled: water quality, gopher tortoise and sand skinks.

Sand skinks, a federally designated "threatened" species, resemble a cross between a snake and a lizard and live on the land where Phase III is to be built.

In 2015, commissioners refused to pay \$600,000 to Heartland

National Bank for land to mitigate for the skinks, but paid \$375,000 for U.S. Fish and Wildlife credits.

Phase III has been a Highlands County's "wishlist item" for at least 20 years and was originally discussed in the early 1990s, according to then-County Engineer Ramon Gavarrete. Among controversies surrounding it, South Florida State College trustees complained it would empty traffic onto College Drive. Gavarrete designed a roundabout for that junction to send traffic north on Memorial Drive.

Also, Highlands Tea Party members complained that Sebring Parkway is little used. However, Gavarrete produced estimates showing Phase III would have an estimated 20,000

vehicles a day by 2040. Until then, he said, it would take pressure off U.S. 27, which had 35,000 vehicles per day during the boom years of 2005-06, and would again once population increases.

Also on the agenda are public hearings for:

- A fire protection assessment ordinance — a local law outlining the nature of the assessment and how it is to be collected.

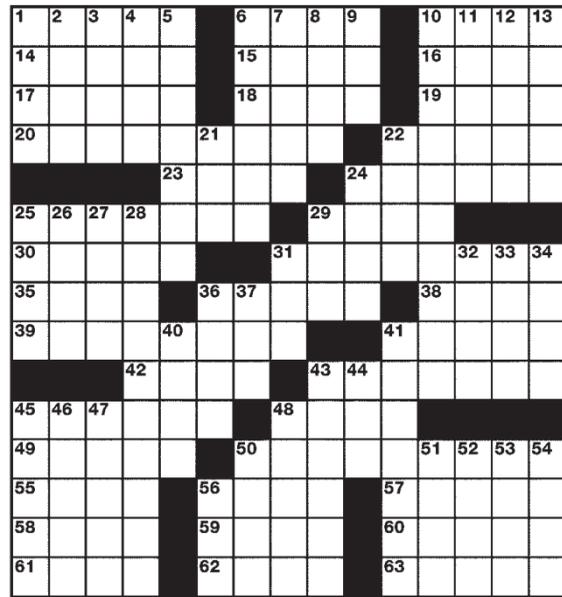
• A large-scale comprehensive plan use amendment and zoning change on 195.7 acres of land to allow Keystone Bear Hollow LLC local permission to pump more than 100,000 gallons per day from the site.

The Highlands County Commission meets today at 9 a.m. in the board chambers at 600 S. Commerce Ave. in Sebring.

Newsday Crossword

NOT TO BE TRUSTED by Billie Truitt
Edited by Stanley Newman
www.stanxwords.com

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Upper-level storage area | 1 Alphabet start |
| 6 Shoestring | 2 Bird's nest location |
| 10 Big coffee dispensers | 3 After-bath powder |
| 14 Lacking tact | 4 Castaway's home |
| 15 Clarinet's cousin | 5 Options |
| 16 Uncluttered | 6 Lean, as cuisine |
| 17 Big stringed instrument | 7 More or less |
| 18 Fabric from sheep | 8 Chilly |
| 19 How take-out orders are placed | 9 Slippery fish |
| 20 Not to be trusted | 10 Not to be trusted |
| 22 Monastery resident | 11 Lubricate again |
| 23 Layer of paint | 12 Bother persistently |
| 24 Defective | 13 Tale |
| 25 Portion, as of a talk show | 21 2,000 pounds |
| 29 Police arrest, informally | 22 Quickly |
| 30 Capital of France | 24 Great anger |
| 31 Ship's window | 25 Prepare for a boxing match |
| 35 Rival of Hertz | 26 Roof overhang |
| 36 Opinion piece | 27 Electric power system |
| 38 Blast ___ the past | 28 Not to be trusted |
| 39 Traffic-stopping signal | 29 Constrictor snake |
| 41 Visitor | 31 Seattle clock setting: Abbr. |
| 42 Slight advantage | 32 Best-selling sandwich cookie |
| 43 Auto dealerships | 33 Needing directions |
| 45 Puffers | 34 CPR experts |
| 48 Just okay | |
| 49 Insincere flatterer | |
| 50 Not to be trusted | |
| 55 Prefix meaning "against" | |
| 56 Lean to one side | |
| 57 "I feel the same way" | |
| 58 Potato covering | |
| 59 ___-done (steak specification) | |



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

Answer to previous puzzle



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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Soaking spots | 1 ___one's time: wait |
| 6 Wile E. Coyote's supplier of iron bird seed | 2 "Famous" cookie man |
| 10 Car ad no. | 3 Therefore |
| 14 Cry during a winning streak | 4 Large, bundle-shaped purse |
| 15 Stick in one's ___: cause resentment | 5 Abbr. on a Cardinal's cap |
| 16 Home furnishings giant | 6 Performed on stage |
| 17 Delayed show of surprise | 7 "Whooping" marsh bird |
| 19 River sediment | 8 Manufacturer |
| 20 "Happy Motoring" company | 9 Flock female |
| 21 Philosopher Descartes | 10 Mass book |
| 22 "Hamlet" courtier | 11 Beef often used in stir-fry |
| 23 "Frumious" beast in "Jabberwocky" | 12 Thing of the past |
| 26 Suave | 13 Pothole repair |
| 29 Long, wriggly swimmers | 18 Fish-eating bird |
| 30 "Rock-a-bye Baby" tree limb | 22 Brit's 14-pound equivalent |
| 31 "From the ___ of Montezuma ..." | 24 Busch partner in beer |
| 34 Q's neighbor, on most keyboards | 25 Starter starter |
| 37 Tolkien creature | 26 Lyft competitor |
| 38 Cosmetic surgery that removes bags | 27 Playbill listing |
| 40 Program file ending | 28 Minimal-conflict area |
| 41 NFL official | 31 Garment border |
| 42 Graphic showing 50 sts. | 32 First state, alphabetically: Abbr. |
| 43 Central Florida city | |
| 45 To be, to Caesar | |
| 47 Wound like S-curves | |
| 48 Eight-ball call | |
| 53 Stubble remover | |
| 54 Big name in skin care | |
| 55 Playbill listings | |
| 59 "Am ___ early?" | |
| 60 Indicate willingness to date someone, on Tinder ... and an apt hint to the last part of 17-, 23-, 38- and 48-Across | |
| 62 Transmitted | |
| 63 Actress Campbell | |
| 64 Word before and after "de la" | |
| 65 Quarry | |
| 66 Tram loads | |
| 67 Madison Ave. pro | |

By Roger and Kathy Wienberg 1/16/18

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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- 33 Impudence
- 35 Rod between wheels
- 36 Necklace sphere
- 39 River of Flanders
- 44 ___ seat: advantageous spot
- 46 High-and-mighty
- 47 Breed of terrier
- 48 Fruity dessert
- 49 Wild West film
- 50 Remote button
- 51 Fruit that's black when fully ripe
- 52 Lighthouse locales
- 56 Disney CEO Robert
- 57 "Good heavens!"
- 58 Part of a recovery program
- 60 ___Caps: candy
- 61 Color TV pioneer

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LOCAL SPORTS

SCCA event winds up



MARK WEBER PHOTO

Mark Boden took three Hoosier Super Tour wins during the weekend at Sebring International Raceway.

Plenty of great racing during Hoosier Racing Tire Super Tour

Special to Highlands News-Sun

The first Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA Super Tour weekend of the year is in the books, but only after another fantastic day of competition Sunday on the 3.7-mile, 17-turn Sebring International Raceway at an event hosted by the SCCA's Central Florida Region.

Mark Boden was the big winner on the weekend as he managed to win three of the four races in which he competed. On Saturday, he took the Touring 2 victory in his No. 47 Fall-Line Motorsports Porsche 997 race car, and followed that up in the very next race with a Touring 1 win driving the No. 47 Fall-Line Motorsports BMW M3, a completely different car.

On Sunday, Boden went after another Touring 2 victory. However, fellow T2 competitors Preston Calvert, in a Ford Mustang GT, and Bill Collins, in a Chevrolet Corvette Z06, looked to stop him. At the start, both Calvert and Collins got ahead of Boden. But before the first lap was complete, Boden slipped

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Red Devils down Dragons

Blue Streaks drop pair of games

By ALLEN MOODY

HIGHLANDS SUN EDITOR

It was a busy weekend for county boys basketball teams, as all three squads were in action, beginning with the Friday night district showdown between Avon Park and Lake Placid. The Red Devils took control early and went on to post a 70-31 victory.

"Our kids had a few plays that were a little out of character for what we do, a little too much showboating, but for the most part we played together, we passed the ball and played pretty good defense," said Avon Park coach Martin O'Hora.

The Red Devils scored the first seven points of the game before Lake Placid's Tevelle Wiggins stopped the Avon Park run, only to see the Red Devils answer with a 7-1 run that was capped off with a 3-pointer from Ricky Lovette.

Another basket by Wiggins made it 14-5 and Malcom Dewberry made a 3-point play, followed by back-to-back baskets by Corion Blount made it 21-5. The Red Devils led 30-12 after the first quarter.

Avon Park didn't take its foot off the gas in the second quarter, scoring 14 of the first 16 points in the quarter and coasting to a 58-19 halftime advantage.

The Green Dragons didn't quit and the Red Devils outscored them 10-9 in the third quarter and Lake Placid has a 3-2 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter, as the second half was played with a running clock.

"I'm not unhappy with how hard the kids played," said Lake Placid coach Dan Coomes. "They have a lot of ability on than team. That could team could win the district and go on to regionals and even go on farther."

O'Hora said even though the final score was a little ugly, the



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Lake Placid's Tevelle Wiggins goes up for a shot against Avon Park.

Green Dragons fought to the end. "Coach Coomes is down a few players and his kids are playing hard, so we tip our hats to them"

he said. "They played every play." The Red Devils used liberal

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Today

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.

Monday

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.
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.

ONE DAYTONA to kick off Rolex 24

New event allows fans an early look at teams and cars

Special to Highlands News-Sun

Serving as a prelude to the 56th running of the Rolex 24 At Daytona at Daytona International Speedway, IMSA is pleased to support the Twenty-Four Premiere at ONE DAYTONA on Wednesday, Jan. 24 from 6-8 p.m. The race kickoff event will allow fans an opportunity to see the cars and meet the stars in advance of one of the most anticipated races in the Rolex 24's storied history.

The Twenty-Four Premiere at ONE DAYTONA will offer a variety of activities for fans, including a fan forum with IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship drivers Jordan Taylor, Renger van der Zande and Christina Nielsen. Additionally, over 10 teams will also have cars on display for photo opportunities, Daytona International Speedway will give away race tickets

and a DJ will be onsite spinning today's hottest hits.

The event is also an opportunity for fans to explore the newly-opened ONE DAYTONA, the premier mixed-use destination, located directly across from the Speedway, ONE DAYTONA is set to become the area's epicenter for entertainment. With inviting spaces, new-to-market retail and restaurants, two hotels, a movie theatre and two residential communities, it is the ideal gathering space for locals, visitors and race fans.

"An event of the magnitude like this year's Rolex 24 At Daytona is deserving of a true kickoff event, and the breathtaking new ONE DAYTONA facility serves as the ideal backdrop to do just that," said IMSA Vice President, Marketing David Pettit. "What better way to showcase the cars and stars of IMSA than putting them, quite literally, in the heart of Daytona Beach."



ASHLEY STRICKLIN PHOTO

The No. 90 Spirit of Daytona Racing Cadillac races at Daytona International Speedway during the Roar Before the Rolex 24.

The number of stars and manufacturers participating in the 2018 Rolex 24 has garnered attention from around the world. With Formula 1 champion Fernando Alonso, the debut of Acura Team Penske with Indy 500 champions Helio Castroneves and Juan Pablo Montoya, the debut of Mazda Team Joest and much more, this year's race

is set to be unlike any other. Returning teams also include defending class champions Wayne Taylor Racing with Konica Minolta, Corvette Racing and Scuderia Corsa Ferrari.

The Rolex 24 At Daytona broadcast begins live on FOX on Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online at www.imsa.com/tickets.

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substitutions throughout the game, which was something O'Hora was hoping to do.

"A lot of these guys bust their butt everyday in practice," he said. "We tried to rotate every four minutes and that last quarter was really our guys who don't get to play as much, so it nice to see them get some time. Their teammates really like seeing them. It's a tight unit and the guys were rooting for the guys who don't get in too much, so that was good to see."

The Red Devils improved to 12-4 overall and 5-1 in the district.

Coomes said his team will continue to play hard and see what happens.

"My kids battled and played hard," he said. "What else can I ask of them? All I can do is ask them to give their best



Avon Park Eric Brown goes up for a layup against Lake Placid, as the Green Dragons' DeShawn Velez (5) defends.

and we'll go from there."

The Green Dragons are on the road tonight at McKeel, while the Red Devils host Tenoroc.

Sebring Blue Streaks

The Blue Streaks traveled to Lake Wales on Friday to face a tough Highlander team and came up on the short end of a 97-64 decision. Lake Wales led 48-33 at halftime and put the game away with a 27-9 advantage in the third quarter.

Norris Taylor led the Blue Streaks with 23

points, while Jehovany Garcia added 11 for Sebring. Alvin Tumbler had seven blocks and nine rebounds, while Taylor led the team with five assists and four steals.

On Saturday, the Blue Streaks played Palm Harbor University and were defeated 65-51, as Taylor led Sebring with 22 points and Tumbler had 11 rebounds and seven blocks.

The Blue Streaks host Hardee in a district game tonight.



ALLEN MOODY/STAFF

Avon Park's Malcolm Dewberry splits the Lake Placid defense and goes to the basket in Friday's game with Lake Placid.

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back by Collins.

Calvert set off and created a gap back to Boden and Collins. Soon, however, that gap went away and Boden was pressuring Calvert for the lead. With only a few laps remaining, Boden grabbed the lead. But Calvert and Collins kept the pressure on right up to the Turn 7 Hairpin.

"Going in to the Hairpin, Calvert and Collins came in side by side. I look in my mirror and just said, 'Oh, boy,'" Boden recalled. "I hit the brakes early and watched both of them go flying by. I saw them coming and experience tells me to brake early and stay out of the way."

Boden went on to claim the T2 win Sunday in the Porsche. However, a mechanical gremlin in his T1 BMW kept him from sweeping all four races.

The Spec Miata class saw a flip-flop at the top on Sunday. During the last third of the race, Preston Pardus and Saturday winner Michael Carter, driving the No.

08 Rossini Racing/Carbotech Mazda Miata, had up to a five-second gap on the rest of the field. But leader Pardus, who finished second in Saturday's race, couldn't shake Carter. In the last corner on the last lap, Carter went to the outside in an attempt to get around Pardus. The duo was side by side, and Carter had momentum as they headed to the finish line. The winning margin was .034-seconds, with Pardus claiming victory in his No. 42 Danus Utilities/ESR/5X Racing/PR Mazda Miata.

Throughout the weekend, the H Production

class produced great racing. On Saturday, Phillip Ellis drove his No. 86 Karma Racing/Linfert Performance/Boles Racing VW Golf to victory after spinning at the beginning of the race. But leader Tim Pitts suffered some car troubles, allowing Ellis to catch and pass him for a .02-second margin of victory. On Sunday, both Pitts and Ellis took turns at the front. But it was Mike Miller, driving the No. 64 Compune/Sports Car Salvage/Appalachian Race Tires A-H Midget, who charged through the field for the win.



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Pampering nostalgia

High- and low-tech Valentine's gifts that say 'I miss you'

By **KIM COOK**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before the tech revolution, you might have sent a lock of hair, a printed photo or a perfumed note to a loved one far away.

And of course, you can still do that. Or you can choose from an array of clever high- and low-tech Valentine's Day gifts that send the "I miss you" message.

Consider the pair of table lamps designed by John Harrison and Vanessa Whalen of Wichita, Kansas, that are like a "thinking of you" text message. You each get one lamp, and sync them via Wi-Fi. Then, whenever one of you touches the lamp, its mate will glow. The fixture has an Arts and Crafts aesthetic, and the light cycles through an array of soothing hues. Available online at www.uncommongoods.com

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Find lots of inspiring mugs with messages like "Don't Measure the Distance, Measure My Love," "Miles Apart Together at Heart"



This undated photo provided by Uncommongoods shows the Long Distance Touch Lamp. The lamps are like a 'thinking of you' text in lamp form. Sync them via wi-fi, and then whenever one of you touches the lamp, the mate will glow. The fixture, which has an Arts & Crafts period aesthetic, cycles through an array of soft, soothing hues. (www.uncommongoods.com via AP)

Vessel's jewelry incorporates scented spheres so the wearer can always be reminded of a loved one far away. Men's accessories include this arrowhead and black leather cord; choose from an array of available scents, or choose unscented and add your own custom fragrance before gifting (Vessel via AP)



Send an old time-y note to a far away loved one with one of Telegram Stops telegrams. Compose online, and in about a week the recipient will receive the telegram in the mail. (TelegramStop via AP)

and "Love Knows No Distance" at www.ldrmjournal.com. Make a map of your two locations for free on LDR Magazine's website, then download and print it onto transfer paper to make a pillow case or cover.

Also on that site are hand-cut paper cards from Cardventure with sentiments like "You're My Favorite Notification" and "It Was Love at First Skype."

Got a bunch of Instagram memories from your last visit together? Shutterfly.com will make up a duvet cover, blanket or pillow with a collage.

If you or your beloved has a signature scent, consider giving jewelry from Vessel Scents of Style with little ceramic beads that you can either infuse with your own fragrance or buy already scented with fragrance or aromatherapy oils. There are unisex pieces, like arrowhead lockets that can

go on leather cords and bracelets, as well as more feminine lockets, earrings and rings.

There were a few decades when giving a sweetheart a mix tape was pretty romantic. Now, you can buy a 1 GB USB stick in a retro cassette case at <http://www.thehut.com> so you can make a nice long playlist.

Or if you're crafty, go to www.instructables.com for directions on making your own, using a USB stick, an old cassette case, a couple of simple hand tools and some tape.

Etsy.com has a plethora of presents for geographically challenged paramours. Keychains and jewelry etched with latitude and longitude coordinates make cool personalized gifts for either sex.

Rogue River Jewelry in Rockford, Michigan will etch your personal messages as sound-wave patterns onto tungsten rings; they'll also etch fingerprints. Back Zero Design crafts spiral silver rings and bracelets with the shape of your respective countries or states on each end of the curl.

And Cali Girl Customs in Redding, California, makes keychains personalized with location coordinates or initial sets, as well as inspirational messages like "Always remember we are looking at the same moon, under the same stars."

For those far apart from the ones they love, carrying around a heart-felt note on a keepsake might just ease the pangs till they're reunited.

The gentle art of hospitality



DINNER DIVA
Leanne Ely

At my house, we have a very open door policy — we constantly have people in our home for dinners, brunches and more, all the time.

Seriously — all the time. And when friends or family are in town? They stay in our guest room.

These days, for whatever reason, people are less apt to open their homes to guests — whether friends or family, and meet in restaurants.

That's not a terrible thing at all, but when you consider the warmth of a home, the deliciousness of a home cooked meal and the sheer comfy factor of being in your own home if you're hosting or someone else's home if you're a guest, it's a rare treat these days.

But underneath this act of hospitality, is an opportunity to build community, to love people up and connect in a way that you just can't do at a restaurant.

People are intimidated by having people over though--I've heard this over and over and over again. Why?

- My house isn't (fill in the blank) enough ... big, nice, whatever
- I can't cook
- It's too much work

And on it goes. I'm not going to lie, it does take a little work, but it doesn't have to be Thanksgiving-sized epic meals every single time. You don't have to pull out the silver and polish it like your grandmother did and paper napkins will work just fine — no ironing required.

Because unlike "entertaining" Martha Stewart style, hospitality only requires an open door and an open heart.

In my experience, this is how family, friends and new acquaintances build community, friendships and a lot of love.

Think about opening your door to hospitality if you want a richer, more meaningful life filled with a wonderful community.

It doesn't have to be fancy — it could even be a crockpot full of chili and a potluck with paper plates and such. There's no such thing as too casual when it comes to hospitality, keep that in mind.

I challenge you this year to open your doors to hospitality — I promise you, you will thank me later.

Leanne Ely is a New York Times bestselling author and the creator of SavingDinner.com, the original menu planning website, bringing families back to the dinner table for over 15 years.

Making the old stuff new again



ART & ANTIQUES
Lori VerDerame

There are many DIY projects and repurposing options when it comes to antiques, but right off the bat, I want to warn you know the value of your keepsakes, heirlooms, and treasures before you start repurposing anything. Get a quick and easy online appraisal from me so you know if your piece is too valuable to repurpose at www.drloriv.com.

Once you know the true value of your antique and you are comfortable with your plan to repurpose it, consider these tips to make something old feel and look new again.

Tip 1: Repurpose something that is a multiple for greater impact. If you have many dissimilar items,



COURTESY PHOTO

Bathroom door knobs can be repurposed in many ways.

Books to look forward to in 2018

By **MOIRA MACDONALD**
THE SEATTLE TIMES

A new year is here - full, let us hope, of good books. While I vow once more to DO something about my own book-choked shelves and tables and corners, many new titles are calling to me. Here are some suggestions for winter-to-spring fiction (some based on advance buzz, some of which just caught my eye from the ever-growing piles of new arrivals on my desk), as well as some older titles that we'll be seeing on-screen soon. All come with my best wishes for happy reading in 2018!

NEW FICTION
"Winter," by Ali Smith.

The second in Smith's planned Seasonal Quartet, this novel follows her acclaimed "Autumn." It's set during Christmastime and focuses on "the season that teaches us survival." (Pantheon Books, Jan. 9)

"Peculiar Ground" by Lucy Hughes-Hallett. An award-winning biographer makes her fiction debut with this sprawling novel, which encompasses three centuries in the life of an English country house. (HarperCollins, Jan. 9)

"Everything Here Is Beautiful" by Mira T. Lee. Lee's debut novel is getting a lot of early attention; it's the story of two very different sisters and their unshakable bond, even as their separate

lives take them to faraway countries. (Viking, Jan. 16).

"The Underground Railroad" by Colson Whitehead. No, this isn't new, but I'm including this 2016 novel - which won the Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award and countless other awards that year - because it's finally coming out in paperback, after a long wait. (Penguin Random House, paperback Jan. 30).

"The Great Alone," by Kristin Hannah. Everyone's read Hannah's perpetual best-seller "The Nightingale," right? Here's the latest from the Northwest author: a novel set in 1974 Alaska, where a family has moved to heal. (St. Martin's Press, Feb. 6)

"The Neighborhood" by Mario Vargas Llosa (translated by Edith Grossman). The Nobel prizewinner's latest novel is a tale of gossip and politics set during a corrupt regime in Lima, Peru. (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, Feb. 6).

"An American Marriage" by Tayari Jones. "Subtle, well-crafted and powerful" reads the starred Kirkus Review of this contemporary novel, about a couple facing the husband's incarceration for a crime he did not commit. (Algonquin, Feb. 6)

"Down the River Unto the Sea" by Walter Mosley. The author of the Easy Rawlins mystery series

One good recipe: Fig, Pear and Walnut Salad

By **GRETCHEN MCKAY**
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Apples tend to get most of the love this time of year, but fall also is prime time for a variety of pears. My favorites are Bosc and Anjou pears, both of which are firm and sweet, and when sliced on top of a simple green salad elevate it to greatness.

Blue cheese pairs especially well with fresh pears, so that's what I always crumble on top. Usually with abandon. Figs are another given,

both to celebrate the season and to add a sweet counterbalance to the peppery, spicy bite of arugula.

My fledgling fig tree didn't bear fruit this year, so I used dried mission figs. If you're not a walnut fan, substitute pecans or almonds.

If you like, you can add a handful of homemade croutons for extra crunch. But it's just as nice served with crusty bread, and less work.

FIG, PEAR AND

WALNUT SALAD

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For dressing
1 garlic clove, chopped with a pinch of salt into a paste
1 shallot, finely diced
2 tablespoons white balsamic vinegar
Juice 1/2 lemon
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
For salad
6 dried figs, sliced into bite-sized pieces, or 4 fresh figs, quartered
4 firm pears, halved,

cored and thinly sliced
1 cup toasted walnuts
8 ounces blue cheese
3 cups spinach
3 cups arugula
Mix the dressing ingredients in jar with a lid, and shake well to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.
Place salad ingredients in a large bowl, and toss together with hands. Season with a little salt.
Add dressing, and toss lightly to combine.
Makes 4 generous servings.
- Gretchen McKay

Lake Placid grad serves as Army recruiter

Joint Hometown News Service

Army Sgt. Sindy Tima has arrived for duty as a recruiter with Fort Wayne Recruiting Company, Indianapolis Army Recruiting Battalion, Ind. She is a 2004 graduate of Lake Placid High School. She earned an associate degree in 2009 from South Florida Community College, Avon Park.



TIMA

ANTIQUES

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you can always make them seem like a group by uniting them with a uniform paint or stain color. You can also unite related objects by putting them together in a re-purposing project. For instance, if you have a bunch of old doorknobs or door handles, repurpose this group of similar objects. Take the group of mix-matched glass, porcelain, or metal doorknobs and install them in your guest bathroom to create useful, vintage towel hooks. Arrange the group of doorknobs on a wall near the tub or shower as handy hooks.

Tip 2: Go all the way! Don't be afraid to really change an antique. For instance, if you love your grandmother's high chair but you would really like to put it to good use in your home instead of just having it sit in a corner as a display piece, remove the arms and tray and re-purpose the high chair as a child's chair. It will look cute in a child's playroom, a grandparent's den, or a dining room. Be sure you know what you are doing when repairing and refinishing wood pieces and search online for helpful hints.

Tip 3: Re-think the scraps. Do you have a cedar chest filled with old textile pieces like parts

of crocheted afghans? Needlepoint pictures that will never see the light of day? Quilted squares that were never made into a full quilt? If you know that you will never complete these projects, don't despair. Frame them up and enjoy a great graphic picture of your crochet, quilt square or needlepoint picture. Remember to use acid free materials whenever you frame textiles or any antique piece. Install the framed textiles on an interior wall away from direct sunlight to prevent the item from fading and sun damage.

Repurposing is a fun

way to integrate antique pieces into a contemporary home and to enjoy the process of sprucing up something old.

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appraiser, author, and award-winning TV personality, Dr. Lori presents antique appraisal events nationwide. Dr. Lori is the expert appraiser on the international hit TV

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Weight loss tips from a woman who lost 128 pounds

StatePoint

Sometimes the best advice comes from someone who's been there, done that. So, if you're resolving to lose weight, why not consider the wisdom of someone who faced this challenge, and did so with great success?

Morgan Root, an Army veteran, found that after the birth of her second child, the scale kept going up instead of down. Determined to make a

change, Morgan committed to losing weight and shed an inspiring 128 pounds. Here are her tips to help you lose weight this New Year:

- Make your excuse your motivation. When you flip your excuses into your motivation, it's amazing how much you can accomplish. Always remind yourself of why you started and what your motivation is when things get tough. "For me, my kids used to be my

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BOOKS

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("Devil in a Blue Dress" and many more) starts a new franchise here with a crime novel featuring Joe King Oliver, a former NYPD detective turned private Brooklyn investigator. (Mullholland Books, Feb. 20)

"Sunburn" by Laura Lippman. I picked up Lippman's 23rd book, a noirish crime novel that's a delicious homage to James M. Cain ("The Postman Always Rings Twice"), weeks ago when an advance copy arrived - and basically my life ground to a halt while I read the whole thing. Lippman will speak at Seattle Arts & Lectures March 30 with her husband David Simon, the Emmy-winning/screenwriter producer of "The Wire." (Morrow, Feb. 20)

"Winter Sisters" by Robin Oliveira. Another best-selling writer based in the Seattle area; Oliveira sets her novels in the 19th century. Her latest, set in 1879 New York and involving two missing little girls, is getting early praise. (Viking, Feb. 27).

"The Sparsholt Affair" by Alan Hollinghurst. The Man Booker Prize-winning author of "The Line of Beauty" returns with a novel beginning during the second World War and ending in 2012; it is, as The Guardian wrote in a rapturous review upon its British release, "about gay life, about art, about family, but most of all it's about the remorseless passage of time." (Knopf, March 20)

"The Italian Teacher" by Tom Rachman. Rachman's best-selling "The Imperfectionists"

took place in the world of journalism; his new book explores the world of art, focusing on a world-famous painter and his struggling-artist son. (Penguin Random House, Mar. 20).

"The Overstory" by Richard Powers. Powers won the National Book Award in 2006 for "The Echo Maker"; this, his 12th novel, tells of a group of people mysteriously brought together to save the continent's few acres of forest. Elliott Bay Book Co.'s Rick Simonson, in a blurb, called it "a book of great, ineffable presence." (W.W. Norton, April)

"Varina" by Charles Frazier. The National Book Award-winning author of "Cold Mountain" returns to the Civil War period with a novel based on the true story of Varina Howell Davis, the young wife of the much-older Confederacy president Jefferson Davis. (Ecco, April 2).

"The Female Persuasion," by Meg Wolitzer. For all of us who got happily lost in "The Interestings": Wolitzer returns with what's said to be another multilayered tale, this one focusing on women and power. (Riverhead, April 3)

"Macbeth," by Jo Nesbo. The Norwegian author of the wildly popular Harry Hole crime-fiction series tries his hand at Shakespeare, setting "the Scottish play" in a 1970s industrial town, where a drug lord named Hecate tries to manipulate the violent, paranoid SWAT team head, Inspector Macbeth. Ooh! (Penguin Random House, April 10)

"You Think It, I'll Say It" by Curtis Sittenfeld. I was charmed by Sittenfeld's 2016 take on Jane Austen, "Eligible"; now the author of

"Prep" and "American Wife" is back with her first collection of short stories. (Random House, April 24)

READ THE BOOK; SEE THE MOVIE

"A Wrinkle in Time," by Madeleine L'Engle. The beloved fantasy novel comes to the screen March 9, directed by Ava DuVernay ("Selma") and starring Reese Witherspoon, Chris Pine, Oprah Winfrey and Mindy Kaling.

"Where'd You Go, Bernadette?" by Maria Semple. Have you STILL not read this wickedly funny, set-in-Seattle novel? What on earth are you waiting for? The movie, starring the always glorious Cate Blanchett, arrives May 11.

"Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan. This book, the first of a wonderfully funny trilogy set among an ultrarich Singapore family, is one that I fell into, a few years back, like a swimming pool on a hot day. It's a treat; here's hoping the movie - which stars Constance Wu, Michelle Yeoh and Henry Golding - is every bit as much fun. It's in theaters Aug. 17.

"Ready Player One" by Ernest Cline. Cline hit the jackpot with his 2011 debut novel, set in a dystopian 2044: Steven Spielberg is directing the screen version. Not bad for your first time out! The movie opens March 30.

"The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" by Annie Barrows and Mary Ann Shaffer. Calling all "Downton Abbey" fans: This popular 2008 novel, set in Britain's Channel Islands during World War II, is now a movie starring Jessica Brown Findlay (i.e. Lady Sybil) and Lily James (Lady

Rose). There's no U.S. release date yet, but the film's likely to make it here eventually; it plays British theaters in April.

"Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett. Julianne Moore, Christopher Lambert and Ken Watanabe star in the screen adaptation of Patchett's 2001 PEN/Faulkner Award-winning novel, set during a hostage situation in a South American country. No release date yet, but it'll likely hit theaters sometime in 2018.

"The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas. A YA novel about a black teenage girl whose life is changed after she watches a cop shoot her unarmed best friend, "The Hate U Give"

was a best-seller this year. Amandla Stenberg ("The Hunger Games") and Regina Hall star in the film version, due in theaters in 2018.

"Sharp Objects" by Gillian Flynn. This one has quite the pedigree: An adaptation of a book by the author of "Gone Girl," directed by the director of "Big Little Lies" (Jean-Marc Vallée), starring five-time Oscar nominee Amy Adams as a reporter who returns to her hometown to cover a violent murder. It'll air on HBO next summer.

"The Little Stranger" by Sarah Waters. I remember thinking, when I read this Gothic haunted-house novel

after its 2009 publication, that it would make an awfully good movie. Let's hope I'm right! Domhnall Gleeson, Ruth Wilson (who starred in an awfully good "Jane Eyre" British television adaptation a few years back, by the way) and Charlotte Rampling star; it'll be in theaters next summer.

"The Alienist" by Caleb Carr. A best-seller upon its 1994 publication, Carr's book (a psychological thriller set in 1890s New York) has finally made it to the screen - the small screen, I should say. It'll air on TNT as a miniseries beginning Jan. 22; the cast includes Daniel Bruhl, Luke Evans and Dakota Fanning.

WEIGHT

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excuse for why I couldn't work out or make myself a priority, but now they're my motivation," says Root.

- Find a weight loss plan that works for you. Finding a plan that works for you is so important to fuel your weight loss goals and create sustainable success.

- Increase your water intake. Water is so important to your overall health, so invest in a new water bottle this year and drink up! A study found that when people drink six cups (48 ounces) of cold water, they increase their resting calorie burn by up to 50 calories per day. Water also helps you feel full and potentially eat less. Sometimes when you think you are hungry, you are actually just thirsty. Aim for 64 ounces per day.

- Change your rewards and comforts. When something good happens in life, we often reward ourselves with food, and

when something bad happens we comfort ourselves with the same. Find other ways to reward yourself, like buying something new. Comfort yourself by taking a bath or long shower. Chances are, you'll forget about wanting that food.

- Get moving. Being active not only benefits your weight loss journey, it can also clear your head and will help you feel better overall. Aim for three 10-minute exercise sessions daily. Do a quick workout video before work in the morning, take a conference

call on-the-go at lunch and take your dog for an extra walk around the neighborhood when you get home. No matter what, always aim to be active for at least 30 minutes a day. By the end of the week, you'll have burned as many as 200 extra calories per day.

A weight loss journey is never easy, no matter how much you have to lose, but it's absolutely worth it. "I have found myself again. I am stronger, healthier, confident, driven and determined more than ever," says Root.

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Vantage Point, 1304 Advantage Ave. Like new 2BR, 2BA, den, gar., new carpet & paint. Lawn maint incl. Pool, clubhouse. \$900 mo, 252-452-0824.

APARTMENTS FOR RENT 1320

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MOBILE HOMES FOR RENT 1340

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2/2 Big Duplex for Rent Sun n' Lake. Fully furn.; screened porch; W/D; cable/internet/Wifi & all util. incl. \$1,500/mo. **863-381-3800 or 305-781-0007**

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Lake Okeechobee Lot
 Channel w/seawall & dock, 110 x78, existing slab, empty septic, electr. & water hook-ups. **REDUCED!! \$27K 269-476-2188 or 269-506-6510**

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HELP WANTED 2001

Firefighter Entry Level Position
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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.
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 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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 ★ Painting/wall repair
 ★ Exterior & Interior maintenance & repairs
 Ability to lift, stand, bend, kneel, climb ladders, various climates (indoor/outdoor heat/cold), operation of various hand tools, power tools, equipment and attention to detail. Follow safety guidelines.
Apply at the Mall Management Office: 901 US Hwy 27 N., Sebring

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POOL TECH needed for pool route. Dependable. We will train. Clean driving record. **863-655-6993**

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CLERICAL/OFFICE 2020

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**

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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



COMPUTER 2025

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>

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FINANCIAL

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MERCHANDISE

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, Webilt, 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 Blue Lily Pattern. Excellent cond. \$25, 863-382-4375

Electric Skillet, GE, new, \$25.00 - 863-699-0559

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Foyer Light, \$10.00 - 863-382-8622

Fruit & Vegetable Peeler, automatic rotary, uses 4 AA batteries, never used, still in box, \$10.00 - 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

HOUSEHOLD GOODS 6030

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, \$12-863-273-7625

TV Tray Tables (2), wood, w/te 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 guarentee, \$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 leafs, 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

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

FURNITURE 6035

La-Z-Boy Sofa, Chair & Ottoman- brown, cloth, exc. condition. \$500. 863-655-3388

Large rolloptop 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

Reclining couch, loveseat, chair, tan micro fiber \$350. (812) 889-2685

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

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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 speakers/3 shelf spkrs, DVD player w/remote, \$250-863-385-9501

TV- 52" Sanyo TV. Excellent condition; just upgraded to larger TV. \$200. 863-382-4685

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. \$50. 863-243-9986.

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

German Stein, authentic collection, 1 commercial 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

ANTIQUES COLLECTIBLES 6070



Antiques Wanted
Upscale Decorative Items, Art Glass, Sterling, etc. **812-535-1400**

Pitcher & bowl, vintage good condition \$40 (863) 385-4502

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 Plows (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

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Audio Strider 990, Nordick Track, exc. cond., \$250.00, 863-465-0266

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Cycle Trainer, Gold's, silent resistance, console has many features, hardly used, \$125, 863-385-1268

Exercise Bike, \$35.00 - 863-452-0246

Trampoline- 10.5 ft, round. \$60. 863-699-6733

Treadmill, Proform, cross walk, 325, Cross walk, \$150, 603-848-2186

SPORTING GOODS 6130

Pickleball Rackets & balls, 4 wood rackets & 8 balls, \$50.00 863-332-7091 - 206-251-5270

FIREARMS 6131

Springfield Armory .45 Cal XD-S, light weight, compact pistol w/case, like new, \$475.00 863-243-3620

FIREARMS ACCESSORIES 6132

Corner gun cabinet, lighted, oak, holds 16 guns, locking doors and storage doors on bottom, \$150, 863-402-2285

Gun Cabinet, Handmade, pine holds 7 guns w/lock drawer, glass shelves, for curio cabinet, \$100, 863-402-2285

Gun cases, pistol holds 4, rifle holds 2, \$100/125, brand new in box, 863-382-9355

HUNTING & FISHING SUPPLIES 6133

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27" mens Ross bike exc cond. \$65 (863) 414-8088 (863) 655-5586

3 wheel bicycle 24" \$150 (502) 395-0989

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Bicycle Seat, trek Comfort, gel, never used, \$15, 863-382-4375

Bicycle, Ladies 26" Schwinn, large seat, pedal brake, \$25, 863-699-0582

Bicycles, Mens and woman's 10 speed, good condition, \$35.00 each, 863-402-0101

Bike Inter tubes, box of 7 or more, 1.75/2.125, \$5.00 for the box, 407-385-4196

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Children's bikes \$25.00 each excellent condition, 863-655-5586 or 863-414-8088

APPLIANCES
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Stove- GE electric stove; black and stainless steel; self-cleaning. Good condition. \$50 obo. 519-735-2380

Washer & Dryer set- Whirlpool, white, like new. \$450. 301-401-5615

Washer & Dryer- Kenmore washer & Amana Dryer. Both exc. cond! \$225 for pair; \$125 ea. Firm. 863-382-0601

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6260

2 twin brass **headboards** \$20 each (201) 207-4809

2 twin **mattress and box spring sets**. \$50 each (201) 207-4809

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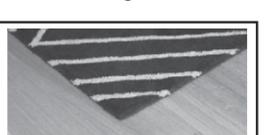
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Woman dies after fire on casino boat

The boat was burned down to its hull, with only an American flag on its bow uncharred. [See page 2](#)



The dream is still alive



King children criticize Trump, decry racism on MLK holiday

By **JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Martin Luther King Jr.'s children and the pastor of an Atlanta church where he preached decried disparaging remarks President Donald Trump is said to have made about African countries, while protests between Haitian immigrants and Trump supporters broke out near the president's Florida resort Monday, the official federal holiday honoring King. At gatherings across the

NO STOCK LISTINGS

Due to the MLK holiday, the NYSE was closed on Monday. Stocks will return in Wednesday's News Wire.

nation, activists, residents and teachers honored the late civil rights leader on what would have been his 89th birthday and ahead of the 50th anniversary of his assassination in Memphis, Tennessee.

Trump marked his first Martin Luther King Jr. Day as president buffeted by claims that during a meeting with senators on immigration last week, he used a vulgarity to describe African countries and questioned the need to allow more Haitians into the U.S. He also is said to have asked why the country couldn't have more immigrants from nations like Norway.

In Washington, King's eldest son, Martin Luther King III, criticized Trump, saying,

"When a president insists that our nation needs more citizens from white states like Norway, I don't even think we need to spend any time even talking about what it says and what it is."

He added, "We got to find a way to work on this man's heart."

In Atlanta, King's daughter, the Rev. Bernice King, told hundreds of people who packed the pews of the Ebenezer Baptist Church that they "cannot allow the nations of the world to embrace the words that come from our president as a reflection of the true spirit of America."

"We are one people, one nation, one blood, one destiny. ... All of civilization

and humanity originated from the soils of Africa," Bernice King said. "Our collective voice in this hour must always be louder than the one who sometimes does not reflect the legacy of my father."

Church pastor the Rev. Raphael Warnock also took issue with Trump's campaign slogan to "Make America Great Again."

Warnock said he thinks America "is already great ... in large measure because of Africa and African people."

Down the street from Trump's Mar-a-Lago retreat in Palm Beach, Florida, on Monday, Haitian protesters and Trump supporters

MLK | 4



AP PHOTO

This undated photo made available by the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources shows a piece of paper from books found on board Blackbeard's ship the Queen Anne's Revenge. To find paper in the 300-year-old shipwreck in warm waters is "almost unheard of," said Erik Farrell, a conservator at the QAR Conservation Lab in Greenville.

Shiver me timbers! New signs pirates liked booty — and books

By **MARTHA WAGGONER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dead men tell no tales, but there's new evidence that somebody aboard the pirate Blackbeard's flagship harbored books among the booty.

In an unusual find, researchers have discovered shreds of paper bearing legible printing that somehow survived three centuries underwater on the sunken vessel. And after more than a year of research that ranged as far as Scotland, they managed to identify them as fragments of a book about nautical voyages published in the early 1700s.

Conservators for Blackbeard's ship the Queen Anne's Revenge found the 16 fragments of paper wedged inside the chamber for a breech-loading cannon, with the largest piece being the size of a quarter.

The Queen Anne's Revenge had been a French slave ship when Blackbeard

PIRATES | 4

Florida Legislature has many hurricane issues to consider

By **JOE REEDY**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Storms are a major priority on the Florida Legislature's agenda this year following Hurricane Irma's rampage across most of the state. Lawmakers will consider proposals ranging from making evacuations more efficient to helping the

devastated citrus industry.

The 60-day session opened last Tuesday with the House of Representatives and Senate taking different approaches. The House is concentrating on storm preparations and recovery efforts while the Senate is focusing on economic damage. Hurricanes have hit the state the past two years following a more than decade-long lull. Florida is also

handling an influx of Puerto Ricans fleeing the devastation Hurricane Maria unleashed on their island.

House Speaker Richard Corcoran formed a select committee on hurricanes last September following Irma, which knocked out power for millions across most of the state, destroyed homes and disrupted lives. The 21-member committee

will vote on Tuesday on nearly 80 recommendations to refer to committees for legislation.

Rep. Jay Trumbull, Republican from Panama City, recommended that state transportation officials study how to strategically locate petroleum distribution centers so that residents are less likely to face gasoline shortages before and after storms.

The committee as a whole

would like to direct the Public Service Commission to assess strengthening power grids, including placing more lines underground, to avoid some of the outages caused by hurricanes.

Rep. Cyndi Stevenson, a Republican from Saint Augustine, has recommended stressing shorter evacuation

HURRICANE | 4

In Chile, pope met with protests, passion and skepticism

By **NICOLE WINFIELD**
and **EVA VERGARA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTIAGO, Chile — Pope Francis flew in to Chile's capital Monday night for a visit expected to be met with protests over sexual abuse by priests and confronted by many Chileans deeply skeptical about the Roman Catholic Church.

It's the pope's first visit to the Andean nation of 17 million people since taking the reins of the church in 2013. It comes at a time when many Chileans are furious over Francis' 2015 decision to appoint a bishop close

to the Rev. Fernando Karadima, who the Vatican found guilty in 2011 of abusing dozens of minors over decades.

The Rev. Juan Barros, bishop of the southern city of Osorno, has always denied he knew what Karadima was doing when he was the priest's protege, a position that many Chileans have a hard time believing.

"It's not just time for the pope to ask for forgiveness for the abuses but also to take action," said Juan Carlos Cruz, a victim of Karadima.

Cruz added that if it wasn't possible to jail bad bishops, "at the very least they can be

removed from their positions."

After deplaning, Francis was greeted by President Michelle Bachelet and a band played while the two walked on a red carpet as night began to fall. The pope traveled in a black sedan to the center of the city, flanked by several cars. He then transferred to a popemobile, waving to small crowds of well-wishers who lined up along avenues.

Crowds were notably thin, particularly compared to papal visits in other Latin American countries.

"Long live the pope!" yelled

POPE | 4



AP PHOTO

Pope Francis greets followers as he arrives at the San Luis Beltran church on his way to the Apostolic Nunciature in Santiago, Chile, on Monday.

INSIDE TODAY'S WIRE

UK air force moves to intercept Russian jets



Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled two fighter jets to intercept Russian strategic bombers near U.K. airspace. [See page 3.](#)

Army vet sues VA over scalpel left in body



An Army veteran who says someone left a scalpel inside him after surgery is suing a veterans affairs hospital. [See page 12.](#)

Floor sensors rise as retail data source



The next phase in data collection is right under your feet. Online clicks give retailers valuable insight into consumer behavior. [See page 12.](#)

STATE/WEATHER

Woman dies after fire on casino boat off Florida's coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA — A casino company said Monday it never had a problem with the shuttle boat that erupted in flames off Florida's Gulf Coast, leading to the death of a female passenger.

Tropical Breeze Casino spokesperson Beth Fifer said the company does not know what caused Sunday's blaze, which gutted the shuttle boat and forced about 50 passengers to jump into the chilly waters off Port Richey.

"We are deeply saddened for the loss of our passenger, the 14 injured and anyone else who was affected by this tragedy," Fifer said.

Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point spokesman Kurt Conover said Monday that the passenger arrived at the hospital's emergency room at 10 p.m. Sunday and died shortly afterward. He said

she had apparently gone home after the fire but became ill.

Pasco County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Kevin Doll said the victim was 42. Her name has not been released and a cause of death has not been determined. Conover said eight other passengers were treated at the hospital and released.

Officials originally said no injuries were life threatening.

Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Michael De Nyse said investigators will determine the cause of the fire and examine the history of the boat and Tropical Breeze Casino.

Helicopter video taken by WTSP-TV early Monday shows the boat was burned down to its hull, with only an American flag on its bow uncharred.

The shuttle boat regularly carries people back and forth from the Tropical Breeze's offshore casino, about a 45-minute ride into international

waters. There, passengers can play games such as black jack, which is illegal at non-Indian casinos in Florida, and roulette, which is illegal statewide.

Officials said the shuttle vessel was headed out to the casino ship at the time of the fire.

The shuttle boat caught fire about 4 p.m. Sunday, quickly engulfing the boat close to shore near residential neighborhoods.

Port Richey Police Chief Gerard DeCanio said the shuttle boat experienced engine problems after leaving the dock at Port Richey, a suburban community about 35 miles northwest of Tampa. But as the vessel turned back, flames kicked up and people began jumping overboard into shallow water, according to witness accounts.

Larry Santangelo, 57, said he had just driven into his neighborhood when he saw smoke and fire and thought a house — possibly his



AP PHOTO

In this photo provided by Pasco County flames engulf a boat on Sunday in the Tampa Bay area. The boat ferrying patrons to a casino ship off the Florida Gulf Coast caught fire near shore Sunday afternoon, and dozens of passengers and crew safely made it to land with some jumping overboard to escape, authorities said.

own — was ablaze. But then he realized it was the boat just about 100 yards offshore.

He told the Tampa Bay Times that he then saw people wandering about confused, wet and cold, after they reached land. One woman collapsed upon reaching shore

and vomited, he said. Santangelo said he took about 30 of the passengers into his garage to warm up and recover.

"It was so windy and they were soaking wet," said Santangelo. He worried that some might suffer from hypothermia.

It wasn't immediately

clear what caused the fire, which sent a huge plume of dark black smoke wafting over sunny skies on an unusually chilly winter day in the Tampa Bay region.

"It looked pretty dramatic because the shuttle boat burned really fast," DeCanio told The Associated Press by phone.

HEADLINE NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

Colorado man runs Florida race with nurse who saved him

KEY WEST (AP) — A Colorado man has completed a 5-kilometer race with the nurse who helped save his life last

year in the same Florida Keys competition.

Bill Amirault ran with Florida nurse anesthetist Robbie Ladd in the 5K division of the Key West Half Marathon Sunday.

The 45-year-old Colorado Springs man made a Facebook video

last year to find the man and two women who had helped him when he suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed in the race last year.

The group was reunited in an episode of Harry Connick Jr.'s syndicated talk show last April.

6-year-old Florida boy dies of rabies contracted from a bat

ORLANDO (AP) — A 6-year-old Florida boy has died from rabies he contracted after being scratched by an infected bat.

The father of Ryker

Roque told NBC that the boy died Sunday at an Orlando hospital.

Father Henry Roque said he had found a sick bat, put it in a bucket and told his son not to touch it, but he did and was scratched.

He said he washed the wound thoroughly but didn't take the boy to the hospital because he cried when he was told he would get shots. About a week later the boy developed numb fingers and a headache and his parents took him for hospital treatment.

Rabies is almost always fatal once symptoms develop. A vaccine given

after a wound but before symptoms almost always prevents the disease.

Red tide reemerges along Florida's southwest coast

FORT MYERS (AP) — Scientists are warning that a red tide is re-emerging along Florida's southwest coast even after a recent cold front knocked it back.

Medium counts of red tide organism were recorded in Lee, Charlotte and Sarasota counties last week.

Sanibel-Captiva Conservation

Foundation's Rick Bartleson says he found 700,000 cells per liter near a preserve west of Fort Myers although he said he hasn't heard of any fish kills there.

The News-Press reports scientists have counted high levels of the algae linked to red tide in recent weeks along southwest Florida beaches.

Red tide organisms grow naturally in the Gulf of Mexico. But high concentrations are harmful to wildlife and can cause respiratory problems in humans, which were reported this week in the counties affected by the bloom.



AP PHOTO

In this Sunday photo, Bill Amirault, left, and Robbie Ladd, right, run by the Southernmost Point marker during the Key West Half Marathon.

TODAY / TONIGHT WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

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| Clearwater | 68 50 s | 60 36 pc |
| Coral Springs | 73 60 pc | 72 47 pc |
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| Fort Lauderdale | 73 61 pc | 72 48 pc |
| Fort Myers | 75 51 s | 72 37 pc |
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| Tampa | 71 49 s | 63 33 pc |
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| West Palm Beach | 72 60 pc | 71 46 pc |

TIDES

| City | High | Low | High | Low |
|-------------|--------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Punta Gorda | Today 1:25a | 9:40a | 4:32p | 8:12p |
| Wed. | 2:01a | 10:11a | 4:51p | 8:49p |
| Englewood | Today 12:02a | 7:56a | 3:09p | 6:28p |
| Wed. | 12:38a | 8:27a | 3:28p | 7:05p |
| Boca Grande | Today 1:51p | 6:43a | 11:39p | 4:58p |
| Wed. | 2:27p | 7:17a | --- | 5:37p |
| El Jobean | Today 1:57a | 10:09a | 5:04p | 8:41p |
| Wed. | 2:33a | 10:40a | 5:23p | 9:18p |
| Venice | Today 1:24p | 6:35a | 10:53p | 5:07p |
| Wed. | 1:43p | 7:06a | 11:29p | 5:44p |

MARINE

| Wind | Speed | Seas | Bay/Inland |
|--------------------------------|----------|---------|------------|
| direction | in knots | in feet | chop |
| Cape Sable to Tarpon Springs | NE | 10-20 | 1-3 Light |
| Tarpon Springs to Apalachicola | NE | 8-16 | 1-3 Light |

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| The Sun | Rise | Set |
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| Wednesday | 7:19 a.m. | 5:58 p.m. |
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| Wednesday | 7:37 a.m. | 6:40 p.m. |

SOLUNAR TABLE

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| Thu. | 6:20a | 12:04p | 6:44p 12:32p |

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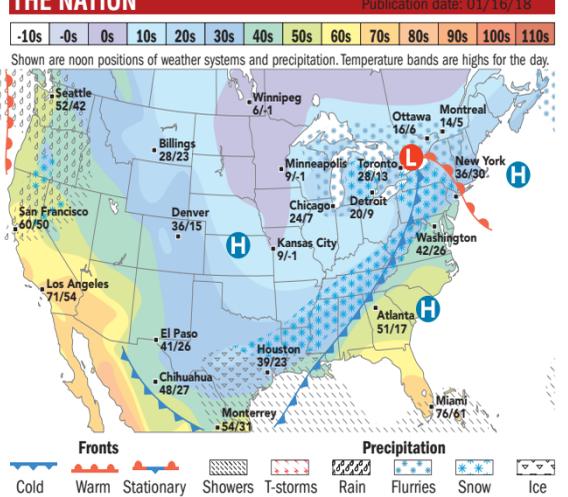
WEATHER HISTORY

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THE NATION



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| City | Today | Wed. | City | Today | Wed. |
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| Billings | 28 23 s | 38 28 pc | Los Angeles | 71 54 r | 75 55 pc |
| Birmingham | 35 13 sn | 32 16 s | Louisville | 16 6 pc | 23 10 pc |
| Boise | 44 32 r | 49 42 c | Memphis | 21 9 sn | 27 12 s |
| Boston | 33 30 pc | 34 21 sn | Milwaukee | 25 7 sn | 23 17 s |
| Buffalo | 26 13 sn | 21 17 c | Minneapolis | 9 -1 s | 22 15 s |
| Burlington, VT | 29 17 sn | 26 10 pc | Montgomery | 51 17 c | 38 20 s |
| Charleston, WV | 31 11 sn | 22 14 sf | Nashville | 21 8 sn | 26 14 pc |
| Charlotte | 52 31 pc | 37 19 sn | New Orleans | 49 24 c | 39 27 s |
| Chicago | 24 7 sn | 21 14 s | New York City | 36 30 sn | 36 22 sf |
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| Cleveland | 18 10 pc | 23 15 c | Oklahoma City | 22 7 s | 32 21 s |
| Columbia, SC | 58 38 pc | 46 21 pc | Omaha | 11 -1 s | 23 16 s |
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| Concord, NH | 28 24 sn | 32 12 sn | Phoenix | 72 49 c | 71 48 pc |
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| Fargo | 3 -1 s | 25 19 s | St. Louis | 16 8 c | 25 18 s |
| Hartford | 31 27 sn | 33 16 sn | San Antonio | 34 24 i | 39 30 c |
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WORLD CITIES

| City | Today | Wed. | City | Today | Wed. |
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| Beijing | 42 19 s | 44 17 pc | Ottawa | 16 6 sn | 21 13 pc |
| Berlin | 42 31 r | 37 32 c | Paris | 49 39 r | 45 42 pc |
| Buenos Aires | 83 67 pc | 81 64 pc | Regina | 17 8 s | 35 14 s |
| Cairo | 67 52 s | 68 54 pc | Rio de Janeiro | 94 76 t | 90 77 pc |
| Calgary | 45 27 s | 38 26 pc | Rome | 60 53 pc | 61 39 sh |
| Cancun | 79 67 pc | 76 67 sh | St. John's | 33 19 i | 28 23 pc |
| Dublin | 39 33 c | 44 37 sh | San Juan | 84 75 sh | 85 74 pc |
| Edmonton | 29 25 s | 35 21 s | Sydney | 73 64 pc | 76 63 s |
| Halifax | 30 21 pc | 34 32 sf | Tokyo | 57 47 pc | 59 45 r |
| Kiev | 22 18 pc | 31 24 sn | Toronto | 28 13 sn | 25 18 r |
| London | 45 37 c | 47 40 pc | Vancouver | 47 39 r | 48 42 c |
| Madrid | 54 35 pc | 54 32 pc | Winnipeg | 6 -1 pc | 26 15 s |

Weather (W): s=sunny, pc=partly cloudy, c=cloudy, sh=showers, t=thunderstorms, r-rain, sf=snow flurries, sn=snow, f=ice.

PORT CHARLOTTE

| Temperatures |
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| High/Low 72°/44° |
| Normal High/Low 75°/51° |
| Record High 84° (2013) |
| Record Low 31° (2012) |
| Precipitation (in inches) |
| 24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.00" |
| Month to date 0.60" |
| Normal month to date 1.23" |
| Year to date 0.60" |
| Normal year to date 1.23" |
| Record 3.37" (1991) |

SEBRING

| Temperatures |
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| High/Low 65°/46° |
| Precipitation (in inches) |
| 24 hours through 2 p.m. Mon. 0.00" |

AIRPORT

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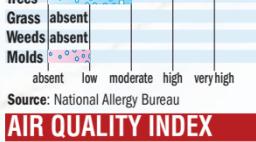
CONDITIONS TODAY



POLLEN INDEX



AIR 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: Particulates
Source: scg.gov.net

WORLD

Twin bombings in Baghdad kill 38, shatter post-IS calm

By **SINAN SALAHEDDIN** and **MURTADA FARAJ**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Twin suicide bombings rocked Baghdad on Monday, killing 38 people in the deadliest attack since Iraq declared victory over the Islamic State group last month, and raising fears ahead of national elections planned for May.

The bombers targeted the bustling Tayran Square, in the heart of the capital, setting off their explosive vests among laborers and street vendors during the morning rush hour. More than 100 people were wounded, according to police and hospital officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media.

No one has claimed the attacks, but they bore the hallmarks of IS.

Iraqi forces have driven IS from all the territory the extremists once held, but the militant group has proven resilient in the past and is likely to continue carrying out insurgent-style attacks. That could undermine Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi, who hopes to extend the country's newfound sense of pride and unity in order to lead a diverse coalition to power in May.

Ambulances rushed to the scene as security forces sealed off the area with yellow tape. Slippers could be seen scattered about on the blood-stained pavement as cleaners hurried to clear the debris.

"It was tremendous, I



AP PHOTO

Iraqi security forces gather at the scene of a double suicide bombing in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday. Interior Ministry spokesman said a double suicide bombing in central Baghdad has killed and wounded civilians.

felt the ground shaking under my feet," said Munthir Falah, a secondhand clothes vendor whose chest and right leg were pierced by shrapnel. He said he fell to the ground and lost consciousness before later waking up in a hospital.

The father of three said government forces had failed to secure the capital. "They think that Daesh is done," he said, referring to IS by an Arabic acronym. "They don't bother themselves to exert efforts to secure Baghdad."

Einass Khalil, a Baghdad housewife, blamed the security breakdown on the country's feuding politicians, many of whom are connected to different state-sanctioned militias or branches of the security forces.

"We were expecting this

because of the upcoming elections," she said. "Every four years we have to live through this suffering because of political differences and disagreements."

Iraqi Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri denounced the attack as a "cowardly act against innocent people" and called on the government to take all necessary security measures. Al-Abadi met security officials in charge of Baghdad, ordering them to root out militant sleeper cells, according to a brief statement issued by his office.

A deterioration in security could undermine al-Abadi's claim to have vanquished IS and create an opening for his main rival, former Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, to return to power.

Al-Maliki, who stepped down after IS swept across

northern and central Iraq in 2014, was widely accused of pursuing sectarian policies that alienated the country's Sunni minority during his eight years in power. Many of Iraq's Sunnis, fed up with al-Maliki's rule, initially welcomed IS as liberators from the Shiite-dominated government in Baghdad.

The government has proposed holding elections on May 12, but parliament must approve the date. Sunni leaders have called for the vote to be delayed until the 3 million people still displaced from the fighting can return to their homes.

Victory over IS has come at an almost incalculable cost in Iraq, where entire neighborhoods in several cities and towns were completely destroyed in the fighting.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

UK air force scrambles 2 fighters to intercept Russian jets

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Royal Air Force scrambled two fighter jets to intercept Russian strategic bombers near U.K. airspace on Monday, in another illustration of ongoing tensions.

The RAF confirmed that it sent Typhoon aircraft from the Lossiemouth base in Scotland on a "quick reaction alert" as two Tupolev Tu-160 Blackjack bombers approached Britain.

"The Russian aircraft were initially monitored by a variety of friendly nation fighters and subsequently intercepted by the RAF in the North Sea," the air force said. "At no point did the Russian aircraft enter sovereign U.K. airspace."

Russia's Defense Ministry said the pair of bombers flew over the Barents, Norwegian and North seas during a 13-hour training mission that covered neutral waters, in line with international norms.

"All flights by Russian aircraft are performed in strict accordance with international rules for using airspace without infringement on any countries' borders," the ministry said in a statement.

Encounters between Russian and NATO warplanes have become increasingly frequent as Moscow has demonstrated its resurgent military might.

Russia also has

increased its navy's presence in the Mediterranean and other areas.

Last week, the HMS Westminster, a Portsmouth-based Type 23 frigate, was ordered to intercept two Russian corvettes and two supporting vessels that neared U.K. waters en route to their Baltic base.

Romania's PM resigns after he loses support from party

BUCHAREST, Romania (AP) — Romania's prime minister has resigned after his party withdrew its support amid a power struggle with the party chairman.

The ruling left-wing Social Democratic Party withdrew its support for Mihai Tudose Monday after a meeting lasting more than five hours.

Tudose, 50, said he was quitting "with my head high" and would clear his office Monday evening, just over six months since he took office.

Party chairman Liviu Dragnea cannot be prime minister due to a conviction for vote-rigging.

Separately, prosecutors froze Dragnea's assets in November amid a probe into the misuse of European Union funds. He denies wrongdoing.

The conflict became public last week after Tudose called on Interior Minister Carmen Dan to resign, accusing her of lying, and she refused. Dan is a close ally of Dragnea.

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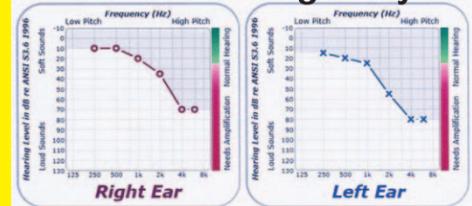
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Cherokee Nation honors MLK while dealing with slavery issue

By **RUSSELL CONTRERAS**
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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Cherokee Nation leaders marked Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday by acknowledging the tribe needs to come to terms with its treatment of freedmen.

The tribe — one of the country's largest — recognized the King holiday for the first time with participation in a King parade and a visit to the Martin Luther King Community Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Cherokee Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr. said Principal Chief Bill John Baker decided the tribe should honor the King holiday this year because of ongoing racial

tensions nationwide and because the tribe is seeking to make amends with slavery.

King's writings spoke of injustices against Native Americans and colonization, but Hoskin Jr. said the tribe had its own form of internal oppression and dispossession.

"The time is now to deal with it and talk about it," said Hoskin. "It's been a positive thing for our country to reconcile that during Dr. King's era, and it's going to be a positive thing for Cherokee to talk about that history as part of reconciling our history with slavery."

Such talk from tribal officials would have been surprising before a federal court ruled last year that the descendants of slaves owned by tribe members had the same rights to

tribal citizenship, voting, health care and housing as blood-line Cherokees.

One descendant of Freedmen, Rodslen Brown-King, said her mother was able to vote as a Cherokee for the first and only time recently. Other relatives died before getting the benefits that come with tribal citizenship, including a 34-year-old nephew with stomach cancer, she said.

"He was waiting on this decision," said Brown-King, of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. "It's just a lot of struggle, a lot of up and down trauma in our lives. It's exciting to know we are coming together and moving forward in this."

Derrick Reed, a city councilman in Muskogee, and director of the King Community Center there, said Monday's event was the first attended by



AP PHOTO

In a photo provided by the Cherokee Nation, Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Chuck Hoskin Jr., left, looks over an exhibit about the Cherokee Freeman during a visit to the Martin Luther King Center in Muskogee, Oklahoma, on Monday. Leaders of the Cherokee Nation marked Martin Luther King Jr. Day by welcoming the descendants of slaves into their tribe after years of exclusion.

members of the Cherokee Nation in honor of the holiday.

Baker later spoke at an after-party the tribe is sponsoring, and Hoskin

served breakfast earlier in the day.

"We have a wonderful story to tell but we need to tell the whole story," Hoskin said.

MLK

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yelled at each other from opposing corners. Trump was staying at the resort for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Video posted by WPEC-TV showed several hundred pro-Haiti demonstrators yelling from one side of

the street Monday while waving Haitian flags. The Haitians and their supporters shouted "Our country is not a s***hole," referring to comments the president reportedly made. Trump has said that is not the language he used.

The smaller pro-Trump contingent waved American flags and campaign posters and yelled "Trump is making

America great again." One man could be seen telling the Haitians to leave the country. Police kept the sides apart.

Trump dedicated his weekly address to the nation, released Monday, to King.

"Dr. King's dream is our dream, it is the American dream, it's the promise stitched into the fabric of our nation, etched into

the hearts of our people and written into the soul of humankind," he said in the address, which he tweeted to his followers. "It is the dream of a world where people are judged by who they are, not how they look or where they come from."

The president's remarks appeared not to resonate with the Rev. Al Sharpton, who also used the holiday

to take aim at the racial rhetoric Trump is said to have used.

"Trump Tower is in the wrong state," Sharpton told a crowd of 200 at the National Action Network in Harlem. He said it was embarrassing that Trump is from New York. "What we're going to do about Donald Trump is going to be the spirit of Martin Luther King Day," he said.

PIRATES

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captured it in 1717 and renamed it. The vessel ran aground in Beaufort, in what was then the colony of North Carolina, in June 1718. Volunteers with the Royal Navy killed Blackbeard in Ocracoke Inlet that same year.

Tens of thousands of artifacts have been recovered since Florida-based research firm Intersal Inc. located the shipwreck off the North Carolina coast in 1996 but few, if any, are as surprising as pieces of paper. To find paper in a 300-year-old shipwreck in warm waters is "almost unheard of," said Erik Farrell, a conservator at the QAR Conservation Lab in Greenville.

Eventually, the

conservators determined that the words "south" and "fathom" were in the text, suggesting a maritime or navigational book. But one word, Hilo, stood out because it was both capitalized and in italics, said Kimberly Kenyon, also a conservator at the lab.

They turned to Johanna Green, a specialist in the history of printed text at the University of Glasgow, who pointed them to the Spanish settlement of Ilo — or Hilo — on the coast of Peru. The fragments eventually were determined to be from a 1712 first edition of a book by Capt. Edward Cooke titled "A Voyage to the South Seas, and Round the World, Peform'd in the years 1708, 1709, 1710 and 1711."

It's impossible to say who aboard Blackbeard's ship would have been

reading the voyage narrative — a form popular in England in the 17th and 18th century — or whether it belonged to a pirate or some terrified captive. But some pirates were known to be literate, Kenyon said.

For example, Stede Bonnett, the "gentleman pirate" who joined Blackbeard in 1717, had his own library. It's not known if he brought his books on the Queen Anne's Revenge.

A history of pirates written in 1724 mentions a journal belonging to Blackbeard that was taken when he was killed. And when Blackbeard captured a ship called the Margaret in December 1717, the list of items taken from the ship included books, Farrell said.

"They were literate men," Kenyon said. "People always assume

pirates are ruffians from bad backgrounds, and that wasn't always the case."

The survival of the paper fragments is perhaps even more unusual than their existence aboard the pirate vessel.

The chamber in which they were found was a separate piece of a breech-loading swivel gun that was likely kept on the top deck because it was used as an anti-personnel weapon, Farrell said. Conservators don't have the cannon itself, which likely was salvaged or stolen when the Queen Anne's Revenge ran aground. In cannons of that period, "wadding" material such as cloth or paper would usually be stuffed behind a cannonball. So it's also possible someone just tore up the book without reading it to use it for firepower.

Conservators had removed a wooden plug from the chamber so they could clean it when they discovered the paper fragments stuffed in there, along with pieces of fabric in May 2016, Farrell said. That mass was removed easily enough, but prying the fragments from the fabric was more tedious and time-consuming, he said.

The combination of fabric and the plug likely protected the paper, which normally would have disintegrated in water, Farrell said.

But the ability to read doesn't change the evil character of pirates, who ransacked, raped and killed.

"The fact that they're literate doesn't mean they're not terrible, marauding people," Farrell said. "It just adds some nuance."

HURRICANE

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options as part of community education efforts. That would be welcomed by Jan Wesner Childs of Cocoa Beach. It took Childs and her husband, Mark, 12 hours, rather than the normal seven, to get from Cocoa Beach to Tallahassee to reach safety.

"There has to be a better way of communicating what to do instead of just, 'Get out,'" she said.

Both chambers also have bills that would

make backup generators mandatory at nursing homes and assisted-living facilities. The bills were filed after 14 residents died at a nursing home just outside Ft. Lauderdale when power was out at the facility in the aftermath of Irma.

Republican Rep. Danny Burgess from Zephyrhills has suggested forming a statewide registry of special needs shelters and another listing the state's more vulnerable residents during a storm.

Senate President Joe Negron's biggest post-Irma priority is

helping out the citrus industry through either tax cuts or other financial aid. State officials estimate that Irma caused \$2.5 billion in agricultural damage overall.

"The citrus industry was on the verge of having its best year in a decade when the storm hit and at a point when it was just getting back on its feet," he said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration estimates that Irma caused \$50 billion in total damages from the Caribbean to Florida. State officials though have

yet to issue their estimates on total costs. The state's Office of Insurance Regulation on its website estimates that \$7.21 billion in property damage claims have been filed.

Florida also is dealing with an estimated 300,000 residents from Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria, with most relocating to Orlando or South Florida. State and federal agencies are still grasping the scope of how many residents have come to the state, especially in schools. Gov. Rick Scott on Friday announced renewed efforts to identify more

housing and job needs for those displaced.

Rep. Bob Cortes of Altamonte Springs has made multiple trips to the island since the storm and said the biggest problem hampering recovering is getting additional supplies. The Republican also noted that all the storms from last year provided a huge snapshot on how devastating they can be.

"There will always be a storm if it is a year or five years," Cortes said, adding that "we have to always be prepared and make sure what happened in Puerto Rico doesn't happen here."

POPE

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some as he passed by in the pope mobile.

Others carried signs criticizing the pope or extolling him to act.

"Stop the abuse, Francis!" read one sign. "You can so you must!"

Over the next three days, Francis is scheduled to celebrate Mass in Santiago, the southern city of Temuco and the northern city of Iquique. On Thursday, the pope will go to Peru for a three-day visit.

Francis' trip was aimed at highlighting the plight of immigrants and indigenous peoples and underscoring the need to

preserve the Amazon rain forest. However, sexual abuse by priests has taken front and center in the weeks before his arrival.

Hours before Francis landed, activists on issues related to sex abuse by priests called for sanctions against both abusers and anyone who helped cover up their actions.

About 200 people attended the first of several activities aimed at making the sex abuse scandal a central topic of Francis' time in the country.

The majority of Chileans continue to declare themselves Roman Catholics, but the church has lost the influence and moral authority it once enjoyed thanks to the scandals, secularization and an out-of-touch

clerical caste.

"I used to be a strong believer and churchgoer," said Blanca Carvacho, a 57-year-old secretary in Santiago. "All the contradictions have pushed me away."

To be sure, many eagerly awaited a chance to see the pope and celebrate their faith.

Moises Lopez, a 35-year-old musician, took a bus from northern Chile to Santiago in hopes of seeing the pontiff.

"I consider myself a pilgrim," Lopez said. "I could have stayed comfortably at home and watched the pope on television, but I prefer to make an effort to see him in person once in my life."

The pope will try to inject new energy into the



AP PHOTO

Chile's President Michelle Bachelet welcomes Pope Francis after he landed at the international airport in Santiago, Chile, on Monday.

church during his visit, which gets underway in earnest Tuesday with a series of protocol visits for church and state.

He also plans sessions with migrants, members of Chile's Mapuche

indigenous group and victims of the 1973-1990 military dictatorship. It remains to be seen if he will meet with sex abuse survivors. A meeting wasn't on the agenda, but such encounters never are.

ALMANAC

Today is **Tuesday, Jan. 16**, the 16th day of 2018. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Jan. 16, 1978**, NASA named 35 candidates to fly on the space shuttle, including Sally K. Ride, who became America's first woman in space, and Guion S. Bluford Jr., who became America's first black astronaut in space.

On this date

In **27 B.C.**, Caesar Augustus was declared the first Emperor of the Roman Empire by the Senate.

In **1547**, Ivan IV of Russia (popularly known as "Ivan the Terrible") was crowned Czar.

In **1865**, Union Maj. Gen. William T. Sherman decreed that 400,000 acres of land in the South would be divided into 40-acre lots and given to former slaves. (The order, later revoked by President Andrew Johnson, is believed to have inspired the expression, "Forty acres and a mule.")

In **1920**, Prohibition began in the United States as the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution took effect, one year to the day after its ratification. (It was later repealed by the 21st Amendment.)

In **1935**, fugitive gangster Fred Barker and his mother, Kate "Ma" Barker, were killed in a shootout with the FBI at Lake Weir, Florida.

In **1988**, Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder was fired as a CBS Sports commentator, one day after telling a reporter for WRC-TV in Washington, D.C. that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce stronger offspring.

In **1998**, NASA announced that John Glenn, the first American to orbit the Earth, would fly aboard the space shuttle later in the year.

In **2003**, the space shuttle Columbia blasted off for what turned out to be its last flight; on board was Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon. (The mission ended in tragedy on Feb. 1, when the shuttle broke up during its return descent, killing all seven crew members.)

Today's birthdays

Author **William Kennedy** is 90. Author-editor **Norman Podhoretz** is 88. Opera singer **Marilyn Horne** is 84. Hall of Fame auto racer **A.J. Foyt** is 83. Country singer **Ronnie Milsap** is 75. Talk show host **Dr. Laura Schlessinger** is 71. Movie director **John Carpenter** is 70. Actress-dancer-choreographer **Debbie Allen** is 68. Rhythm-and-blues singer **Maxine Jones** (En Vogue) is 59. Singer **Sade** is 59. Model **Kate Moss** is 44. Actor-playwright **Lin-Manuel Miranda** is 38. Actress **Renee Felice Smith** is 33. NFL quarterback **Joe Flacco** is 33. Actress **Yvonne Zima** is 29.

ODD NEWS

Ritz Carlton, a luxury Saudi prison, takes Feb. 14 bookings

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — The Ritz Carlton in Saudi Arabia's capital may be reopening its doors in time for Valentine's Day, after serving for several months as a prison for the country's elite caught up in what the government has described as a crackdown on corruption.

The Ritz Carlton's website on Monday showed bookings available beginning Feb. 14.

An unidentified call center employee handling bookings for the hotel said: "Bookings are available from the 14th of February, but the hotel is not liable if the booking is cancelled. Local authorities might extend the hotel lockout for security reasons."

Sarah Walker-Kerr, a Dubai-based spokeswoman for Marriott, of which the Ritz Carlton is a subsidiary, declined to comment.

Phone lines to the hotel have been cut off since Nov. 5, when the crackdown began.

THE CONVERSATION

MLK's vision of love still matters

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2017 was a year of increased conflict in the United States. Many diverse communities were forced to confront a range of challenges related to anti-Semitism, racism, homophobia and anti-immigrant feelings. These challenges strike at the heart of what it means to live in a multicultural, democratic society.

Yet, it is not the first time America has faced such a crisis — this divisiveness has a much longer history. I study the civil rights movement and the field of peace geographies. We faced similar crises related to the broader civil rights struggles in the 1960s.

So, what can we draw from the past that is relevant to the present? Specifically, how can we heal a nation that is divided along race, class and political lines?

As outlined by Martin Luther King Jr., the role of love, in engaging individuals and communities in conflict, is crucial today. For King, love was not

sentimental. It demanded that individuals tell their oppressors what they were doing was wrong.

King's vision

King spent his public career working toward ending segregation and fighting racial discrimination. For many people the pinnacle of this work occurred in Washington, D.C., when he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Less well-known and often ignored is his later work on ending poverty and his fight on behalf of poor people. In fact, when King was assassinated in Memphis he was in the midst of building toward a national march on Washington, D.C., that would have brought together tens of thousands of economically disenfranchised people to advocate for policies that would reduce poverty. This effort — known as the "Poor People's Campaign" — aimed to dramatically shift national priorities to the health and welfare of working peoples.

Scholars such as Derek Alderman, Paul Kingsbury and Owen Dwyer have emphasized how King's work can

be applied in today's context. They argue that calling attention to the civil rights movement, can "change the way students understand themselves in relation to the larger project of civil rights." And in understanding the civil rights movement, students and the broader public can see its contemporary significance.

Idea of love

King focused on the role of love as key to building healthy communities and the ways in which love can and should be at the center of our social interactions.

King's final book, "Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community?," published in the year before his assassination, provides us with his most expansive vision of an inclusive, diverse and economically equitable U.S. nation. For King, love is a key part of creating communities that work for everyone and not just the few at the expense of the many.

Love was not a mushy or easily dismissed emotion, but was central to the kind of community he envisioned. King made distinctions between three forms of love which are

key to the human experience: "eros," "philia" and most importantly "agape."

For King, eros is a form of love that is most closely associated with desire, while philia is often the love that is experienced between very good friends or family. These visions are different from agape.

Agape, which was at the center of the movement he was building, was the moral imperative to engage with one's oppressor in a way that showed the oppressor the ways their actions dehumanize and detract from society. He said,

"In speaking of love we are not referring to some sentimental emotion. It would be nonsense to urge men to love their oppressors in an affectionate sense!... When we speak of loving those who oppose us [...] we speak of a love which is expressed in the Greek word Agape. Agape means nothing sentimental or basically affectionate; it means understanding, redeeming goodwill for all [sic] men, an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return."

King further defined agape when he argued at the University of California at Berkeley that the concept of agape

"stands at the center of the movement we are to carry on in the Southland." It was a love that demanded that one stand up for oneself and tells those who oppress that what they were doing was wrong.

Why this matters now

In the face of violence directed at minority communities and of deepening political divisions in the country, King's words and philosophy are perhaps more critical for us today than at any point in the recent past.

As King noted, all persons exist in an interrelated community and all are dependent on each other. By connecting love to community, King argued there were opportunities to build a more just and economically sustainable society which respected difference. As he said, "Agape is a willingness to go to any length to restore community... Therefore if I respond to hate with a reciprocal hate I do nothing but intensify the cleavages of a broken community."

King outlined a vision in which we are compelled to work toward making our communities

inclusive. They reflect the broad values of equality and democracy. Through an engagement with one another as its foundation, agape provides opportunities to work toward common goals.

Building a community today

At a time when the nation feels so divided, there is a need to bring back King's vision of agape-fueled community building and begin a difficult conversation about where we are as a nation and where we want to go. It would move us past simply seeing the other side as being wholly motivated by hate.

Engaging in a conversation through agape signals a willingness to restore broken communities and to approach difference with an open mind.

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What activists today can learn from MLK

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In the turbulent days following President Donald Trump's inauguration, activists launched resistance movements: Greenpeace activists climbed a large construction crane near the White House and unfurled a large banner with the single word — "Resist."

Similar protests took place elsewhere. Thousands of protesters used their bodies to spell the word "resist" on a San Francisco beach. And at the Grammys, the very next day, rapper Q-Tip yelled "resist" no less than four times from the stage.

A year later, demonstrations like these have not disappeared. A second women's march is planned for later this month. But the resistance has moved beyond street protests. Activists are now embracing the hard work of political organizing. "Don't Just March Run for Something" — the title of a best-seller by Amanda Litman, email director of Hillary Clinton's campaign, crystallizes this transition.

I have studied the words and actions of Martin Luther King Jr. for decades. The very change we are witnessing now — the transition from protest to politics — is exactly the kind of transition that King called for during the civil rights movement.

MLK: 'conservative militant'

In the words of historian August Meier, who wrote a seminal book, "Negro Thought in America, 1880-1915," published in 1963, King succeeded because he was "a conservative militant."

The word, "conservative" has a specific meaning here. King was a democratic socialist, he opposed the Vietnam War, and he called for massive investment in the inner cities. He was not conservative in any political sense. But what

Meier showed was that King nevertheless manifested a conservative core — one that resonated with millions of Americans and thereby helped achieve the movement's remarkable success.

In Meier's words: "American history shows that for any reform movement to succeed, it must attain respectability. It must attract moderates, even conservatives to its rank."

King understood this. And to that end, he was indeed conservative — both in the arguments he made and the manner in which he presented them.

King argued that racism in America meant the United States was not living up to its own ideals. At the very core of the Declaration of Independence and thus at the center of American life was the belief that "all men are created equal." But in America in the 1960s, and especially in the South, African-Americans lived out their lives as second-class citizens. In King's words, American culture was "the very antithesis" of what it claimed to believe.

King did not want to challenge, let alone replace, ideals of freedom and equality. He wanted America to better embody them. He argued that the civil rights movement was just the latest in a long American tradition that was both grounded in those ideals and sought to make them more authentic.

King compared the civil rights movement with the abolitionist movement, the populist movement of farmers and laborers in the late 19th century, and even to the American Revolution itself. The American ideal "all men are created equal" constituted what King called a "promissory note." In each case, ordinary citizens demanded that that promise be honored. And through their actions, the nation was made more free and more just.

By framing the cause of civil rights in words and

ideas that most Americans strongly identified with, King was able to appeal to their innate patriotism. What's more, those who stood against his cause were, by implication, the ones who could be seen as un-American.

King's strategy

King's resistance was also strictly nonviolent. Following the model of civil resistance developed by M.K. Gandhi, the leader of Indian independence, King argued for nonviolence within the terms of his own Christian faith.

King said that by responding to injustice with civility and to violence with nonviolence, the resister was fulfilling "the Christian doctrine of love." For King, that love was best reflected in the Greek word "agape," an "understanding, redeeming good will for all men, an overflowing love which seeks nothing in return." This was the love that African-Christ epitomized, and which his followers were called to emulate.

But King also insisted that nonviolent resistance spoke to a respect for the law that can only be called conservative. In his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," where he was imprisoned in 1963, King insisted that while unjust laws must be broken, they must be broken "lovingly," such that the act demonstrates a respect, even a reverence, for the law.

King argued that this nonviolent strategy was not simply the most Christian response. It was also "the most potent instrument the Negro community can use to gain total emancipation in America." He said that violent protests gave the white man "an excuse to look away," to ignore those who want to claim the mantle of equality.

Conducting the struggle "on the high plane of dignity and discipline," dressing well, using respectful language and accepting violence without responding in kind — all this gave protesters



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivers his 'I Have a Dream' speech.

a moral standing that attracted moderates to the cause. It also sought to change the hearts and minds of the bigots. Even if that effort failed, the bigots were nevertheless defeated.

The Jim Crow system of racial segregation rested on the idea that African-Americans were inferior to whites. By rigidly adhering to the high road, the actions of protesters proved that that entire system was based on a falsehood.

Indeed, if anything, actions on both sides demonstrated the opposite.

Acting politically

Many protesters in the 1960s sought to bring down an established order that they saw as irredeemably racist and corrupt. But to those who said: "Burn, baby, burn," King said, "Organize, baby, organize." The fundamental purpose of resistance was to effect political change and that meant operating within existing political institutions.

It also often required compromise. For example, at the 1964 Democratic National Convention, a crisis developed when the newly created and integrated "Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party" demanded they be recognized and seated instead of the all-white "official" Mississippi

delegation. They argued they were the truly democratic representatives of the state as they were the product of procedures fair and open to all.

Party leaders worked out a compromise that allowed the Mississippi delegation to remain. King accepted this compromise, but many advocates condemned it as an illegitimate accommodation to racism.

King did not disagree, but he argued that this face-saving gesture would help to ensure that the South would not abandon then-candidate Lyndon Johnson. One year later, President Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act, which ensured voting rights for all African-Americans, and brought federal control over elections in the South.

Resistance through politics is conservative

The notion of conservative militancy is not one that many of Trump's opponents would likely affirm. Some see this moment is an opportunity to grow and strengthen the left; others see it as an opportunity to move beyond the two-party system altogether. But the transition from marching to politics show that many understand that opposing Trump requires mobilizing the power necessary to

make that happen.

The civil rights movement expressed a similar operating principle: Keep your "eyes on the prize." Here too, the thought was that opponents should not allow themselves to be satisfied with simply articulating their dissatisfaction. Rather, they should continually orient themselves and their actions such that they advance the movement toward the ultimate goal.

Right now, those Americans who oppose the president contend that longstanding democratic procedures, norms and ideals are under attack. Because they seek to defend those core American ideals, those who resist have become, by default, conservatives and patriots. And now, one year after his inauguration, that defense has moved from protest to politics.

Whether they know it or not, in both regards, these Americans are following King's example.

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STATE-BY-STATE

News from across the USA

ALABAMA Prattville: Authorities say a nude man who forced his way into a home is charged with attempted sexual assault and burglary, *The Montgomery Advertiser* reports.

ALASKA Juneau: The city has removed protections for eagle nests from its land use code, citing too few biologists to plot nest locations, KTOO-FM reports. The protections created a no-building buffer zone around nests.



ARIZONA Phoenix: An Arizona State University professor has received a \$6.4 million grant to test canine cancer vaccines. At least 800 pets will take part in testing.

ARKANSAS Little Rock: One of the nine black teenagers who were escorted by federal troops to integrate Central High School 60 years ago has written a book about her role.

CALIFORNIA San Francisco: State utility regulators have approved an agreement to retire the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant.

COLORADO Denver: Authorities say drought conditions have spread across most of Colorado. Snowpack in the mountains that feed the Arkansas River is at 56% of average.

CONNECTICUT Hartford: The state is offering a \$50,000 reward for information that leads to a conviction in the 2015 killing of Ricardo Rivera, who was shot in the head.

DELAWARE Dover: State lawmakers are working to revise the review process for grant applications from nonprofits and community groups. The changes are aimed at increasing the accountability of grant recipients.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: Police say human remains discovered in October along a suburban Washington highway were those of a man who went missing in April after meeting a woman he met on an online dating service. A homicide investigation is underway.

FLORIDA On the Silver River: Wildlife managers at Silver Springs State Park want to remove roaming monkeys because some excrete the herpes B virus dangerous to humans.

GEORGIA Decatur: Agnes Scott College has named Leocadia Zak as its ninth president. Zak is a former director of the U.S. Trade and Development Agency.

HAWAII Honolulu: A man who escaped from a Hawaii psychiatric hospital in November has been returned to the islands from California.

IDAHO Boise: A fund that helps keep rural phone lines affordable is losing revenue despite a surcharge hike as more people switch to cellphones, *The Idaho Statesman* reports.

ILLINOIS Chicago: The parents of an elementary student sued a Schaumburg school district and the state for the right to use medical marijuana at school, the *Chicago Tribune* reports.

INDIANA Winchester: Randolph County and the county seat of Winchester are celebrating their bicentennial this year, *The (Muncie) Star Press* reports.

IOWA Des Moines: The state's top election official says he'll travel Iowa this year to inform voters about a new law requiring identification at the polls starting in 2019.

KANSAS Topeka: A judge has temporarily blocked a new city ordinance that bans tobacco sales to people younger than 21. State law allows tobacco sales to people 18 and older.

KENTUCKY Coalton: Kentucky Electric Steel will permanently close its

HIGHLIGHT: INDIANA



A man prays Jan. 5 during Friday services at Al Salam Foundation Worship Center in Indianapolis. MICHELLE PEMBERTON/USA TODAY NETWORK

Residential area balks at rezoning for Mosque

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Residents upset at plans for a mosque about 30 feet from some houses demanded that a Muslim foundation find another place to build.

But religious leaders at the Al Salam Foundation said finding a place in this upscale Indianapolis suburb has not been easy. They've been looking for five years.

"There are very few sellers in the community who are willing to work with us on the idea of building a mosque," foundation President Nadeem Ikhlauque said. "Several said the land is for sale but not for us."

The foundation has submitted plans to build a 28,000-square-foot mosque, to be called the Islamic Life Center, on 5 acres.

The problem: The location selected is in a residential area. The property backs onto a neighborhood where homes have sold for more than \$700,000.

The Muslim group is trying to get the Carmel Board of Zoning Appeals to approve its plans as a special use, allowed under the residential code. But homeowners are worried about additional traffic, light, noise and a potential drop in home values.

On Sunday, about a week before the zoning board was scheduled to

discuss the plans, the Al Salam Foundation had a community meeting at Carmel Christian Church to address questions. About 100 people filled the pews.

Ikhlauque responded to concerns he had received in letters, promising no outdoor speakers, a hot-line number where residents could report any disturbances from construction, and any cars that parked in the nearby neighborhoods rather than the mosque parking lot would be towed.

The dome of the building has been lowered from initial plans, so it will be less than 35 feet tall. The entrances are from the main roads, so traffic won't be rerouted to the neighborhoods, Ikhlauque said.

Mike Andreoli, a Zionsville, Ind., lawyer who has been hired to represent some residents, criticized the Al Salam Foundation for waiting until a week before the vote to reach out to the community. He questioned whether the group soon would expand to an additional nine acres to the north, which is also part of the sale.

Al Salam Foundation leaders said they have no expansion plans, and a gas line running through the northern acreage prevents them from building much on that portion of the property. Purchasing the additional land was the only way the seller would agree to the deal, they said.

Boyd County mill in March, putting up to 113 people out of work, *The Daily Independent* reports.

LOUISIANA West Monroe: Authorities say a woman was attacked and killed by a pit bull at the Happy Hounds Hotel, a pet boarding facility.

MAINE New Gloucester: Officials at Pineland Farms are warning skiers to watch out for an "aggressive dive-bombing" owl that recently struck a man, cutting his head in the attack.

MARYLAND Baltimore: Officials plan to relocate more than 120 families and demolish six buildings in a public housing area that Mayor Catherine Pugh describes as a hotbed for criminal activity, *The Baltimore Sun* reports.

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: A \$10 million reward offered by the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum for information that leads to the return of more than a half-billion dollars' worth of art stolen in 1990 has been extended. It was to expire Dec. 31.

MICHIGAN East Lansing: Researchers at Michigan State University want to know who's eating whom in the fish world. Frozen stomachs of fish were donated by anglers and public agencies.

MINNESOTA Minneapolis: A judge has rejected a state effort to change the water quality standard for protecting wild rice, saying it puts an unfair burden on Native Americans who harvest wild rice for food.

MISSISSIPPI Jackson: Lawmakers are considering a new education funding formula that would require the state to spend \$107 million more

than it's spending this year to aid K-12 schools.

MISSOURI St. Louis: Hair braiders lost a case challenging a state law that they must be licensed like barbers and cosmetologists.

MONTANA Missoula: The Federal Emergency Management Agency denied Montana's request for an additional \$44 million in disaster relief. The state spent all of its two-year, \$60 million emergency fund fighting fires in 2017.

NEBRASKA Lincoln: Residents near Northeast High School are complaining about students who loiter outside their homes smoking, drinking alcohol and leaving trash, *The Lincoln Journal Star* reports.

NEVADA Las Vegas: A former city police officer was sentenced to prison for excessive force after his body camera showed him slamming a woman's head against his cruiser.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: A pharmacist pleaded guilty to tampering with pain medications, using syringes to withdraw the drugs and replacing them with saline.

NEW JERSEY Trenton: A man who admitted not reporting his great aunt's death in order to collect nearly \$185,000 in Social Security benefits for nearly 20 years faces up to 10 years in prison.

NEW MEXICO Sunland Park: Former Dona Ana County Manager Julia Brown is the new city manager of Sunland Park. Brown was fired in Dona Ana County in what she described as a political conflict with the sheriff.

NEW YORK Lake George: The Lake George Park Commission finds a slight improvement in the number of boats requiring decontamination to remove invasive species.

NORTH CAROLINA Raleigh: The state ACLU wants North Carolina DMV traffic stop guidelines clarified to tell drivers they have the right to remain silent when pulled over, *The News & Observer* reports. Officials say the guidelines suggest that drivers are required to answer questions posed by an officer during a traffic stop.

NORTH DAKOTA Minot: Officials at Minot Air Force Base have dedicated a \$17.6 million B-52 bomber maintenance facility, *Minot Daily News* says.

OHIO Columbus: An opera company and an orchestra are teaming up to tell the story of the state's worst weather disaster, a 1913 flood that destroyed more than 20,000 homes and killed at least 400 people.

OKLAHOMA Wyandotte: Classes were canceled in at least 10 public schools here after fire ravaged most of the school bus fleet, *The Miami News-Record* reports.

OREGON Eugene: Some senior managers will be removed at the Veterans Affairs health care system in Roseburg following a probe of degraded care claims, *The Register-Guard* says.

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: Animal welfare groups have banded together to form the Philadelphia No-Kill Coalition to end unnecessary euthanizations at animal shelters.

RHODE ISLAND Providence: Police say a local high school was placed on lockdown after a student was pistol-whipped by two intruders who tried to rob him and then fled.

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia: State lawmakers are considering executions of condemned inmates by electrocution. South Carolina's supply of lethal injection drugs expired in 2013.

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: Two executives of a company with plans to build an aquaponics farm have been indicted on wire and mail fraud charges, *The Argus Leader* reports.

TENNESSEE Oak Ridge: The Oak Ridge National Laboratory is laying off 100 employees, *The Knoxville News Sentinel* reports.

TEXAS Fort Worth: Tarrant County Justice of the Peace Russ Casey ended his re-election bid a day after his opponent alleged that signatures on Casey's candidacy petition were forged, KXAS-TV reports.



UTAH Salt Lake City: The 2018 Tour of Utah pro cycling race will start in St. George and end in Park City, KSL-TV reports. The race is Aug. 6-12.

VERMONT Montpelier: The Vermont National Guard and some lawmakers want to offer Guard members free tuition to state universities.

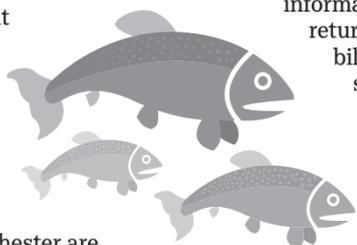
VIRGINIA Norfolk: The Port of Virginia has broken its record for container volume for the sixth year in a row, *The Virginian-Pilot* reports. The increase was nearly 7% over 2016.

WASHINGTON Port Angeles: It's called Read to Rover. Every Friday, second graders at Chimacum Creek Primary School read aloud to therapy dogs brought to school. Officials say the program helps calm students and encourages them to learn.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: A man accused of stocking his online shop on Amazon.com with items stolen from the University of Charleston has been sentenced to five years probation, *Charleston Gazette-Mail* reports.

WISCONSIN Milwaukee: The Our Redeemer Lutheran School has apologized for asking fourth graders to list three good reasons for slavery and three bad ones. The mother of a black student shared the assignment on Facebook, calling it offensive.

WYOMING Gillette: Joshua Popkin, a former psychologist accused of using his position to have sex with two of his patients, was sentenced to two consecutive three- to five-year terms. *Compiled from staff, wire reports.*



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). As those skilled in the art of marketing know well, there are many ways to position a single product. What you present today will seem exciting, fresh and new, not because it is, but because you are the one presenting it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you can figure out how to settle in to this moment and be fine with all that's going on inside of it, you'll be instantly free to manage external circumstances in a way you couldn't when you were fighting with reality.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As for plan A, that was so long ago, when you wanted to be a rock star/

space traveler/teacher/fireman... and maybe some of that worked out, but the alphabet is really long, so just relax and pick another letter.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Certain friends are more possessive than others. They see your attention as an all-or-nothing proposition. But it's not! You've a gracious way of spreading it around.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Great orators move people, change lives, rally nations to war and bring souls to God. Passion, vision and a strong voice are all the equipment needed — the same equipment you have today. What do you want to do with it?
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You already know what could go wrong. It has before! But it won't again

if you use what you've learned to anticipate those instances and devise a plan for handling them before they happen.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're groggy in the morning or tired after a long day, your willpower will be depleted. Make it easy for yourself to succeed by anticipating your needs in those crucial moments and setting yourself up for the best outcome.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Complaining is fine for some situations, but you like to show up with solutions instead. If you don't have a solution, you won't even bother rocking the boat, because there's so much else to focus on that's going right for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your word choices will matter. They could be the difference between closing the deal and not. You won't use euphemism or hyperbole. You'll use the specific right word to describe how you feel and what you'll do.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). This will be an upbeat and extremely productive day for you. Keep track of what's working and what you like, too, so you'll remember to do more of it even when you're in a different kind of mood.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you improve yourself through reading, you'll acquire rather easily what others had to learn the hard way. Of course, you have to apply what you read or it won't stick.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's said that laughter is the best medicine, though medicine has gotten to be such a dicey proposition that laughter might not appreciate the comparison. You're on a quest to get more natural joy flowing through your life.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 16). You'll build up stores of the good things: love, knowledge and wisdom, as well as practical supplies, savings and funds marked for fun. It's not always easy. You'll sweat and stress some as you get more organized and create structures that can keep this whole thing moving along in the right direction. Viva abundance! Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 39, 1 and 7.

BIBLE

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name: And in thy name have cast out devils: and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity," — Matthew 7:22, 23.

It's not what we did, but what He did on the cross that will see us in. "By grace are ye saved through faith-Christ died for our sins." — Today invite Him in for a complete take over.

Challenger

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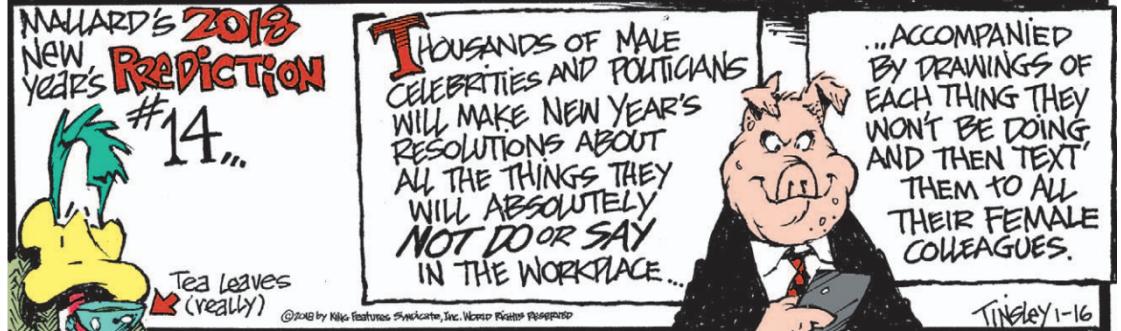
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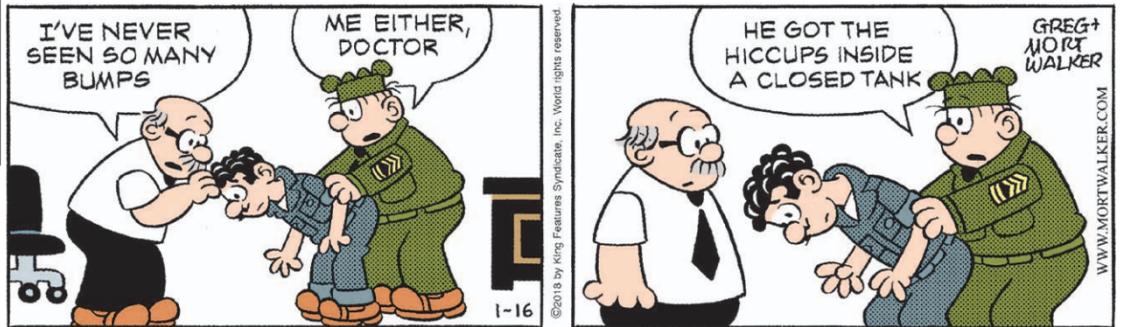
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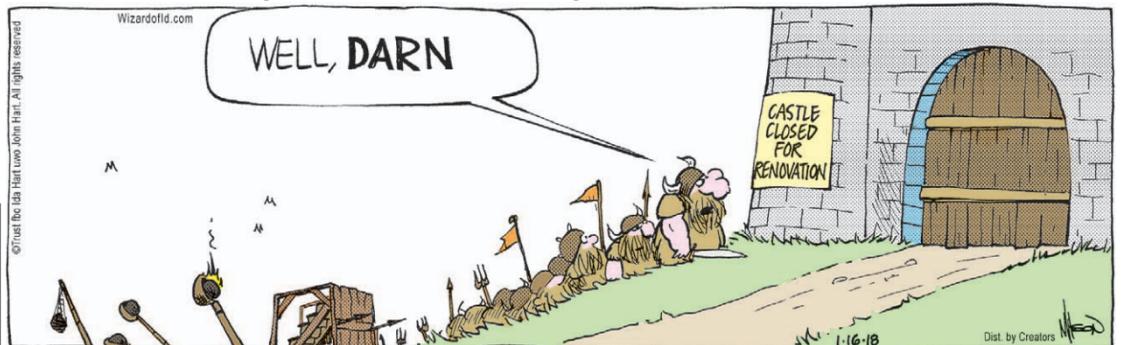
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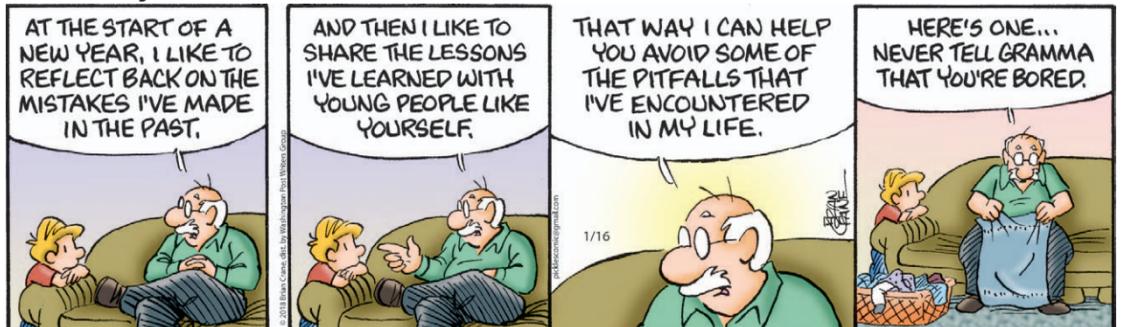
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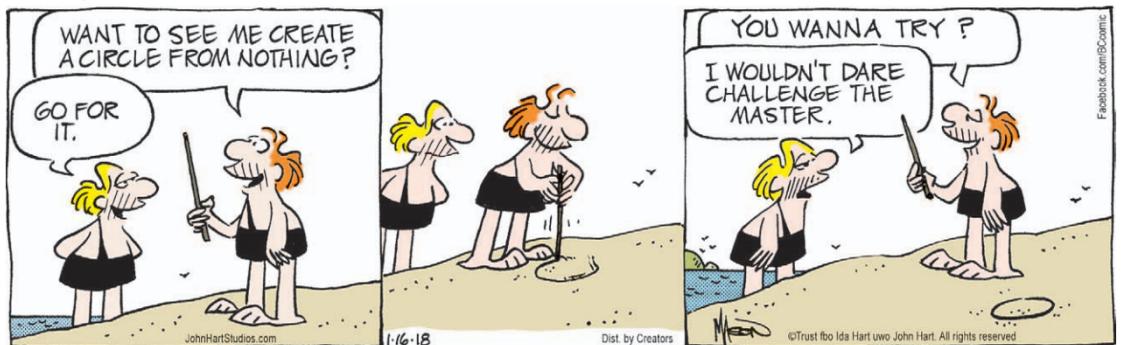
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Monday's unlisted clue: KING

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
 Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: A Pleased Facial Expression

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- #picoftheday
- #pretty
- #self
- #tagforlikes

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Husband's long beard is hard for wife to stomach at dinner

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a long, bushy, ugly beard, and although I don't like it, I realize he's entitled to wear his facial hair any way he likes it. The problem is, when he eats, his beard gets into his plate and in the food, which I find nauseating. — **TOO MUCH HAIR IN TEXAS**



Dear Abby

DEAR TOO MUCH HAIR: If your husband's beard is so long it drags his food off his plate, the first thing you should do is suggest that he sit up straighter when he's eating. However, if he's unwilling — or unable — to do that, perhaps he would consider using one hand to hold his beard aside when he's about to take a forkful, or using hair clips to keep it away from his food.

Readers, if you have suggestions to help this grossed-out Texas wife, I'd love to see them.

DEAR ABBY: My mother is a smart, independent woman — until she gets a boyfriend. She has been dating ever since Dad died in 1994.

Every relationship starts out well; the guy seems nice. Then he moves into her house and things change. Mom stops thinking for herself and turns into a brainless, spineless puppet. It causes conflict between us because she thinks I'm selfish and trying to sabotage her relationship.

She has had her current boyfriend for two years. I'm 37, disabled and require some help from Mom. So do my grandparents and a family friend Mom takes care of to supplement her income. The boyfriend is pushing Mom to spend three to four months of the year with him in Arizona, leaving those of us who need her without help.

None of these men ever help her out financially. Should I say nothing and let her disappear? What happens to the people who depend on her? — **JUST HER DAUGHTER IN COLORADO**

DEAR JUST: What happens to the ADULTS who depend on your mother is they arrange for outside assistance during the time she's in Arizona. And if this is the first time in years that she will have taken a break, you should

all wish her well.

DEAR ABBY: One of my co-workers constantly interrupts when I'm having a conversation with other people. It doesn't seem to matter who I am speaking with or what the subject is. She'll interrupt in the middle of the conversation, and everyone must stop and look at her or acknowledge her.

We are in a professional environment, and I feel her behavior is extremely discourteous. The subjects she discusses are things like the sandwich her husband bought the day before, what they had for dinner that night or whatever is trending at the moment. She never discusses work-related issues.

This happens every day and it's disruptive. Would you kindly share some ideas on how to deal with her interruptions? — **BOTHERED OFFICE GUY**

DEAR OFFICE GUY: Obviously, your co-worker was never taught that interrupting while others are talking is rude. Because it bothers you, the next time she does it, tell her it's distracting when she breaks into your conversations and to please stop. If she persists, and other co-workers feel as you do about it, bring it to the attention of your supervisor or HR and let that person handle it.

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PEANUTS By Charles Schulz



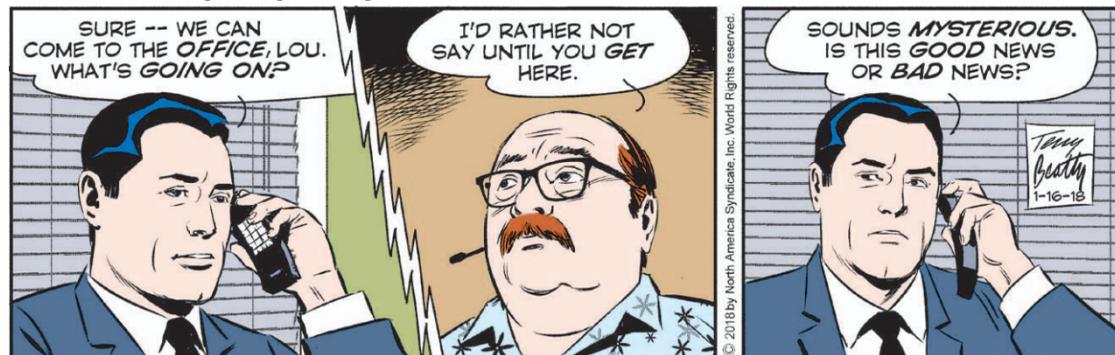
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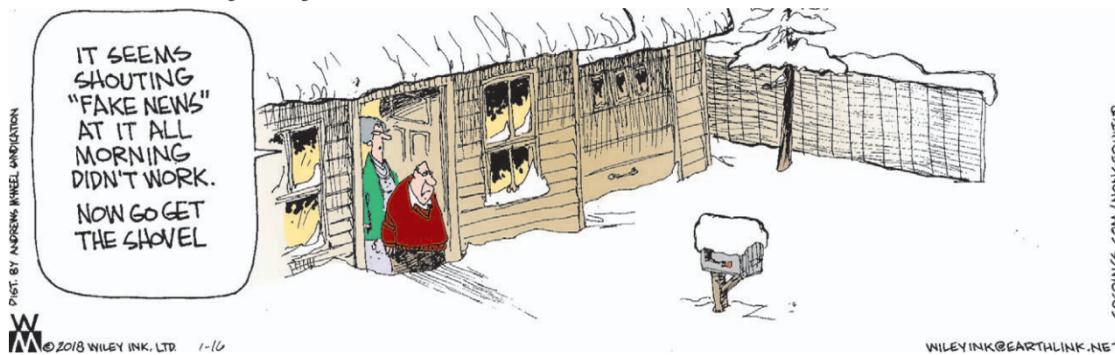
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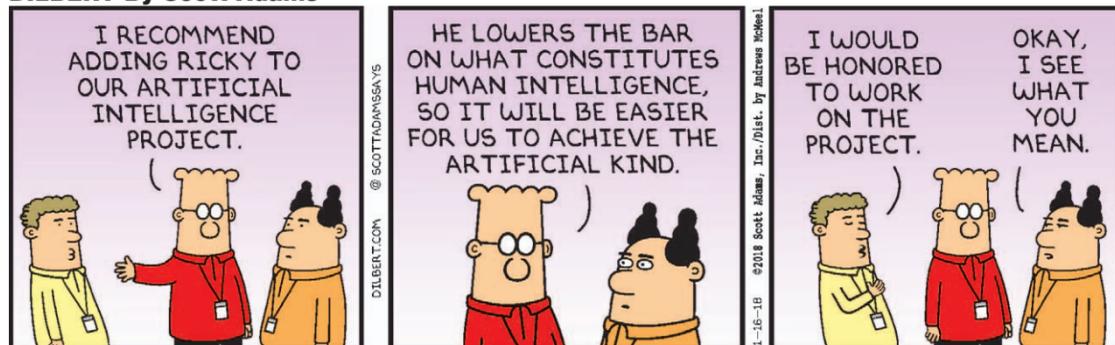
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DILBERT By Scott Adams



A different way to help

Dear Readers: For many years, I've written about a wonderful program from St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The children would take the fronts of recycled greeting cards and make new cards that were sold in the gift shop as well as online.



Hints from Heloise

Sadly, this program has concluded. Sales have declined, St. Jude's isn't able to staff the program, and the children are developing different, newer, updated skills at the ranch.

However, there are still ways that you can help; St. Jude's is always accepting monetary donations. Here's how your dollars help: a \$50 donation will buy a brand-new coat for a child, and \$100 will pay for an ice-skating party. A mere \$25 will fulfill a wish-list item for a child for a birthday or holiday.

Visit www.stjudesranch.org for more information, or you can call 702-294-7142 to speak to a representative from St. Jude's Ranch for Children. — Heloise

P.S. If there is a group that has use for these

cards, please let me know so I can pass on the information to my readers.

General cleaner

Dear Heloise: I'm looking to save money on household cleaners. Didn't you have a classic formula for a safe and cheap all-purpose cleaner? — Ron E. in Pennsylvania

Ron, sure do! Here are the "ingredients": ½ cup household ammonia, ½ cup rubbing alcohol, and 1 teaspoon dishwashing liquid. Combine them with enough water to make 1 gallon total. This mixture is safe to use on most surfaces, but do wear gloves, and never add bleach or any product containing bleach to this formula. — Heloise

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

GOREN BRIDGE

WITH BOB JONES

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NOT SO EASY

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
 ♠ A 10 6 3
 ♥ J 10 7 4
 ♦ A 5 3
 ♣ 6 4

WEST
 ♠ K 7 4
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ J 10 9
 ♣ A K 10 7 3

EAST
 ♠ J 9 8 2
 ♥ A 8
 ♦ K 6
 ♣ Q J 9 5 2

SOUTH
 ♠ Q 5
 ♥ K Q 5 3 2
 ♦ Q 8 7 4 2
 ♣ 8

The bidding:
SOUTH 2♥* **WEST** Pass **NORTH** 4♥ **EAST** All pass
 *5 hearts plus a 5-card minor, 5-10 high-card points

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

The Russian North-South pair in today's deal were using a bidding gadget rarely seen in the USA, though it is popular in other parts of the world. The gadget propelled them into a poor game contract that appeared to have four certain losers, one in every suit. The defense, however, had a difficult time taking their four tricks.

Not sure of the club position, West continued with the "safe" king of clubs at trick two. That proved to be fatal for the defense. South ruffed in his hand and led a low heart to dummy's jack. East won with his ace and returned his remaining heart. This drew the last outstanding trump as declarer won with the king. A diamond to the ace and another diamond put East back on lead. A club from East would yield a ruff-sluff, so East led a low spade. Declarer guessed this correctly by playing low from his hand and that was the end of the defense's potential spade trick.

The defense would have had a better chance if West had shifted to a diamond at trick two. Declarer's best play is to rise with dummy's ace of diamonds and lead the jack of hearts, trying to look like a man who is taking a finesse. The defense will prevail if East rises with the ace of hearts and cashes the king of diamonds. Should East duck his ace of hearts, South can ruff a club and exit with a low heart to East's ace, forcing East to give the contract regardless of what he chooses to play next.

(Bob Jones welcomes readers' responses sent in care of this paper or e-mail at tcaeditors@tribpub.com)

7 LITTLE WORDS

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

CLUES

SOLUTIONS

- 1 like the Santa Monica Pier (9) _____
- 2 tome on your tablet (5) _____
- 3 like charity work (9) _____
- 4 related to eye health (10) _____
- 5 curly-haired actor John C. (6) _____
- 6 quilt of odd-shaped blocks (5) _____
- 7 way to cut fuel costs (9) _____

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Monday's Answers: 1. CROCHETING 2. WALLOPS 3. TEEN 4. GROVE 5. YEARLING 6. KAYAKING 7. DOYLE

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JUMBLE

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

TINAG

KREOB

KNIYNS

POTTIE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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

Yesterday's Jumbles: TWINE FOGGY JOVIAL RAFFLE
 Answer: The farmer took a photo of his wheat field with an old camera, but the photo was — **GRAINY**

BORN LOSER By Art and Chip Sansom

by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



BLONDIE By Dean Young and John Marshall



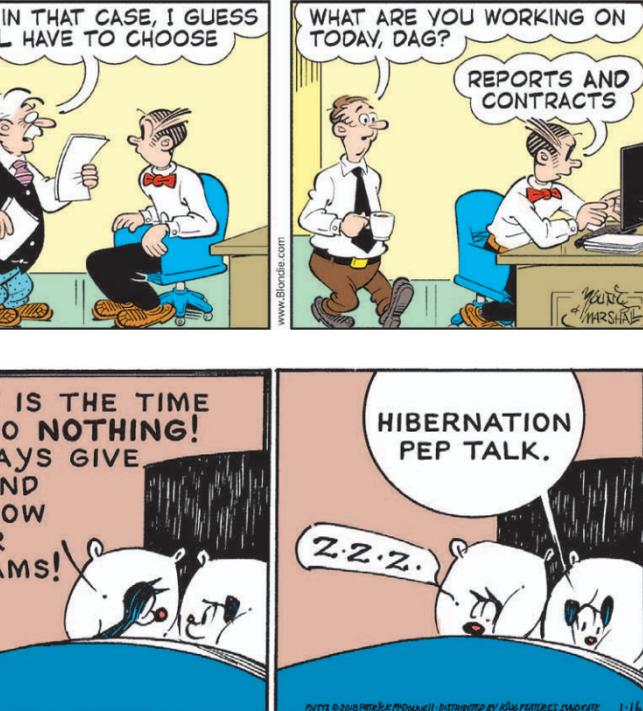
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RULES

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

PREVIOUS ANSWERS

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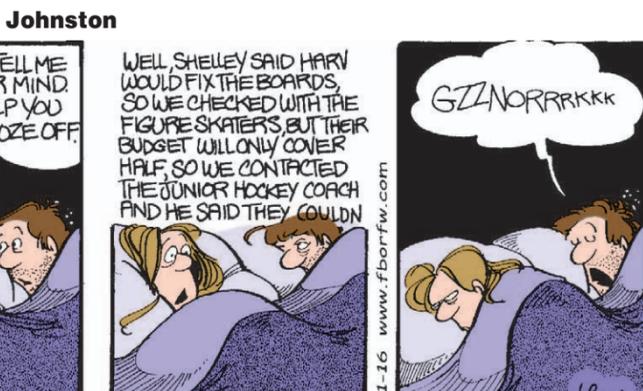
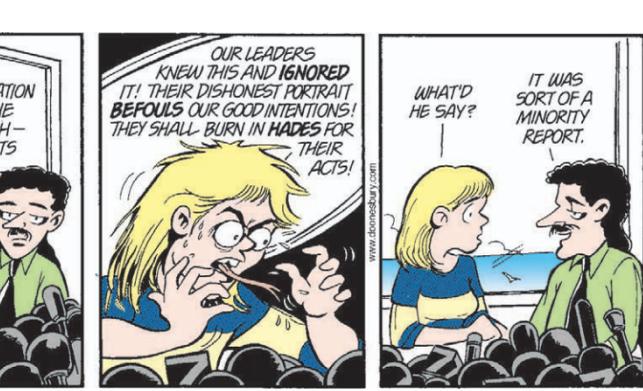
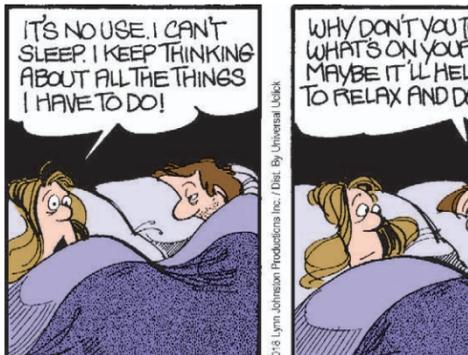
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Arizona police arrest 80-year-old man in armed bank robbery

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Police in Arizona have arrested an 80-year-old man they say robbed a credit union at gunpoint.



KREBS

Tucson police said Sunday that a tip led to the arrest of Robert Francis Krebs after authorities circulated surveillance photos of him entering the Pyramid Credit Union and at a teller's window. They say Krebs had a handgun, demanded money from the teller and was given cash before running out of the bank.

Police released the photos after Friday's robbery. A local hotel clerk called police Saturday to report a man that looked like the one in the photos had tried to cash a check.

Police began checking nearby hotels and located Krebs. He was booked into jail on two counts of armed robbery.

It's unclear if he has an attorney.

Army vet sues VA over scalpel left in body after surgery

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — An Army veteran who says someone left a scalpel inside him after surgery is suing a veterans affairs hospital.

Bridgeport resident Glenford Turner says the scalpel was only discovered years later, after he suffered from long-term abdominal pain. He sued the VA in U.S. District Court last week, seeking unspecified compensatory damages.

Court papers say Turner had surgery at the VA hospital in West Haven in 2013. Nearly four years later, he went back to the VA with dizziness and severe abdominal pain. An X-Ray showed there was a scalpel inside his body.

Turner had to undergo surgery to remove the scalpel. His lawyer, Joel Faxon, said doctors confirmed it was the same one. Faxon called it "an incomprehensible level of incompetence."

The VA said Monday it doesn't typically comment on pending litigation.

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, a Connecticut Democrat, said he was appalled and stunned by the "egregious medical malpractice case."

"I have asked for a detailed explanation from VA of this deeply troubling report," he said in a statement. "I am demanding also full accountability so this kind of horrific negligence never happens again."



AP IMAGE

This X-ray image provided by the attorney for Glenford Turner, of Bridgeport, Ct., shows a scalpel that Turner claims was left inside him after undergoing surgery in 2013 at a Veterans Administration hospital in Connecticut.

Intel underfoot: Floor sensors rise as retail data source

By IVAN MORENO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — The next phase in data collection is right under your feet.

Online clicks give retailers valuable insight into consumer behavior, but what can they learn from footsteps? It's a question Milwaukee-based startup Scanalytics is helping businesses explore with floor sensors that track people's movements.

The sensors can also be used in office buildings to reduce energy costs and in nursing homes to determine when someone falls. But retailers make up the majority of Scanalytics' customers, highlighting one of several efforts brick-and-mortar stores are undertaking to better understand consumer habits and catch up with e-commerce giant Amazon.

Physical stores have been at a disadvantage because they "don't have that granular level of understanding as to where users are entering, what they're doing, what shelves are not doing well, which aisles are not being visited," said Brian Sathianathan, co-founder of Iterate.ai, a small Denver-based company that helps businesses find and test technologies from startups worldwide.

But it's become easier for stores to track customers in recent years. With Wi-Fi — among the earliest available options — businesses can follow people when they connect to a store's internet. One drawback is that not everyone logs on so the sample size is smaller. Another is that it's not possible to tell whether someone is inches or feet away from a product.



AP PHOTO

In this photo taken Dec. 5, Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin holds a smart floor sensor his company creates that track people's movements in Milwaukee.

Sunglass Hut and fragrance maker Jo Malone use laser and motion sensors to tell when a product is picked up but not bought, and make recommendations for similar items on an interactive display. Companies such as Toronto-based Vendlytics and San Francisco-based Prism use artificial intelligence with video cameras to analyze body motions. That can allow stores to deliver customized coupons to shoppers in real time on a digital shelf or on their cellphones, said Jon Nordmark, CEO of Iterate.ai.

With Scanalytics, Nordmark said, "to have (the sensors) be super useful for someone like a retailer, they may need to power other types of things," like sending coupons to customers.

Scanalytics co-founder and CEO Joe Scanlin said that's what his floor sensors are designed to do.

For instance, the sensors read a customer's unique foot compressions to track that person's path to a digital display and how long the person stand in front of it before walking away, he said. Based on data collected over time, the floor sensors can tell a retailer the best time to offer a coupon or change the display before the customer loses interest.

"Something that in the moment will increase their propensity to purchase a product," said Scanlin, 29, who started developing the paper-thin sensors that are 2-square feet as a student at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in 2012. He employs about 20 people.

Wisconsin-based bicycle retailer Wheel and Sprocket uses Scanalytics' sensors — which can be tucked under utility mats — to count the number of customers entering each of its eight stores to

help schedule staff.

"That's our biggest variable expense," said co-owner Noel Kegel. "That sort of makes or breaks our profitability."

Kegel wants to eventually have sensors in more areas throughout his stores to measure where customers spend most of their time and what products are popular, but he said it's too expensive right now.

The cost of having the sensors ranges from \$20 to \$1,000 per month, depending on square footage and add-on applications to analyze data or interact with digital signs, Scanlin said. He said he's working with 150 customers in the U.S. and other countries and estimates that about 60 percent are retailers.

The emergence of tracking technologies is bound to raise concerns about privacy and surveillance. But Scanlin noted his sensors don't collect personally identifying information.

Jeffrey Lenon, 47, who was recently shopping at the Shops of Grand Avenue mall in Milwaukee, said he wasn't bothered by the idea of stores tracking foot traffic and buying habits.

"If that's helping the retailer as far as tracking what sells and what no, I think it's a good idea," Lenon said.

These technologies have not become ubiquitous in the U.S. yet, but it's only a matter of time, said Ghose Anindya, a business professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

"In a couple of years this kind of conversation will be like part and parcel of everyday life. But I don't think we're there yet," he said.

Dems aim for, and GOP worries about, midterm election wave

By KEVIN FREKING and BILL BARROW
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Buoyed by a string of Republican retirements and President Donald Trump's persistently low approval rating, Democrats are increasingly hopeful about their chances for a midterm election wave that would give them control of the House and deliver a blow to the president.

The number of Republicans bowing out rather than bearing down for tough races is the latest worrisome sign for the GOP. Combine that with Trump's ability to unite Democrats in opposition and historical headwinds, and some Democrats are optimistic.

"We don't have an Obama figure energizing us; we have Trump energizing us," said Democratic Rep. Gerald Connolly of Virginia, as he described standing-room-only gatherings at local Democratic events. "Who is the D? Show me who the D is, so I can vote for them," he said of voter sentiments. "I think it's shaping up into that kind of election."

Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, who is leading Democrats' House campaign effort, said there is a "clear path to a majority," something he said he never saw in 2016.

Indeed, Trump's job approval rating — a key indicator in midterm elections — lags below 40 percent in most polls, and marks for Congress are half that. Since Trump's inauguration, Democrats have won state legislative elections across the country, reclaimed the Virginia governor's seat by a surprising 9-percentage-point margin and managed an upset Senate victory in GOP-dominated Alabama, albeit with the help of a Republican nominee accused of sexual misconduct with teenage girls.

The next test is in Pennsylvania, where a March special election to replace Republican Rep. Tim Murphy, who resigned amid allegations he asked a woman he was having an affair with to get an abortion, will become another test of momentum. Trump is expected to campaign for the Republican candidate, state Rep. Rick Saccone.

Even House Speaker Paul Ryan concedes that his party may have

to "buck history" for him to keep his job, though he maintains that voters will reward Republicans after their sweeping tax cuts. "The reason I feel confident and comfortable is because we ran on a set of ideas and policies, we're now executing those ideas and policies, and the results are proving themselves," Ryan said Friday in Wisconsin.

Nonetheless, the environment has contributed to a steady stream of Republican retirements. This week, Ed Royce and Darrell Issa of California, two of the more vulnerable GOP members, announced they would not run again. Altogether, 31 House Republicans have announced their retirements so far, ahead of a typical election-year pace and giving rise to comparisons with 1994, 2006 and 2010, the last three times that voters flipped control of the chamber.

Ohio Rep. Steve Stivers, who heads the GOP's House campaign operation, says he believes the retirement run is near its end, but he and other Republicans concede that the later the retirements, the harder it is for candidates to step in and build the campaigns necessary to win.

National Democrats, meanwhile, are targeting 91 House districts — a list that covers nearly all the GOP vacancies — and they say they have "viable" candidates in 87 of those districts.

Since World War II, the president's party has never gained seats when the president's job approval rating is below 50 percent, a threshold Trump has yet to reach. Gallup polling of the presidents' approval rating in the week before midterm elections offers some guidance.

Barack Obama watched Democrats lose 63 seats in 2010 with a 45 percent rating; Bill Clinton lost 53 seats at 46 percent in 1994; and Ronald Reagan lost 28 seats at 42 percent in 1982. Jimmy Carter managed the narrowest losses in 1978, losing 11 seats with a 49 percent approval rating.

"The real question is how many seats the president's party loses," Ayres said, and whether Ryan can "limit the damage."

Republicans find comfort in district lines that GOP-run legislatures drew after 2010. The boundaries dilute Democratic voting strength by concentrating



AP PHOTO

In this Dec. 22, 2017, file photo, the U.S. Capitol in the early morning in Washington. Buoyed by a string of Republican retirements and President Donald Trump's persistently low approval rating, Democrats are increasingly hopeful about their chances for a midterm election wave that would give them control of the House and could deliver a shattering blow to the president.

the party's most reliable voters in fewer districts. Those advantages explain part of the GOP's current 24-seat margin in the 435-representative chamber.

"Our districts got drawn in a way where, yeah, there's 20 or 30 competitive seats out there, always will be, but most of them are pretty hard to flip," said Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., who oversaw GOP efforts in House races in the previous two election cycles.

But even partisan boundaries might not withstand a genuine wave election. Democrats are leading by double digits in many "generic ballot" polls, which ask voters whether they prefer a Democratic or a Republican congressional candidate. Pollsters say such a national generic ballot lead is likely enough to overcome GOP advantages from gerrymandering.

Democratic momentum showed up throughout 2017, even in four House special elections to replace Trump executive branch appointees in GOP strongholds. Republicans swept the four, but Democrats managed double-digit swings from the November 2016 results in each instance.

"For years, you've seen independents in red states and swing states acting more like Republicans," said Democratic pollster Zac McCrary. "That trend is reversing."

Democrats' richest targets are the 23 GOP-held districts where Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton outpaced

Trump. Most of those are in suburban areas, including several in states where Democrats believe they can capitalize on new tax provisions that cap filers' deductions for state and local property taxes at \$10,000.

Issa and Royce represent such districts, as do many incumbent Republicans in California, Illinois, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

Several of those districts are among the ones that Ryan's outside political operation is working to defend. The Congressional Leadership Fund, an independent political action committee, has opened field offices in 27 GOP-held districts so far. The group has set a fundraising goal of at least \$100 million for the cycle, more than either the Democrats' or Republicans' official House campaign committees raised during the first 11 months of 2017.

Rep. Leonard Lance, R-N.J., represents one such district where the group has set up shop. Lance has seven Democrats vying to challenge him. Clinton carried the district by about 3,800 votes. Lance won his fifth term in 2016 by 38,000. "I like that extra zero," he said.

Democrats are "running against President Trump," Lance said while emphasizing his votes against the GOP's final effort to repeal "Obamacare" — though he's voted for repeal before — and his opposition to the new tax law. "I vote my conscience here," Lance said, "and I will be judged based upon my vote."



WEST COAST SWING
The Giants found the outfielder they were looking for this winter, acquiring Andrew McCutchen from Pittsburgh on Monday to fill a key void. **Page 3**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Duke 83, Miami 75

Trent helps Duke rally past Miami

By **STEVEN WINE**
Associated Press

CORAL GABLES — Gary Trent Jr. scored a season-high 30 points and No. 5-ranked Duke needed less than three minutes to erase a 13-point second-half deficit, scoring 18 consecutive points to overtake No. 25 Miami 83-75 on Monday night. The Blue Devils scored 15 points in only six possessions to rally, and the comeback included a trio

of 3-pointers by Trent. He shot 9 for 14, including 6 for 9 from beyond the arc. Duke (16-2, 4-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) extended its winning streak against ranked teams to seven games, including four this season. Miami (13-4, 2-3) lost at home for the first time this season. Marvin Bagley III had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Blue Devils, who shot 55 percent and won despite tying a season

high with 19 turnovers. They committed none in the final 10 minutes as they rallied. The sellout crowd included 37 NBA scouts, Miami Heat owner Micky Arison, Alex Rodriguez and Jennifer Lopez. It also included Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, back on the bench after missing Saturday's 89-71 victory over Wake Forest because of a virus. Krzyzewski's sport coat came off when the Hurricanes forced three

turnovers during a 16-0 run that put them up 56-44. Duke went nearly eight minutes without a point, and Bagley missed four free throws during the drought. Lonnie Walker IV finished with 19 points for Miami. Dewan Huell added 18 points and 13 rebounds, but standout Miami guard Bruce Brown was held scoreless for the first 18 minutes and finished with seven points.



Duke's Grayson Allen, left, and Miami's Ebuka Izundu go for the ball during the first half Monday in Coral Gables. **AP PHOTO**

SEE MIAMI, 6

NFL: Jaguars

Confident approach



Jaguar fan John Taylor holds his player signed Win sign as he waits in the stands for the Jaguars return to Jacksonville as another fan holds a Blake Bortles big head behind him. Fans gathered at EverBank Field in Jacksonville to celebrate the return of the Jacksonville Jaguars after their 45-42 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday. **AP PHOTO**

Jaguars' Ramsey tells fans 'we're going to Super Bowl'

By **MARK LONG**
Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE — All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey did pretty much the same thing that upset his Jacksonville Jaguars teammates last week. He started looking ahead. Ramsey told thousands of fans awaiting the team's return from Pittsburgh late Sunday that the Jaguars "are going to the Super Bowl and we are going to win that (expletive)." Jacksonville (12-6), of course, has the AFC championship

game at New England remaining before even getting to the Super Bowl. The small-market franchise is winless in seven games in Foxborough, Massachusetts, and 1-10 all-time against the Patriots (14-3). Ramsey's comments surely will find their way north. "You come back and you've got all the fans here and things of that nature," Jaguars coach Doug Marrone said. "Obviously that's something that everybody, they want to do when you get close. Whether you have to say it or

not? The one thing I do know is the road to it always leads through New England. "Our focus isn't on anything else but the New England Patriots. It will be a great challenge for us obviously." The Jags took exception to the Steelers talking about facing the Patriots instead of them, and used it as motivation in a 45-42 victory Sunday. Nonetheless, they stood behind their outspoken and ultra-talented defender.

SEE JAGUARS, 4

NFL: Bucs

Search for backup QB becomes paramount amid Winston probe

By **RICK STROUD**
Tampa Bay Times

With the NFL investigating allegations against Jameis Winston that potentially could result in a suspension, the Bucs will need to address the backup quarterback position again this off-season. "That's another position I always want to do whatever we can to have a player there, especially in this situation," general manager Jason Licht said Monday. "Of course, it would be naïve to say we're not interested. If something should happen, we want to have the best player out there. We have some decisions to make there as well." Ryan Griffin, who has never taken a snap in a regular-season NFL game, is the only quarterback on the Bucs roster besides Winston.

However, veteran Ryan Fitzpatrick, who went 2-1 in relief of Winston in 2017, could be an option. At 36, Fitzpatrick said at the end of the season he was undecided whether to continue his career as an unrestricted free agent. Fitzpatrick completed 96 of 163 passes for 1,103 yards with seven touchdowns and three interceptions last season. Fitzpatrick also was a big supporter and calming voice for Winston. Licht was asked whether he believed Fitzpatrick plans to play again in 2018. "I think he does," Licht said. "He likes it here. We have nothing but positive experiences with him. On the field and in the locker room. He was good for Jameis. They had a great relationship. Fitz is a pro."

SEE BUCS, 2



Ryan Fitzpatrick could return to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in a backup role next season. **LOREN ELLIOTT | TIMES**

TENNIS: Australian Open

Kerber reaches 10 straight victories

By **JOHN PYE**
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Former champion Angelique Kerber continued her resurgent run with a 6-0, 6-4 win over fellow German Anna-Lena Friedsam to reach the second round of the Australian Open. Kerber set through the first set in 17 minutes Tuesday but had her struggles in the second and was broken twice before converting her second match point and extending her streak to 10 consecutive wins.



Germany's Angelique Kerber reaches for a return to compatriot Anna-Lena Friedsam during their first round match at the Australian Open Tuesday in Melbourne, Australia. **AP PHOTO**

She opened the year by winning four singles matches at the Hopman Cup, where Germany lost the final to Switzerland, and won the Sydney International last week for her first title since the

2016 U.S. Open. Kerber made her major breakthrough two years ago in Australia, where she beat Serena Williams in the final, and went on to reach the Wimbledon final and win the U.S. Open in a year when she rose to No. 1. Her ranking slid into the 20s in 2017, but she's coming back into the kind of form which makes her a title contender at Melbourne Park. She and Maria Sharapova are the only former Australian Open champions in the women's draw.

SEE TENNIS, 3

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: BC 81, FSU 75

Bowman leads Boston College past Seminoles

By **KEN POWTAK**
Associated Press

BOSTON — Ky Bowman scored 19 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Jerome Robinson also had 19 points and Boston College beat Florida State 81-75 on Monday night. Nik Popovic and Jordan Chatman each added 14 points and Steffon Mitchell had 13 with nine boards for the Eagles (13-6, 3-3 Atlantic Coast Conference). Terance Mann scored 21 points, CJ Walker 19

and Braian Angola 17 for Florida State (13-5, 2-4). The Seminoles lost for the third time in four games. They had won their last six meetings against BC. The Eagles led by 16 at halftime and pushed it to 21 early in the second half. Switching to zone midway into the opening half, the Eagles' defense flustered the Seminoles, causing rushed shots from the outside and many contested misses in the lane.

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| Jan. 15N | 1-4 |
| Jan. 15D | 4-0 |
| Jan. 14N | 9-6 |
| Jan. 14D | 0-5 |
| Jan. 13N | 0-7 |
| Jan. 13D | 7-4 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

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| Jan. 15N | 3-4-5 |
| Jan. 15D | 0-9-8 |
| Jan. 14N | 4-0-4 |
| Jan. 14D | 3-6-9 |
| Jan. 13N | 0-5-1 |
| Jan. 13D | 2-4-1 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

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| Jan. 15N | 3-1-7-3 |
| Jan. 15D | 2-3-9-7 |
| Jan. 14N | 9-3-7-2 |
| Jan. 14D | 2-1-6-1 |
| Jan. 13N | 4-6-9-2 |
| Jan. 13D | 5-9-6-6 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

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| Jan. 15N | 6-1-4-7-1 |
| Jan. 15D | 9-8-2-8-1 |
| Jan. 14N | 6-3-3-4-1 |
| Jan. 14D | 8-6-9-8-3 |
| Jan. 13N | 7-2-7-1-9 |
| Jan. 13D | 9-8-2-7-4 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

FANTASY 5

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| Jan. 15 | 6-12-24-27-28 |
| Jan. 14 | 17-23-27-28-34 |
| Jan. 13 | 19-16-14-11-32 |

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| PAYOFF FOR Jan. 15 | |
| 0.....5-digit winners..... | \$0 |
| 283..4-digit winners | \$555.00 |
| 8,897..3-digit winners | \$17.50 |

CASH FOR LIFE

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| Jan. 15 | 12-25-31-33-58 |
| Cash Ball | 4 |
| Jan. 11 | 18-22-23-41-53 |
| Cash Ball | 1 |

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| PAYOFF FOR Jan. 11 | |
| 0.....5-of-5 CB..... | \$1,000/Day |
| 0.....5-of-5..... | \$1,000/Week |
| 5.....4-of-5 CB..... | \$2,500 |
| 5.....4-of-5..... | \$500 |

LUCKY MONEY

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| Jan. 12 | 10-29-31-35 |
| Lucky Ball | 5 |
| Jan. 9 | 11-29-32-47 |
| Lucky Ball | 16 |

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| 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 |

POWERBALL

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| Jan. 13 | 27-8-1-22-50-24 |
| Jan. 10 | 5-19-20-24-27-51 |
| Jan. 6 | 11-28-30-33-36-49 |

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| PAYOFF FOR Jan. 13 | |
| 0.6-digit winners | \$3.0 million |
| 14..5-digit winners | \$6,211.50 |
| 1,206..4-digit winners | \$64.50 |

MEGA MILLIONS

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| Jan. 13 | 14-25-35-58-69 |
| Powerball | 24 |
| Jan. 10 | 7-24-33-49-50 |
| Powerball | 4 |

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| PAYOFF FOR Jan. 13 | |
| 0.....5 of 5 + PB | \$50 Million |
| 0.....5 of 5 | \$1 million |
| 1.....4 of 5 + PB | \$50,000 |
| 22.....4 of 5 | \$100 |
| ESTIMATED JACKPOT | |
| \$62 million | |

MEGA MILLIONS

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| Jan. 12 | 17-18-33-46-60 |
| Mega Ball | 24 |
| Jan. 9 | 16-29-31-65-67 |
| Mega Ball | 23 |

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| PAYOFF FOR Jan. 12 | |
| 0.....5 of 5 + MB | \$40 Million |
| 0.....5 of 5 | \$1 Million |
| 0.....4 of 5 + MB | \$10,000 |
| 20.....4 of 5 | \$500 |
| ESTIMATED JACKPOT | |
| \$45 million | |

SPORTS ON TV**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

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| 7 p.m. | CBSSN — Cincinnati at UCF |
| | ESPN — Wisconsin at Purdue |
| | ESPN2 — Louisville at Notre Dame |
| | ESPNU — Georgia at LSU |
| | SEC — Vanderbilt at Mississippi St. |
| 9 p.m. | CBSSN — UConn at Memphis |
| | ESPN — Kentucky at South Carolina |
| | ESPNU — Oklahoma at Kansas St. |
| | SEC — Mississippi at Texas A&M |
| GOLF | |
| 1:30 p.m. | GOLF — Web.com Tour, Bahamas Great Exuma Classic, final round, at Great Exuma, Bahamas |
| NBA BASKETBALL | |
| 7:30 p.m. | NBA — New Orleans at |

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| Boston | 10 p.m. |
| NBA — Phoenix at Portland | |
| NHL HOCKEY | |
| 7 p.m. | NBCSN — Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers |
| SOCCER | |
| 2:30 p.m. | FS2 — FA Cup, Third round, Leicester City vs. Fleetwood Town |
| TENNIS | |
| 9 p.m. | ESPN2 — Australian Open, second round, at Melbourne, Australia |
| 3 a.m. (Wednesday) | ESPN2 — Australian Open, second round, at Melbourne, Australia |
| WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL | |
| 7 p.m. | BTN — Michigan at Ohio St. |
| 9 p.m. | BTN — Michigan St. at Illinois |

BUCS

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The NFL is investigating an allegation by a female Uber driver in Arizona that Winston groped her during a ride in March of 2016. Winston has denied the allegation and Eagles cornerback Ronald Darby, who says he was riding in the backseat with the

Bucs quarterback, insists nothing occurred. But NFL probes often last until training camp and the Bucs have to be covered just in case Winston is found to be in violation of the league's broad personal conduct policy. Even so, expect the Bucs to cast a wide net before deciding on the backup for Winston in 2018.

NBA: Bulls 119, Heat 111

LaVine nets 18 points, Bulls end Miami's 7-game win streak

By MATT SCHOCH
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Zach LaVine is making the most of his limited minutes.

The guard scored 18 points in his second game with Chicago as the Bulls ended the Miami Heat's seven-game winning streak with a 119-111 victory Monday.

"I'm still a little tired, a little winded, but I feel good," LaVine said. "It goes by really quick, I look up and like, man it's

already seven minutes, but I try to make the most of the 20 minutes, and I think I'm doing a good job so far."

Justin Holiday made a career-best seven 3s and scored 25 points for the Bulls, who have won three straight and 14 of their last 21.

LaVine tore an ACL last season with Minnesota and was traded in a package for Jimmy Butler in the offseason. He scored 14 points in his Bulls debut Saturday against Detroit.

NHL ROUNDUP

Seguin scores in OT to lead Stars to victory over Bruins

Associated Press

Tyler Seguin made a move at the left circle to get past one defender, then skated into the slot as the other two Bruins went to the ice.

He swooped wide to Anton Khudobin's glove side, inducing the goalie to leave his skates as well, and then flipped the puck into the net for the game-winner.

"I feel like everyone was just sliding at me, and the whole time I wanted to pass," Seguin said after his goal with a delayed penalty man-advantage gave the Dallas Stars a 3-2 victory over Boston on Monday.

"I was just kind of looking for the right play and just kept holding it," the former Bruins first-round draft pick said. "I just kind of shot it, and luckily, it went in."

Stephen Johns and Alexander Radulov also scored for Dallas, and Kari Lehtonen stopped 30 shots.

Khudobin made 29 saves. Zdeno Chara and Ryan Spooner scored as Boston rallied from a 2-0 deficit to send the game into overtime and earn a point for the 13th consecutive game.

The Bruins have not lost in regulation since Dec. 14.



AP PHOTO

Dallas Stars right wing Alexander Radulov (47), of Russia, and center Tyler Seguin (91) celebrate after Seguin scored the game-winning goal in overtime in an NHL game against the Boston Bruins on Monday in Boston. The Stars won 3-2.

"It's not easy to get a point in this league," forward Patrice Bergeron said. "So you take the points. And the character we've shown, that's a positive."

Chara scored in the second period and Spooner tied it midway through the third. It was still 2-2 with about three minutes left in the 3-on-3 overtime when Boston's Matt Grzelcyk took down Stars defenseman John Klingberg with a two-handed shove behind the Dallas net.

The referee signaled for a delayed penalty, the Stars pulled Lehtonen for an extra skater and they spent the next minute holding the puck, knowing they could maintain a 4-on-3

advantage the rest of the way.

With 2:01 left, Seguin skated across the middle and beat Khudobin with the game-winner. Fans immediately began filing out, but those who remained gave an extra "Boo!" when his name was announced as the game-winner.

Seguin said he didn't notice the reaction "but I'm sure I'll see it on Twitter later on."

AVALANCHE 3, DUCKS 1:

Nathan MacKinnon kept up his torrid home scoring with a goal, Jonathan Bernier stopped 33 shots and the Colorado Avalanche beat the Anaheim Ducks for their seventh straight win. Matt Nieto and Colin Wilson also scored for the Avs, who

are outscoring opponents 29-0 during their longest win streak since the 2005-06 season. MacKinnon leads the league in scoring on home ice this season with 41 points (15 goals and 26 assists) in 24 games. Bernier has been sensational since stepping in with Semyon Varlamov sidelined by a lower-body injury. Bernier came up big midway through the second period when he reached out with his stick to thwart Ryan Kesler. That set up a rush the other way, with MacKinnon scoring on a wrist shot past Ryan Miller.

SHARKS 4, KINGS 1: Chris Tierney had a goal and an assist, and Martin Jones made 35 saves in the San Jose Sharks' third straight victory over the rival Los Angeles Kings. Barclay Goodrow and Mikkel Boedker ended lengthy goal droughts for the Sharks, who built a three-goal lead during another strong game by Jones against his former Los Angeles teammates. Dylan DeMelo returned from a three-game injury absence with two assists for his second career multipoint game. Joonas Donskoi also had two assists, and Joe Thornton added an empty-net goal. Trevor Lewis ended Jones' shutout bid with 7:18 to play, but the Kings lost their fourth straight.

NBA ROUNDUP

Schroder, Ilyasova pace Hawks past Spurs

Associated Press

Dennis Schroder scored 26 points, Ersan Ilyasova added 20 and the Atlanta Hawks held off the San Antonio Spurs in the closing seconds to win 102-99 on Monday.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 25 points and 11 rebounds for San Antonio, which dropped to 10-14 on the road.

The Hawks (11-31), who came in with the NBA's worst record and had lost five of six, never trailed after John Collins' tip-in made it 78-76 with 9:23 remaining.

Danny Green's 3-pointer with 31 seconds left cut the lead to one, but Schroder answered by dribbling down the shot clock and hitting a layup to put Atlanta up by three with 10 seconds left.

KNICKS 119, NETS 104:

Kristaps Porzingis had 26 points and nine rebounds, Michael Beasley added 23 points and 10 boards, and the New York Knicks opened their longest road trip in nearly 30 years



AP PHOTO

Atlanta Hawks guard Dennis Schroder (17) is mobbed by fans as he leaves the court following their 102-99 win over the San Antonio Spurs on Monday in Atlanta.

by beating the Brooklyn Nets. A day after blowing a 19-point lead in the third quarter of a loss to New Orleans, the Knicks lost most of a 14-point advantage heading to the fourth. But they opened the period with 11 straight points and went on to beat the Nets comfortably for the third time this season.

HORNETS 118, PISTONS 107:

Kemba Walker scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half, and the Charlotte Hornets pulled away in the fourth quarter of a win over the Detroit Pistons. Dwight Howard had 21 points and 17 rebounds for the Hornets,

who trailed 56-50 at half-time before dominating the final two quarters. A 10-0 run in the fourth put Charlotte ahead 106-88, and although Detroit answered with nine quick points, the Hornets were never in much danger of losing down the stretch. Andre Drummond of the Pistons had only three points and 10 rebounds, and his day was summed up late in the fourth when he went up for a powerful, one-handed dunk — only to have Howard easily swat the ball away. Tobias Harris scored 20 points for Detroit despite foul trouble. The Pistons shot 15 of 29 from 3-point range.

76ERS 117, RAPTORS 111: Joel Embiid had 34 points and 11 rebounds and the Philadelphia 76ers narrowly avoided blowing another big lead in a victory over the cold-shooting Toronto Raptors. T.J. McConnell added a career-high 18 points and JJ Redick scored 15 before leaving with a left leg injury for the Sixers, who shook off Ben Simmons' foul trouble to win for the fifth time in six games.

BUCKS 104, WIZARDS 95:

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 27 points and grabbed a career-high 20 rebounds as the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Washington Wizards for the second time in 10 days with a victory. Like it was on Jan. 6, it was tight late before Antetokounmpo took over. He led Milwaukee on an 11-0 run in the final minutes and finished 9 of 23 from the field, dribbling out the clock to "M-V-P!" chants from Bucks fans in attendance for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day matinee in Washington. Eric Bledsoe had 23 points for the Bucks in out-dueling former University of Kentucky teammate John Wall, who led the Wizards with 27 points.



Chicago Bulls' Zach LaVine (left) drives against Miami Heat's Tyler Johnson (right) after recovering a loose ball Monday in Chicago.

AP PHOTO

MLB: Giants

Giants acquire OF Andrew McCutchen from Pirates

By JANIE MCCAULEY
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The Giants found the outfielder they were looking for this winter, acquiring Andrew McCutchen from Pittsburgh on Monday to fill a key void.

San Francisco parted with right-hander Kyle Crick, minor league outfielder Bryan Reynolds and \$500,000 in international signing bonus allocation. The Pirates also sent \$2.5 million to the Giants to cover part of McCutchen's \$14.75 million salary.

"It's no secret that we were looking to further add run production to our lineup," said Brian Sabean, Giants executive vice president of baseball operations. "Anytime you have the opportunity to bring aboard someone with such a track record, you have to jump on it."

The 31-year-old McCutchen, a former NL MVP and long the face of the Pirates' franchise, became the second star jettisoned by Pittsburgh in three days. Ace Gerrit Cole was traded to Houston on Saturday.

"Pittsburgh.My Home.



AP FILE PHOTO

Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen watches his RBI-single off Cincinnati Reds starting pitcher Sal Romano during the third inning of a baseball game in Pittsburgh.

My Fans.My City," McCutchen tweeted. "You will 4ever be in my heart."

McCutchen added: "Now...I'm a Giant! I've always enjoyed watching the success of the @SFGiants and I look forward to being apart of more this season. Can't wait to meet my new teammates and fans. This is just the beginning."

Pirates chairman Bob Nutting said the trade was "one of the most emotionally agonizing decisions that we have had to make in my tenure."

"Andrew helped create so many special memories both on and off the field for me, our organization

and our fans. He did so while always carrying himself with humility, dignity and grace," he said.

Pittsburgh ended a two-decade postseason drought in 2013 and made three straight playoff appearances before falling to 78-83 in 2016 and 75-87 last year.

"Making the right decision for the Pirates organization is at times difficult and, on rare occasions, painful," Pirates president Frank Coonely said. "No player was more disappointed than Andrew that we did not break through and win a World Series championship for the City of Pittsburgh."

MLB: Twins

Morneau to make retirement official with Twins sendoff

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Justin Morneau, the 2006 AL MVP and Minnesota Twins first baseman whose career was derailed by concussion symptoms, is retiring after 1,603 hits and 247 home runs in 14 major league seasons.

The Twins confirmed Morneau's retirement on Monday. They scheduled a news conference with Morneau and team officials for Wednesday.

Morneau didn't play in 2017. He appeared in 58 games for the Chicago White Sox in 2016.

After the Twins drafted the Canadian in

1999, Morneau became a four-time All-Star. His MVP-caliber performance in 2010 was halted by a knee to the head he took during a slide that cost him half of that season. He produced one more strong year, winning an NL batting title with the Colorado Rockies in 2014.

GOLF: Sony Open

Kizzire outlasts Hahn on 6th hole of Sony Open playoff

By DOUG FERGUSON
Associated Press

HONOLULU — Patton Kizzire figured he was in for a long day when his putting stroke wasn't up to his standards.

He just wasn't expecting the Sony Open to go this long.

The longest playoff in more than five years on the PGA Tour finally ended Sunday when Kizzire two-putted for par from just off the green on the par-3 17th hole, and James Hahn's 8-foot putt to keep it going caught the right edge of the lip and spun away.

"It wasn't pretty," Kizzire said. "I was able to

get it done."

Kizzire, who closed with a 2-under 68, became the first multiple winner on the PGA Tour this season. He went head-to-head with Rickie Fowler and beat him by one shot in the OHL Classic in Mexico last fall for his first PGA Tour title. He was in a four-man battle on the back nine at Waialae that was whittled down to Kizzire and Hahn, who closed with a 62 to match him at 17-under 273.

And the fun was just getting started.

Kizzire had to watch three times as Hahn had a putt to win, two of those putts from 6 feet and 10

feet on the par-5 18th hole. Kizzire had two putts to win, though both of them were in the 30-foot range.

"That playoff was quite a marathon," Kizzire said.

Hahn has won both his PGA Tour title in play-offs, at Riviera and Quail Hollow. Closing with a 62 to even have a chance was no consolation.

"I played good enough to win, but I didn't," he said. "So for me, no matter how many birdies I make, if I'm not coming out of the room with the trophy, it really feels like I was defeated out there. I had a putt to win it. I'm going to be playing that over and over and over again."

TENNIS

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"I'm just enjoying it on court again," Kerber said. "Something is going on with Australia and me. I love this country — I enjoy my stay, play my best tennis."

"The year starts good — I'm just hoping to continue this."

Kerber will celebrate her 30th birthday on Thursday, when she has a second-round match against either Nao Habino or Donna Vekic.

No. 9 Johanna Konta beat Madison Brengle 6-3, 6-1, handing the U.S. a 10th loss in 11 first-round women's matches.

The first-round upsets included Venus Williams, U.S. Open champion Sloane Stephens and CoCo Vandeweghe, a semifinalist here and at the U.S. Open last year.

"It's a testament to how many great first- and second-round matches we have," Konta said of the early upsets. "Shows how much depth we have in the women's game right now."

Konta will next meet Bernarda Pera, a lucky loser in the qualifying tournament who registered the second win by an American woman at the tournament when she beat Russian qualifier Anna Blinkova 6-2, 6-2.

No. 20 Barbora

Strycova's 6-1, 7-5 win over wild-card entry Kristie Ahn made it 2-12 for the U.S. women with two yet to play.

Former No. 1-ranked Karolina Pliskova, the 2016 U.S. Open finalist, opened with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Veronica Cepede Royg, No. 8 Caroline Garcia beat Carina Witthoft 7-5, 6-3 and No. 29 Lucie Safarova defeated Ajla Tomljanovic 7-5, 6-3.

Fernando Verdasco, a semifinalist here in 2009, had a 6-1, 7-5, 7-5 win over No. 20 and fellow Spaniard Roberto Bautista Agut.

Defending champion Roger Federer had a night match against Aljaz Bedene.

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New Pill Triggers All-Day Arousal in Men

Key ingredients stimulate the production of a molecule required to achieve firm, long lasting erections; clinical studies show users experience significant improvements in sex drive, erection quality, and performance.

By Ryan Steele
Mens Health News
Syndicate

MHNS, San Diego — Although drugs like Viagra®, Cialis® and Levitra® all promise harder erections, more stamina and a better sex drive, for the vast majority of men these promises never come true.

And that's because these drugs do not stimulate a man's desire or interest in sex!

But now Nobel Prize winning research has inspired the creation of a new kind of pill, created just for older men.

It's called Vesele® and its formula is designed to stimulate a man's body and his brain which studies show significantly improves sex drive and erection strength.

MADE FOR THE AGING MAN

According to experts, Vesele® is not a drug. It's something completely different.

And because Vesele does not require a prescription and is not sold in stores, the makers are doing everything they can to keep up with the demand.

"Orders are coming in so fast we may have to start a waiting list." reports the head of fulfillment at Innovus Pharma Laboratories, the makers of Vesele®.

KEEPS YOU AROUSED ALL DAY

Vesele is a pill that focuses on restoring blood flow, allowing it to work on both the brain and body.

It does this by stimulating the production of a key sex molecule known to dilate the small arteries in the penis that support a strong erection.

As men age, they lose their ability to create this critical molecule and their sex life suffers. Vesele contains the active ingredient which gets men producing it again!

And unlike other sex pills, this doctor formulated formula contains a patented ingredient called Bioperine® which has been shown in clinical studies to increase absorption of this miracle molecule by as much as 1544%.

This means your brain and your body receive more of this crucial sex compound resulting in harder, firmer, longer lasting erections.

STIMULATES DESIRE

Vesele® uses the same science found in drugs like Viagra® but then amplifies it four-fold.

And since it's natural there are no unwanted side effects, only a stronger desire, more



Enhances Sex Drive and Triggers Erections: Vesele is a 2-in-1 doctor formulated pill that stimulates a man's brain and body, resulting in significant improvements in every area of sexual health.

passion and a renewed interest in sex as well as rock hard erections that last.

THE SCIENCE BEHIND VESELE®

According to the *Journal of Vascular Research* changes in blood flow to and from the penis are thought to be the most frequent cause of male erectile dysfunction.

Vesele® combines two clinical strength, pharmaceutical grade circulation boosters into one easy to use pill. Research shows that they work by increasing the production of a key molecule in the male body, which triggers blood flow to the penis.

Studies on Vesele show that it can increase levels of this molecule by a staggering 95%, which is why so many users report stunning improvements in the quality of their erections.

Pills like Viagra® work in a similar way, but only focus on blood flow to the penis and not the brain, which is why man men never feel an improvement in sex drive like they do with Vesele.

IMPRESSIVE CLINICAL TRIALS

In a recent clinical study men between the ages of 45 to 65 were asked to take the main ingredient in Vesele® once a day. They were then instructed not to change the way they eat or exercise.

The results were truly amazing. Virtually every single man who took Vesele® reported a huge difference in their desire for sex. They were like teenagers again. They also reported experiencing harder erections that lasted for almost 20 minutes. The placebo group experienced no change.

In a separate double-blind study reported in The Journal of International Impotence Research, participants were given nutrients like those found in Vesele® and asked to record their sexual function/dysfunction in diaries. After just one month erectile function was restored to normal, and intercourse frequency doubled.

OVERWHELMING DEMAND

Because of the amazing results users are achieving and the fact that Vesele® doesn't require a prescription — men are reaching for it first before trying other more costly or dangerous alternatives.

"When the results came in, we knew we had something every aging man would want and need, said Dr. Damaj. Our phones ring non-stop daily with order requests, It's been really crazy. We know how important it is so we're doing everything in our power to meet the overwhelming demand for Vesele®."

VESELE® 2 PILLS IN 1

According to experts it takes more than just getting an erection to enjoy sex. That's because arousal and desire are key elements to the joy of sex. That's where drugs like Viagra® and Cialis® miss the boat. By stimulating just an erection without the passion or intensity the experience will be less enjoyable for you and your partner.

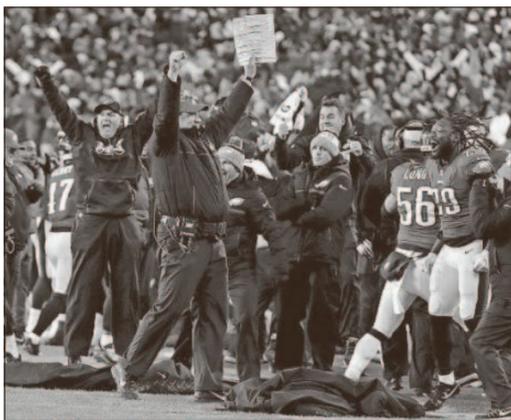
"As an expert in the development of sexual dysfunction, I've studied the effectiveness of Nitric Oxide on the body and the brain and I'm impressed by the way it increases desire as it increases penile blood flow. The result is evident in the creation of Vesele®", said Dr. Damaj.

HOW TO GET VESELE®

This is the first time we offered Vesele® to the public since its news release. In an effort to get Vesele® in the hands of as many men as possible, Innovus Pharma is offering one time discounts for first time buyers. A special hotline has been set up for readers in your area to take advantage of this limited offer. The Special TOLL-FREE Hotline number is 1-800-682-9544 and will be open 24-hours a day. If you miss out on our current product inventory you will have to wait until more becomes available, which could take 6 weeks or more. We advise you to call 1-800-682-9544 now.

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NFL: Eagles



AP PHOTO

Philadelphia Eagles coach Doug Pederson, center, celebrates a defensive stop on fourth down in the second half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the Atlanta Falcons in Philadelphia.

Home underdogs again, Eagles embrace their role

By **ROB MAADDI**
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — The dog masks aren't going anywhere.

The Philadelphia Eagles (14-3) are home underdogs again. Case Keenum and the Minnesota Vikings (14-3) opened the week as 3½-point favorites in the NFC championship game on Sunday.

That's just fine with the Eagles, who embraced their underdog role against sixth-seed Atlanta. Philadelphia was the first No. 1 seed in league history not favored to win its first playoff game.

After beating the Falcons 15-10, Pro Bowl right tackle Lane Johnson and veteran defensive end Chris Long mocked doubters by wearing German Shepherd dog masks as they walked off the field.

The dog masks have become a popular item in Philly since the players wore them Saturday night. The team announced fans can wear them on Sunday as long as they take them off during security check entering the stadium.

"To have a lot of people not having a lot of confidence in us and yet to find ways to win

just makes it that much more special for this group," coach Doug Pederson said Monday.

Expectations for the Eagles have dropped since Carson Wentz tore his ACL in Week 14. Nick Foles is 3-1 in his place with the only loss coming in Week 17 when the starters only played one quarter.

But the offense clearly isn't the same without Wentz, who is an MVP candidate after tossing 33 touchdown passes in 13 games.

"Since that point, no one has given us a chance," Pederson said. "Nobody has given us a chance. And I understand, Carson's a great player, but every week, our guys are hearing the same thing; that now we are all of a sudden not good enough. We're 13-3 and have the best record in football, we've got home-field advantage throughout.

"The guys are going to motivate themselves just based on what they have done and heard for the last month of football.

"Listen, it really doesn't matter what you guys talk about because that locker room in there is united and I'll go to bat for every one of those guys and I'll go to war with every one of those guys in that dressing room."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Georgia

Georgia Butkus Award winner Roquan Smith to enter NFL draft

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Linebacker Roquan Smith, the leader of a defense that led Georgia to the national championship game, is entering the NFL draft.

The decision announced Monday by Smith, the Butkus Award winner, was expected. He enjoyed a strong junior season, which boosted his draft status.

Smith was named a first-team All-American and the Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year by The Associated Press. He led Georgia with 137 tackles, 6½ sacks and 17 quarterback hurries. The 6-foot-1, 225-pound Smith was a game-changer with his speed and instincts and is seen as a possible first-round draft pick.

Despite his high draft status, Smith said in a statement released by Georgia that the

decision at his "crossroads" was not easy.

"I've had discussions with coaches and family and a lot of thought and prayer," Smith said. "The decision to leave is not easy but I know it is the right one."

Smith added, "Georgia will always be my school and my home."

Coach Kirby Smart said in a statement he expects "great success" for Smith in the NFL.

"The accolades he has received are a testimony to his ability as a player," Smart said. "But he has also demonstrated on and off the field the qualities of a great leader who has commanded the respect of all his teammates as well as our coaching and support staffs. As the head coach, it's been a privilege to see him develop as a student-athlete and inspirational leader who has made immeasurable contributions to our team and to the program we are building."

NFL: Titans

Titans fire coach Mike Mularkey after playoff win

By **TERESA M. WALKER**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans believe the potential reward from quarterback Marcus Mariota working with his third head coach in his fourth NFL season outweighs the risk of change.

Or sticking with the same coach.

So now the Titans are looking for a new coach to replace Mike Mularkey and build off the franchise's first playoff win in 14 years to make them a true NFL contender.

"There's nothing more that I want for our fans than to bring a championship here," general manager Jon Robinson said Monday afternoon. "I feel like it's my charge to put the team in the best position to do that."

The Titans fired Mike Mularkey on Monday, less than 48 hours after a 35-14 loss to New England in the AFC divisional round. Mularkey revived a team with the NFL's worst record over two seasons and led them to their first playoff victory in 14 years only to become the first coach let go after winning a playoff game since San Francisco fired Steve Mariucci after the 2002 season.

Titans controlling



AP PHOTO

Tennessee Titans head coach Mike Mularkey speaks to down judge Jerod Phillips on the sideline during the first half of an NFL divisional playoff football game against the New England Patriots Saturday in Foxborough, Mass.

owner Amy Adams Strunk turned to Mularkey in November 2015 when she fired Ken Whisenhunt after 23 games. Mularkey went 2-7 down the stretch as the Titans finished 3-13 to land the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2016. That capped a 5-27 record over 2014 and 2015 that was the NFL's worst.

Mularkey led the Titans to back-to-back 9-7 records — their first consecutive winning records since 2007-08. He finished with a 21-22 record after a season in

which the Titans cost themselves the AFC South title with a three-game skid in December and needed to beat the Jaguars, now in the AFC championship game, to reach the postseason for the first time since 2008.

His devotion to an offense he's known since being offensive coordinator in Pittsburgh between 2001 and 2003 may have cost him. He said Sunday he was prepared to move "full speed" ahead after talking with Strunk. He defended offensive

coordinator Terry Robiskie's play-calling, saying he was happy with Mariota's development.

Mularkey also said he didn't anticipate any changes on his coaching staff a week after Strunk issued a statement on his job security. But talk of an extension since a 22-21 comeback win against Kansas City in the wild-card round ended Monday morning when Robinson and president and chief executive officer Steve Underwood told Mularkey they were being let go.

NFL: Steelers

Humbled Steelers face offseason questions

By **WILL GRAVES**
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — It wasn't the pregame talk about New England.

Or the seemingly weekly distractions that piled up one on top of the other, some of them self-created and others the byproduct of circumstances far beyond their control.

The Pittsburgh Steelers spent Monday cleaning out their lockers instead of getting ready for the AFC championship game because they were outplayed and outclassed by Jacksonville in a wild 45-42 loss.

That's it. That's all.

"I don't think (the outside noise) had anything to do with it," guard David DeCastro said. "They just made more plays than us. I don't mean to sound cliché, but I thought we did a great job blocking all that stuff out all year and didn't make too big a deal of it."

If anything, the Steelers seemed to thrive



AP PHOTO

Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger (7) is sacked by Jacksonville Jaguars defensive tackle Marcell Dareus (99) during the first half of an NFL divisional football AFC playoff game Sunday in Pittsburgh.

off adversity while going 13-4 and earning a second straight AFC North title.

Yet all that swagger, all that confidence eroded over the course of three difficult hours against the Jaguars.

The defense that set a franchise record and led the NFL with 55 sacks couldn't get a hand on Blake Bortles.

The offense piled up 534 yards, but also committed two turnovers that gift-wrapped Jacksonville 14 points.

Running back Le'Veon Bell stressed there were "no excuses" heading into the postseason.

And as they met for the last time before the cycle begins anew in March, they didn't offer any.

Four consecutive

playoff berths have yielded zero parades through downtown in mid-February with the Lombardi Trophy in hand.

They're well aware the issue isn't talent.

"Every time you don't win the Super Bowl, it's a wasted opportunity," linebacker Vince Williams said.

Asked if he believes the pieces are in place for the current core to take the step that's proven elusive, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said he "absolutely" does while promising to return for a 15th season.

It's an assurance that at least will help the Steelers avoid the weeks of "will he or won't he" Roethlisberger put the team through while he pondered his future last spring.

"I don't know about contracts and who's coming back, but I know the guys up front are," Roethlisberger said. "That makes it good for me."

It just might not make it good for everyone.

JAGUARS

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"To me, it's just a man that has confidence in his team," defensive tackle Abry Jones said. "What's he going to say? He knows what we're going up there to do. It's not like he ain't saying nothing that's not true."

Fellow defensive tackle Malik Jackson said the difference between Ramsey's remarks and comments from Steelers coach Mike Tomlin, running back Le'Veon Bell and safety Mike Mitchell is the timing.

"We're so close that I think it's OK to say, 'Hey, we're going to do this,'" Jackson said. "It's one of those things that I think he believes in himself after the game he just had,

locking down one of the best receivers in the game.

"He's pretty hyped and he wants to let everybody know he's hyped, so I think he's just happy and he understands that we have a giant in front of us and we've just got to pay all the attention to this team.

"We don't even know who's going to play in the Super Bowl because we're not looking ahead to that."

Ramsey was unavailable during the team's open locker room session Monday.

"He's going to talk, but we're going to show up," defensive end Yannick Ngakoue said. "I just don't like when people talk all week. You talk reckless and you lose."

The Jaguars voiced their displeasure with being overlooked by the Steelers

last week and were really vocal after the victory at Heinz Field. Players yelled, "Where's Mike Mitchell at now" as they came off the field.

"I feel like they took us lightly. I don't know why because we whooped them the first time," Ngakoue said. "You've got to respect all your opponents. That's why we're not big in trash-talking. We're big in playing on Sunday."

"Real guys, real people don't talk. We throw the first punch. We threw the first punch and we got the victory."

And now they have a match-up against the NFL's most successful franchise over the past two decades.

The Jaguars are 1-3 against New England in the postseason, with the

lone victory coming after the 1998 season — before coach Bill Belichick and quarterback Tom Brady teamed up to take five Super Bowl titles.

Jacksonville's win came against coach Pete Carroll and backup quarterback Scott Zolak.

The Jags are 0-7 against the Brady-Belichick combination.

"We're not going to go out there like the Steelers the week before and talk about people in a bad way and give them bulletin board news," Jackson said.

"We just continue to work and earn respect. ... We just keep proving people wrong. (Blake Bortles) keeps proving people wrong, and we just keep going on it and pounding people. It's just awesome to see and awesome to be a part of."

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

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
New England 35, Tennessee 14
Sunday
Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42
Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 21
AFC: Jacksonville at New England, 3:05 p.m. (CBS)
NFC: Minnesota 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)

ODDS

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NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

| FAVORITE | LINE | O/U | UNDERDOG |
|-------------|------|-----|-------------|
| Minnesota | 8 | 217 | at Orlando |
| at Boston | 4½ | 214 | New Orleans |
| at Denver | 5½ | 211 | Dallas |
| at Portland | Off | Off | Phoenix |

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

| FAVORITE | OPEN | UNDERDOG |
|----------------------|------|-------------------|
| at North Carolina | 6 | Clemson |
| at Buffalo | 14½ | N. Illinois |
| W Michigan | 7 | at Kent State |
| at E. Michigan | 7 | Akron |
| at Ball St | 6½ | Cent. Michigan |
| Toledo | 1 | at Ohio |
| at Purdue | 16 | Wisconsin |
| Cincinnati | 6½ | at UCF |
| at Notre Dame | 1½ | Louisville |
| at IUPUI | Off | Detroit |
| at LSU | 3½ | Georgia |
| at Mississippi State | 5½ | Vanderbilt |
| at Miami (Ohio) | 3 | Bowling Green |
| at N. Iowa | 5 | Drake |
| at Memphis | 2 | UConn |
| Oklahoma | 3 | at Kansas State |
| at Syracuse | 16½ | Pittsburgh |
| Kentucky | 3 | at South Carolina |
| at Texas A&M | 10 | Mississippi |

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

| FAVORITE | LINE | UNDERDOG | LINE |
|-----------------|------|--------------|------|
| at NY Rangers | -109 | Philadelphia | -101 |
| at NY Islanders | -105 | New Jersey | -105 |
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| EASTERN CONFERENCE | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|--------------------|----|----|------|----|
| Atlantic Division | 34 | 10 | .773 | — |
| Boston | 29 | 13 | .690 | 4 |
| Toronto | 20 | 20 | .500 | 12 |
| Philadelphia | 20 | 24 | .455 | 14 |
| New York | 16 | 28 | .364 | 18 |
| Brooklyn | 15 | 28 | .345 | 19 |
| Southeast Division | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Miami | 25 | 18 | .581 | — |
| Washington | 17 | 25 | .568 | ½ |
| Charlotte | 15 | 25 | .405 | 7½ |
| Atlanta | 12 | 31 | .279 | 13 |
| Orlando | 12 | 31 | .279 | 13 |

| Central Division | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|------------------|----|----|------|----|
| Cleveland | 26 | 16 | .619 | — |
| Indiana | 23 | 20 | .535 | 3½ |
| Milwaukee | 23 | 20 | .535 | 3½ |
| Detroit | 22 | 20 | .524 | 4 |
| Chicago | 17 | 27 | .386 | 10 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Southwest Division | W | L | PCT. | GB |
|--------------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston | 30 | 11 | .732 | — |
| San Antonio | 29 | 16 | .644 | 3 |
| New Orleans | 22 | 20 | .524 | 8½ |
| Dallas | 15 | 29 | .341 | 16½ |
| Memphis | 14 | 28 | .333 | 16½ |
| Northwest Division | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Minnesota | 29 | 16 | .644 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 23 | 20 | .535 | 5 |
| Portland | 22 | 21 | .512 | 6 |
| Denver | 22 | 21 | .512 | 6 |
| Utah | 17 | 25 | .405 | 10½ |
| Pacific Division | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Golden State | 35 | 9 | .795 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 21 | 21 | .500 | 13 |
| Phoenix | 16 | 28 | .364 | 19 |
| L.A. Lakers | 15 | 28 | .349 | 19½ |
| Sacramento | 13 | 29 | .310 | 21 |

Sunday's Games

Miami 97, Milwaukee 79
New Orleans 123, New York 118, OT
Indiana 120, Phoenix 97
Minnesota 120, Portland 103

Monday's Games

Charlotte 118, Detroit 107
Philadelphia 117, Toronto 111
Milwaukee 104, Washington 95
Atlanta 102, San Antonio 99
New York 119, Brooklyn 104
Chicago 119, Miami 111
Memphis 123, L.A. Lakers 114
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Sacramento at Oklahoma City, late
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Today's Games

Minnesota at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
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HORNETS 118, PISTONS 107

CHARLOTTE (118)
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DETROIT (107)

Bullock 8-13 0-0 20, Harris 7-13 3-4 20, Drummond 1-7 1-2 3, Smith 8-14 2-2 19, Bradley 6-19 1-2 15, Tolliver 6-7 0-0 17, Moreland 1-1 0-0 2, Buysck 3-7 0-0 6, Kennard 2-5 1-1 5. Totals 42-86 8-11 107.

CHARLOTTE 27 29 34 34 —118
DETROIT 27 29 24 27 —107
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 10-22 (Williams 5-6, Carter-Williams 1-1, Lamb 1-2, Batum 2-6, Smith 1-2, Kennard 0-1, Buysck 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 49 (Howard 17), Detroit 38 (Drummond 10). Assists—Charlotte 21 (Walker 9), Detroit 27 (Smith 10). Total Fouls—Charlotte 11, Detroit 24. Technicals—Lamb, Detroit coach Pistons (Defensive three second). A—17,200 (21,000).

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BULLS 119, HEAT 111

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CHICAGO (119)
Holiday 8-15 2-2 25, Markkanen 6-13 2-2 17, Lopez 5-6 0-0 10, Dunn 3-11 0-0 6, LaVine 7-12 2-3 18, Mirotic 4-11 7-7 18, Portis 3-5 1-2 8, Grant 2-5 0-4 4, Valentine 4-8 4-4 12, Nwaba 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 42-88 19-22 119.

MIAMI 25 23 24 39 —111
CHICAGO 32 23 29 35 —119
3-Point Goals—Miami 12-36 (Ellington 5-11, Richardson 3-7, Johnson 2-3, T.Johnson 1-3, Olynyk 1-5, Adebayo 0-1, Dragic 0-6), Chicago 16-39 (Holiday 7-11, Markkanen 3-6, Mirotic 3-10, LaVine 2-4, Portis 1-3, Grant 0-1, Dunn 0-1, Valentine 0-3). Fouled Out—Dragic, Rebounds—Miami 40 (Whiteside 8), Chicago 45 (Markkanen 9), Assists—Miami 35 (Dragic 9), Chicago 27 (Dunn 10). Total Fouls—Miami 19, Chicago 23. Technicals—Adebayo. A—20,546 (20,917).

GRIZZLIES 123, LAKERS 114

L.A. LAKERS (114)
Caldwell-Pope 8-16 5-5 27, Randle 2-7 5-5 9, Lopez 2-7 1-3 5, Ennis 3-6 0-0 6, Hart 5-10 4-4 16, Ingram 0-0 0-0 0, Nance Jr. 6-9 3-4 15, Kuzma 6-16 2-2 18, Brewer 0-5 1-2 1, Caruso 2-4 0-0 4, Payton II 2-3 0-0 4, Clarkson 2-13 5-6 9. Totals 38-96 26-31 114.

MEMPHIS (123)
Brooks 6-8 3-4 19, Green 4-8 2-3 11, Gasol 6-14 5-17, Evans 7-15 0-0 15, Harrison 3-7 1-1 8, Ennis III 4-6 4-4 13, Martin 4-5 2-4 10, Davis 4-5 2-2 10, Chalmers 1-8 4-4 7, Selden 3-6 6-7 13. Totals 42-82 29-34 123.

L.A. LAKERS 27 23 27 37 —114
MEMPHIS 34 26 37 26 —123
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL

THE AP TOP 25 POLL
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 14, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and previous ranking:

| | RECORD | PTS | PRV |
|--------------------|--------|------|------|
| 1. Villanova (63) | 16-1 | 1623 | 1 |
| 2. Virginia (1) | 16-1 | 1527 | 3 |
| 3. Purdue (1) | 17-2 | 1411 | 5 |
| 4. Oklahoma | 14-2 | 1371 | 9 |
| 5. Duke | 15-2 | 1319 | 7 |
| 6. West Virginia | 15-2 | 1304 | 2 |
| 7. Wichita State | 15-2 | 1283 | 5 |
| 8. Texas Tech | 15-2 | 1276 | 8 |
| 9. Michigan St. | 16-3 | 1062 | 4 |
| 10. Kansas | 14-3 | 1032 | 12 |
| 11. Xavier | 16-3 | 928 | 10 |
| 12. Cincinnati | 15-2 | 858 | 14 |
| 13. Gonzaga | 16-3 | 829 | 15 |
| 14. Arizona | 14-4 | 723 | 17 |
| 15. North Carolina | 14-4 | 666 | 20 |
| 16. Arizona St. | 14-3 | 639 | 11 |
| 17. Auburn | 16-1 | 523 | 22 |
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By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

Duke was the ACC's preseason favorite and North Carolina the defending national champion.

The conference leader and highest-ranked team so far: Virginia.

Picked to finish sixth in the ACC preseason poll, the Cavaliers (15-1, 4-0) have been the conference's most consistent team so far this season behind their still-stifling defense.

Virginia (16-1, 5-0 ACC) moved up a spot to No. 2 and received a first-place vote in the AP Top 25 released on Monday, its highest ranking since reaching No. 2 in the 2014-15 season.

The Cavaliers, No. 1 in KenPom.com's defensive efficiency rankings, beat Syracuse and North Carolina State last week.

"They've taken care of business, so they're in this spot," Virginia Coach Tony Bennett said of his players. "Our pillar in our program is all about humility. It just means knowing who you are. I've said this before. They're very clear on how they have to play. They do it together."

Villanova remained at the top spot for the second straight week, receiving 63 of 65 first-place votes from a media panel. The Wildcats (16-1, 4-1 Big East) moved atop the poll for the second time this season after Michigan State's loss to Ohio State last week and stayed there after wins over No. 10 Xavier and St. John's.



Virginia's Devon Hall (0) drives past North Carolina State's Markell Johnson (11) in the second half of an NCAA college basketball game Sunday in Charlottesville, Va.

Purdue had the other No. 1 vote and moved up two spots to No. 3, its highest ranking since reaching No. 3 in 2009-10 after extending its winning streak to 13 games with victories over Michigan and Minnesota. Matt Painter's Boilermakers (17-2, 6-0 Big Ten) are off to their best start since 1987-88 and best in the Big Ten since winning the first eight games of 1989-90.

"They're playing with a great purpose," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said. "They coach themselves. Matt's a terrific coach, but you can tell they're coaching each other."

Oklahoma and star freshman Trae Young continued their rise through the poll, moving up five spots to No. 4. The Sooners (14-2, 4-1 Big 12) have their highest ranking since reaching No.

1 in 2015-16, when they reached the Final Four.

Duke moved up two spots to round out the top 5. West Virginia dropped four spots to No. 6 after losing to No. 8 Texas Tech.

WILD BIG 12

The Big 12 has the best RPI of any conference and eight teams in the KenPom top 50. Its teams also have been beating up on each other since the conference season started just after Christmas.

West Virginia (15-2, 4-1 Big 12) reached its highest ranking since 1959 a week ago, only to lose to the Red Raiders 72-71 in Lubbock. Texas Tech lost to Oklahoma on Tuesday, creating a logjam at the top of the Big 12 between those three teams and No. 10

Kansas, which moved up two spots this week following wins over Iowa State and rival Kansas State.

No. 24 TCU remained in the AP Top 25 despite losing to Texas in double overtime and by five to Oklahoma last week. The Horned Frogs (13-4, 1-4) have lost four Big 12 games by a combined 11 points.

RISING AND FALLING

Oklahoma, No. 15 North Carolina and No. 17 Auburn had the biggest jumps in the poll, moving up five spots each.

TCU had the biggest fall, losing eight spots, followed by No. 25 Miami's seven-place drop to No. 25 following a loss to No. 20 Clemson. Arizona State dropped five spots to No. 16 after splitting games against the Pac-12's Oregon schools.

MOVING IN

No. 22 Ohio State is ranked for the first time since reaching No. 12 during the 2014-15 season after victories over Maryland and Rutgers last week. The Buckeyes also knocked Michigan State from the No. 1 ranking with an 80-64 victory on Jan. 7.

Michigan moved into the poll for the first time this season at No. 23 after beating Michigan State on Saturday.

DROPPING OUT

Creighton dropped out of the poll from No. 25 after a loss to No. 10 Xavier. Florida fell out from No. 23 after losing to Louisville.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: AP Poll



Louisville forward Myisha Hines-Allen (2) goes for a layup past the defense of Notre Dame forward Kathryn Westbeld (33) during the first half of an NCAA game Thursday in Louisville, Ky.

Louisville is No. 2 in women's basketball poll

By DOUG FEINBERG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jeff Walz has Louisville in uncharted territory.

The undefeated Cardinals moved up to No. 2 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll Monday, the highest ranking in school history.

"I'm really excited for them," Walz told the AP in a phone interview. "Obviously being No. 2 in January is a great honor and shows the work our players have done, but it's not our ultimate goal. We're quite aware there's a lot of basketball left to be played against a lot of very good teams."

The Cardinals moved up the one spot after routing then-No. 2 Notre Dame 100-67 on Thursday to remain

unbeaten. Louisville has never been this high before since first getting ranked in 2006.

Only UConn is above Louisville, remaining a unanimous top choice by the 32-member national media panel. The Huskies face No. 9 Texas on Monday night after routing Houston on Saturday.

"I love games like this," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said of playing two games in three days. "I especially love them on the road, and I especially love them Monday after a Saturday game because when you get to the NCAA Tournament that's exactly what you're going to get."

Mississippi State, Baylor and Notre Dame follow the Cardinals, who were second on 30 of the 32 ballots.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Michigan barely beats short-handed Maryland

Associated Press

Muhammad-Ali Abdur-Rahkman made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left, lifting No. 23 Michigan to a 68-67 win over Maryland on Monday night.

Kevin Huerter connected on a go-ahead 3-pointer on the previous possession for the short-handed Terrapins, who trailed by 10 with five-plus minutes left in the game.

Moritz Wagner had 18 points and 11 rebounds for the Wolverines (16-4, 5-2), and reserve Jordan Poole had 11 points.

Michigan was trailing by as much as 14 in the first half and was behind



Michigan guard Charles Matthews, left, defends against Maryland guard Jared Nickens, right, in the first half of an NCAA college basketball game at Crisler Center on Monday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

30-20 at halftime, looking lethargic after an emotionally charged win over then-No. 4 Michigan State two days earlier. The Wolverines

opened the second half with a 10-0 run and later took the lead with 13:02 left while making three 3-pointers in 44 seconds.

The Terrapins (14-6, 3-4) took the lead back midway through the second half, but Wagner made a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession. The Wolverines went ahead by 10 with 5:50 to go and yet barely did enough to win against a team with just eight healthy players on scholarship.

Maryland's Anthony Cowan scored 24 points, Huerter had 12 on 4 of 11 shooting and Darryl Morsell added 10 points.

The Wolverines were fortunate Wagner — who was 6 of 9 from the field — shot as well against the Terps as he did against the Spartans because they had a hard time making shots inside and out.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

No. 1 UConn survives upset scare from Texas

By JIM VERTUNO
Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Katie Lou Samuelson scored 19 points and Crystal Dangerfield made two free throws with 8 seconds left to help top-ranked UConn survive a tough upset bid from No. 9 Texas with a 75-71 win Monday night.

UConn (16-0) found itself challenged like it seldom has been this season and trailed early in the fourth quarter before scrapping back for the win. Azura Stevens scored eight of her 16 points in the fourth quarter.

UConn earned its 102nd consecutive regular-season victory

but it was in question when Samuelson missed two free throws with 15 seconds left. Dangerfield put the game away from the line seconds later. UConn was able to cut valuable seconds off the clock in the final 30 seconds because Texas had committed so few fouls and couldn't force the Huskies to the line.

Jatarie White scored 18 points for Texas (14-3).

The Longhorns squandered late chances when Ariel Atkins missed two free throws that would have given the Longhorns the lead with 2:42 left and Lashann Higgs missed an open 5-footer that would have pulled Texas within one in the final minute.

FSU

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Chatman nailed consecutive 3s just over a minute apart, capping an Eagles' 12-0 run late in the half that carried them to a 41-25 edge at

intermission.

BC then scored the first five points of the second half — with Bowman hitting a 3 from the left wing — and opened its largest lead of the game.

The Eagles maintained a double-digit lead until the final five minutes

when it was sliced to seven. The Seminoles had it down to five in the closing minute, but Robinson and Bowman each hit free throws to seal it.

BIG PICTURE

Florida State: The Seminoles fell out of the Top 25 this week after being in there the previous five, but the bigger problem may be the lack of confidence they could be facing after another loss. Last week, they had their 28-game home winning streak snapped by Louisville on Wednesday before edging Syracuse in double-overtime Saturday.

Boston College: The Eagles' growth continues in the ACC. They have surpassed the total number of league wins they had combined the previous two seasons.

LONG-RANGE MATCHUP

The game featured two of the ACC's top three teams in shots made from 3-point range. Florida State (9.3) came in leading the conference and BC (8.6) was third. The Eagles won on this night, though, going 9 for 23; while the Seminoles were 5 of 26 after missing eight of nine in the first half.

LINEUP

Florida State guard PJ Savoy missed the game with a knee injury, but leading scorer Mann returned after being out the previous one with a concussion.

ROUGH START

The Seminoles shot just 25.6 percent (10 of 39) in the opening 20 minutes.

MIAMI

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Smothering defense helped the Hurricanes outscore Duke 31-6 on fast-break points. They led 66-53 with eight minutes left, but the Blue Devils went on a 9-0 run on their next three possessions. Trent sank consecutive 3-pointers, and Bagley's three-point play made it 66-62.

Wendell Carter drove for a basket to tie it at 66, and Trevon Duval's driving layup on Duke's next possession put them ahead with 4:40 left. The Blue Devils' lead reached 71-66 before Brown ended Miami's drought with a

three-point play.

Trent's final 3-pointer helped seal the win, putting Duke up 76-70 with 1:15 to go.

Grayson Allen made a backcourt steal and fed Trent for a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to end the first half and give Duke a 42-40 lead.

BIG PICTURE

Duke came into the game second in the nation in scoring at 93.2 points per game, and Miami was fifth in scoring defense at 60.7 points.

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