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The Lake Placid Historical Society Depot Museum was appointed to the National Register of Historic Places on Jan. 4, 1993.

On track with Lake Placid's history

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

LAKE PLACID — Compared to many towns and cities in Florida, Lake Placid is not very old. However, the Town of Murals has a rich and notable history. The perfect place to immerse yourself in the past is by visiting the Lake Placid Historical Society Depot Museum at 12 Park St.

The "Depot," as it is affectionately called by locals, is a veritable time machine that takes guests on a tour of the earliest days of the town, when it was still named Lake Stearns, to more contemporary times of the 1960s to the present.

The museum is housed in the old Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station on the western side of the downtown area. According to the National Register of Historic Places' website, the Depot Museum has the distinction of being the only building in Lake Placid to merit National Historic status, granted in 1993.

The railroad left, and by the early 1960s, the building was deserted. A feed store opened successfully but closed in the 1980s. Once again the building sat empty and in poor repair until volunteers from the Historical Society rolled up their



An antique train car sits near the museum's south side. Visitors can climb aboard and explore.

sleeves and eventually opened the museum in May 1982.

About six volunteers, who are longtime residents of the town, act as the historians at the museum. Having tour guides that grew up in the area adds insight to the local culture.

Sharron Gerken and her husband, Richard, have volunteered at the Depot for years.

"We couldn't operate without our volunteers," Sharron said. "We would love to have more volunteers so that we could open more days."

The "Train Depot" mural is painted on an adjacent building and has flashing lights. It was completed in November



Depot Museum volunteer Sharron Gerken shows off some artifacts that were used in the town's early beginnings with the turpentine business.

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This mural called "Train Depot" seems to be appropriately placed adjacent to the Depot Museum. It was created by Dan and Peter Sawatzky and was completed in Nov. 1995.



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These villas in Phase II of Spring Lake have been stripped of the old damaged roof and are getting a new metal roof like their neighbors.

Spring Lake villas get new roofs

By KIM LEATHERMAN
STAFF WRITER

SPRING LAKE — Driving along Clubhouse Lane an odd sight occurs; villa after villa on both the east and west sides of the road have tar paper covering the roofs. New roofs are fairly common in the county after Hurricane Irma barreled her way through, but these roofs were identical in their state of repair.

It was clear that several homeowners were getting new roofs all at once and all from the same builder.

District Manager Joe Decerbo said the associations are replacing entire roofs, regardless of the amount of damage, because they were approximately 15 years old and most of them were damaged by Irma.

Spring Lake Improvement District

consists of two homeowners associations. Gary Behrendt oversees the Waterway Patio Homes Condominium Association, Phase I. Bob Rider is the association manager for Waterway Patio Homes Condominium Association, Phase II.

"We sustained damage to every roof during Irma," Behrendt said. "Our association's insurance is sufficient to replace all the roofs, so we are doing it as an association, you are required to have a reserve account for something that could go wrong that would be more than \$10,000 worth, and a roof is definitely more than that. We had a reserve but thank God we also had insurance because it was quite a bit of money."

The total price tag for

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Church bills get teed up in House, Senate

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TALLAHASSEE — Measures that would help clear the way for people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns at churches and other religious institutions are ready to go to the House and Senate floors.

The Republican-controlled Senate Rules Committee voted 7-5 on Thursday for the Senate version of the measure (SB 1048). Earlier in the day, the House Judiciary Committee voted 13-6 along party lines to approve the House version (HB 1419).

Under current law, people with concealed-weapons licenses can carry guns at churches and other religious institutions, but they are barred from doing

so if schools are on the property. The bills seek to address that school issue, though some details of the proposals differ.

Crafted with an eye on a church massacre in Texas, the House measure would enable churches, synagogues or other religious institutions to allow people with concealed-weapons licenses to carry guns on property "owned, rented, leased, borrowed or lawfully used" by the institutions.

The Senate bill, however, was changed recently to get it through the Senate Judiciary Committee, which has blocked gun-related measures in recent years. The Senate version includes restrictions, such as a prohibition

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SFSC Brain Bowl Team to compete in national championship

SPECIAL TO THE HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

AVON PARK — Five members of South Florida State College's Brain Bowl team will participate in the National Academic Quiz Tournaments Community College Championship Tournament (NAQT CCCT) to be held March 2-3 in Rosemont, Illinois.

All two-year, junior, and community colleges from across the United States are eligible to compete; however, only five members of a team may participate.

The SFSC Brain Bowl team goes into

the tournament with an 18th place ranking out of 24 teams. The five team members are Rubi Barajas, Carolina Bowden, Mathew Daniel and Juan Perez, all from Arcadia, and Josh Gurl from Sebring. Their coaches are Lena Phelps, David Zorb and Dr. Brian Deery.

"SFSC's players love the idea of competing for a national title and going head to head with the best at the two-year level," said Phelps, chair of library services at SFSC.

SFSC Brain Bowl teams were previously invited to the NAQT CCCT in 2016, 2015, 2012 and 2009.

According to Phelps, NAQT provides the competitors with a list of topics that officials will cover at the tournament in Chicago. "The questions asked are supposed to complement what the students are learning in their classes," she said.

To prepare for the national tournament, the students practice at the SFSC DeSoto Campus in Arcadia on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at the Highlands Campus in Avon Park on Mondays and Wednesdays. On the way to state tournaments, they make use of the time by quizzing each other.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of the SFSC Brain Bowl team, from left, include Rubi Barajas, Carolina Bowden, Juan Perez, Josh Gurl, Brandon Brignoni and Mathew Daniel.

Man accused of burglary

BY JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — A suspected burglar told police he hadn't stolen jewelry even before police questioned him, according to an arrest report.

Robert Owen Whitaker, 35, 1612 Pine Top Terrace, Lake Placid, was arrested by the Lake Placid Police Department and charged with criminal mischief, burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance while armed and third-degree grand theft.

Whitaker was identified as a suspect in a burglary that occurred not long before his arrest, the report said. Police learned that Whitaker went to a house after fleeing from the burglary scene and asked to use a telephone, the report said.

They also learned that he had a knife, the report said.

When police arrived at the home, Whitaker repeatedly told them he had not stolen jewelry from the other residence, although officers had yet to question him about it, the report said.

At the same time, police officers noticed pieces of jewelry not far from where Whitaker was standing, the report said.

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1. Dan Aykroyd was inspired to write the classic movie "Ghostbusters" due to his great-grandfather, grandfather, and father all having a big interest in the paranormal.

2. John Hughes was inspired to write "Sixteen Candles" after he received a headshot of Molly Ringwald.

3. The cake in the iconic final scene of "Sixteen Candles" was made out of cardboard.

4. Over 10,000 books were used to set-dress the library in the movie "The Breakfast Club." The books were donated by the Chicago Public Library.

5. In the original ending to "Pretty in Pink," Andie (Molly Ringwald) and Duckie (Jon Cryer) ended up together. Test audiences hated it, so the ending was reshot with Andie winding up with Blane (Andrew McCarthy).

Source: https://www.buzzfeed.com/briangalindo/68-facts-you-might-not-know-about-classic-80s-films?utm_term=.gl8BZRaAz#.yiMP7gdLW



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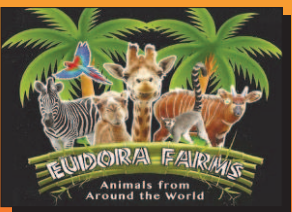


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 5PM-10PM FLAG ROW PREHISTORIC DINOSAUR MUSEUM
 5PM-10PM SMALL ANIMAL BARN POULTRY & RABBIT DISPLAY
 5PM-10PM FLAG ROW CHAINSAW CARVING SHOW
 5PM-11PM IND. MIDWAY BEER GARDEN- SPONSORED BY BUDWEISER
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Sebring police lieutenant retires after 26 years

By JAY MEISEL
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — As the Highlands County Sheriff's Office works on offering community policing, Mike Warner might be able to provide some tips.

More than a decade ago, Warner, who was with the Sebring Police Department, saw firsthand the value of community policing, where officers get out of their patrol cars and get to know the community. They would ride bicycles, walk and meet people.

When Warner first started patrolling Washington Heights, the relationship between the police department and residents was not what was desired, he recalled recently.

Oftentimes, when



JAY MEISEL/STAFF

Retired Sebring Police Sgt. Mike Warner looks over a scrapbook of photos and articles from his 26-year career with the Sebring Police Department.

police officers went into the community, they "got rocked and bottled," he said.

But after he started community policing, "they stopped throwing stuff at us."

Warner, who retired

after 26 years with the police department recently, said the community policing unit ended because of funding shortages. However, although the department didn't have a designated unit, all employees got training in

community policing.

Former Sebring Police Chief Thomas Dettman, who is now a City Councilman, said Warner did an "excellent job" in community policing. But he also remembers that Warner was the night watch commander for many years.

"When Sgt. Warner was the watch commander on the night shift, I slept well," Dettman said.

Warner was not a native of Sebring. He lived in Miami but would visit Highlands County. That led to him choosing to work in Highlands County.

He became a police officer because "I thought it was going to be exciting. I always was a nosy person."

And 26 years after he made that decision, he

said, he still feels it was the right one.

"I retired from a job I still liked to do," he said.

One part of his job that made him like what he did was as a community police officer. He got to know people and they saw him as more than just someone who arrests people.

"I listened to their problems," Warner said. One of his more memorable calls was helping a pregnant woman who was about to give birth.

When he arrived, he said, he saw the woman in the bathroom.

"She had the look of desperation," he said.

He helped the woman give birth to a baby girl before an ambulance could arrive. As far as he knows, he said, he's been the only police officer in

Sebring to do that on his own.

Another call was to a guy shooting a rifle. He arrived at the scene and could "hear the gun going off," he said.

As Warner turned a corner, he saw the intoxicated man pick up the gun and point it his way.

"I was getting ready to shoot him," Warner said, but added that the situation de-escalated.

In other roles, Warner helped nab drug dealers. Sometimes he would hide in orange groves and nab drug dealers who evidently thought those were safe locations.

Some experiences were tragic, he said.

"I held people in my arms before they died," Warner said.

School Board meets Monday

By MARC VALERO
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — The School Board of Highlands County will diverge from its usual Tuesday meeting schedule with a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Monday.

The meeting has a light agenda, which includes on the consent agenda the consideration of approval of out-of-state travel for Jennifer Westergom to attend an ECET2 Planner workshop in Washington D.C. on March 8-10.

ECET2 stands for Elevating and Celebrating Effective Teaching and Teachers. It was developed to provide a forum for exceptional teachers to learn from one another and to celebrate the teaching profession.

The agenda includes the superintendent's recommendation for personnel and two expulsions, for possession of marijuana on school campus at Sebring High School and drug

possession and/or use at Hill-Gustat Middle School.

Also, the School Board will consider approval of the budget amendments and monthly financial statements for the month ending Dec. 31.

The School Board will have two very busy days in the middle of the month when it conducts the annual facility walk-through of all campuses to assess the facility needs of each school.

The School Board will start its tour at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 13 at Lake Country Elementary School. The remainder of the morning the School Board will visit Lake Placid Elementary, Lake Placid Middle and Lake Placid High schools.

After lunch, the School Board will make stops at Cracker Trail Elementary, the Kindergarten Learning Center, Academy at Youth Care Lane, Fred Wild Elementary and Sebring High schools.

On Wednesday, Feb. 14

the School Board will start the day at 8 a.m. at Hill-Gustat Middle and then visit Sun 'N Lake Elementary, Memorial

Elementary, The Career Institute at SFSC, Avon Elementary and Park Elementary schools.

After lunch, the

School Board will tour Avon Park High, Avon Park Middle, Woodlawn Elementary and Sebring Middle schools.



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The School Board of Highlands County is scheduled to conduct its facility walk-through of the Kindergarten Learning Center at 2 p.m., Feb. 13.



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OBITUARIES

Rex E. Bond

Rex E. Bond, of Sebring passed away on Jan. 25, 2018 in Summer Hospice House of Sebring. He was born March 3, 1928 in Cliffview, Virginia and grew up in Blackstone, Virginia. Rex served in the U.S. Army with the Army of Occupation in Korea from 1946-1948. In 1951, he married the former Anne Dozier of Norfolk, Virginia.

His business career started in banking with the Bank of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia. Later he served as Director, President and Chairman of the Bank of Occoquan. He also served as Mayor of Occoquan, Virginia. In 1959, Rex and Anne and their two sons, Steve and Bill moved to Milton, Florida where he was President of the Santa Rose State Bank. In 1962, they moved to Sebring where he became President and Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Sebring and later the Avon Citrus Bank of Avon Park. He was in banking for 28 years. Rex served as the first Chairman of Board of Trustees of the South Florida Community College for 10 years.

He also served as a member of the Sebring Utilities Commission, Sebring Airport Authority, an active Lion's Club member, Past Master of Sebring Lodge #249 F & AM, member of Highlands Shrine Club, Sebring Elks Lodge, Past President of Sebring Little League and Dixie Youth League Baseball, Director of United Telephone Co. (later Sprint) for 21 years. He was General Manager of the Sun 'n Lake of Sebring improvement District for 13 years, retiring in 1993.

Rex is survived by his wife, Anne, and son Stephen (Paula) Bond. He was predeceased by his son, William. He is also survived by grandchildren, John Harry (Cassie) Bond of Sebring and Grady Rex (Lisa) Bond of Haddenfield, New Jersey; Great grandchildren, Dylan Bond, Allie Pate of Sebring and Katherine and William Bond of Haddenfield, New Jersey; Sister, Donna Everhart of Morristown, Tennessee and extended family, John (Betty) Koonce and Donald (Barbara) Koonce and Children of Richmond and Charlottesville, Virginia and several nieces and nephews.

The family will greet friends at the Morris Funeral Chapel from 10-11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018. If desired, donations may be made to the First United Methodist Church, 126 S. Pine Street, Sebring or Diabetic Research Institute foundation, 200 South Park Road, Ste. 100, Hollywood, Florida 33021. Military Honors were held Feb. 9, 2018 at Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Marcia L. Flanders

Marcia L. Flanders, 83, died Feb. 1, 2018 in Sebring. Marcia was born in Cleveland, Ohio, daughter to the late Ralph and Florence (Gray) Flanders. She retired from Southern Bell, Miami, Florida moving to Jacksonville, Florida relocating to Sebring. A member of Spring Lake United Methodist Church. Member of Telephone Pioneers of America; Highlands Regional Medical Center, Auxiliary in Gift Shop and also served

as a volunteer at Fred Wild Elementary.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Ruth Linnean and Barbara McMillan. Survived by her nieces, Beverly Dye of Anderson, South Carolina, Bobbie Kelly and Judy Haney of Sebring and several great nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society. morrisfuneralchapel.com.

Judith A. Gillispie

Judith "Judy" A. Gillispie, 73, of Sebring, Florida, beloved wife, mother, grandmother and friend, passed away Monday, Jan. 29, 2018. She was born in Gahanna, Ohio to the late Albert and Lula (Taylor) Wilson on March 14, 1944.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ennis Gillispie. Survivors include children, Michael (Lynn) Gillispie of Florida, Lori Gillispie Edwards (Bob Pursifull) of Florida, Wayne (Darlene) Gillispie of Kentucky, Mark Gillispie of Florida and Alexis Gillispie of Florida; grandchildren, Micayla and Brandon Gillispie, Tanner and Tyler Edwards, Abigail and Nathan Gillispie, Jillian McCarthy and great-granddaughter, Thalia of Colorado; sister, Betty (Tom) Arbaugh of Texas and numerous nieces and nephews.

There will be a "Celebration of Life" held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Good Shepherd Hospice, 1110 Hammock Road, Sebring, Florida 33870.

Services entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, Florida 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Harold Lavern Knutson

Harold Lavern Knutson, 82, passed away on Jan. 28, 2018 in Sebring, Florida.

He was born Sept. 20, 1935 in Ute, Iowa to the late Roy and Alice (Straight) Knutson. Harold moved to Sioux City, Iowa in 1942 where he went to Central High School. In 1954 he entered the U.S. Navy, when he met and married Irene Brinkley in 1965. Harold

remained in the Navy until retirement in 1974. He and Irene moved to Sebring, Florida in 1979 where he was a member of the Am Vets, VFW Post 4300, and the American Legion.

He is survived by his sons, Thor Knutson of Sebring, Florida, Brett Knutson of Nebraska and David McDonald of Alabama; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Harold is preceded in death by his wife Irene who passed away in 2011. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018 at 1 p.m. at Unity of Sebring.

Arrangements entrusted to Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, Florida 33870. Online condolences may be left at stephensonnelsonfh.com.

Opal M. Nance Raulerson

Opal Nance Raulerson (Nance), 92, of Lake Wales, Florida passed away,

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 at the Lake Wales Medical Center. She was born Nov. 20, 1925 in Gate, Oklahoma to the late Frank

and Maud (Harris) Nance. She has been a resident of the area since 1985 coming from Orlando, Florida. She was a Homemaker and a member of the Corinth Primitave Baptist Church in Frostproof. Opal was a Girl Scout volunteer and enjoyed fishing. During World War II she was a machinist for the "Rosie The Riveter" era and was a proud member of the Rosie the Riveter Association.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie "Nick" Raulerson and daughter, Sherry Maxine Raulerson. She is survived by her daughters, Janette Marie Raulerson of Sebring, Florida, Marla K. Raulerson of Lake Wales, Florida and Johnnie Nichols Raulerson (Sherry) of Naples, Florida; four grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and seven great great grandchildren.

Graveside service to be held 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb 7, 2018 at the Corinth Primitave Baptist Church Cemetery. Contributions may be made to Corinth Primitave Baptist Church, 7590 East County Line Road, Ft. Meade, Florida 33841. Marion Nelson Funeral Home handling arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at marionnelsonfuneralhome.com.

Thomas S. Long

Thomas S. Long, 84, passed away at his home in Sebring on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2018. He was born Dec. 6, 1933 in Butler, Pennsylvania to Stephen and Mildred McKewan

Long. Tom was a veteran of the U. S. Navy, serving

his country during the Korean Conflict. He was employed in the airline industry as a crew scheduler. Tom was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a longtime member of the Loyal Order of Moose and the American Legion. He received the highest

status in the Loyal Order of Moose, Pilgrim Class of 2017.

Tom was preceded in death by his daughter, Karen, and his first wife, Pam. Surviving are his wife, Judy A. Long, and daughter, Linda L. Hanke (Bob) of Homestead, Florida.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at the VFW Post 4300, 1041 Lakeview Drive, Sebring, Florida. Services by Moose Pilgrim Lodge 2494 and VFW Post 4300 with Military Honors. Inurnment will be in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. Arrangements are under the direction of Dowden Funeral Home, 2605 Bayview Street, Sebring, Florida 33870. 863-385-1546.



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ANOTHER VIEW

Far too much confidentiality

Sen. Marco Rubio has some explaining to do. He suddenly flew to Washington and fired his chief of staff for violating “policies regarding proper relations between a supervisor and their subordinates” but refuses to provide more information. This is a public office, and Florida voters deserve more answers.

Without mentioning his name, Rubio announced shortly before that he had fired his chief of staff, Clint Reed. The four-paragraph statement offered no specifics and made clear none would be forthcoming. But Reed is no obscure staffer. He was Rubio's top staffer in his Senate office over the last year, managed Rubio's presidential campaign in Iowa and Florida, and oversaw his re-election campaign. Reed's status is more than enough reason for voters to know more about what exactly was going on in the office of one of their U.S. senators.

There are signs it wasn't good. Rubio apparently learned of Reed's conduct recently and said in the statement “these allegations were reported directly to me.” He said he began an investigation with his general counsel. Rubio wrote, he had “sufficient evidence to conclude” Reed had violated office policies and “this led to actions which in my judgment amounted to threats to withhold employment benefits.”

What exactly does that mean? How many people were affected, since Rubio wrote about “those impacted by this conduct” will have access to services? Who knew about the behavior, and who kept it quiet? How can voters be sure at this point Rubio did not previously know about it? Rubio won't answer, and he lashed out at reporters who asked questions.

That is simply not good enough. If Rubio hasn't noticed, the nation is engaged in a deep conversation about sexual harassment, sexual assault and the exploitation of women in all sorts of work environments. Congress is no exception. Members of Congress such as former Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota and former Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, both Democrats, have resigned following accusations of sexual harassment. Two Republican House members who settled sexual harassment claims against them with public money have announced they will not seek re-election.

Of course, it's more likely that Rubio is keenly aware of the #MeToo movement and moved remarkably quickly to reach an abrupt decision and limit the damage. His statement did not mention sexual harassment, but it said his office planned to inform the appropriate congressional offices and make sure his staffers had “access to any services they might require now or in the future.”

Congress has a bad record of dealing openly with sexual harassment. News reports indicate the House secretly paid \$115,000 to settle three sexual harassment claims between 2008 and 2012, bringing to \$199,000 the total amount known to have been paid from a fund controlled by Congress' secretive Office of Compliance since 2008 to settle four claims. There is far too much confidentiality. A 1995 law requires harassment complaints against members to be handled in secret. That makes it nearly impossible to hold members accountable, or even to account for how much public money is being used to pay off victims.

Rubio should provide more information about why he acted so quickly to fire his chief of staff and details regarding the accusations so voters can determine for themselves the severity of the situation and whether the senator reacted appropriately. He insists he is protecting his staffers, but his abrupt action over the weekend and lack of candor indicates he also is focused on protecting himself from any fallout.

An editorial from the Tampa Bay Times.

LOCAL LOOK by GABE CLOGSTON



You are about to help save 400 American jobs

I apologize to our readers for bringing bad news to your breakfast table. Our paper has agonized over the proper course of action to take. We have come up with the best plan forward we can think of.

One single company, NORPAC, with one newsprint manufacturing facility, in one state, started a trade war with Canada. The NORPAC newsprint mill, employs about 400 people. NORPAC is owned by a hedge fund called One Rock Capital Partners.

Every other American newsprint mill is against these trade sanctions.

The One Rock Capital Partners hedge fund succeeded in manipulating U.S. trade law to improve their return on investment. They succeeded in using U.S. trade law to raise the price of newsprint. Our newsprint costs are soon to be up 20 percent over last year. We believe, when all the final costs are in by May 2018, the cost of newsprint may be up 30 percent over last year.

Here's what NORPAC's press release said. “We estimate the impact this ruling would have on the cost to produce the average printed newspaper would be less than 5 cents per newspaper – a small price to preserve American



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David Dunn-Rankin

manufacturing jobs.”

A small price? That's about \$20 a year cost for each of this paper's daily newspaper subscribers. Multiply that by 30 million households who buy a daily newspaper. That's \$600 million in extra costs because of this trade war started to protect a hedge fund company's investment. That is \$1.5 million per job saved. Do you agree with the NORPAC press release, it is “a small price to preserve American manufacturing jobs”? There are good reasons all of the other U.S.-based newsprint mills opposed these trade sanctions.

I believe that newspapers all over the country will adjust dramatically to these price increases. Many will cut the number of pages they produce to offset the rise in per page

costs of the newsprint. Most observers believe newspapers will shed far more jobs because of this dramatic price increase than were saved at the hedge fund owned mill.

Here's our challenge as your community newspaper. Your community newspaper cannot entirely absorb these dramatic price increases. We try to keep five cents of every dollar we bring in. Some years we make that number, some years we don't. We are in the community newspaper business primarily to help make our communities a better place.

Here's what we are going to do. With the trade sanction driven increases combined with normal price increases, our newsprint costs will likely be up more than \$30 a reader this year alone. We are going to ask our readers to pay \$15 of the newsprint price increase, and we are going to find ways to absorb \$15 of the price. We are going to cut our operating costs between 2 and 3 percent in ways we hope will not impact the reader.

This is not the first time that a U.S. company has filed the same kind of anti-dumping unfair trade practices against Canadian paper manufacturers. After an extended period, the

Canadian paper industry wins in International Trade Court – every time.

Even if the NORPAC claims are proven to be without merit, with this particular administration driving the trade war, the extended timing of a resolution is uncertain. We must move forward into the uncertainty this trade war creates.

I am not surprised, given a choice between a hedge fund and us, our government supported a hedge fund. Small wealthy special interests have a chokehold on our government in Washington D.C. That's true for both Republican and Democrat controlled governments.

In the end, the little person pays so that special interests can be taken care of by our government. Again, I apologize for the difficult news. But a newsprint price increase of 20-30 percent, caused primarily by a trade war to save a hedge fund's investment, now requires us to act.

Share your thoughts.

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

Sharpen your pencils, and go!

Good morning. I wanted to dedicate some time to write to you about our latest project — The Highlander Awards. If you have not read our story on the awards I will give you a quick overview.

The Highlander Award is our way to give our readers a chance to recognize heroes in our community in 14 categories. Certainly, we are aware that there are so many people in Highlands



MY IMPRESSIONS

Tim Smolarick County who do give selflessly to our community all the time and more often than not these people are too humble to ever make it a topic of conversation. They just do it for the good of humanity. Here is your chance to get them on the recognition radar.

Effective immediately the Highlands News-Sun will accept nominations from readers in 14 categories either with a nomination form, typed

word document or you can email your nomination to nominations@highlandsnewssun.com. The categories are as follows:

Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Teen of the Year, Physician of the Year, Surgeon of the Year, Nurse of the Year, Female Coach of the Year, Male Coach of the Year, Financial Representative of the Year, Real Estate Agent of the Year, Educator of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Agricultural Person of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year.

I believe there are hundreds of unsung heroes in these categories out there in our community who constantly give a heck of a lot more than they take. I am relying on each of you to let us know about these heroes via the nomination process. As a citizen, the nominations per category is limitless. You can nominate

individuals who have earned your admiration for their actions in every category and, yes, you can nominate more than one person per category.

Our inspiration to recognize these heroic individuals is equally matched by our partner in this endeavor — Florida Hospital Heartland Division. This group, without hesitation, jumped on board with sponsoring not just the event, but three categories as well. It is most gratifying to see another entity understand right off the bat the importance that an individual's heroic efforts mean to the fabric of a community. Thank you for the vision and for all that this business does in our communities.

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that are emailed, the same rules apply.

Due to the number of letters received, we are able to run only four letters per person per month. The Letters to the Editor section is designed as a public forum for community discourse, and the opinions and statements made in letters are solely those of the individual writers. The newspaper takes no responsibility for the content of these letters.

Please send or bring correspondence to the Highlands News-Sun, Letters to the Editor, 315 US 27 North Sebring, FL 33870, or fax to 863-385-1954. Readers may also email Letters to the Editor to editor@newssun.com.

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called Best of Highlands County, and that is one of the most prestigious local awards a business can earn — your trust and your vote.

It is rather important for me to point out The Highlander Awards are not a vote tabulation or popularity award for the individuals in these categories. Readers, such as you, must nominate a person(s) and then that nomination will go through a selection committee. The committee will narrow the nominations to three per category and they will be considered finalists. A second committee will review the finalists and select a winner. It is really important that you be as detailed as you possibly can on your nominee's accomplishments as I can attest there will be a lot of competition.

We will publish nomination forms in the paper on Tuesday and Thursday for a while, but you don't have to wait or copy those. A simple word document with your information and your nomination info will work fine; just label the document the Highlander Award Nomination and of course what category this person belongs to.

What we will find together is there is a pretty darn big number of folks doing heroic things out there every day and with your help we are going to recognize them. Think about what I am saying and I bet you come up with seven people right away.

Tim Smolarick is publisher of the Highlands News-Sun and the Highlands Sun. Email him at tim.smolarick@highlandsnewssun.com.

One killed in Saturday accident

By PHIL ATTINGER
STAFF WRITER

SEBRING — One person reportedly died just before 2 p.m. Saturday in a three-vehicle accident at northbound U.S. 27 and Bayview Street.

Florida Highway Patrol was still enroute at 2:30 p.m. after Highlands County Sheriff's deputies closed the scene to a crowd of onlookers.

West Sebring Volunteer firefighters were able to extract a rear seat passenger through the back hatch, but had to cut off the roof to reach the front occupants.

As of press time, Florida Highway Patrol traffic homicide investigators were still investigating the wreck. No more information was known as of press time.

When deputies secured the scene with yellow tape, it wound around a lamppost adjacent to a Florida Department of Transportation memorial marker for Travis Alan Freer.

The 18-year-old Sebring man died June 30, 2007, at that same intersection, on the same side of the road. The marker, in bold letters, advised motorists to "Drive Carefully" in his memory.



PHIL ATTINGER/STAFF

West Sebring Volunteer firefighters start to extract a driver and passenger from an overturned Chevrolet Venture minivan after a wreck just before 2 p.m. Saturday at northbound U.S. 27 and Bayview Street in Sebring. One person, as yet unidentified, died in the wreck. Another passenger and the driver were transported for medical treatment.

At left: With assistance from a member of Highlands County Emergency Medical Services, a West Sebring Volunteer firefighter begins cutting at the roof supports of an overturned Chevrolet Venture to reach a passenger and the driver.

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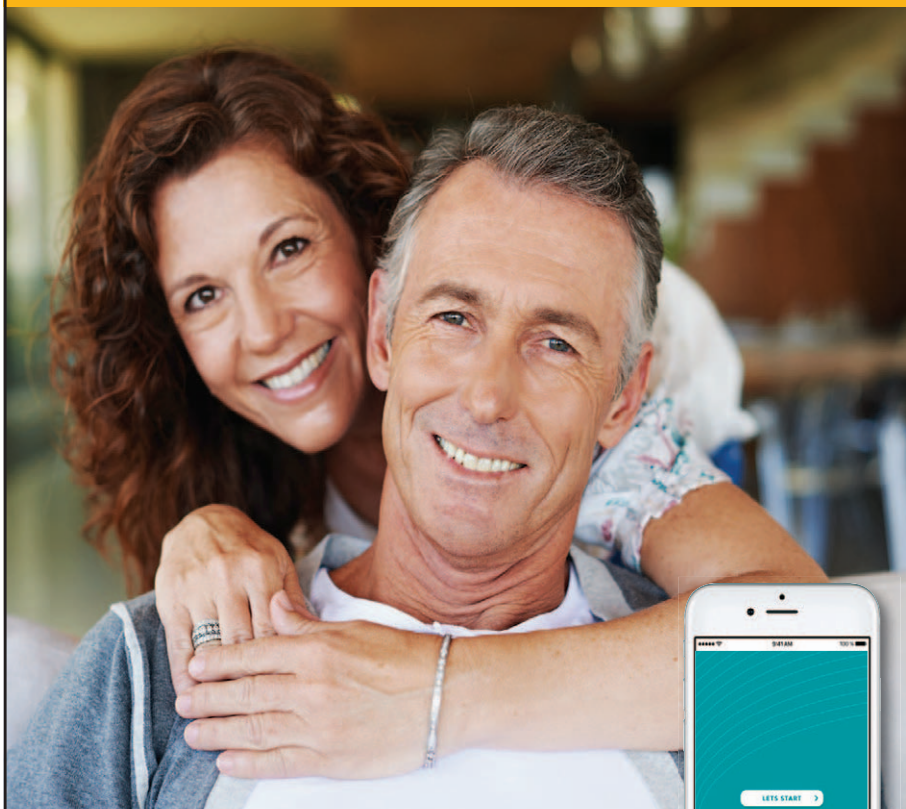
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FLORIDA REPORT

No one-way highways ahead of next storm

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Despite widespread traffic jams that choked Florida's highways right before Hurricane Irma hit, state officials do not plan to authorize one-way traffic in the future. Gov. Rick Scott on Friday announced that he was adopting a series of recommendations aimed at helping the state deal with the congestion and gas shortages that bedeviled those fleeing ahead of the powerful storm. Irma ripped through the state in late September and is blamed for widespread power outages and at least 84 deaths. The oncoming storm prompted a massive evacuation. State officials studied whether to use one-way traffic on highways but did not recommend it. Scott did not overrule the officials and instead agreed to let more people to drive on the shoulders of roads.

The state is also moving ahead with plans to widen key roads.

Micro housing advocates find big demand

TAMPA (AP) — When Omar Garcia announced plans to transform a vacant downtown office building into 120 micro apartments of about 300 square feet each, the calls and checks poured in.

"We got 90 reservations like that," Garcia said, snapping his fingers at a Tampa Downtown Partnership panel discussion on micro housing, and 88 percent came from people who already worked downtown. "People were like, 'Yes!'"

But while interest in micro housing isn't hard to find, developers said local regulations and the availability of financing are still catching up to a market that evolved sooner in some cities (Seattle, Nashville) than in Tampa.

In Garcia's case, he learned that city codes required 120 parking spaces for 120 micro apartments.

If he didn't provide one parking space per unit, he would have had to pay a city fee of \$26,000 per unit — or about \$3 million.

So Garcia changed the plan to create 48 two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments of student housing. The payment-in-lieu-of-parking fee for those dropped to a more doable \$300,000.

Garcia said he plans to start construction on the \$15 million project, called 220 Madison, in a couple of weeks. Students will pay \$769 per bedroom, and the No. 1 amenity they said they wanted was fast Internet connections, so the project will provide download speeds of 300 megabits per second. It also will have a bicycle rack with room for 60 bikes and maybe a couple of dedicated parking spaces on the street for Zipcars.

School bus hits, injures pedestrian

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Authorities say a Florida school bus hit and injured a pedestrian. The Tallahassee Democrat reports that the bus was heading to Griffin Middle School Friday morning when it hit the person. A Leon County Schools spokesman says the victim was taken to a nearby hospital. Officials say the bus had been carrying about 30 students, and another bus came to the scene to take them to school while Tallahassee police investigated. No injuries were reported to the students.

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This room has treasures such as old and antique sewing machines and rug hooks. It has everything a homemaker might need at the turn of the century. One of the glass cases contains a dress worn by Jackie Kennedy.

DEPOT

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1995. Walking into the first main room, guests enter the early days of the turpentine business in town. Artifacts such as buckets and sap collectors, and prehistoric fossils and tools made from the first natives, are displayed in cases. Chairs are set up for guests who can watch a video of "Melvil Dewey" as portrayed by the late Al Pelski. The video is about 10 minutes long and gives an overview of town history. Walking through the second large room, there is a plethora of hand tools and electric sewing machines to keep Martha Stewart and June Cleaver happy. Handmade quilts and unmentionables,

wedding gowns and hooked rugs can be found in the same room. One of the museum's prize items is former first lady Jackie Kennedy's light green dress, which she wore just once. The next room has loads of kitchen items, cookbooks and tools that look foreign. An old switchboard telephone

system and a vintage printing press is in the same area. The museum is currently open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Friday. Admission is by donation. For large groups, school field trips, to volunteer or to get general information, call 863-465-1775.

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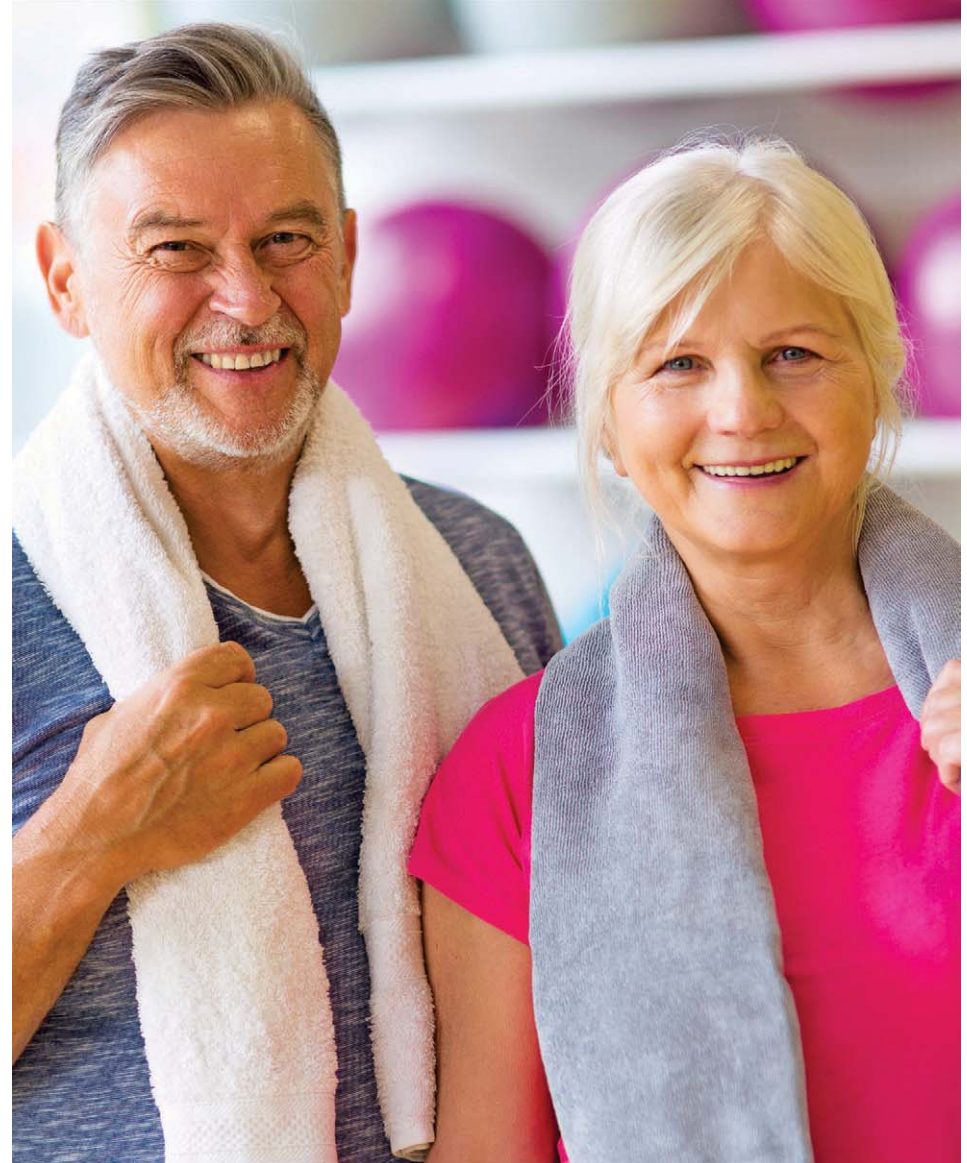
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Behrendt's roofing project is nearly \$600,000 for 21 buildings with two units in each, for a total of 42 individual owners.

"The homeowner is responsible for the interior paint inward," Behrendt said. "The condo association is responsible for the drywall out."

According to Behrendt, the association is its own insurance company because the homeowners pay quarterly and have a 1/42nd interest in the community property.

This section of villas has 16 buildings with 32 units with the roofs each having about 15 years of wear and tear on them.

Rider explained that the



KIM LEATHERMAN/ STAFF

The Villas of the Waterway Patio Homes Condominium Association, Phase I will receive new metal roofs similar to the one seen in this photo. Many of the roofs in the subdivision were damaged after Hurricane Irma swept through Spring Lake in September.

association is a non-profit 501 (c)3 organization.

"The reserve statement on those houses are 15 years, so we were within two to three

years to go anyway," Rider said. "Owners pay over \$400 in homeowners and association fees. The homeowner fees are for road repair, tree repair and



This villa in Villas of the Waterway Patio Homes Condominium Association, Phase I, was getting a complete new roof after Irma caused a lot of damage to the entire community.

lawn care. We have a reserve for painting, a reserve for roofing, etc. We have separate accounts that can only use the funds for what they are designated for."

Rider said the estimated cost of his roof, painting and screenings is over \$500,000.

The roofs are all metal, keeping the look of the

homes uniform.

Frank Mooney of Zephyr Homes is doing the work on both phases of the villas.

Zephyr Homes has crews from Virginia working seven days a week. The association managers are hoping to have all the work done by the end of February.

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on carrying guns during school hours or when school extracurricular activities take place on the property.

Beth Dumond of the group Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America argued the House

language could allow people to carry guns at prisons where religious services are regularly provided.

"There is nothing in this bill that specifies it's talking about churches that have private schools on their property," Dumond told members of the House Judiciary Committee. "I understand that is what they're

talking about, but that is not what it says. It says churches that hold services on properties can make the decision to allow guns for their personal safety, notwithstanding anything else."

Rep. Daniel Perez, R-Miami, responded that he didn't see any language in the bill that specifies a person could carry a gun into a prison,

as Dumond claimed.

Lawmakers backing the overall change continued to use a deadly shooting in November at a church in Sutherland Springs, Texas, as an example of why the change is needed.

"As recently as November in Texas, it was on full display how vulnerable our churches are," said House co-sponsor Lawrence

McClure, R-Dover.

Senate sponsor Dennis Baxley, R-Ocala, said, "We can make a difference whether something is an incident or a massacre."

On Nov. 5, 26 people died and 20 others were injured when a

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Good times, good scores

Gilpin's ace highlights Florida Hospital golf tournament

HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN SPORTS STAFF

Friday's Florida Hospital Heartland Foundation Gala Golf Tournament was another huge success and a memorable one for Mike Gilpin, who hit a hole-in-one on Deer Run's No. 18 — the famous island green at Sun 'N Lake Golf Club. A full-field packed both courses at Sun 'N

Lake and players were treated to excellent playing conditions and perfect weather for golf.

Gilpin's ace helped his team to a second-place finish in the First Flight, as he teamed-up with Mike Hurley and Omar DeJesus to record a score of 61 in the scramble. The winning team in the First Flight consisted of Ramon Torres, Robert Grimes, Ed De La Cuevo and Herbert Donglasan, who

teamed up to shot a solid score of 58. Placing third on the basis of matching cards was the team of Tony Mongiello, Josh Brown, Andy Jano and Kevin Macy with a score of 65.

Winners of the Championship Flight — with a score of 55 — was the team of Blake Liles, Chad Lund, Geoff Fisk and Rene



COURTESY PHOTO

Mike Gilpin, center, after hitting his hole-on-one on Sun 'N Lake Golf Club's Deer Run's No. 18.

Devils hold off Bulldogs



JIM TAYLOR/CORRESPONDENT

Avon Park's Malcolm Dewberry (10) draws a foul from Frostproof's Christian Sanchez.

Avon Park defeats pesky Frostproof squad on Senior Night

By **JIM TAYLOR**
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — The Avon Park Red Devils Boys basketball team withstood a third-quarter rally by the Frostproof Bulldogs to rally back in the fourth quarter to beat the Bulldogs 60-50 on Senior night in which Isaiah Coombes and Corion Blount were recognized before the game.

"They (Frostproof) played really well; they shot the ball really well," said Avon Park coach Martin O'Hora. "We were up by 11 at the half, they made a run and were physical all night. We tried

to make them a jump shooting team, but the guys we tried to make jump shooters, they made some shots."

All the excitement of the pregame ceremony may have affected the Red Devils early in the game as they were held scoreless during the first four minutes.

Despite not being able to score, Avon Park held Frostproof to just four points during that same time span before Coombes jump-started the Red Devil offense with the first of his four 3-pointers of the game to make the score 4-3.

Coombes hit his second 3-pointer a

couple of minutes later to tie the game at eight.

Christian Sanchez briefly gave Frostproof the lead back at 10-8 before Avon Park finished the first quarter on baskets by Ricky Lovette and Eric Brown as the Red Devils took their first lead of the game.

Five points by Javariuss Smith, four by Brown and another 3-pointer by Coombes in the second quarter propelled the Red Devils to an 11-point lead at the half, 28-17.

Normally, that would be a good

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Heartland Games track sign-ups end soon Brojek again serving as meet director for event

By **NEIL SIMPSON**
SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

Long time Avon Park High School teacher and coach, Chet Brojek, will be the meet director for the Heartland Games For Active Adults Track and Field Meet which will be held at Avon Park High School on Saturday, Feb. 17. He will be assisted by his coaching partner, Lee Pearson.

Brojek started his teaching career in Pennsylvania but moved south after one year, serving the students of Avon Park High School as an English and history teacher for 35 years, coaching track and field and cross country throughout his tenure at the school and serving as athletic director for 23 years.

After retiring from teaching in 2003, Brojek continued to coach for another three years then turned his talents to working with youth aged 6 to 13 in the Champions Elite Track and Field program. During that time, he watched the progress of some excellent young runners. When Dylan Branch, the top local speedster, graduated from elementary school and started at Avon Park, Brojek made a commitment to return to coaching at the school as long as his young protegee was in the

program. Branch and Emily Vargas, 2017 Highlands News-Sun cross country runners of the year, continue to train under Brojek's watchful eye.

Working with teens, as most adults

know, can be trying, but the positive feedback from seeing their success keeps Brojek motivated. He and

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NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

From left; Brenda Scott, Lee Pearson, Grant McLaughlin and Joseph Oblon give it their all in the 2017 100-yard race.



HIGHLANDS BASS ANGLER

Dave Douglass

Ideal weather for fishing

The Florida freshwater fishing forecast for the first full week of February gives anglers ideal Florida winter fishing weather, which the forecasters predict will last until Feb. 15. And the last quarter moon phase arrives Wednesday which always means the later afternoon anglers will see the best action of the day.

All fishing factors considered; for the next four days the later afternoon hours will have the greatest amount of 'fishing-factor change' which in turn causes fish to adjust at the highest levels of the day which translates into the major feeding period of the day.

I didn't pull a groundhog out of it's hole last Friday but I did pull a six-pound bass out of it's feeding hole, and it told me, "No, I do not see my shadow," so my fellow anglers, spring comes early this year.

"It's time to go fishing"

Today through Wednesday the moon underfoot period will occur during the warmest water period of the day, and when wind speeds are ideal for masking the presence of the angler and the fakeness and mistakes of their bait presentation.

"A 'moderate wind' is the angler's best friend when it comes to tricking fish to bite an artificial bait."

The wind speeds today will be above the 'ideal speed range,' predicted at the 15 mile-per-hour range from the south. However, a south wind usually means, 'pre-front feeding frenzy' here in Florida. So dealing with the additional work moderate to strong winds create, is well worth it since fish will be 'adjusting at the greatest rate' during the lunar periods of the day.

"Moderate to high wind speeds means greater than normal atmospheric pressure change, both up and down." You can't have pressure change without wind. And you can't experience above-average fishing results without pressure change of 0.10 In Hg or greater, up or down.

Today sunshine will be at a minimum, so fish won't be holding tight to cover. But Monday and Tuesday the reverse occurs, so fish will be tight to cover as bright sunlight prevails.

The second half of the week a perfect even mix of clouds and sun will occur, which will produce a higher level of 'adjustment' as fish move tight to cover during bright sun and away from cover during periods of cloudiness—causes more energy usage requiring more food.

During the Florida winter season, water temperature becomes the 'dominate fishing factor.' It doesn't matter what the lunar phase is, or the amount of pressure change, or the direction of the wind. If the fish's metabolism is at the slowest annual

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NEIL SIMPSON PHOTOS

Earl Bosle competes in the shot put at the 2017 Heartland Games track and field meet.

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Pearson have about 45 girls and boys in their track program but would like to have 60 to 70. They hope that when basketball, soccer and wrestling programs wrap up that some of those athletes will use their skills in the track and field program.

In "retirement" Brojek



Chet Brojek checks his list of skills to be worked on during an Avon Park High School track and field practice.

can be found at the high school track five days a week from August through May and on weekends he is likely to be found timing a 5k run or a marathon. In his spare time he plays some golf and even manages to jog a little. He would like to make time to do some traveling.

At the Heartland Games event, 5k runners will take off at 10 a.m. with the other track events; 100, 200, 400, 800 and 1,500 plus the field events; discus, shot put, high jump and long jump, getting underway at 11.

Athletes 50 and older have until Feb. 9 to register for the meet. More information and a registration form can be found at www.southflorida.edu/heartlandgames. The Games are organized by South Florida State College and sponsored by Edward Jones/Alan Holmes, Newsom Eye, Turner Furniture, VITAS Healthcare, Drs. Thakkar and Patel, Florida Hospital and the Alan Jay Automotive Network.

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indicator how the second half will unfold, except the Bulldogs had different plans as the rallied with four 3-point shots in the third quarter, two each by Sanchez and Allen Mendes as Frostproof chipped away to take 37-36 lead with less than a minutes left in the third quarter.

"They had some guys that hit some 3s," said O'Hora. "Coombes guarded Sanchez, who is a very good 3-point shooter. He made two, but both times Coombes was on the bench, Coombes did a good job shutting him down."

Avon Park was able to retake the lead at the end of the third on a pair of free throws by Kenijah Deveaux, who scored six of the Red Devils' 10 points in the third quarter as Avon Park went into the fourth quarter holding a tenuous 38-37 lead.

Deveaux scored eight of his game-high 17 points in the fourth quarter as the Red Devils outscored the Bulldogs 22-13 in the final stanza to beat Frostproof 60-50.

Khaleel Walton led the Bulldogs with 13 points, Hamilton Johnson and Sanchez each reached

JIM TAYLOR/
CORRESPONDENT

Right: Avon Park's Javariuss Smith (4) attempts to pull down the rebound from Frostproof's Allen Mendes (5).

double digits, scoring 12 and 11 respectively.

Behind Deveaux, Brown and Coombes each posted 12 points for the Red Devils in the win.

"Overall, the guys responded well," said O'Hora. "We went down one in the third quarter, we needed to be pushed at home, we have not had a really tough game since McKeel. It is the first lead we lost here in a while so it is good to see the kids respond the way they did."

The Red Devils will have next week off before the district tournament.



Avon Park's Corion Blount, left, and Isaiah Coombes, right, with their mothers Tanya Blount, far left, and Jazmin Perez, far right, were recognized on Senior Night.

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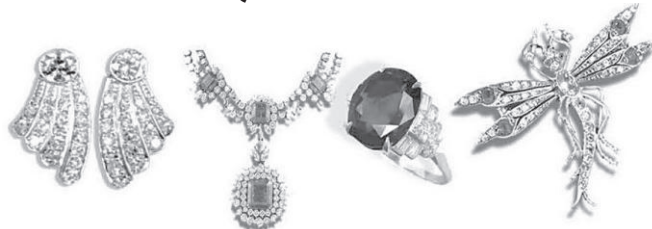
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speed, they will not feed more than once or maybe twice a week and only minimally when they do feed.

The next 14 to 15 days a high-low temperature degree-range of 86 will occur so get ready for the best fishing a Florida winter season can produce. Now is the time to go fishing.

Best Fishing Days: The days with the most 'fishing-factor change' is forecast to be today through Tuesday. Pressure, wind speed and direction, will all be changing at above normal rates, and water temperatures will be in the high 60-degree range, and even break into the lower 70-degree range by the midweek.

Best feeding temperature for Florida's freshwater fish species is between 70 to 82 degrees. All fish feed three to four times per week — two to three times at 70 degrees and three to four times at 82 degrees.

The Major Fishing Period: Today the moon underfoot period occurs at 4:23 p.m. and the sunset at 6:09 p.m. and will create a feeding intensity rating of 5-6 from 3-7 p.m. It is possible the rating will climb daily as the underfoot period moves closer to the sunset period. Tuesday and Wednesday evening's



COURTESY PHOTO

Dave Douglass shows off a 9-pound bass.

ratings could climb to a solid 7-rating due to above average pressure movement upward.

The Minor Fishing Period: Today the moonset period occurs at 10:09 a.m. and solar noon at 12:39 p.m. and will create a feed intensity rating of 4-5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Both Monday and Tuesday mid-to-late morning hours will have above-average pressure-rise periods during this period. Wednesday and Thursday both solar and lunar periods occur during the same hour

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Istokpoga.info website has links to the South Florida Water Mgmt. (SFWMD) real time S68 and S68X spillway gates status, and flow status data of all water way structures from Kissimmee to Clewiston.

Access this article online using, FloridaLakes FishingForecast.com or BassFishingForecast.com. Need a lake map? Go to FloridaLakesMaps.com for free lake contour maps for hundreds

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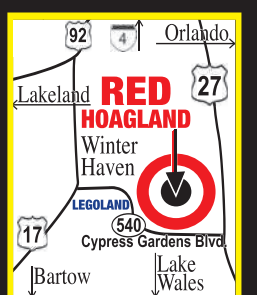
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Sun 'N Lake pickleball tournament upcoming

Fifth annual event taking place at end of month

By NEIL SIMPSON

SPECIAL TO HIGHLANDS NEWS-SUN

The Recreation staff at Sun 'N Lake is eagerly awaiting the fifth annual Sun 'N Lake Pickleball Tournament to be held at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28. All participants are to be at the courts no later than 8:30.

Bria Wilson, a recreation attendant at Sun 'N Lake since May, will be taking charge of the tournament relying on her experience with bracket play in other sports. She was born and raised in Lake Placid and played basketball and softball and competed in track and field and

cross country at Lake Placid High School. She is looking forward to the competition, hoping to see the women more than hold their own against the men in doubles and mixed doubles play.

Marie Porter has been at Sun 'N Lake since May and was promoted to Recreation Specialist at the end of November. Marie was born in Puerto Rico and came to Highlands County at the age of 5. She attended Avon Park High School, where she played volleyball and softball as well as being a cheerleader. She looks forward to working with Wilson and Tenille Drury-Smith to make the tournament a success.

Drury-Smith has been at Sun 'N Lake for five years and will, once again, be overseeing the pickleball tournament in her role as Community Services Director. A Sebring High School graduate, Tenille admits that she wasn't an athlete but did play flute in the band and was a majorette.

Sun 'N Lake has some of the few courts open to the public in Highlands County. The excellent eight-court facility is open for daily play at a cost of \$5. Annual memberships are available to Sun 'N Lake residents for \$50 and to all others for \$100. Memberships are sold at the pool office at



NEIL SIMPSON PHOTO

From left; Bria Wilson, Tenille Drury-Smith and Marie Porter.

3500 Edgewater Dr. The tournament will see doubles play in two skill brackets: A = 3.5 or higher and B = 2.5 and 3.0.

Beginning players are encouraged to come out and give tournament play a try in this fun event

where you can meet up with other relative beginners. Cost is \$20 per player for Sun 'N Lake Racquet Club members and \$25 for non-members.

Those registered by Feb. 5 will receive a tee-shirt. Refreshments and

prizes will be provided. Registration forms can be picked up and returned to the Sun 'N Lake Recreation Complex. For more information contact Marie Porter at mporter@snldistrict.org or call her at 863-382-3679.

GOLF

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Brown. Placing second — also with a score of 55 — was the team Terry Hancock, Heath Prescott, Jay Belflower and Scott Leech. Placing third on matching cards with a score of 56 was the team of Nick Maloyed, Joey Desimone, Ryan Adair and Jeremy Camino.

Belflower had the longest drive on No. 1 and John Whitehead has closest-to-the-pin on No. 12, knocking his tee shot 12-feet-7-inches from the hole.

The Second Flight and Third Flight played the Turtle Run course and Merci Madar had the longest drive and PJ Marrero had closest-to-the-pin on No. 6 with a tee shot 9-feet-5-inches from the pin.

The winning foursome in the Second Flight consisted of Madar, Abe Cervera, Paul Primeau and Greg White with a score of 60, while Vanessa Kahler, Charles Tary, JR Tary and Reg Frood with a score of 61. Taking third on the basis of matching cards was the team of Troy Maloyed, Mike Cleghorn, Richard Martin and Jimmy Ferrell.

In the Third Flight, Marrero, James Box, Jeff Holbrook and Mike Davis with a score of 62, while the team of Tucker Lemley, Tim Gibson,

Barry Terrell and Louise Blackman with a score of 64. Placing third on the basis of matching

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States test boundaries of abortion restrictions

By RYAN J. FOLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Republicans who control a majority of the nation's statehouses are considering a wide range of abortion legislation that could test the government's legal ability to restrict a woman's right to terminate pregnancy.

The Mississippi House passed a bill Friday that would make the state the only one to ban all abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy. In Missouri, lawmakers heard testimony earlier in the week on a bill that would ban

abortions after 20 weeks.

The Ohio House is expected to consider bills, already passed in the Senate, that would prohibit the most common type of procedure used to end pregnancies after 13 weeks and require that fetal remains be buried or cremated.

Abortion is a perennial hot button issue in statehouses across the country. Republican-controlled states have passed hundreds of bills since 2011 restricting access to the procedure while Democratic-led states have taken steps in the other direction.

The early weeks of this year's state legislative sessions have seen a flurry of activity around the issue. It comes as activists on both sides say they expect the U.S. Supreme Court to soon consider a question that remains unclear: How far can states go in restricting abortion in the interest of preserving and promoting fetal life?

The state bills debated since the start of the year "are all tests designed to see how far government power to legislate on behalf of a fetus can reach," said Jessica Mason Pieklo, who has been tracking legislation as the senior

legal analyst for Rewire, a website that promotes views supporting abortion rights.

She said the outcome will determine whether states can legally ban abortion after a specific time period and outlaw specific medical procedures. Advocates for abortion rights say those strategies undermine the Supreme Court's 1973 ruling that women have the right to terminate pregnancies until a fetus is viable.

In Utah, critics have warned that a pending



AP FILE PHOTO

In this March 2, 2014, file photo, Sen. Curt Bramble, R-Provo, speaks during a news conference at the Utah State Capitol, in Salt Lake City, Utah.



AP PHOTO

Workers fix a sewer main below the sidewalk in Mid City New Orleans, Wednesday. The city of New Orleans is perhaps one of the best examples of what President Donald Trump calls the country's "crumbling infrastructure."

Will new plan help New Orleans' crumbling infrastructure?

By REBECCA SANTANA and KEVIN MCGILL
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NEW ORLEANS — When a heavy rain hits New Orleans, residents move their cars to higher ground for fear of fast-rising street flooding. Knee-deep potholes can eat a car's fender. When pressure drops in the city's aging water delivery system, restaurants and cafes have to boil water to feed customers.

Battered by nature and neglect, New Orleans is one of the best examples of what President Donald Trump calls the country's "crumbling infrastructure." But when looking at the billion-dollar needs of this 300-year-old city, two

things become apparent: The rebuilding task is immense and it's not clear the president's new plan will help.

The city needs about \$11.6 billion to bring key parts of its infrastructure into "this century," said city official Katie Dignan. That means repairing the roads, the infrastructure under them — sewer, water and drainage — as well as other parts of the drainage system that empties the city of water when it rains.

Dignan said the city has about \$2 billion available, some from FEMA to mitigate Hurricane Katrina damage and some from other sources. Now, the city faces choices on how to come

up with the remainder. Mayor Mitch Landrieu, who calls the aging sewer, water and drainage system a "prime example" of needed infrastructure work, has doubts about Trump's proposal.

Trump called on Congress to produce a bill that generates "at least \$1.5 trillion" for infrastructure investment. But he hasn't detailed how much money the federal government would actually supply and has suggested that much of the money would come from state and local governments or private-sector investments.

PLAN | 4

North Korea collected \$200 million by dodging sanctions

By KAMBIZ FOROOHAR
BLOOMBERG NEWS

NEW YORK — North Korea received almost \$200 million from January to September 2017 from exports of coal, iron, steel and other commodities banned under United Nations Security Council resolutions meant to crack down on Pyongyang's nuclear ambitions, according to a UN report.

Coal was delivered to China, Malaysia, South Korea, Russia and Vietnam by ships using a combination of "deceptive navigation patterns, signals manipulation, transshipment," independent UN monitors said in the confidential report, which was seen by Bloomberg.

The report noted that increased sanctions have created lucrative markets for North Korean traders to procure petroleum products and export natural resources, and that more action is needed to stop such oil and coal transfers.

The report also warned of continuing cooperation on ballistic missile development between North Korea and Myanmar and Syria, which have been providing logistical support, military technicians and intelligence operations and using front companies.

In January, the Trump administration announced a new round of sanctions targeting North Korea's oil industry and shipping companies, and individuals or entities in China and Russia, two countries the U.S. says needs to do more to rein in Kim's nuclear weapons program.

Trump claims memo 'totally vindicates' him in Russia probe

By ERIC TUCKER, MARY CLARE JALONIC and CHAD DAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Saturday claimed complete vindication from a congressional memo that alleges the FBI abused its surveillance powers during the investigation into his campaign's possible Russia ties. But the memo also includes revelations that might complicate efforts by Trump and his allies to undermine special counsel Robert Mueller's inquiry.

The four-page document released Friday contends that the FBI, when it applied for a surveillance warrant on a onetime Trump campaign associate, relied excessively on an ex-British spy whose opposition research was funded by Democrats. At the same time, the memo

confirms that the investigation into potential Trump links to Russia actually began several months earlier, and was "triggered" by information involving a different campaign aide.

Christopher Steele, the former spy who compiled the allegations, acknowledged having strong anti-Trump sentiments. But he also was a "longtime FBI source" with a credible track record, according to the memo from the House Intelligence Committee chairman, Rep. Devin Nunes, R-Calif., and his staff.

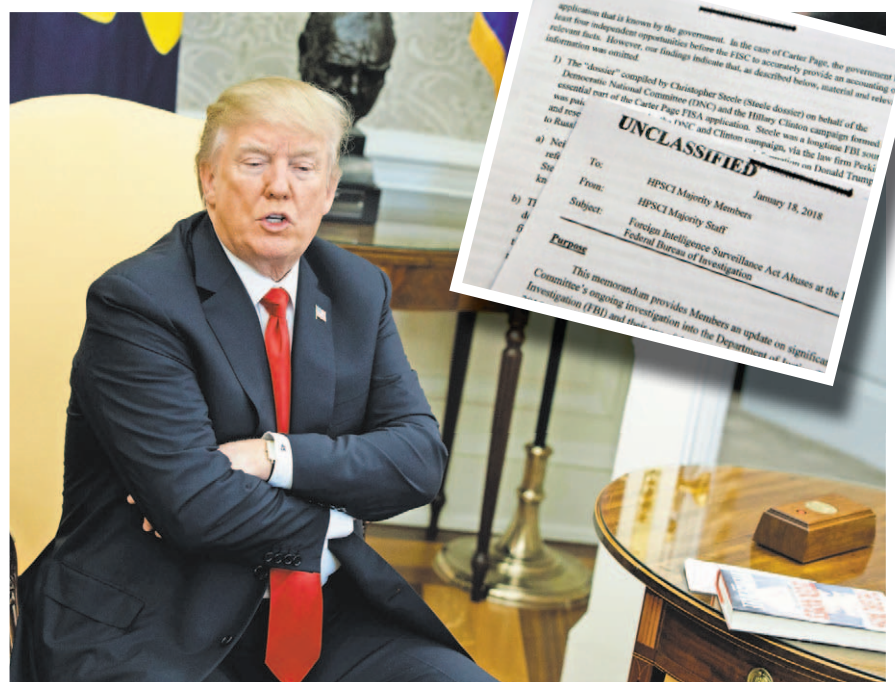
The warrant authorizing the FBI to monitor the communications of former campaign adviser Carter Page was not a one-time request, but was approved by a judge on four occasions, the memo says, and

even signed off on by the second-ranking official at the Justice Department, Rod Rosenstein, whom Trump appointed as deputy attorney general.

Trump, however, tweeted from Florida, where he was spending the weekend, that the memo puts him in the clear.

"This memo totally vindicates 'Trump' in probe," he said. "But the Russian Witch Hunt goes on and on. Their (sic) was no Collusion and there was no Obstruction (the word now used because, after one year of looking endlessly and finding NOTHING, collusion is dead). This is an American disgrace!"

The underlying materials that served as the basis for the warrant application



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In this Feb. 2 photo, President Donald Trump speaks during a meeting with North Korean defectors where he talked with reporters about allowing the release of a secret memo on the FBI's role in the Russia inquiry, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

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Malcolm Berko

mix with the public. When I first met him, he was an impecunious bassoonist playing the subway in New York City, and I gave him a C-note. The second time I met him was in Morocco; the year was 1995. I was on my way back from the Kashmirian Himalayas, and I gave him another C-note. We eventually became good friends. I'll call him Sasha, and he's a veritable font of cheap stock recommendations. He's made some outstanding cheap stock calls in the past 20 years, but I've never made a pence, penny or peso on his recommendations. So, I wish you luck on Sasha's following stocks.

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Sonus Networks (SONS-\$7.50) provides security and interworking network requirements for small, medium and large businesses, as well as regional and global communications services. Possible profit next year (PPNY).
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owns 4,500 drugstores, but those in management are so dumb that they couldn't pour water out of a boot if the instructions were on the heel. PPNY.
Sandstorm Gold (SAND-\$5.53) acquires gold and precious metal purchase agreements and offers upfront payments to companies to acquire a gold stream or royalty income. PPNY.
Century Casinos (CNTY-\$9.29) owns and operates gambling establishments, lodging establishments, restaurants, racetracks and pari-mutuel off-track betting services. PPNY.

Westell Technologies (WSTL-\$3.49) designs and distributes telecommunications products to phone companies. NPIS.
Akari Therapeutics (AKTX-\$3.39) is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing products to treat rare and orphan autoimmune and inflammatory diseases. NPIS.
Anglo American (NGLOY-\$9.22) explores, mines, processes and smelts bulk commodities, base metals and minerals. NGLOY currently has good earnings and a 5.05 percent dividend.
Tecogen (TGEN-\$2.55) sells industrial and commercial cogeneration systems that produce combinations of electricity, hot water and air conditioning. NPIS.
Houston Wire &

Cable (HWCC-\$7.40) sells electrical and mechanical wire and cable, fasteners, hardware and related services. PPNY.
SunPower (SPWR-\$8.08) designs and manufactures solar-electric power panels and other products, primarily for power plants. NPIS.
That was 11. Sasha gave you one more cheap stock as a bonus, at no extra charge. I'd recommend that you invest \$9,000 in each issue, but don't use a big-box brokerage, such as Merrill Lynch or Morgan Stanley, which would probably charge you \$2,000 to invest in those 11 issues. There are several discount brokerages that offer superb service and will charge you \$55 to purchase the entire caboodle. Don't cherry-pick among these issues; just hold your nose and buy every one of them. Keep in mind that though Sasha is considered one of the top CSEs in the industry, the probability is that my pet rock will learn to talk before any of the above issues becomes profitable.

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AP PHOTO

Robot barista named "Sawyer" makes a coffee at Henn-na Cafe, Japanese meaning "Strange Cafe" in Tokyo, Friday.

Robot makes coffee at new cafe in Japan

By MARI YAMAGUCHI ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan has a new cafe where customers can enjoy coffee brewed and served by a robot barista.

The robot named Sawyer debuted this week at Henna Cafe in Tokyo's downtown business and shopping district of Shibuya. The shop's name in Japanese means "strange cafe."

The single-armed robot scans a ticket purchased from a vending machine and greets the customer. "Would you care for a delicious coffee?" the barista, with a screen showing a pair of cartoon eyes, asks in a flat tone. "I can make one better than human beings around here."

It grinds the coffee beans, fills a filter and pours hot water over a paper cup for up to five people at once. A cup of brewed coffee costs 320 yen (\$3).

Sawyer can also operate an automated machine for six other hot drinks including cappuccino, hot chocolate and green tea latte.

Customers, many of them young men, took photos with their smartphones while they waited in line.

The cafe operator, travel agency H.I.S. Co., says robots can increase productivity while also entertaining customers.

"An essential point is to increase productivity," said Masataka Tamaki, general manager of corporate planning at H.I.S. He said only one person needs to oversee the robot cafe, compared to several people needed at a regular coffee shop, so it can serve better quality coffee at a reasonable price.

Tamaki says it's not just about efficiency. "We want the robot to entertain customers so it's not like buying coffee at a vending machine," he said.

| TODAY / TONIGHT | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Partly sunny HIGH 79° 55% chance of rain LOW 63° 70% chance of rain | Pleasant with more clouds than sun 80° / 55° 15% chance of rain | Sun and areas of low clouds 83° / 63° 5% chance of rain | Mostly cloudy 84° / 62° 10% chance of rain | Mostly cloudy with a brief shower or two 84° / 63° 55% chance of rain | Times of sun and clouds 85° / 60° 25% chance of rain |

FLORIDA CITIES

| City | Today | Mon. |
|-----------------|----------|----------|
| Apalachicola | 69 51 r | 67 52 s |
| Bradenton | 73 61 pc | 75 55 pc |
| Clearwater | 72 60 t | 72 55 pc |
| Coral Springs | 82 66 pc | 79 68 c |
| Daytona Beach | 76 59 t | 65 53 pc |
| Fort Lauderdale | 80 66 pc | 77 68 c |
| Fort Myers | 81 65 pc | 80 60 c |
| Gainesville | 71 52 t | 70 43 s |
| Jacksonville | 73 50 t | 66 45 s |
| Key Largo | 78 69 sh | 78 70 sh |
| Key West | 77 70 pc | 75 68 sh |
| Lakeland | 78 61 t | 75 51 pc |
| Lakemore | 82 64 sh | 73 60 pc |
| Miami | 82 68 sh | 81 70 sh |
| Naples | 78 64 pc | 77 62 c |
| Ocala | 73 53 t | 71 45 s |
| Okeechobee | 82 63 pc | 76 56 c |
| Orlando | 79 60 t | 73 53 pc |
| Panama City | 69 48 r | 67 50 s |
| Pensacola | 71 46 r | 66 53 pc |
| Pompano Beach | 81 67 pc | 78 70 c |
| St. Augustine | 72 54 t | 61 50 s |
| St. Petersburg | 73 59 t | 72 54 pc |
| Sarasota | 74 60 pc | 74 55 pc |
| Tallahassee | 69 47 r | 67 41 s |
| Tampa | 76 64 t | 76 57 pc |
| Vero Beach | 82 63 sh | 73 61 c |
| West Palm Beach | 80 65 sh | 76 66 c |

TIDES

| Pointa Gorda | High | Low | High | Low |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Today | 5:10a | 12:16p | 6:14p | --- |
| Mon. | 6:09a | 12:33a | 6:46p | 12:47p |

Englewood
Today: 3:47a 10:32a 4:51p 10:49p
Mon.: 4:46a 11:03a 5:23p ---

Boca Grande
Today: 2:47a 9:20a 4:13p 9:35p
Mon.: 3:53a 9:51a 4:51p 10:52p

El Jobean
Today: 5:42a 12:45p 6:46p ---
Mon.: 6:41a 1:02a 7:18p 1:16p

Venice
Today: 2:02a 9:11a 3:06p 9:28p
Mon.: 3:01a 9:42a 3:38p 10:40p

CONDITIONS TODAY

UV Index and RealFeel Temperature Today

| | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | |
| 62 | 71 | 78 | 81 | 76 | 68 |

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low; 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.

RealFeel Temperature is the exclusive AccuWeather.com composite of effective temperature based on eight weather factors.

PORT CHARLOTTE

Punta Gorda through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures High/Low 76°/59°
Normal High/Low 76°/53°
Record High 88° (1990)
Record Low 40° (1994)

Precipitation (in inches) 24 hours through 2 p.m. Sat. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.24"
Year to date 1.98"
Normal year to date 2.04"
Record 1.06" (1998)

MONTHLY RAINFALL

| Month | 2018 | 2017 | Avg. Record/Year |
|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Jan. | 1.98 | 0.88 | 1.80 9.93/2016 |
| Feb. | 0.00 | 0.94 | 2.52 11.05/1983 |
| Mar. | 0.80 | 3.28 | 9.26/1970 |
| Apr. | 1.59 | 2.03 | 5.80/1994 |
| May | 2.74 | 2.50 | 9.45/1991 |
| Jun. | 14.79 | 8.92 | 23.99/1974 |
| Jul. | 9.02 | 8.22 | 14.22/1995 |
| Aug. | 13.12 | 8.01 | 15.60/1995 |
| Sep. | 12.46 | 6.84 | 14.03/1979 |
| Oct. | 2.54 | 2.93 | 10.88/1995 |
| Nov. | 0.44 | 1.91 | 5.53/2002 |
| Dec. | 1.04 | 1.78 | 6.83/2002 |
| Year | 1.98 | 60.36 | 50.74 (since 1931) |

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

SEBRING

Sebring through 2 p.m. Saturday

Temperatures High/Low 71°/56°

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

AIRPORT

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

| City | Hi/Lo | Outlook | Delays |
|-------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| Ft. Myers | 81/65 | part cldy | none |
| Punta Gorda | 82/62 | part cldy | none |
| Sarasota | 74/60 | part cldy | afternoon |

Source: ssgov.net

THE NATION

Publication date: 02/4/18

U.S. Extremes (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 86° at Palm Springs, CA Low -32° at Cotton, MN

| City | Today | Mon. | City | Today | Mon. |
|----------------|----------|----------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Albuquerque | 63 34 s | 64 35 s | Jackson, MS | 60 34 sh | 58 46 s |
| Anchorage | 17 10 s | 28 22 s | Kansas City | 23 10 sf | 36 20 pc |
| Atlanta | 54 34 r | 51 36 s | Knoxville | 47 26 r | 41 26 pc |
| Baltimore | 41 29 r | 36 18 s | Las Vegas | 76 51 s | 77 50 s |
| Billings | 23 13 sn | 18 9 sn | Los Angeles | 81 56 s | 74 54 pc |
| Birmingham | 57 30 r | 53 40 s | Louisville | 43 18 sf | 53 29 pc |
| Boise | 57 42 c | 53 36 pc | Memphis | 54 24 c | 48 40 s |
| Boston | 43 34 r | 37 21 s | Millwaukee | 20 1 sn | 20 8 sn |
| Buffalo | 37 11 sn | 20 16 pc | Minneapolis | 7 -1 pc | 18 -6 c |
| Burlington, VT | 37 22 sn | 27 15 pc | Montgomery | 64 38 r | 58 39 s |
| Charleston, WV | 46 22 sn | 33 22 pc | Nashville | 52 20 r | 42 33 pc |
| Charlotte | 44 31 r | 49 27 s | New Orleans | 72 48 r | 64 55 pc |
| Chicago | 27 3 sn | 21 6 sn | New York City | 45 32 r | 36 25 s |
| Cincinnati | 39 15 sf | 30 25 pc | Norfolk, VA | 58 38 r | 42 30 s |
| Cleveland | 37 12 sn | 26 20 pc | Oklahoma City | 46 18 pc | 46 39 pc |
| Columbia, SC | 56 37 r | 56 31 s | Omaha | 17 10 c | 29 10 sn |
| Columbus, OH | 39 14 sn | 28 23 pc | Philadelphia | 46 30 r | 35 23 s |
| Concord, NH | 38 30 sn | 33 15 s | Phoenix | 81 53 s | 80 53 s |
| Dallas | 71 38 pc | 61 55 pc | Pittsburgh | 37 15 sn | 25 20 pc |
| Denver | 41 31 pc | 57 22 p | Portland, ME | 41 34 r | 36 14 r |
| Des Moines | 17 5 c | 24 7 sn | Portland, OR | 57 47 c | 53 44 r |
| Detroit | 36 7 sn | 23 15 pc | Providence | 45 35 r | 38 18 s |
| Duluth | 3 -7 s | 10 -11 s | Raleigh | 52 31 r | 45 25 s |
| Fairbanks | -8 -20 s | -1 -15 s | Salt Lake City | 56 44 c | 51 36 r |
| Fargo | 4 -5 s | 8 -13 s | St. Louis | 34 10 c | 36 28 pc |
| Hartford | 43 29 r | 32 16 s | San Antonio | 81 53 s | 65 61 c |
| Helena | 34 24 sn | 25 19 pc | San Diego | 73 55 s | 69 54 pc |
| Honolulu | 81 71 r | 79 67 t | San Francisco | 70 51 pc | 66 51 r |
| Houston | 71 54 c | 63 59 c | Seattle | 54 45 r | 50 45 r |
| Indianapolis | 36 8 sn | 27 21 pc | Washington, DC | 42 30 r | 37 26 s |

SOLAR TABLE

| Minor | Major | Minor | Major |
|--------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Today: 9:05a | 2:53a | 9:29p | 3:17p |
| Mon.: 9:58a | 3:47a | 10:22p | 4:10p |
| Tue.: 10:48a | 4:37a | 11:11p | 5:00p |

The solar period schedule allows planning days so you will be fishing in good territory or hunting in good cover during those times. Major periods begin at the times shown and last for 1.5 to 2 hours. The minor periods are shorter.

WEATHER HISTORY

Pacific winds usually regulate San Francisco's climate. On Feb. 4, 1887, however, 4 inches of snow accumulated.

WEATHER TRIVIA™

Q: What is the U.S. snowfall record for one season?
A: 114 inches at Mount Baker Ski Area, Wash., 1998-1999.

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

NATION

Judge temporarily halts deportation of Indonesian Christians

By DAVID PORTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HIGHLAND PARK, N.J. (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily halted deportation proceedings against Indonesian Christians who are in the U.S. illegally but are seeking to gain legal status, including a man honored for his work helping to rebuild more than 200 homes after Superstorm Sandy.

The order Friday was issued by U.S. District Judge Esther Salas in Newark in response to a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and applies to Indonesians who have orders of removal dating to before 2009.

The order affects roughly 50 people in New Jersey who had identified themselves to Immigration and Customs Enforcement in 2009 as part of a program to obtain work authorization and stays of deportation, according to the ACLU and Seth Kaper-Dale, co-pastor of a church where some of the immigrants sought sanctuary.

The lawsuit came after several enforcement actions by immigration authorities in New Jersey that targeted Indonesian Christians and rekindled fears in a community



In this Oct. 12, 2017 photo, the hand of Arthur Jemmy, bottom, is held by his wife, Silfia, as they sit and talk at The Reformed Church of Highland Park, where they are taking sanctuary to avoid deportation in Highland Park, N.J.

that includes people who left Indonesia years ago to escape religious persecution.

Two men were arrested last month after they dropped their children off at school. Harry Pangemanan, who has been in the country since 1993 and lives with his wife and two daughters in central New Jersey, sought sanctuary at the Reformed Church of Highland Park, where he is an elder and where he spent nine months in 2012 under similar circumstances.

Two other men, Arthur Jemmy and Yohanes Tasik, already were living there to avoid detention.

Salas ordered both sides to file briefs over the next month.

A spokesman for ICE's Newark office didn't

immediately return a message seeking comment.

Pangemanan has been staying in a room that doubles as a children's library at the church and had to move his belongings when the library is in use. His family joined him recently after their home was broken into and vandalized after his name was included in news reports.

"We are trying to stay strong as a family, take one day at a time," he said in an interview with The Associated Press last week. "You do your best today, do something useful, and tomorrow is in god's hands."

Pangemanan came to the country in 1993 on a tourist visa that was to lapse in five years, he said. His wife came



AP PHOTO

In this Oct. 12, 2017 photo, Seth Kaper-Dale, left, a pastor who is a Green Party candidate in the New Jersey gubernatorial election, talks to Arthur Jemmy, an Indonesian man who is taking sanctuary in Kaper-Dale's church to avoid deportation in Highland Park, N.J.

in 1998 during a period of turmoil in Indonesia when Christians were being targeted. They cite that as one reason for not going back.

"A thousand churches were burned to the ground between 1996 and 2003," said Kaper-Dale, of the Highland Park church. "Some islands are safer than others, but it's too simple to say it's safe now."

Pangemanan concedes he didn't know enough about immigration law when he first arrived, and wasn't aware he had one year to apply for

asylum. At the time, it didn't seem to matter.

"Nobody asked you, as long as you are a good man, you work hard and help your company, and you pay your taxes," he said. "You're working like everybody else, you don't bother anybody. Then everything changed after Sept. 11."

Working through the church after Sandy devastated the New Jersey coast in 2012, Pangemanan organized more than 2,000 volunteers, matching their skills with the needs of homeowners

whose homes had been destroyed. He said he traveled to other areas of the country to perform similar work, including the Carolinas, West Virginia and Texas.

A system put in place after Sept. 11 required non-citizen men and boys from predominantly Arab or Muslim-majority countries to register and be photographed and fingerprinted.

Pangemanan and Jemmy said they complied, and have repeatedly tried to gain legal status since then, without success.



MARC VASCONCELLOS/ENTERPRISENEWS.COM VIA AP

Rachel Hilaire and Peggy LaBossiere appear at Brockton District Court on Wednesday in Bridgewater, Mass.

5-year-old girl burned in voodoo ritual; 2 charged

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST BRIDGEWATER, Mass. — Two sisters tied down and burned a 5-year-old girl, permanently disfiguring her, in a voodoo ritual meant to rid her of a demon causing her to misbehave, police said. The women also threatened to cut off the head of the girl's 8-year-old brother with a machete, authorities said.

The boy said his sister was tied down on at least two occasions while the sisters blew fire over her face and cut her on the arm and in the collar area with a needle-like object, drawing blood, according to police. The girl said the women also poured over her eyes a substance that stung.

Peggy LaBossiere, 51, and Rachel Hilaire, 40, of East Bridgewater, denied injuring the girl and threatening the boy, the Brockton Enterprise reported. They pleaded not guilty on Jan. 29 to mayhem, assault and other charges. A public defender for the women didn't return a call seeking comment on Saturday.

Police say the girl's mother is a hair stylist of Haitian descent who has

LaBossiere as a client and requested the ritual. She has not been charged but is receiving mental health treatment.

The sisters will be back in Brockton Superior Court on Wednesday for a hearing to determine whether they're too dangerous to be released.

The sisters told police that they have performed "cleansing baths" for family and friends in the past, something that involves chanting prayers, rubbing frankincense and eucalyptus oils and sea salt on their bodies, and burning myrrh, the newspaper reported. Children sometimes get burned as spirits leave the body, they said.

The girl suffered a third-degree burn across her face that will leave her permanently disfigured, police said. She was treated at a hospital and taken into custody by state welfare authorities, along with her brother, who described to police what happened at the sisters' house over multiple days.

Voodoo refers to religious practices developed centuries ago by enslaved Africans in the Caribbean, primarily in Haiti, where the practices are sometimes spelled "vodou."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Dennis Edwards, Temptations singer for 2 decades, dies at 74

DETROIT (AP) — Dennis Edwards, a former member of the famed Motown group The Temptations, has died. He was 74.

Rosiland Triche Roberts, his longtime booking agent, says Edwards died Thursday in Chicago after a long illness.

The Birmingham, Alabama-born Edwards replaced founding member David Ruffin in 1968. His soulful, passionate voice defined the group for years. He was a member on and off for about two decades and part of the lineup that released "Papa Was A Rollin' Stone," "Ball of Confusion (That's What The World Is Today)" and "Cloud Nine."

Paul Riser, a Motown arranger and musician, worked with Edwards during the label's Detroit heyday and subsequent projects. He says Edwards possessed a "voice for the ages," with a great range, energy and artistry.

Edwards would have turned 75 on Saturday.

Dozens assaulted by Nassar while FBI knew about allegations

DETROIT (AP) — A newspaper reports that at least 40 girls and women say they were molested by a Michigan sports doctor over a 14-month period that the FBI was aware that Larry Nassar had been accused of molesting elite gymnasts.

The New York Times says the FBI became aware of Nassar in July 2015. But he wasn't publicly exposed until The Indianapolis Star published allegations by a victim in 2016.

Federal authorities in Michigan subsequently charged Nassar with child pornography crimes. Sexual assault charges were later filed by the Michigan attorney general.

Nassar has been sentenced to decades in prison and will get sentenced in another case Monday.

The Times says the FBI declined to answer detailed questions about its Nassar investigation. The FBI said allegations against Nassar "transcended jurisdictions."

Sisters who vandalized Cliff Walk ordered to pay restitution

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Twin sisters have been ordered to pay restitution and complete community service after vandalizing Newport's famous Cliff Walk.

Jocelyn and Jenna Senecal pleaded no contest to misdemeanor graffiti and conspiracy charges on Wednesday. The 22-year-old East Providence residents each were ordered to pay \$1,050 and complete 25 hours of community service.

The sisters turned themselves in to police in December after the department posted photos online showing them with spray paint cans at the Cliff Walk in November.

Jocelyn Senecal has apologized for her actions but says they didn't justify the online harassment that followed.

The 3 1/2-mile walk is designated as a national recreation trail and is one of Rhode Island's most popular tourist attractions. It runs between the Atlantic Ocean and many of Newport's most spectacular mansions.

Man convicted of using tracking device to rob gambler

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — A man has been convicted in Maryland of multiple felonies after authorities say he used a tracking device to monitor a casino patron in order to rob him.

The Washington Post reports that jurors have found Kevin Carroll guilty on armed robbery, assault and other charges following a trial.

Prosecutors say Carroll stuck a GPS tracking device on a fellow casino gambler's car. He and an accomplice later conducted robbery at the man's home in Montgomery County. The newspaper says the victim's teenage daughter testified that the intruders marched her 21-year-old brother through the house looking for money. Her mouth was covered by tape.

Prosecutors say investigators found duct tape with Carroll's DNA.

The intruders took \$6,000 in cash. Defense attorney Andrew Jezic says Carroll will appeal.

Prep school principal who confronted abuse leaving her post

EXETER, N.H. (AP) — A New Hampshire prep school principal who helped respond to allegations of sexual abuse against former staff members and students is leaving at the end of the year.

Phillips Exeter Academy Principal Lisa MacFarlane says in a letter sent to the school community on Friday she will be returning to the University of New Hampshire, where she worked for 28 years before taking over at Exeter in 2015.

MacFarlane was hired during accusations of past sexual misconduct and the mishandling of those cases at the school.

MacFarlane says in her letter Exeter was first to establish a director of student well-being and the school's work to serve current students and alumni survivors is a model for other institutions.

MacFarlane is credited with modernizing the school's campus.

Woman in labor among the dead in South Carolina wreck

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) — Authorities say a woman in labor and her unborn baby were killed along with two other people and another baby still in the womb after a SUV ran off the side of a road into a ditch in South Carolina.

Highway Patrol Lance Cpl. Judd Jones says all 11 people inside the vehicle were ejected in the wreck around 10 p.m. Friday on a two-lane road in Darlington County.

Judd says the eight people injured were taken to the hospital, but he didn't have their conditions.

Darlington County Coroner Todd Hardee said 28-year-old Chikari Douglas-Rouse was in labor and trying to get to the hospital. Troopers say the 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer ran off the right side of the road and overturned. The cause of the wreck was still under investigation.

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PLAN

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“What the president is really proposing is not HIS infrastructure plan but basically saying to the states and the cities: ‘Build it on your own and find another way to pay for it through raising taxes or cutting services,’” Landrieu, a Democrat and the current president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, said Thursday.

Finding more money is a challenge in a financially strapped Louisiana — and in a city that was facing a major budget deficit when Landrieu took office eight years ago.

Landrieu said public-private partnerships can work on some types of projects where there's money to pay back the partner, but poorer cities — often those with the biggest infrastructure problems — are going to have a harder time. Forcing cities like New Orleans to pay for the infrastructure means taking money away from other local priorities, such as housing homeless veterans, he said.

The precariousness of the city's infrastructure was on full display last August when a massive downpour overwhelmed the pumping system and inundated many



neighborhoods.

The Broad Theater was still recovering from a previous rainstorm when the August storm hit. Movie-goers evacuated waist-high waters by boat. Manager Michael Domangue lost his car to the flood. The theater closed for seven days and had to refund tickets.

“I still feel when we rain, people get worried about coming here,” Domangue said.

And this damage all happened within sight of a pumping station that's part of the drainage system. Of the \$11.6 billion, an estimated \$2 billion is needed for long-term repairs and upgrades to the city's pumping system, Dignan said, although she cautioned that figure could change. The other \$9.6 billion would go toward fixing the roads and the infrastructure under them. That includes a drinking water system plagued



AP PHOTOS

Workers fix a sewer main below the sidewalk in Mid City New Orleans, Wednesday. The city of New Orleans is perhaps one of the best examples of what President Donald Trump calls the country's “crumbling infrastructure.”

by wasteful leaks and occasional power failures and pressure drops that can let contaminants in — requiring residents to boil water.

Renee Blanchard owns the Church Alley Coffee Bar. She bought a \$3,500 reverse osmosis water filtration system so that she can still make lattes and cappuccinos when the water pressure drops. Blanchard is frustrated that a small business in a big city has to deal with such expensive problems.

“That's ridiculous,”

she said. “I'm so small. I work most of the hours. I started off with a tiny bit of savings.”

All cities have potholes but the New Orleans streets are in another category. Locals put traffic cones or tires into especially deep potholes to warn other drivers.

“If it rains the day before and it's filled with water, you don't know the pothole's there. You could tear up your car, your front end,” Kenny Buras said of his street.

Residents try to take it in stride. During

the summer flooding, people canoed through the streets, sometimes with a drink in hand. In May 2016, there was a “Sinkhole de Mayo” party after a massive sinkhole opened up at the foot of Canal Street.

But there's also a real frustration about how problems in New Orleans and elsewhere will be fixed.

Resident James Jensen noted mudslides and fires in California and rising seas in Miami: “There's many New Orleans out there.”

TEST

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bill to prevent doctors from performing abortions on the basis of a Down syndrome diagnosis is unconstitutional. But its co-sponsor, Republican state Sen. Curt Bramble, said he is willing to defend the bill in court because its goal is to protect unborn children.

“There are times if the Supreme Court got it wrong, it is appropriate to push back,” said Bramble, an accountant from Provo.

The anti-abortion bills have drawn opposition from women who say they have made the excruciating choice to terminate a pregnancy, often after discovering serious fetal abnormalities.

“A 20-week abortion ban sounds OK, but if that gets passed, what's next — 18 weeks, 15 weeks? At what point does it make abortion truly illegal?” said Robin Utz of St. Louis, 38, who submitted testimony this week against the Missouri bill. “It's terrifying and it's willfully ignorant.”

Utz recounted terminating her pregnancy in its 21st week in November 2016, after learning her daughter would be born with a fatal kidney disease if she survived birth. She said doctors told her that dilation and evacuation, the most common abortion procedure in the second trimester, was the safest way to terminate the pregnancy.

Undeterred by such stories, the National Right to Life Committee and its allies have been pushing for state laws that ban abortion after 20 weeks of pregnancy and outlaw dilation and evacuation. Supporters of both measures argue that fetuses are capable of feeling pain after 20 weeks and call the procedure “dismemberment abortion.”

Several court challenges to both types of laws are underway, with federal appeals courts

considering the “dismemberment abortion” bans approved last year in Texas and Arkansas. The Kansas Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on the first-in-the-nation ban passed in that state three years ago.

Ingrid Duran, director of state legislation at the National Right to Life Committee, said the model state laws drafted by her group are aimed at U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy, a swing vote who wrote the court's 2007 opinion upholding a federal ban on a procedure critics call partial-birth abortion.

She said the court could use similar reasoning to prohibit dilation and evacuation and noted it has never considered whether states have an interest in protecting fetuses from pain.

“We did draft these laws with the bigger picture in mind,” Duran said.

The shifted focus comes after the court dealt the anti-abortion movement a blow in 2016 by ruling that strict Texas regulations on abortion clinics and doctors were an undue burden on abortion access and unconstitutional.

Duran said the proposed 15-week ban in Mississippi, which now goes to the state Senate, caught her by surprise. She noted that prior state laws banning abortion after 12 weeks or once a heartbeat was detected have been found unconstitutional.

In South Carolina this past week, state senators tabled a bill that would have banned most abortions to give lawmakers more time to study the consequences. Also last week, a legislative committee in Tennessee amended a bill to remove language that would have outlawed abortion once a fetal heartbeat is detectable, which is usually around six weeks. The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Micah Van Huss, said he would be back.

“I will not stop fighting for the lives of babies until abortion is abolished in this state,” he said.

MEMO

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were not made public in the memo. As a result, the document only further intensified a partisan battle over how to interpret the actions of the FBI and Justice Department during the early stages of the counterintelligence investigation that Mueller later inherited. Even as Democrats described it as inaccurate, some Republicans quickly cited the memo — released over the objections of the FBI and Justice Department — in their arguments that Mueller's investigation is politically tainted.

A closer read presents a far more nuanced picture.

“Having decided to cherry-pick, the Nunes team picked a bunch of the wrong cherries for its own narrative,” Matthew Waxman, a Columbia University law professor and former Bush administration official, wrote in an email.

The memo's central allegation is that agents and prosecutors, in applying in October 2016 to monitor Page's communications, failed to tell a judge that the opposition research that provided grounds for the FBI's suspicion received funding from Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign and the Democratic National Committee. Page had stopped advising the campaign sometime around the end of that summer.

Steele's research, according to the memo, “formed an essential part” of the warrant application. But it's unclear how much or what information Steele collected made it into the application, or how much has been corroborated. Steele was working for Fusion GPS, a firm initially hired by the conservative Washington Free Beacon to do opposition research on Trump. Steele didn't begin work on the project until after Democratic groups took over the funding.

Republicans say a judge should have known that “political actors” were



AP PHOTO

President Donald Trump listens during a meeting with North Korean defectors where he talked with reporters about allowing the release of a secret memo on the FBI's role in the Russia inquiry, in the Oval Office of the White House, Friday.

involved in allegations that led the Justice Department to believe Page might be an agent of a foreign power — an accusation he has consistently and strenuously denied.

The FBI this week expressed “grave concerns” about the memo and called it inaccurate and incomplete. Democrats said it was a set of cherry-picked claims aimed at smearing law enforcement and that releasing the memo would damage law enforcement and intelligence work.

For one, Democrats said it was misleading and incorrect to say a judge was not told of the potential political motivations of the people paying for Steele's research.

Beyond that, though, the memo confirms the FBI's counterintelligence investigation into the Trump campaign began in July 2016, months before the surveillance warrant was sought, and was “triggered” by information concerning campaign aide George Papadopoulos. He pleaded guilty last year to lying to the FBI.

The confirmation about Papadopoulos is “the most important fact disclosed in this otherwise shoddy memo,” California Rep. Adam Schiff, the House committee's top Democrat, said in a tweet Saturday in response to Trump's assertion that the document vindicated him.

The timing makes clear that other Trump associates beyond Page, who was

part of the election effort for only a short period and was not in Trump's inner circle, had generated law enforcement scrutiny. The memo also omits that Page had been on the FBI's radar a few years earlier as part of a separate counterintelligence investigation into Russian influence.

The memo focuses on Page, but Democrats on the House committee said “this ignores the inconvenient fact that the investigation did not begin with, or arise from Christopher Steele or the dossier, and that the investigation would persist on the basis of wholly independent evidence had Christopher Steele never entered the picture.”

Other details in the memo could also challenge Republican claims of bias. The warrant requested was renewed on three additional occasions, meaning that judges approved it four times.

The memo had been classified because it deals with warrants obtained from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court. The White House declassified it Friday and sent it to Nunes for immediate release.

The memo's release also comes amid an effort by Trump and congressional Republicans to discredit Mueller's investigation. His probe focuses not only on whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia but also on whether the president sought to obstruct justice.

ALMANAC

Today is **Sunday, Feb. 4**, the 35th day of 2018. There are 330 days left in the year.

Today in history

On **Feb. 4, 1783**, Britain's King George III proclaimed a formal cessation of hostilities in the American Revolutionary War.

On this date

In **A.D. 211**, Roman Emperor Lucius Septimius Severus died at age 65.

In **1789**, electors chose George Washington to be the first president of the United States.

In **1861**, delegates from six southern states that had recently seceded from the Union met in Montgomery, Alabama, to form the Confederate States of America.

In **1938**, the Thornton Wilder play “Our Town” opened on Broadway. Walt Disney's animated feature “Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs” opened in general U.S. release.

In **1941**, the United Service Organizations (USO) came into existence.

In **1948**, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth.

In **1962**, a rare conjunction of the sun, the moon, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn occurred.

In **1974**, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, 19, was kidnapped in Berkeley, California, by the radical Symbionese Liberation Army.

In **1983**, pop singer-musician Karen Carpenter died in Downey, California, at age 32.

In **1987**, pianist Liberace died at his Palm Springs, California, home at age 67.

In **1997**, a civil jury in Santa Monica, California, found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

In **2004**, the Massachusetts high court declared that gay couples were entitled to nothing less than marriage, and that Vermont-style civil unions would not suffice. The social networking website Facebook had its beginnings as Harvard student Mark Zuckerberg launched “Thefacebook.”

Today's birthdays

Actor **William Phipps** is 96. Actor **Jerry Adler** is 89. Former Argentinian President **Isabel Peron** is 87. Actor **Gary Conway** is 82. Actor **John Schuck** is 78. Rock musician **John Steel** (The Animals) is 77. Singer **Florence LaRue** (The Fifth Dimension) is 76.

ODD NEWS

After surgery, Eagles fan frets: Did I miss the Super Bowl?

WILLIAMSTOWN, N.J. (AP) — When a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan woke up groggy from recent dental surgery, she had one big fear: “Did I miss the Super Bowl!?!?”

Haley Parks' father posted a video on Facebook this week showing her coming out of anesthesia after having her wisdom teeth removed.

When her mom let her know the game was Sunday, Parks asked if she could go. She says the team is “like my sisters,” that they better win because she wants to go to a parade, and that she's sad for injured Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz.

But she has faith in “St. Nick,” Eagles' quarterback Nick Foles. The video had been viewed more than a million times as of Thursday, something Parks says has been “crazy to see.”

The Eagles face the New England Patriots Sunday.

WORLD

Cape Town's water crisis shows rich-poor divide

By **BRAM JANSSEN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — “Day Zero” is approaching as South Africa’s showcase city of Cape Town prepares to turn off most water taps amid the worst drought in a century. Tensions among the four million residents are highlighting a class divide in a country with one of the world’s highest rates of inequality.

Cape Town, a top international tourist destination, has both sprawling informal settlements and high-income oceanside neighborhoods. Some say poorer residents are unfairly blamed as concerns rise over wasting precious water. The military is

prepared to help secure water collection points if “Day Zero” occurs.

The Associated Press is exploring how residents are coping as water restrictions tighten in an attempt to avoid the possible shut-off in mid-April, and it spoke with researchers about where the water usage problems lie.

Kirsty Carden with the Future Water Institute at the University of Cape Town pointed to the city’s leafy suburbs. “It has been in the areas where people have gardens, they have swimming pools and they are much more profligate in the way that they use water, because they’re used to the water just being, coming out of the taps,” she said.

Some residents appear to be changing their ways, she said, but “there have been problems in the more affluent areas where people are just, ‘We’ll pay for it.’”

About a quarter of Cape Town’s population lives in the informal settlements, where they get water from communal taps instead of individual taps at home, Carden said. “And there are always pictures of running taps and broken fixtures and ‘Look at the leakage’ and all the rest. But the reality is that those 1 million people out of a population of 4 (million) only use 4.5 percent of the water.”

In one of the crowded settlements of corrugated-metal homes, resident Vuyo Kazi washed her

laundry outside as others poured used water into the street.

“Before, I was using two kettles of water to wash myself,” she said. “So now I use one kettle of water.”

Under new water restrictions that began Thursday, residents are asked to use no more than 50 liters (13.2 gallons) of water daily, down from the previous limit of 87 liters (23 gallons). The use of city drinking water to wash vehicles, hose down paved areas, fill up private swimming pools and water gardens is illegal. Residents using too much water will be fined.

Across the city, in the seaside town of Scarborough, resident Kelson da Cruz demonstrated the new normal of

water rationing, pointing out the bucket beside his shower. The city has even promoted a Two-Minute Shower Songs project by top South African artists to keep water usage down.

“We are restricted with an amount of the water that we can use per day,” da Cruz said. “So we collect that water, and that water you can use to flush the toilet.” Another jar of water is used for tooth-brushing and face-washing.

Some 70 percent of water used in Cape Town is consumed in homes, authorities say. Experts have said causes of the city’s water shortages include climate change and huge population growth. The local reliance on reservoirs, while projects

such as desalination plants were largely left to the future, has been hurt by three straight years of drought.

Scientists are watching how authorities cope, as this would be the world’s first major city to go dry.

“We always open the tap, the water is there, easy,” da Cruz said. “I was lucky to travel to some dry countries where water has always been a big issue. So when we moved to South Africa that has always been on the back of our mind.

“And I think South Africa is for the first time is really catching up with the rest of the world. They have to change their habits. You can’t just take for granted something so precious.”

Extreme-right gunman shoots 6 Africans in Italy; is arrested

By **COLLEEN BARRY**
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MILAN (AP) — An Italian gunman with extreme right-wing sympathies shot and wounded six African immigrants Saturday in a two-hour drive-by shooting spree, authorities said, terrorizing a small Italian city where a Nigerian man had been arrested days earlier in a teenager’s gruesome killing.

Police photos showed the shooting suspect with a neo-Nazi tattoo prominently on his forehead as he sat in custody and an Italian flag tied around his neck as he was arrested in the central Italian city of Macerata. Authorities identified him as Luca Traini, a 28-year-old Italian with no previous record.

Traini had run for town council on the anti-migrant Northern League’s list in a local election last year in Corridonia, the party confirmed, but its mayoral candidate lost the race. The news agency ANSA quoted friends of his as saying that Traini had previously been affiliated with Italian extremist parties like the neo-fascist Forza Nuova and CasaPound.

The shooting spree came days after the slaying of 18-year-old Pamela Mastropietro and amid a heated electoral campaign in Italy where anti-foreigner sentiment has become a key theme. Italy has struggled with the arrival of hundreds of thousands of migrants in the last

few years coming across the Mediterranean Sea in smugglers’ boats.

After the attack, Premier Paolo Gentiloni warned in Rome that “the state will be particularly severe against whoever thinks of feeding the spiral of violence.”

In Macerata, Interior Minister Marco Minniti said the gunman had been motivated “by racial hatred,” and had “a background of right-wing extremism with clear references to fascism and Nazism.”

“What happened appears to be a completely random armed retaliation raid,” Minniti said, adding that evidence indicated that while the gunman had planned the attack, he had acted alone. “In a democracy, it is not permitted for individuals to seek justice alone, even if in this case, there is nothing that recalls a notion of justice.”

Authorities said the six wounded — five men and one woman — appeared to be random targets in various parts of the city of 43,000 in Italy’s central Marche region. Italian news reports indicated that the gunman’s trajectory included the area where the Italian murder victim was found and where the prime suspect in her slaying lived.

The identities and nationalities of the shooting victims remained unknown. Hospital officials said late Saturday that one had been treated and released, while the others had either undergone



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A picture showing a man identified by the Italian Carabinieri, paramilitary police, as Luca Traini, who is accused of having shot with a firearm at several people in Macerata, Italy, Saturday.

surgery or were facing operations for their injuries. One of them remained in intensive care.

As the violent attack unfolded, police told residents to stay inside and ordered a halt to public transport to limit the casualties. Such violent shootings are rare in Italy, and usually associated with the southern Italian mafia.

A video posted by the il Resto di Carlino newspaper showed the suspect with an Italian flag draped over his shoulders being arrested by armed Carabinieri officers in the city center, near where he apparently fled his car on foot. Italian news reports said a registered gun was found inside the car and the suspect did a fascist salute as he was arrested, but no salute was visible in the video.

The tattoo on Traini’s forehead was that of the



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Paramedics, background center, attend a wounded man after a shooting broke out in Macerata, Italy, Saturday.

Wolfangel, an ancient runic symbol that according to the Anti-Defamation League was appropriated by Nazi Germany and later adopted by neo-Nazis in Europe and the United States.

Macerata Mayor Romano Carancini confirmed that all six victims were black Africans.

“They were all of color, this is obviously a grave fact. As was grave what happened to Pamela. The closeness of the two events makes you imagine there could be a connection,” Carancini said.

Mastropietro’s dismembered remains were found Wednesday in two suitcases two days after she walked away from a drug rehab community. A judge on Saturday confirmed the arrest of the main suspect, identified as 29-year-old

Innocent Oseghale.

Italy is heading into a general election on March 4 and the head of the rebranded League party, Matteo Salvini, had capitalized on the teen’s killing in campaign appearances even before the shooting Saturday.

Salvini is pledging to deport 150,000 migrants in his first year in office if his party wins control of parliament and he is named premier. That has drawn sharp rebukes that Salvini is using the migrant crisis to foment xenophobia for political gain.

Salvini’s League, which dropped “northern” from its name in a bid for a national following, has joined a center-right coalition with Silvio Berlusconi’s Forza Italia and Giorgia Meloni’s much smaller Brothers of Italy. They are

running against Matteo Renzi’s much-splintered center-left Democratic Party and the populist 5-Star Movement.

Salvini told reporters Saturday at a campaign stop in Bologna that he would bring security to Italy.

“Whoever shoots is a delinquent, no matter the skin color. It is clear that out-of-control immigration ... brings social conflict,” he said.

Senate president Pietro Grasso of the small liberal party Free and Equal chastised Salvini for using the tragedies to gain votes.

“Whoever, like Salvini, exploits news events and tragedies for electoral purposes is among those responsible for the spiral of hatred and violence that we must stop as soon as possible,” Grasso said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Mexico: 300 migrants found in dangerously cramped trucks

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities say they have rescued 300 Central American migrants being transported in dangerous conditions in multiple tractor-trailers.

A statement from the National Immigration Institute says two trucks were stopped at a checkpoint early Saturday in the northern border state of Tamaulipas, across from Texas.

Scanners detected people inside, and 198 migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador were found packed in without proper ventilation and with practically no space to move.

A separate statement describes a similar discovery the previous

day in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz. It said a truck was found carrying 102 Central Americans who “displayed signs of dehydration and suffocation” and whose lives were at risk.

Dozens of children were among the migrants in the trucks.

Suicide bombing in northwestern Pakistan kills 11 soldiers

MINGORA, Pakistan (AP) — A suicide bombing in Pakistan’s northwestern Swat Valley killed 11 soldiers and wounded 13 on Saturday in what authorities said was the first attack in over three years in the region once ruled by militants.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for the attack.

The bomber detonated

his explosives vest near an empty lot used by the soldiers for sports and exercise in the Kabal area, the military said. Initial reports said three troops died in the attack but later the army said another eight soldiers who were critically wounded died of their wounds. One officer was among those killed.

The military said the wounded were being treated at a local hospital.

Security forces cordoned off the area and were searching for possible accomplices of the bomber, the statement added.

Islamic militants ruled the picturesque Swat Valley from 2007 until a massive military operation routed them from the area in 2009. The operation involved evacuating 2 million people from the valley. They were able later to return to their homes.

Pakistani Prime Minister Shahid Khaqan Abbasi and other political leaders condemned the attack. Abbasi pledged that the country’s security forces will “fight until the last terrorist is eliminated.”

Israeli who seized top Nazi figure lauds German nationalists

JERUSALEM (AP) — The legendary former Mossad agent who led the operation to capture Holocaust mastermind Adolf Eichmann has expressed surprising support for the nationalist Alternative for Germany party.

The 91-year-old Rafi Eitan says in a video statement on his Facebook page Saturday that Israel appreciates the party’s “attitude toward Judaism” and looks for

them to also “become an alternative to Europe.”

The party, AfD, won 12.6 percent of the vote in Germany’s September election to win seats in parliament for the first

time and become the country’s third-biggest party. Its leaders have expressed anti-Semitic statements and played down the crimes of the Nazi regime.

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WORLD

Egypt says 4,400-year-old tomb discovered outside Cairo

By MENNA ZAKI ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Archaeologists in Egypt have discovered a 4,400-year-old tomb near the country's famed pyramids at the Giza plateau just outside Cairo, the Antiquities Ministry said Saturday, the latest discovery that authorities hope will help revive the country's staggering tourism sector.

The tomb was found in a wider area of Giza's western necropolis, which is known to be home to tombs from the Old Kingdom.

It likely belonged to a woman known as Hetpet, who archaeologists believe was close to ancient Egyptian royals of the 5th Dynasty.

The tomb, unveiled to the media on Saturday, is made of mud brick and includes wall paintings in good condition depicting Hetpet observing different hunting and fishing scenes.

Other scenes also depict a monkey — in pharaonic times, monkeys were commonly kept as domestic animals — picking fruit. Similar scenes have been found in other tombs belonging

to the later 12th dynasty, according to the ministry's statement. Another scene shows a monkey dancing before an orchestra.

According to the ministry, the archaeological mission behind the discovery started excavation work last October. Archaeologists have been making discoveries near the site since the 19th century, and Mostafa al-Waziri, who led the mission, believes there is still more to be found.

"This is a very promising area. We expect to find more," Al-Waziri told reporters at the site. "We have removed between 250-300 cubic meters of layers of earth to find the tomb."

"What we see above the earth's surface in Egypt doesn't exceed 40 percent of what the core holds," he added.

Al-Waziri believes Hetpet had another tomb in Giza's western necropolis and said that excavation work is underway to find that one too.

Hetpet is a previously known figure in Egyptian antiquity though her mummy has not been discovered yet. Fragments of artefacts belonging to Hetpet were

found in the same area back in 1909, and were moved to a museum in Berlin at the time, Antiquities Minister Khaled al-Anani said Saturday, speaking at the site to reporters and Western diplomats.

Despite all the discoveries already made about ancient Egypt, experts say they hope to find much more — in part thanks to modern technology — treasures still buried under the vast desert.

The area of the latest discovery is close to a new museum under construction that will house some of Egypt's most unique and precious artifacts, including many belonging to the famed boy King Tutankhamun.

The first phase of Grand Egyptian museum is expected to be opened later this year while the grand opening is planned for 2022.

In January, Egypt placed the ancient statue of one of its most famous pharaohs, Ramses II at the museum's atrium, which will include 43 massive statues.

Throughout 2017, the Antiquities Ministry made a string of discoveries across Egypt



AP FILE PHOTO

In this Aug. 30, 2015, file photo, camels rest between rides with their owners against the backdrop of the pyramids in Giza, Egypt. Archaeologists in Egypt say they have discovered a 4,400-year-old tomb near the pyramids outside Cairo. Egypt's Antiquities Ministry announced the discovery Saturday and said the tomb likely belonged to a high-ranking official known as Hetpet during the 5th Dynasty of ancient Egypt.

— including some in the southern city Luxor known for its spectacular temples and tombs spanning different dynasties of ancient Egyptian history.

Egypt hopes the inauguration of the new museum, along with the recent discoveries, will draw back visitors to the country where tourism has been hit hard by extremist attacks and political turmoil

following the 2011 popular uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak and the authorities' struggles to rein in an insurgency by Islamic militants.

The government has tightened security around archaeological and touristic sites and spent millions of dollars to upgrade airport security especially following the 2015 downing of a Russian airliner over the

restive Sinai Peninsula by the Islamic State group, killing 224 people on board.

The bombing dealt Egypt's vital tourism sector a hard blow after Russia suspended flights to and from Egypt.

In December, Cairo and Moscow signed a security protocol and announced plans to resume Russian flights to the Egyptian capital, due to start this month.

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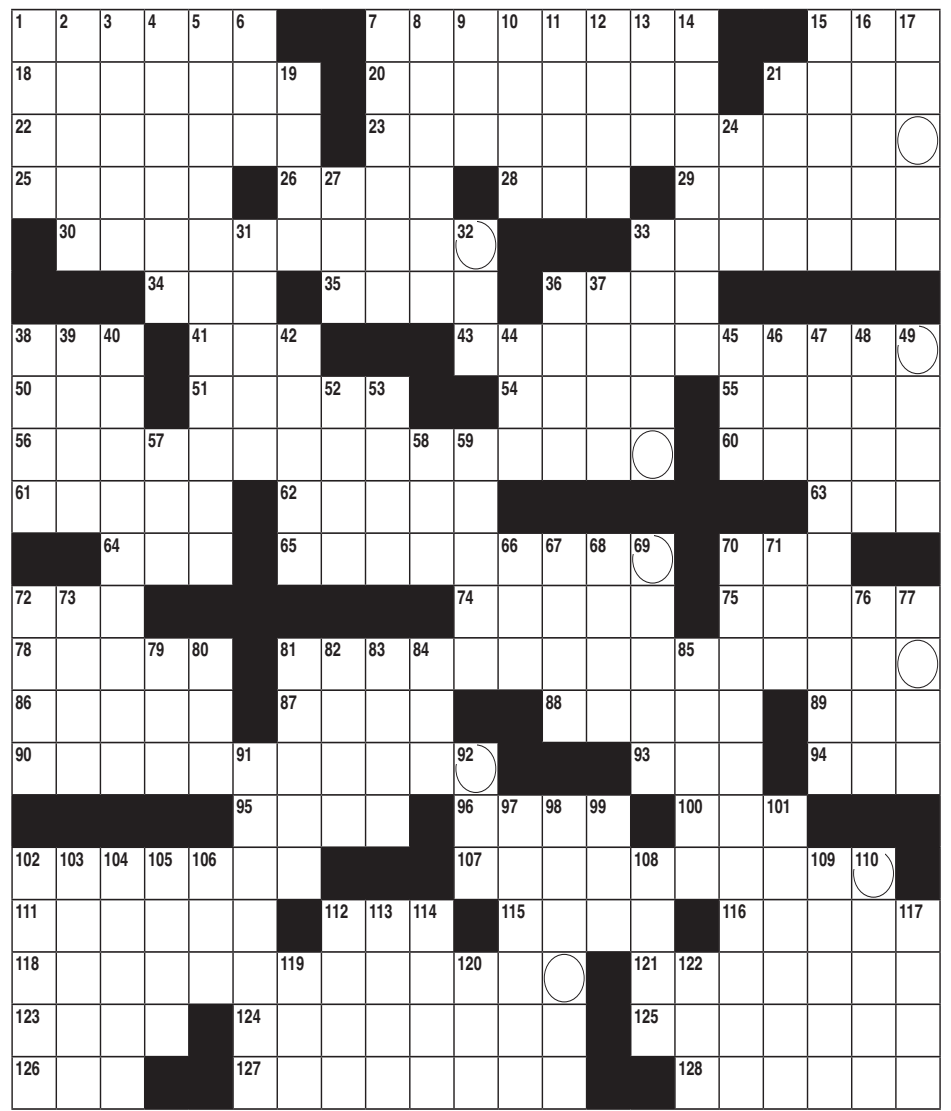
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Risky Margin

Q What is buying stocks "on margin"? — *A.J., Santa Maria, California*

A It's when you invest with money borrowed from your brokerage — and pay interest on the loan.

Margin's appeal is that it will turbocharge your gains — but it also turbocharges your losses. Imagine, for example, that you have \$100,000 worth of stocks in your account and you borrow \$100,000 on margin to invest in more stocks. If your \$200,000 portfolio doubles in value to \$400,000, you'll have earned an extra \$100,000 (less interest expense), thanks to margin. But if your holdings drop by 50 percent instead, they'll be worth \$100,000 — and you'll still owe \$100,000 (plus interest). That will leave you with ... nothing. Your holdings dropped by 50 percent, but thanks to margin, it became a 100-percent loss. Margin cuts both ways.

The interest expense can add up, too. If you're borrowing on margin and paying 8 percent interest, your borrowed stocks had better appreciate more than 8 percent. Your brokerage won't want your portfolio's value to fall below the sum you valued, so if it drops a certain amount, the brokerage will expect you to add more money or sell some shares — or it will sell them.

Using margin is risky, and only experienced investors should use it. You can do very well without it.

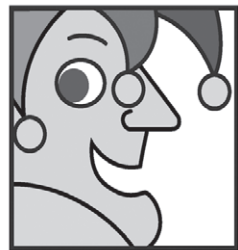
Q What's a payout ratio? — *T.N., Kalamazoo, Michigan*

A It's the percentage of a company's earnings paid out in dividends.

Boeing, for example, pays out \$6.84 per share annually, and its trailing 12 months of earnings total \$10.85. Divide the former by the latter, and you'll see that 63 percent of Boeing's earnings go to its dividend.

Payout ratios near or above 100 percent can be worrisome.

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Fool's School

Get (Good) Help With Your Taxes

Preparing a tax return isn't a simple matter for many of us. Tax-preparation software can be a great help, guiding us through the process and minimizing errors. You might do even better by using a tax professional's services, though.

The U.S. tax code is massive and complicated and changes frequently. A good tax pro will know its ins and outs and may be able to save you a lot of money. Choose a pro carefully, though, and consider hiring an Enrolled Agent, who can represent you before the IRS if need be. (You can find one at naea.org.) Then interview your candidates, who should offer free initial consultations. Ask questions such as these:

- How many clients do you have? (How important will my business be to the company?)
- What are your fees and billing policies? (Ask for an estimate.)
- Who exactly will be preparing

my taxes — you, or someone else?

• What are your continuing professional education requirements, and how many hours do you normally take each year? (Someone exceeding the requirements is a good sign.)

• What research materials do you use and subscribe to? (Answers such as "CCH," "Research Institute of America" and "BNA" are encouraging. If the answer is merely the current Federal Tax Handbook, that's a red flag, as some people have complicated tax issues that require deep research.)

• If my return is audited, will you represent me before the IRS? (They should go instead of you, not with you. Ideally, you don't want the tax pro to outsource audits or to insist that you also be present at an audit.)

• When will you be able to complete the work?

Be sure to choose a pro you're comfortable with, too. A pro might be very skilled, but if you aren't comfortable with them, you might undercommunicate with them and might not provide all the information they need to do a good job for you. Learn more at fool.com/taxes.

My Dumbest Investment

I-P-Oh-No

My dumbest investment was buying more than \$6,500 worth of stock in Twitter when it first went public in 2013. Now my stake is worth about \$2,500. I don't know if I should just sell it or hang on to it. I would hate to sell only to have it turn around next year and then go way up. Thoughts? — *Jon, online*

The Fool Responds: It doesn't sound like you had (or have) a good grasp of the company's business. Investing without knowing much about a company and then mainly hoping for good results is just speculating — or gambling.

There has been a lot of hype and hope about Twitter. Its user growth has been phenomenal. It recently sported 330 million monthly active users, and that inspires many investors. But it has had trouble converting all that usage of its free service into profits.

Twitter's share price is up about 50 percent since you wrote to us last year, and its market value recently topped \$17 billion. But it has been posting net losses for many years now. It may end up very successful, but it's struggling now. It's best not to invest in young companies at their initial public offering (IPO), as many need some years to prove themselves. IPOs also often surge at first and then fall. Twitter shares soared some 73 percent on their first day, and those who bought then are still underwater.

Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1876, an era of questionable healing elixirs, when a Civil War veteran and pharmacist founded me in order to make high-quality medicines. In 1923 I introduced the world's first commercially available insulin product, in 1955 I was the first to make and distribute the Salk polio vaccine globally, and in 1986 I launched Prozac to treat depression. Today, based in Indianapolis and with a market value recently near \$90 billion, I'm a global health care giant with more than 40,000 employees, over 9,000 of whom work in research and development. Who am I?

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

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The Motley Fool Take

Medical Device-Powered Growth

If you're in the market for a promising little-known company in which to invest and you can stomach some risk, take a look at Masimo (Nasdaq: MASI), a medical device maker specializing in noninvasive patient monitoring technologies.

While the company sells an array of products, its bread-and-butter business is pulse oximeters. They're used to track oxygen levels in the blood, which is critical information for health care providers to have when they are dealing with patients in need of acute care.

Masimo's pulse oximeters are widely used, and found in 17 of the top 20 hospitals on the U.S. News and World Report Best Hospitals Honor Roll. With 1.5 million devices in use worldwide, customers can be counted on to reorder supplies on a regular basis. This helps makes Masimo's financial statements highly predictable.

Masimo seems poised for further growth in part due to opportunities abroad, in developing countries. It is also looking at adjacent market opportunities, such as sleep disorder treatment and telehealth, that could benefit from its algorithm expertise and sensor technologies.

Free-cash-flow positive and with rising revenue, Masimo is worth a closer look for patient investors. There's no dividend, as is common with smaller or fast-growing companies, but Masimo has been buying back many shares, boosting the value of remaining ones.

LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER

I trace my roots back to 1969, when nine small food distribution companies across the country joined forces as the Systems and Services Company. I kept growing through many acquisitions and today, based in Houston, I'm the world's top seller and distributor of food products, with a market value recently near \$32 billion, more than \$55 billion in annual sales and more than 65,000 employees (including more than 8,000 drivers). I deliver to more than 500,000 customer locations, including restaurants, healthcare and educational facilities, lodging establishments and more. I have increased my dividend 49 times since 1970. Who am I? (Answer: Sysco)



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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

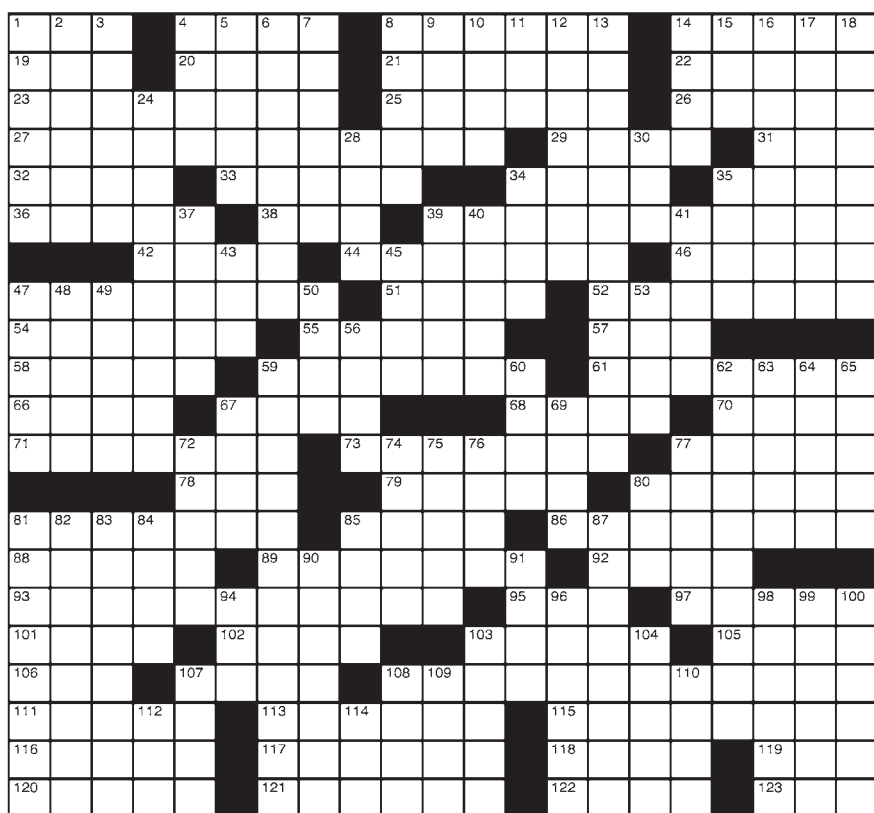
RIGHT FOR THE JOB

By Lee Taylor

- ACROSS 1 Code... 4 'Rubaiyat' poet... DOWN 1 Snitch on... 2 Tick away... 56 They may be inflated...

Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

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GOREN BRIDGE

MISSED PLAY

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH

- ♠ J 5
♥ Q 9
♦ A Q 4 3
♣ J 9 8 6 5

WEST

- ♠ Q 7
♥ 7 2
♦ K 10 9 7 2
♣ A Q 7 3

EAST

- ♠ K 10 9 6 4
♥ J 6 5
♦ 6 5
♣ 10 4 2

SOUTH

- ♠ A 8 3 2
♥ A K 10 8 4 3
♦ J 8
♣ K

The bidding:

Table with 4 columns: SOUTH, WEST, NORTH, EAST. Row 1: 1♥ Pass, 1NT Pass. Row 2: 2♥ Pass, 3♥ Pass. Row 3: 4♥ All pass.

Opening lead: Two of ♥

West chose a terrific time to lead a trump. This lead prevented South from ducking a spade and then ruffing a spade for his tenth trick...

South led the king of clubs from his hand, won by West, who persevered with another trump. Dummy's queen won this perforce, and declarer led the jack of clubs from dummy...

South now drew the last trump and led the jack of diamonds, covered by the king and won with dummy's ace. When the 10 of clubs appeared on the next club, South ruffed, crossed back to dummy with the queen of diamonds...

Speaking of strange plays, West could have defeated the contract by leading the king of diamonds after winning the ace of clubs! Readers can have fun following South's choices after that play.

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

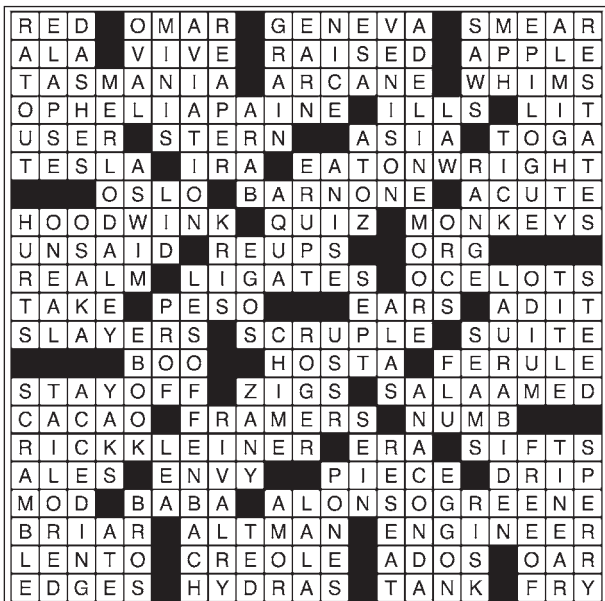
CRYPTOGRAMS

SILLY RHYMES by Myles Mellor

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IDZMVZULZDNK.
2. J HEZ KDESJON E NUUS LADZEXKXZ. LADO
LAD EONKG LGKEOOUZEXKXZ ZEH XZ!

PUZZLE ANSWERS

(Puzzles on previous pages)



JUMBLE

Answer :

- VIOLET IMPAIR INFUSE
DISOWN HOOPLA MISFIT

With seats in the front row on the 50-yard line, they had a great —

FIELD OF VISION

- 1. The brontosaurus sang loud and long. Their band is called the Brontachorus.
2. I was reading a good Thesaurus. Then the angry tyrannosaurus saw us!
3. We got raucous arguing with a flying Stegosaurus. He tried to bore us with a chorus of porous theories. It ended pretty badly.
4. The brilliant prunes played some great tunes. Omg! They're raisin' hell at the date bar!

HOLIDAY MATHIS HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are questions you just shouldn't ask yourself today. 'What if I had done this and not that?' is one of them. Instead ask, 'What did I gain from doing this and not that?'
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll multitask without realizing it! As you work, you'll also be helping others who aren't even around you. It's because you're inspiring. It's what you get for sending your heart after a heroic endeavor.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In some games, avoiding the obstacles will get you pretty far, but not in today's situation. You'll have to take them on to earn your points. And there will be bonus points for style!
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Frustration is only a dead end if you quit. But if you use that irritating emotion as a signal to change tactics and approach something from a new angle, frustration, instead of a stopping point, will be the key needed to open the next door.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Wanting is common. Wanting with enthusiasm, slightly less so. Wanting with consistency, admirable. Endurance is rare. That's why your decision to show up no matter what is making you great.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If anyone can do it, it's not for you. You get bored really easily these days. You'll focus well only if the task is super interesting and engaging to you and the challenge is also rather steep.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In many ways, you're the ideal partner today (if ever there was such a thing). You contribute, but you don't take over unless it's your turn. You're supportive but not enabling. You're deferential and independent in just the right amount.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Trying to be something you're not? Well, that's just how humans grow their personalities and strengths. Of course, much depends on how large the chasm is between where you are and where you want to be.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Many have tried and failed. So what makes you want to try, too? Because success and failure are beside the point on this one. It's who you become because you tried that will matter.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Kindred spirits have a way of getting on one another's nerves today. They're interested in and good at a lot of the same things, so they have to compete for their place in the scene. Friction — expect it and accept it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because things aren't coming together easily doesn't mean they won't come together at all. Move to trying the next possible solution. The less drama involved in the transition the more energy you'll have to attack this again.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Action is, by definition, moving through resistance. If there's no resistance, you're not swimming; you're floating. There's nothing wrong with floating, per se; it's just that today's thing isn't a "lazy river" kind of ride.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 4). A sense of belonging and fun comes with the fortifying friendships you make this year. You'll wind up in zany situations over the next 10 weeks because of a self-induced pattern-interrupt. There's money to be made in a new area of interest. You'll tinker and experiment a great deal before a big payout in November. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 31, 20 and 16.

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 |
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| 1 Ontario's "Steeltown" (8) | _____ |
| 2 lions and tigers, say (4) | _____ |
| 3 "OK" place to live (8) | _____ |
| 4 melted fat (6) | _____ |
| 5 home of Graceland mansion (7) | _____ |
| 6 famous neurologist Sacks (6) | _____ |
| 7 a single time (4) | _____ |

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Today's Answers: 1. HAMILTON 2. CATS 3. OKLAHOMA 4. GREASE 5. MEMPHIS 6. OLIVER 7. ONCE

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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

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

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Solution to 2/4/18

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DEAR ABBY

Woman freed from cooking is not eager to dive back in

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 64-year-old woman, divorced for 27 years. A nice guy I'll call "Ronnie" has taken me out to lunch and dinner several times. He really likes me and I really like him, but I'm skeptical about getting into a serious relationship because I don't feel like doing a lot of the "wife duties" anymore, such as cooking.



Dear Abby

I know this may sound terrible, but I don't cook. My kitchen stays clean, and all I have to do is sweep the floor. Ronnie hasn't said anything about my not wanting to cook, but I don't want it to come up later as a problem. What should I do? — OUT OF THE KITCHEN

DEAR OUT: Healthy relationships are based on honest communication. Talk to Ronnie about your concerns. You may be pleasantly surprised to find that HE likes to cook and would be willing to do it. Some men enjoy it so much

it's hard to pull them away, especially from a barbecue grill. Cross your fingers, speak up and hope Ronnie is one of them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been happily married for seven years. He recently graduated from his final residency, and after 11 years of post-high school education, he is finally out practicing.

During all those years, I supported us financially. Once he graduated, I asked that eventually I get a nice piece of jewelry to commemorate our accomplishment (and his nice new salary).

He bought me a lovely pearl ring, but it isn't real. It doesn't have natural diamonds, and it isn't white gold. To me, it doesn't commemorate the accomplishment as much as a real one. We could have afforded a nice costume ring years ago. I wanted to be spoiled a bit. Am I allowed to say something, or should I "appreciate the thought"? — SPOIL ME, PLEASE, IN OHIO

DEAR SPOIL: Your husband, the doctor, may be a jewel, but after supporting him for 11 years, you deserve better than what you were given. Explain to him that when you asked for "a nice piece of jewelry," you meant the real thing and not a costume piece. Then suggest the two of you go shopping for it together.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for 16 years. His brother died suddenly, and he was devastated. We dropped everything

and drove 1,000 miles to attend the funeral. When we arrived and went to sit four rows back because the front row was "immediate family only." I felt I was immediate family, but didn't want to cause a scene, so I did as he asked. When I sat down, I received odd looks and sad looks. I'm not angry, but my feelings are hurt. Am I wrong? — LEFT OUT IN THE EAST

DEAR LEFT OUT: If the spouses of your husband's other siblings — and children, if there are any — were also asked to sit elsewhere, then you should not feel hurt. However, if you were the only one told to sit in "Siberia," your feelings are justified.

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

HELOISE

Meringue madness

Dear Heloise: My lemon pie meringue is a real mess! I did something wrong, but I don't know what. It was runny. Help! — Jane R., Coconut Creek, Fla.

Jane, here are a few suggestions to produce a beautiful meringue:

- Egg whites need to be at room temperature, and you'll need at least three egg whites per pie.
- After the egg whites are beaten stiff (but not dry), sprinkle 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar and just a dash of salt on top and beat again very slightly. Slowly add 3 tablespoons of sugar per egg white in the bowl while beating the egg whites continuously.
- Always have the meringue touching the edges of the pie crust.
- Put the pie in the middle of the oven rack to brown, and when the meringue is almost as brown as you want it, turn off the oven and crack open the door a little so the pie can cool down gradually. — Heloise

Hammer time

Dear Heloise: For Christmas baking, I needed graham-cracker crumbs, so I came up with a way to do it without a rolling pin, which



Hints from Heloise

hurts my thumbs.

I put the crackers in a bag and grab my hammer! Then I pound. It sounds wacky, but it's fun and it works, and it saves me from repetitive motions. — Lisa L.-K., Ann Arbor, Mich.

(Don't) wrap it up

Dear Heloise: I prevent towels and pillowcases from getting caught up inside sheets in the dryer. I shake out all the twists and lumps in the towels and pillowcases as I put them in the dryer. Everything comes out dry, with fewer wrinkles. — Harriet B., Columbus, Ohio

Spaghetti squash vs. Pasta

Dear Readers: The humble spaghetti squash can be used in place of pasta, but unlike pasta, spaghetti squash has only 42 calories per serving (1 cup); pasta has over 300

calories per serving (1 cup). Pasta also is lacking in vitamins C and A, while spaghetti squash has about 4 percent of your recommended daily intake of both vitamins. Spaghetti squash is high in beta carotene, which helps prevent heart disease. The level of potassium in spaghetti squash helps lower high blood pressure over time. The omega-6 fatty acid is excellent for the brain, and the folate contained in spaghetti squash is essential for pregnant women to help prevent birth defects. Spaghetti squash contains 0 fat grams, with 0 grams of cholesterol, while pasta has about 18 grams of fat and 9 grams of cholesterol per serving.

When a recipe calls for pasta, you might want to replace it with spaghetti squash for a more interesting and nutritious dish. — Heloise

Handwashing 101

Dear Readers: There really is a science to something as simple as washing your hands. The American Academy of Dermatology (www.aad.org) lists the steps:

1. Use tepid (warm) running water and lather soap. Turn the water off to conserve it.
2. Scrub between your

fingers and under your nails for 20 to 30 seconds.

3. Rinse thoroughly under running water.

4. Pat dry with a soft towel.

Wash your hands after using the restroom, before you eat, when you blow your nose and after touching anything questionable. Washing frequently can keep you healthier. — Heloise

Clever conditioner use

Dear Heloise: I love to use hair conditioner when shaving my legs. The razor glides smoothly, and there is no razor irritation. — Lisa R., Colorado Springs, Colo

Keeping in touch

Dear Heloise: Most of us have friends who, for many reasons, have drifted away. A couple of years ago, some of my friends and I started to reconnect, and we decided to get together once a month. We choose a restaurant using the alphabet: first month the letter A, the second month the letter B and so on. Sometimes we travel out of our community, and sometimes we meet close by, but we always have fun and stay in touch with each other. — S.D.J.B., via email

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TODAY'S ANSWERS

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BIBLE

"And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

— Luke 18:13.

Here is the prayer that will put to rest the anxiety of your soul. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shall be saved."

JUMBLE

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

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SITIMF

PRINT YOUR ANSWER IN THE CIRCLES BELOW

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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

I don't even need binoculars from here!

What a view!

WITH SEATS IN THE FRONT ROW ON THE 50-YARD LINE, THEY HAD A GREAT

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

NATION

Super Bowl ads shy from politics and mind their manners

By MAE ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Peyton Manning takes a family to Universal Parks & Resorts. Chris Pratt works out to get in shape to tout Michelob Ultra. Bill Hader takes a break on set to snack on some Pringles.

This year's Super Bowl advertisers are minding their manners. They're trying hard to steer clear of everything from politics to the (hash)MeToo movement with lightly humorous ads that don't offend.

The goal is to capture the attention of the 111 million-plus viewers expected to tune in Sunday when the Philadelphia Eagles take on the New England Patriots. Thirty-second slots are going for more than \$5 million for airtime alone.

Last year, ads that tackled political issues fell flat, like an 84 Lumber ad about immigration. And some thought the recent Grammy Awards' low ratings were because the show contained too many political moments, such as Hillary Clinton reading from the Trump biography "Fire and Fury."

People are in the mood for "political-free entertainment," said Kim Whittler, a marketing professor at the University of

Virginia.

Several ads will be taking a light-humor approach with mostly male celebrities. PepsiCo brands Doritos Blaze and Mountain Dew Ice are showcased in two 30-second linked spots showing Morgan Freeman and Peter Dinklage in a lip-sync rap battle.

In a Pringles ad, Bill Hader has a snack on set and introduces a made-up practice dubbed "flavor stacking," in which he mixes and matches different Pringles varieties. M&Ms enlisted Danny DeVito to embody what happens when a red M&M becomes a person after wishing on a lucky penny.

Keanu Reeves surfs on his motorcycle through the desert in an ad for Squarespace. Chris Elliott lives in a bio dome to tout avocados from Mexico, while "Stranger Things" star David Harbour shows up in Tide's commercial.

"They're light hearted and good natured," Whittler said. "That's on target with the mood of the country."

"We're exposed to so much constant negativity," said Andy Goeler, a marketing executive at Bud Light. "Delivering something just light hearted and fun is the root at what beer is all about." The brand's two

spots showcase a mythical kingdom a la "Game of Thrones" centered on Bud Light and the catchphrase "Dilly Dilly."

Amazon's 90-second fourth-quarter ad stars a bevy of celebrities who sub for the voice of Amazon's Alexa voice assistant: singer Cardi B, actress Rebel Wilson, star chef Gordon Ramsey and even actor Anthony Hopkins putting a Hannibal Lector spin on things. Leading up to the halftime show, Pepsi's ad references past celebrities who have appeared in Pepsi Super Bowl ads: Britney Spears, Michael Jackson, Cindy Crawford and others.

Nonetheless, two Super Bowl ads are bucking the trend and sidling up to political issues, however obliquely.

Coca-Cola's anthemic 60-second ad features varieties of Coke, from Coke Zero to the stevia-flavored Coke Life, quaffed by women, men and a person who uses the "they" pronoun.

"There's a Coke for he, and she and her and me and them," a voiceover states.

Coca-Cola executives say the ad highlights the diversity the company has always used in its advertising, adding that they consulted African-American and LGBTQ



COCA-COLA VIA AP

This photo provided by Coca-Cola shows a scene from the company's Super Bowl spot. For the 2018 Super Bowl, marketers are paying more than \$5 million per 30-second spot to capture the attention of more than 111 million viewers.

groups among its own employees. A biracial couple and a person in a wheelchair also appear in the spot.

"We want to celebrate all the people that make up the world," Coca-Cola executive Brynn Bardacke said. "We don't want to exclude anyone."

On the other hand, WeatherTech, which makes car mats and other interior car products, has a staunchly pro-American approach in its ad, which shows the construction of a factory that opened late last year.

"At WeatherTech, we built our factory right here in America," the ad's text reads. "Isn't that the

way it is supposed to be?"

It's the fifth year WeatherTech has advertised in the Super Bowl touting its all-American operations. Founder and CEO David MacNeil said his ad doesn't have typical Super Bowl accoutrements — "no ponies, no puppies, no pretty girls" — but said it's straight to the point about its message.

"Isn't it just logical to build your own factory in your own country so your own fellow citizens can have jobs?" he said. He said he doesn't believe the ad might be divisive. "It wouldn't occur to me that I could offend

anyone by supporting my own country," he said.

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Estate home in Golf Hammock

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This home is at 3719 Par Road in Sebring. It is priced for \$350,000 and is listed with Dawn Dell with Heartland Real Estate Corp.

This secluded pool home is situated on over one acre of beautifully lush landscaped land directly on Golf Hammock golf course. If you are looking for that rare diamond, look no further.

The long private driveway welcomes you to this estate-style home. This home features over 2,800 living square feet under air and over 5,500 total square feet under roof. Have peace of mind with a metal roof and automatic whole house generator with an inground propane tank.

Whether you are looking for a "family style" home or a house "made for entertaining," this home will check off all those boxes!

The home has an abundance of natural lighting and a functional floor plan. The

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COURTESY PHOTO

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DIRECTIONS

3719 Par Road, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Hammock Road. Turn right into the entrance of Golf Hammock onto Golf Hammock Drive. Turn right onto Par Road. Follow around to the home on the right.

Lovely home overlooking Lake Jackson

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This home is at 3270 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$345,000 and is listed with Rona Port with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

Relax on an open front porch overlooking Lake Jackson and view the sunsets. This well-maintained three-bedroom, two-and-half-bath, two-car garage home with a pool was built in 1958. It is situated on the north end of Lake Jackson with 2,190 living square feet and 3,180 total square feet.

Entering the home through the expansive open front porch, the entry area opens to a good sized formal dining room on the right and quite a large living room on the left. The living room has cathedral ceilings and is decorated in white washed pecky cypress wood, giving it a beachy feel. The room offers lots of storage, shelving, a desk area and room for a large wall mount TV.

The kitchen has been updated with

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 3270 Lakeview Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$345,000 and is listed with Rona Port with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Properties Group.

DIRECTIONS

3270 Lakeview Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in Sebring, turn onto Sebring Parkway. Turn right onto Scenic Highway. Turn left onto Lakeview Drive. The home is on the left.

Pool home on golf course

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This home is at 7134 Golf Club Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$240,000 and is listed with Sue Dean with Re/Max Realty Plus.

Do you like golf? Do you like your own pool? Well, you will love this amazing 2,123 square foot home in Spring Lake with three bedrooms and three baths on the golf course with a pool.

Your breath will be taken by the grand screened entrance as you come into this beautiful home. Are you a person who likes detail? There are two master suites and a third bedroom, den and living room.

The home has crown molding, chair rail and soft colors to make you feel as if you are home. With 10-foot cathedral ceilings, archways and hard wood flooring, this is a lovely home. There are so many extras such as a gas fireplace, wet bar, granite counter top and an island,

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home is at 7134 Golf Club Drive in Sebring. It is priced for \$240,000 and is listed with Sue Dean with Re/Max Realty Plus.

DIRECTIONS

7134 Golf Club Drive, Sebring

From U.S. 27 in south Sebring, turn east onto U.S. 98. Turn left onto Spring Lake Boulevard. Turn left onto Duane Palmer Boulevard. Turn left onto Blue Heron Drive. Turn right onto Golf Club Drive. The home is on the left.

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formal foyer welcomes you to the inviting formal living room and dining room. The formal living room has sliding glass pocket doors that access the expansive pool area.

Off of the living room are double doors opening to the owner's suite. The bedroom measures 23 by 18 with a sitting area, cathedral ceilings, sliding glass doors to pool area and double walk-in closets. The master bath features a deep soaker tub, double vanity, lots of counter space and separate walk-in glass enclosed shower. Plantation shutters on the windows adds to the privacy of this space.

Off of the master suite is an office/den, which could be a fourth bedroom. This space is 13 by 12 and has a closet, so is easily considered a bedroom. An inhouse laundry room has a wash

tub and measures 10 by 5.

The split floor plan has the guest bedrooms and bathrooms are located on the other side of the home. It is perfect for families or guests to have privacy. Both bedrooms measure 13 by 11 and are joined by the guest bathroom, which was updated recently. A walk-in shower and ample vanity space are added values.

The kitchen is the heart of this home and overlooks the magnificent family room. The family room has a fireplace as the focal point. This is the perfect place family gatherings. The kitchen features an abundance of cabinets and counter space. Counters are solid surface, for easy care and maintenance. The room measures 16 by 11 and has a pass through window looking out to sparkling pool area.

The family room is 18 by 21 and has sliding glass doors accessing the expansive entertaining pool area. The pool area features a significant

amount of under roof space, outdoor wet bar with refrigerator and a pool 1/2 bath for easy use. The pool area is caged with Chattahoochee flooring and privacy scrub. Open all of the sliders to the pool for that Florida paradise living.

All of this is situated on a beautifully landscaped lot directly on the Golf Hammock golf course. This property has a ton of privacy that can not be duplicated. The additional lot next door is offered to the buyer of this property for an additional fee of \$58,000 (over an acre of land).

Golf Hammock is located on the west side of U.S. 27 and features central water. The community has a home-owners association fee of \$200 per year for use



COURTESY PHOTO

This secluded pool home is situated on over one acre of beautifully lush landscaped land directly on Golf Hammock golf course.

of the community pool, pickle ball/tennis courts and having the ambiance of living in the country club setting.

Golf Hammock has an 18-hole course designed

by golf architect Ron Garl. Visit ghoonline.com to review all community activities, including pickle ball, mah jongg, book club and card/game nights.

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COURTESY PHOTO

This home has a sparkling salt water pool with a view of the golf course.



The kitchen has granite counter top and an island, solid oak cabinets and newer appliances.

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solid oak cabinets, newer appliances, gas cook top stove and recessed lighting to name a few.

Three sets of doors surround the pool and provide a beautiful view from inside. Relax by the sparkling salt water pool with a view of the golf course. If you have small children, there is an alarm and cover for the pool.

The home already has a house alarm. The property has beautiful landscaped pavers in the front and back with lush

landscaping and curbing. For more information, call Dean at 863-381-8841. Ask about MLS 245217.

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wood cabinets, granite counters, an island for more prep space and stainless steel appliances. There is a pass through from the kitchen to the living room that is framed in shutters. The front load washer and dryer are installed at the end of the kitchen.

Access to the caged pool and lanai area is conveniently located from the kitchen and has a perfect area for a barbecue when entertaining. The pool is surrounded by brick

pavers.

Original hardwood flooring has been beautifully maintained throughout the home. All windows have been replaced and are double-pane and double-hung.

The front palladium windows give plenty of natural light to the living room, dining room and master bedroom. There are loads of storage areas and closets.

All bedrooms are located on the east side of the home. The two large bathrooms have wonderful vintage tile. One of the guest rooms has a half bath.

The two-car garage is

located at the rear of the home with easy access to the living room and kitchen.

There are additional parking areas around the home for guests. The long driveway is shared with the home at the rear of the property.

The large boathouse and dock is shared by owners of the two homes and adjacent vacant lot. Owners of this property will have an assigned dock space.

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Longevity annuities are a much underutilized financial tool

MORTGAGE PROFESSOR

Jack Guttentag

A longevity annuity is a very simple instrument. The buyer pays the insurer a lump sum at the outset in exchange for the insurer's commitment to pay the buyer a monthly stipend for a period that begins at some future start date selected by the buyer, with the payment lasting until the buyer dies.

The further in the future the start date, the larger the monthly payment. For example, on Jan. 18 a 62-year old man who paid \$100,000 for a longevity annuity would receive about \$1,041 a month starting at age 82, or \$2,870 a month starting at 92. Buyers who die before the payment start date receive nothing.

I specified the date of the annuity amounts because the amounts change over time with market interest rates. Even at the same time, the amounts quoted by different insurers will vary. The market for longevity annuities is imperfect, which means that potential buyers are advised to shop. A good place to do that is immediateannuities.com, which shows annuity amounts for a large number of insurers.

Longevity annuities can play a critical role in a retirement plan that depends heavily on withdrawals from a nest egg of financial assets. The problem with living off a nest egg is that the amounts you can safely draw depend on how long you live, which few know and most don't want to know.

Many retirees who consult with investment advisers on how much they can safely draw from their nest eggs monthly are given an answer based on mathematical models that use mortality data to calculate probabilities. For example, they might be told that if they draw \$X every month, the amount increasing by Y percent every year, the probability of exhausting their nest eggs while they are still alive would be only 3 percent. That small number is supposed to make the retiree feel secure, but it seldom does. Few care to incur even a small risk of becoming impoverished at an advanced age if they can avoid it. It can be avoided with a longevity annuity. Here is an illustration.

Mark is 62, has an asset portfolio of \$3 million that earns 4 percent, and wants an income stream that grows 2 percent a year through age 103. His assumption is that he will live to 104. Given these conditions, without an annuity, Mark's income would begin at \$2,943 and rise to \$6,649 in his 103rd year of life. At the end of that year, his assets would be exhausted. This is the base case.

Now let's add the following longevity annuity. Mark pays the insurer \$203,130 for an annuity of \$6,053 beginning in 20 years, when Mark is 82. This transaction reduces Mark's nest egg to \$796,870, but it cuts the direct withdrawal period in half. With only 20 years to cover, Mark can now draw \$4,141 a month to start, the amount rising to \$5,056 after 10 years and to \$6,053 in year 20 when the annuity kicks in at that amount. In sum, using the annuity Mark has spendable funds 40 percent larger at the beginning, and they remain larger until he reaches age 100.

You may wonder how it is that the withdrawals from the portion of the nest egg not used for the annuity rise to the exact amount of the annuity payment. This is no happy accident. It is based on an algorithm developed by my colleague Allan Redstone.

You may also wonder why I selected an annuity deferral period of 20 years. The selection was completely arbitrary, and the process could be duplicated for other ages. Reducing the payoff period increases the payment in the early years but reduces it in the later years. For example, with a deferral period of 10 instead of 20 years, the initial payment would be \$4,650 instead of \$4,141, but the 10-year would level out at \$5,576 after 10 years while the 20-year levels out at \$6,053 after 20 years. It is up to retirees to select the payment pattern they prefer.

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Home equity benefits

Home ownership offers a number of benefits. Today let's focus on what equity is and how a homeowner or a prospective buyer can take advantage of it.

If you are in the market to become a homeowner your professional Realtor will assist you explaining the advantage of obtaining a property with some level of equity. For those that own homes, the term "equity" may come up often when talking about the financial aspects of a home or property.

Equity is an important part of home ownership, especially when it comes to its value as an asset to the homeowner. What exactly is home equity, do all homes have equity, how can you earn equity and what are some things owners can do with the equity in their properties?

Home equity is basically the difference in the home's fair market value and the outstanding balance of all liens on the property.

For example, your home has a mortgage loan of \$100,000 and the market value is \$175,000; your equity is \$75,000, the amount still owed on the mortgage loan subtracted from the home's market value.

Home equity is an incredibly important asset to a homeowner because it has the ability to grow, and home equity that increases is a good for all homeowners. Home equity can grow in two ways: through loan repayment or price appreciation or both simultaneously.

Equity is the difference between what is owed on the property and the property's market value. When a homeowner pays down a mortgage loan (specifically a standard amortizing loan), the difference in the principal loan balance and the market value positively



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increases, meaning the home's equity grows. For those homeowners with an interest-only loan or another non-amortizing loan, equity is not built in the same way and may require additional payments in order to reduce the debt and increase equity.

The other way to build equity is through an increase in the market value of the property. This doesn't actually require any action on the part of the homeowner; it can be a direct result of any home improvements (which would be done by the homeowner), or is the general nature of a healthy real estate market, meaning a home's equity can increase if it's in a prosperous real estate market.

Equity is important in many different areas, especially when it comes to properties. Equity is considered an asset; an asset represents a value of ownership that can be converted into cash. When it comes to real estate, homeowners want positive equity in their properties. Positive equity is when the value of the asset exceeds the value of any liabilities.

Equity plays an important part in the overall value of home ownership because a home or property is likely to be one of the biggest assets a person or family will own, and the more positive

equity in the property the higher the value of the asset to the homeowner. Because equity is an asset, a homeowner has a number of options when it comes to using their home's equity.

Some homeowners will sell their current home and use the equity they've made as a down payment on a different property. This is very common and popular throughout the U.S. Another option to utilize a home's equity is by taking out a home equity loan or a home equity line of credit and purchasing a second property via cash to be rented producing additional income.

A home equity loan (also known as a second mortgage) borrows against a home's equity and provides cash to a home owner for whatever they wish to use it on. Some may use this money on improving their homestead via updates or renovations, while others may use it to fund an education or pay off loans. Some homeowners may even invest the money in a long-term investment.

Taking out a home equity loan will result in two loan payments — one for the original mortgage loan and a second for the home equity loan. A homeowner can borrow what they need during the draw period and then pay back what is borrowed over a certain amount of time.

There is another option called a reverse mortgage, but these types of loans are only available to those over 62 years of age and can be complicated to understand. It's important to note that any loan taken out against the equity in a home or property does need to be paid back — it's not free money.

As an owner, you should understand the equity available in your home and how you can utilize it to your advantage. Your local professional Realtor can provide references for home equity experts.

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GROWING PAINS

Charlie Reynolds

Roses are part and parcel of Valentine's day gifts to loved ones so let's talk about making them last.

I mention roses because of past experience. Carnations, though pretty, are probably not going to cut it and if you are planning on picking some wildflowers, unless your significant other is very understanding, you may end up in the proverbial doghouse with a wilted bouquet sticking out of your ear.

Sneaking into the neighbor's garden and pilfering a few roses out of their garden may sound sweet on the surface but also could also get you in trouble on many levels.

So now you get the picture, probably only store-bought roses will do. Here's a few tips to keep those roses looking

nice for more than a couple of days.

The long stem red roses that are cut and sold in flower arrangements are called hybrid T's. They are bred and grown for the specific reason that they make good cut flowers and they often are fragrant.

These roses can also be grown in your yard if you don't mind the extra work that goes into keeping them healthy. Growing them is something to be saved for another article. Today I want to address choosing and caring for cut flowers.

When purchasing cut flowers, they should be found with the stems stored in water and the tops stored in a cool air temperature. The roses should not be opened all the way but also not with too tight flower buds. Roadside stands are often less expensive but may not have the longevity of store or florist bought flowers. Paying attention to how they are stored at the location you purchase them is a good idea.

For cut flowers to last, they must contain water in the stems and petals. Dry petals will quickly wither and may show signs of lightly burned edges. The

flowers should be free of blemishes.

When the flowers are purchased, ask the retailer if they have packets of preservatives. These are specially formulated mixtures of sucrose (sugar) and acidifiers combined with microorganism and respiratory inhibitors. Avoid home remedies like adding soda or aspirins since they are not specifically designed for flower preservation.

If the florist delivers the flowers in a vase you may not have to do anything for a couple of days and often these preservatives will come in tiny packs with the flowers. After two to three days you will want to change the water and use the provided package.

If you are bringing the flowers home yourself and putting them in your own vase you will want to follow these directions. First thing is to recut the stems at a slight angle and with a sharp implement that does not crush the stem. Remove any leaves that would be below the water line and use very warm or hot water; 100-110 degree water mixed with the preservative in your vase. Make sure the vase is freshly cleaned to eliminate chances of bacteria growing in your new



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fresh water. Follow these steps and you should get the maximum time to enjoy your flowers.

Ever think about canning your own food? Well then, c'mon down to the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agricultural Center on George Boulevard to learn the basics as well as tips for the experienced canner. Our very own Amy Immekus, an experienced Florida Master Gardener, will give a class on canning from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 24. Cost is \$5.

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If you have a question that may help others, submit it directly to Highlands News-Sun at karen.clogston@

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Which home renovations are worth the cost? Fewer than you think

ON THE HOUSE

Caitlin McCabe

When it came to real estate in 2017, the residential housing market had, in many ways, a banner year: Home prices across the nation surged to pre-recession levels, mortgage interest rates remained low, and the number of residential sales picked back up again after years of sluggish growth.

Overall, that meant the 2017 market was largely a boon for sellers, who often were able to sell their properties quickly — and above asking price — as low supply and high demand sent buyers into a frenzy. Going into 2018, the housing market will largely be the same, observers and economists agree, with sellers having the upper hand again for much of the year.

Which likely has homeowners wondering, as they head into the busy spring real estate market, what kind of renovations should be undertaken now to get the home in shape for a potential sale.

Real estate agents, market observers, and appraisal experts who were asked what renovations were most worth homeowners' time and money agreed on this: When undertaking a renovation, less means more.

It's important, they

said, to avoid “over-improving” a home — changing a house so much that it might not fit a buyer's taste — or spending money on a major renovation just for the purpose of selling. Rarely, data show, do renovators make back the money they spend on a project.

According to a 2018 study by Remodeling magazine, the average payback on 20 different remodeling projects last year was just 56.8 cents of every dollar

spent. Meanwhile, in the Middle Atlantic region — Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey — homeowners recouped even less: just 51.3 cents of every dollar spent, on average. (Remodeling's 2018 study was provided exclusively to the Philadelphia Inquirer and New York Daily News. It is expected to be released later this month.)

“Cost does not usually equal value...,” said Jim Murrett, the president of the Appraisal Institute, the nation's largest

professional association of real estate appraisers. “But that's one of those decisions someone has to make. Do I do a renovation in the short term because I want to sell the house? Is it going to make the house more sellable and attractive?”

When it comes to kitchen renovations, minor projects often yield a better return on investment, according to Remodeling magazine. Massive renovations that include removing and replacing cabinets and

drawers, for example, tend to require expensive labor and materials, making it much harder to recoup the full cost.

For the most part, the Remodeling study found, focusing on less-expensive projects typically can yield a higher return on investment, while bigger, more exciting projects — a major kitchen renovation or a bathroom remodel — tend to cost more and receive far less return.

In Philadelphia, for example, a smaller

undertaking such as installing manufactured stone veneer on the outside of a home to replace vinyl siding allowed homeowners to recoup almost 99 percent of the average \$8,420 spent on the renovation.

In contrast, completing a full-scale kitchen remodel with “upscale products” — such as top-of-the-line custom white cabinets or stone countertops — yielded only 59 cents on every dollar spent in Philadelphia.

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TIDE TOP GATORS

Alabama rallied from a 10-point deficit to thump No. 23 Florida 68-50 on Saturday. **Page 4**

NFL: Honors

Brady wins MVP, Rams net three awards

By **BARRY WILNER**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For the third time, Tom Brady is the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Now he goes for his sixth Super Bowl title, and perhaps with it a fifth MVP trophy for the NFL championship.

Brady added The Associated Press 2017 NFL MVP award Saturday night at NFL Honors to his wins in 2007 and 2010. The New England

Patriots quarterback was joined as an honoree by three Los Angeles Rams: Coach of the Year Sean McVay, Offensive Player of the Year running back Todd Gurley and Defensive Player of the Year tackle Aaron Donald.

Other winners in voting by a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the league were Los Angeles Chargers receiver Keenan Allen as Comeback Player; New Orleans running back Alvin Kamara

and cornerback Marshon Lattimore as top offensive and defensive rookies, respectively; and former Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur, now head coach of the New York Giants, as Assistant Coach of the Year.

Brady is the second the player in the four major professional sports to win MVP at age 40; Barry Bonds won baseball's award in 2004.

Wide receiver Julian Edelman, who missed

the entire season with a knee injury, accepted for Brady.

"Thanks, thanks. Wait up. I literally just found out I was doing this like 20 minutes ago. So, I've got to read the text," Edelman said.

"No, but I'm joking. But serious, Tom said he wanted to say he's very honored and humbled that he gets this award for MVP. Also, he wanted to thank his teammates,

SEE HONORS, 3



AP PHOTO

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws a pass during the first half of the AFC championship against the Jacksonville Jaguars in Foxborough, Mass.

NFL: Super Bowl LII

Comeback Kings

Patriots thrive at late-game playoff rallies

By **JOSH DUBOW**
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Tom Brady is the comeback king in the playoffs.

From his past two Super Bowl wins to the AFC championship game rally against Jacksonville that got the Patriots to the NFL's biggest stage for the third in four seasons, no quarterback has engineered more late-game playoff comebacks than Brady.

But he is not alone. Whether it was Marcus Mariota and the Tennessee Titans in the wild-card round against Kansas City earlier this postseason, or Russell Wilson against Green Bay in (2015) or Andrew Luck against the Chiefs the previous year, there have been as many playoff comebacks from at least 10 points down in the fourth quarter the past five seasons as there were the previous 26 seasons.



AP PHOTO

SEE SUPER BOWL, 3 New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady throws during practice Friday in Minneapolis.

CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA

Strong winds power CHR sailors on Day 2

Submitted by Charlotte Harbor Regatta

Jeff Rehm and Tucker McElwaney cling to a three-point lead over Anderson and Mark Brunsvold in the F18 class after a day of racing that featured gusts over 20 knots in 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta Saturday. The Brunsvolds won three of four races on Day 2 after not competing Friday. Rehm and McElwaney won the other race.

Daniel Borg and Christopher Molder broke out of a logjam for third place after Friday's racing to move into third alone with a pair of third-places finishes and a second.

In the Hobie 16 class,

Ben Brown and Casey Astiz pulled away from a group tied for second after Day 1 to overtake William Jeffers and Karen Grisko for first place by four points on the strength of a pair of wins and a pair of seconds. Ken Hilk and Darcy Jensen are in third after winning their first race of the regatta Saturday.

Mia and Teddy Nicolosi swept into a first-place tie with Matthew Monts and Carlyn Blauvelt in the N15 class with a pair of wins and two seconds on Saturday. Monts and Blauvelt's also won two races and took second in the two wins by the Nicolosis.

SEE REGATTA, 2



PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN GLEASON/CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA
Bob Knowles and Paul Alessendroni round the windward mark ahead of Jim Nuzzo and John Walsh during a Harbor 20 race on Day 2 of the Charlotte Harbor Regatta Saturday. A mishap at the mark cost Knowles and Alessendroni the lead and Nuzzo and Walsh went on to win the class title.



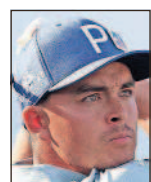
PHOTO PROVIDED BY BRIAN GLEASON/CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA
Camille Amy and R.J. Trejo cross paths during Day 2 racing in the H20 class of the 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta. For more photos and full results, visit www.CharlotteHarborRegatta.com.

GOLF: Phoenix Open

Fowler birdies last three holes to take lead

By **JOHN NICHOLSON**
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Rickie Fowler birdied the last three holes to take the lead in the Waste Management Phoenix Open, overcoming a sluggish start in front of the largest crowd in golf history.



Fowler

Justin Thomas went the other way, wasting a brilliant opening run with another late meltdown.

Fowler shot a 4-under 67 on Saturday to reach

14-under 199 with a round left at TPC Scottsdale's Stadium Course, the fan-friendly layout packed with an estimated 216,818 fans on an 80-degree afternoon.

"I really made some good swings coming in," Fowler said. "I just wasn't getting the ball close

enough and finally on the last few there I was able to get some good looks."

The fourth-ranked Thomas, the PGA Tour player of the year after winning five times last season, birdied the first six holes to take the lead.

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PICK 2

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| Feb. 3N..... | 1-4 |
| Feb. 3D..... | 7-4 |
| Feb. 2N..... | 3-0 |
| Feb. 2D..... | 4-4 |
| Feb. 1N..... | 1-8 |
| Feb. 1D..... | 5-3 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

PICK 3

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|----------------|-------|
| Feb. 3N..... | 1-0-4 |
| Feb. 3D..... | 5-2-6 |
| Feb. 2N..... | 0-3-0 |
| Feb. 2D..... | 4-1-3 |
| Feb. 1N..... | 3-3-8 |
| Feb. 1D..... | 0-9-6 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

PICK 4

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|----------------|---------|
| Feb. 3N..... | 6-6-5-7 |
| Feb. 3D..... | 1-2-2-9 |
| Feb. 2N..... | 5-5-3-3 |
| Feb. 2D..... | 3-6-9-2 |
| Feb. 1N..... | 6-6-6-2 |
| Feb. 1D..... | 0-2-8-1 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

PICK 5

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| Feb. 3N..... | 3-3-8-6-8 |
| Feb. 3D..... | 5-5-1-7-0 |
| Feb. 2N..... | 1-6-2-1-4 |
| Feb. 2D..... | 1-9-1-4-6 |
| Feb. 1N..... | 8-5-6-2-7 |
| Feb. 1D..... | 9-3-2-3-0 |
| D-Day, N-Night | |

FANTASY 5

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| Feb. 3..... | 9-15-17-29-32 |
| Feb. 2..... | 1-9-16-25-33 |
| Feb. 1..... | 9-28-12-25-20 |

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 2

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|-------------------------|-------------|
| 4...5-digit winners | \$57,718.04 |
| 369...4-digit winners | \$100.50 |
| 9,783...3-digit winners | \$10.50 |

CASH FOR LIFE

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|----------------|----------------|
| Feb. 1..... | 10-20-21-25-52 |
| Cash Ball..... | 1 |
| Jan. 29..... | 6-11-14-16-52 |
| Cash Ball..... | 1 |

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 1

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 0.....5-of-5 CB..... | \$1,000/Day |
| 0.....5-of-5..... | \$1,000/Week |
| 6.....4-of-5 CB..... | \$2,500 |
| 17.....4-of-5..... | \$500 |

LUCKY MONEY

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Feb. 2..... | 8-37-38-44 |
| Lucky Ball..... | 8 |
| Jan. 30..... | 17-25-34-43 |
| Lucky Ball..... | 1 |

PAYOFF FOR Feb. 2

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|-----------------------|------------|
| 0.....4-of-4 LB..... | \$500,000 |
| 2.....4-of-4..... | \$2,529.00 |
| 44.....3-of-4 LB..... | \$251.50 |
| 496.....3-of-4..... | \$65.50 |

LOTTO

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| Feb. 3..... | 16-19-21-37-50-51 |
| Jan. 31..... | 15-21-32-40-41-46 |
| Jan. 27..... | 10-27-28-30-45-51 |

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 31

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| 0...6-digit winners | \$7 million |
| 18...5-digit winners | \$4,884.50 |
| 802...4-digit winners | \$83.00 |

POWERBALL

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|----------------|----------------|
| Feb. 3..... | 15-23-27-48-53 |
| Powerball..... | 6 |
| Jan. 31..... | 4-7-14-46-59 |
| Powerball..... | 22 |

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 31

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|----------------------|---------------|
| 0...5 of 5 + PB... | \$127 Million |
| 1...5 of 5..... | \$1 million |
| 1...4 of 5 + PB..... | \$50,000 |
| 30...4 of 5..... | \$100 |

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$145 million

MEGA MILLIONS

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| Feb. 2..... | 1-4-14-17-40 |
| Mega Ball..... | 4 |
| Jan. 30..... | 29-41-42-49-57 |
| Mega Ball..... | 24 |

PAYOFF FOR Jan. 30

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|----------------------|--------------|
| 0...5 of 5 + MB.... | \$89 Million |
| 0...5 of 5..... | \$1 Million |
| 2...4 of 5 + MB..... | \$10,000 |
| 8...4 of 5..... | \$500 |

ESTIMATED JACKPOT \$104 million

SPORTS ON TV

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
CBSSN — Colgate at Navy
ESPNU — Georgia Tech at Boston College
FOX — Seton Hall at Villanova
FS1 — Illinois at Ohio St.
1 p.m.
CBS — Wisconsin at Maryland
3 p.m.
ESPNEWS — Temple at Tulane
4 p.m.
ESPNU — Arizona St. at Washington St.

COLLEGE GYMNASTICS

4 p.m.
ESPN — Women, Oklahoma at UCLA

GOLF

1 p.m.
GOLF — PGA Tour, Waste Management Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.
3 p.m.
CBS — PGA Tour, Waste Management Phoenix Open, final round, at Scottsdale, Ariz.

NBA BASKETBALL

2 p.m.
ABC — L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City

NFL FOOTBALL

6 p.m.
NBC — Super Bowl LII, New England vs. Philadelphia, at Minneapolis (kickoff at 6:30 p.m.)

SKIING

4 p.m.
NBCSN — FIS World Cup, Women's Downhill, at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (same-day tape)

SOCCER

9:15 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Crystal Palace vs. Newcastle
9:30 a.m.
FS1 — Bundesliga, Augsburg vs. Eintracht Frankfurt
11:30 a.m.
NBCSN — Premier League, Liverpool vs. Tottenham
11:50 a.m.
FS2 — Bundesliga, Hamburg vs. Hannover

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Noon
BTN — Northwestern at Indiana
SEC — LSU at Kentucky
1 p.m.
ESPN2 — Notre Dame at Duke
2 p.m.
BTN — Purdue at Illinois
CBSSN — VCU at Dayton
ESPNU — Tennessee at Vanderbilt
SEC — Arkansas at Alabama
3 p.m.
ESPN2 — Stanford at Oregon
4 p.m.
CBSSN — George Mason at Saint Joseph's
SEC — Auburn at Texas A&M



Mia Nicolosi and Teddy Nicolosi hike out on their Nacra 15 on an upwind leg of their race on Day 2 of the 9th annual Charlotte Harbor Regatta Saturday.
BRIAN GLEASON/CHARLOTTE HARBOR REGATTA

REGATTA

From Page 1

Galen Richardson and Ashley Ferreira sit in third, well back of the leaders entering Day 3 today. Jim Nuzzo and John Walsh won three of five races for the win in the Harbor 20 class on its only day of racing. Last year's runners-up Christi Jan Van Heek repeated the feat this year, winning the two races Nuzzo and

Walsh did not. Camille Amy and R.J. Trjeo finished third. In the Weta trimaran class, Knox Rodgers won all four races to notch back-to-back CHR titles. Rick Sylvester took three seconds to finish in second place, while Howard Paul placed third. The final day of racing begins at 10:30 a.m. today. For complete results and more photos, visit www.CharlotteHarborRegatta.com.

NBA ROUNDUP

Griffin, Pistons knock off Heat

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

DETROIT — Andre Drummond had 23 points and 20 rebounds, and Blake Griffin made a key 3-pointer in the final minute to lift the Detroit Pistons to a 111-107 victory over the Miami Heat on Saturday night.

Ish Smith added 25 points for the Pistons, including a late 3-pointer of his own. Detroit has won three in a row, the last two with Griffin in the lineup after acquiring him in a trade.

Griffin's 3-pointer with 44 seconds to play put the Pistons ahead 108-101, but Goran Dragic responded with a four-point play, making a 3-pointer while being fouled with 32 seconds left. Detroit ran the clock down on the next possession, and Smith sank his only 3-point attempt of the game, from the right corner with 14 seconds to play.

Dragic scored 33 points for the Heat, who have lost three in a row. Miami was without center Hassan Whiteside, who was out with an illness.

Smith, who has struggled at times while trying to replace injured point guard Reggie Jackson, went 11 of 14 from the field and finished three points shy of his career high. His previous season high was 19 points.



AP PHOTO
Detroit Pistons forward Blake Griffin (23) drives to the basket against Miami Heat forward James Johnson during the first half Saturday in Detroit.

Griffin had 16 points, nine rebounds and seven assists.

Clippers upend Bulls

Tobias Harris scored 24 points in his Clippers debut, leading Los Angeles to a 113-103 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Saturday. Danilo Gallinari also had 24 points, Lou Williams added 21 points and six assists, and Montrezl Harrell scored

14 to help the Clippers win for the third time in four games. Zach LaVine had 21 points and nine rebounds to led six Bulls players scoring in double figures in their sixth straight loss. Chicago missed its first seven field goals of the game and finished shooting 36.1 percent. Harris, Avery Bradley and Boban Marjanovic came to

the Clippers on Monday in the trade that sent Blake Griffin to Detroit. Center DeAndre Jordan, also rumored to be in trade conversations, led the Clippers with 16 rebounds but scored only three points on 1-for-6 shooting. The Bulls never led, but remained within striking distance throughout most of the game. The Clippers outscored Chicago in the paint, 52-36.

PACERS 100, 76ERS 92:

Victor Oladipo and Bojan Bogdanovic each scored 19 points and the Indiana Pacers beat the Philadelphia 76ers. Oladipo added nine rebounds and four assists. Domantas Sabonis scored 10 points, grabbed eight rebounds and had six assists. Lance Stephenson finished with 14 points and nine rebounds off the bench for Indiana. Indiana led 76-75 at the start of the fourth quarter, extended its advantage with an 7-2 run and held on with both teams playing on the second night of a back-to-back. Joel Embiid finished with 24 points and 10 rebounds while playing on both nights of the back-to-back. Ben Simmons scored 10 points and added 11 rebounds for Philadelphia. Philadelphia fell behind 40-27 in the second quarter but outscored Indiana 24-10 over a seven-minute span for a 51-50 lead. The Pacers used a 12-6 scoring run to end the second quarter to take a 62-57 lead into the locker rooms.

NBA: Wizards 115, Magic 98

Porter, Wizards ease to victory over Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO — If the Washington Wizards are missing All-Star point guard John Wall, they certainly aren't showing it.

Washington won its fourth straight game while Wall is sidelined because of a knee injury, pounding the Orlando Magic 115-98 on Saturday night.

Tomas Satoransky, who replaced Wall in the starting lineup, had a career-high 19 points, six assists and wasn't needed in the fourth quarter after helping the Wizards blow open the game in the third.

Otto Porter led Washington with 20 points. Bradley Beal, who also sat out the final period, had 18 points, eight assists and eight rebounds. Marcin Gortat contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds, and Markieff Morris had 16 points as all five starters hit double figures.



AP PHOTO
Washington Wizards' Bradley Beal (3) drives to the basket past Orlando Magic's Jonathon Simmons during the first half Saturday, in Orlando.

"With John being out, it's even more of a challenge for us, but

we accept it head on," Beal said. "We weren't playing our style of

basketball early in the season and over the course of the last four games, we've figured it out. We're moving the ball and playing really well."

Washington had 35 assists in the game, while shooting 54.1 percent from the field. The Wizards used a 10-0 run the final four minutes of the first half and an 18-5 run in the middle of the third quarter to open a 23-point lead.

Many of Washington's baskets were layups after thread-the-needle passes in traffic or wide open 3-pointers when Orlando's defense collapsed inside.

"Maybe teams are underestimating us," Gortat said. "Maybe they think because we don't have John, we're going to come in and lay down, but we're not. We're fighting. We have smart guys, who are playing hard for each other and it's working."

NHL ROUNDUP

Huberdeau's late goal lifts Panthers over Red Wings

Associated Press

SUNRISE — Jonathan Huberdeau scored with 7.7 seconds left in the third period to lift the Florida Panthers to a 3-2 victory over the Detroit Red Wings on Saturday night.

Aleksander Barkov and Aaron Ekblad also scored for the Panthers. Harri Sateri made 26 saves for his third straight NHL win. Keith Yandle had two assists.

Danny DeKeyser scored both goals for Detroit and Petr Mrazek stopped 30 shots in his third straight start.

With the score tied at 2, Huberdeau slid a rebound under Mrazek's pad from inside the crease. The goal was challenged for goalie

interference by Detroit but the call stood.

SENATORS 4, FLYERS 3, SO: Mike Hoffman scored the only goal among 12 players in the shootout to lift the Ottawa Senators to a victory over the Philadelphia Flyers. The Senators looked like they had the game won in regulation, but Nolan Patrick tied the contest with 2.6 seconds left in the third period to force overtime. Neither team scored in the 3-on-3 5-minute period and neither looked like it was going to score in the shootout, either. After six Flyers shooters and five Senators missed, Hoffman finally connected with a pretty move that beat Michal Neuvirth and sent Ottawa to consecutive victories for the first time since Jan. 5-6.

BRUINS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 1: Tuukka Rask made 23 stops and posted a point for a career-best 20th straight game, leading the surging Boston Bruins past the Toronto Maple Leafs. David Pastrnak and Torey Krug each scored on a power play in the second period and Patrice Bergeron added his team-leading 22nd goal for Boston. Tim Schaller had an empty-netter as the Bruins collected at least a point for the 20th time in 21 games, moving four points ahead of Toronto for second in the Atlantic Division. Rask hasn't lost in regulation since Nov. 26. He improved to 18-0-2 in his last 20 starts, and had an assist on Schaller's score.

BLUES 1, SABRES 0: Carter Hutton stopped 27 shots,

and Carl Gunnarsson banked in a shot off the crossbar with 5:41 left in the St. Louis Blues' win over the Buffalo Sabres. Hutton earned his third shutout of the season and 11th of his career while improving to 9-1-1 in his past 11 games, in which he's allowed just 17 goals. His best save came with 32 seconds left when he spread-eagled through the crease by kicking out his right skate to stop Sam Reinhart, who was set up alone at the right post. Hutton was also fortunate with 3 seconds left when Sabres defenseman Rasmus Ristolainen's shot from the blue line hit the post in a game that proved to be a goaltending dual. Buffalo's Robin Lehner made 32 saves in the loss and had little chance to stop Gunnarsson's shot.

NFL: Hall of Fame

Lewis, Moss, highlight eight-player Hall class

By **JOSH DUBOW**
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Ray Lewis and Brian Urlacher terrorized opposing offenses from the middle of the field. Randy Moss and Terrell Owens did the same to defenses on the outside.

The two hard-hitting linebackers and two big-play receivers highlighted an eight-person class voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on Saturday. Safety Brian Dawkins also received at least 80 percent support from the 47 Hall of Fame voters, along with contributor Bobby Beathard and senior nominees Jerry Kramer and Robert Brazile.

But the biggest stars of the class are the two linebackers that made it on their first tries, and the pair of lightning-rod receiver who sometimes caused as many problems for their own teams as for the opposition. Moss also made it on his first try, while Owens needed to wait for his third year on the ballot to get enough support.

"I've been going a long time. And now I can finally rest," Lewis said. "I want to go fishing with a cigar now and just sit back. I don't want to work out every day now."

Moss and Owens each played for five teams in their careers as they often wore out their welcome with their inability to get along with teammates and coaches at times.

But at their best, there were few players ever able to strike fear in defenses as much as Moss and Owens, who were both all-decade selections for the 2000s.

"The door knocked and I started getting excited," Moss said of Hall of Fame President David Baker



Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis reacts as he is introduced before an NFL preseason football game against the Detroit Lions in Baltimore.

alerting him he has been elected. "All the emotions caught the best of me because it's been a long journey and it ends in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Tears of joy."

Moss burst on the scene as a rookie in Minnesota in 1998 when he caught a league-leading 17 TD catches and helped lead the Vikings to the NFC title game. His combination of speed and athleticism made him the game's most dangerous big-play threat and led to the phrase "You got Mossed" for embarrassed defensive backs.

He led the NFL in TD catches five times, including his record 23 for New England in 2007, and earned four All-Pro selections. He finished his career with 982 catches for 15,292 yards and ranks second all-time with 156 TD receptions.

Owens, who didn't attend the announcement, entered the league as a third-round pick by San Francisco in 1996 but developed into a star known for some memorable playoff appearances, including his winning 25-yard TD catch to beat Green Bay in 1999; his 177 yards in a comeback

win against the Giants in 2003; and his nine catches for 122 yards in the 2004 Super Bowl against New England just seven weeks after breaking his leg.

Owens ranks second to Jerry Rice with 15,934 yards receiving and is third on the all-time touchdowns receiving list with 153.

Lewis is widely considered one of the greatest middle linebackers, winning two AP Defensive Player of the Year awards and earning eight All-Pro selections. He anchored a dominant defense for the 2000 Baltimore Ravens in a season that ended with him winning Super Bowl MVP, then retired as a champion after Baltimore closed his last season with a title win over San Francisco in February 2013.

"Growing up as a child, I know what that looked like, Mike Singletary, Dick Butkus," Lewis said. "Who dreams of being in that category, sitting with those guys?"

Lewis joined tackle Jonathan Ogden as the only Ravens voted into the Hall of Fame as both of the team's first-round picks in its initial season of 1996 received the high honor.

NFL: Super Bowl LII

The Eagle Way is similar to the Patriot Way: No egos

By **ROB MAADDI**
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — Bill Belichick's impressive resume makes it easy for the five-time championship head coach to mandate that players check their egos before joining the New England Patriots.

Doug Pederson didn't have a hard sell, either. The Philadelphia Eagles are an unselfish group that prioritizes winning over personal accomplishments. It's a major reason why the Eagles (15-3) are playing the Patriots (15-3) in the Super Bowl on Sunday.

"It's a group that doesn't really care who gets the ball. The bottom line is trying to win the game," Pederson said. "I didn't have to sell it too much."

Pederson was 7-9 last year in his rookie season as head coach but has guided the Eagles from worst to first in search of the franchise's first NFL title since 1960. He found a way to blend a young locker room with a mix of accomplished veterans.

The team added veteran receivers Alshon Jeffrey and Torrey Smith, running backs LeGarrette Blount and Jay Ajayi, defensive linemen Chris Long and Tim Jernigan and defensive backs Ronald Darby, Patrick Robinson and Corey Graham.

"I can remember this team showing up in April and talking about being at this place, talking about our dreams, aspirations and focusing on a grind," safety Malcolm Jenkins said.

"Guys being unselfish, adding guys along the way that added to the team and continued to push, and every time we won and had some success — we even had some



Philadelphia Eagles head coach Doug Pederson watches the team's practice for the NFL Super Bowl 52 football game Friday in Minneapolis.

adversity — the team believed more and more. It's been awesome to be a part of."

Blount led the NFL with 18 touchdowns rushing and earned his second Super Bowl ring last season in New England. He didn't get a carry in a loss at Kansas City in Week 2 and never complained. Same with Jeffery, who went from No. 1 receiver in Chicago to being one of the guys in Philadelphia.

"We couldn't care less how many catches or how many carries or how many yards any one guy has," Blount said. "We all have one common goal in hand. We all have one thing that we all want more than anything. You can't be selfish when everybody has one common goal because you have to make sacrifices for the better of the team. We've done that and it's gotten us this far."

Pederson set the tone and Carson Wentz carried it out with his team-first attitude and that filtered down the roster.

"He's the most humble guy you come across," Pederson said. "He'll give it right back to the team."

It was a smooth transition to Nick Foles after

Wentz got hurt. Foles also is a respected leader who leads by example. It's not a coincidence the Eagles sought this type of player.

"This is the most selfless team I've ever been around," Pro Bowl tight end Zach Ertz said. "Guys don't care about stats. They only care about winning. Doug is the best coach I've been around in managing players. He lets us show our personalities and if he needs to talk to somebody, he does it quietly and in a mild-mannered way. His selfless leadership is a big reason we're here."

The team is one of the closest-knit groups in the league and players genuinely care about each other and spent plenty of time together.

"When you see guys hanging out with players from other position groups, it's special," defensive tackle Fletcher Cox said. "I would go eat dinner with Donnie Jones. You don't see a guy hanging out with a punter."

If the Eagles win a few championships, perhaps the standard Pederson has set will eventually become similar to Belichick's Patriot Way. They have to get the first win first.

NFL: Super Bowl LII

Marines seek young, tough recruits in Super Bowl ad

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the first time in 30 years, the U.S. Marine Corps will air an ad during the Super Bowl, using an online-only spot Sunday to target a young, tough, tech-savvy audience for

potential recruits looking for a challenge.

The high-powered, battle-heavy, 30-second ad shows Marines deploying from ships in amphibious vehicles, dropping bombs from aircraft and hurling a shoulder-launched drone into the air.

"It's not just the ships, the armor or the aircraft. It's something more. It's the will to fight and determination to win found inside each and every Marine that answers a nation's call," the announcer says, as the camera follows a squad of Marines storming off

helicopters into a mock firefight while explosions erupt around them.

The goal, said Maj. Gen. Paul Kennedy, head of the Marine Corps Recruiting Command, is to reach young men and women who have faced and conquered challenges in their life, probably played

physical sports such as wrestling or rugby, and have a bit of that fighting spirit.

Network television viewers of the game won't see the Marine spot. But those watching through online streaming services — which charge a fraction of the advertising price

— will see it twice.

"I'm not trying to enlist fathers or mothers, I'm trying to enlist 18- to 24-year-olds," said Kennedy. "And they tend to be cord cutters. They take in entertainment differently and they tend to do it on a device rather than a television."

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his friends, his family and the Patriots organization for going out and doing what they do."

Brady competed 385 of 581 passes (66.2 percent) for 4,577 yards and 32 touchdowns with eight interceptions as New England went 13-3 for

the AFC's best record. At an age when many QBs are deep into retirement, Brady is throwing deep — and short — as well as ever.

Donald was the first pure defensive tackle to win the award since Warren Sapp in 1999. He said it means "everything. That's one of the best to ever do it. So, even for my name to be

next to that guy's name is beyond a blessing. This is what you dream about as a kid, dreaming about playing in the NFL to have success like this, to be able to (play good enough) to win this trophy."

Gurley's sensational turnaround season in which he ran for 13 touchdowns and caught six TD passes sparked

an equally impressive reversal of fortunes by his team, which won the NFC West at 11-5.

"The Saints got the rookies and we took home the offensive and defensive" player awards," Gurley noted. "It just tells you the type of players we have on the team. We all help each other out, absolutely. We have some talent, but

we're nothing without the whole nine yards and everybody together. And we also have a coach who's up for Coach of the Year."

A little while later, McVay was handed the coaching award.

In his first season running a team and as the youngest head coach in NFL history, McVay led the

Rams to a seven-game improvement. McVay, who turned 32 on Jan. 24, ran away with the voting with 35 votes to 11 for Minnesota's Mike Zimmer.

"What it means is we had a good season that I think we can build on," McVay said. "But you have to earn it every single day. It's a very humbling league."

SUPER BOWL

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"What happens is instead of playing the team, they start playing the clock. Sometimes you win and sometimes you go against a bad boy like Tom Brady and you get burned," former Colts receiver and current NFL Network analyst Reggie Wayne said. "A lot of that falls onto the coaches. The players are going to run what the coaches call."

Whether it's Atlanta failing to run the ball enough late in last year's Super Bowl that helped

the Patriots rally from 28-3 down to win in overtime or Seattle's decision to pass at the goal line instead of hand it to Marshawn Lynch back in 2015, questionable coaching decisions have contributed to some of those comebacks.

But nobody is better at exploiting those mistakes than Brady and the Patriots. He has four playoff wins in games he trailed by at least 10 points in the fourth quarter, including the "Tuck Rule" game against Oakland in 2002. No other quarterback has led more than one such comeback in playoff history.

"There's a great belief no matter what the circumstances, that we have enough to overcome it," Brady said. "I don't think we want to try to overcome that again this year. That was pretty tough to do. Hopefully we can get a lead, play from ahead, play on our terms."

The Patriots are that happens. They are 6-6 in the playoffs when trailing after three quarters under Brady and coach Bill Belichick, while the rest of the NFL has a 27-140 record in that span with only Russell Wilson and Eli Manning having more than two fourth-quarter

comebacks with four each.

Not that it is by design. "That whole comeback thing is overrated," said NFL Network analyst Willie McGinest, who won three Super Bowl titles as Brady's teammate in New England. "Players can't go in and say, 'Hey, we want to win this game in dramatic fashion, be down 11 with eight minutes to go and come back and have the crowd go crazy.' You want to be in control, play a certain way and be in front. Because that changes how you play the game."

The biggest deficit overcome to win a Super Bowl before last season

was just 10 points and the Patriots were the first team to overcome a deficit that big in the second half when they did it against the Seahawks three years ago.

The only other teams to come back from 10 points down to win a Super Bowl faced those deficits early in the second quarter with New Orleans rallying against Indianapolis in 2010 and Washington against Denver in 1988.

Brady's postseason passer rating when trailing in fourth quarter the past four years is a staggering 121.2, compared to 75.6 for the rest of the NFL.

In last year's Super Bowl comeback, the Falcons appeared to tire and struggled to generate pressure, sending more than four pass rushers on just two of 24 pass plays in the fourth quarter.

The Jaguars also only brought more than four rushers on two of 15 fourth-quarter pass plays in the AFC title game when New England came back from 20-10 down to win 24-20.

"What teams do wrong is they go zone," Wayne said. "He's going to pick zone apart all day, every day. He's going to spread you out and they're the best at creating mismatches."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Alabama 68, Florida 50

Alabama dominates No. 23 Florida

By MARK LONG
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE — Alabama coach Avery Johnson had a “conversation” at halftime with his team, a “great talk” about reducing turnovers and making better decisions.

His message was loud and clear. It was well-received, too.

Collin Sexton scored 17 points, Donta Hall notched his fourth double-double of the season, and Alabama rallied from a 10-point deficit to thump No. 23 Florida 68-50 Saturday.

Sexton added eight rebounds and six assists for the Crimson Tide (15-8, 6-4 Southeastern Conference), which dominated the second half and improved to 2-4 on the road.

“We basically looked like we had never practiced before in our lives offensively in the first half, throwing the ball all over the gym, too many turnovers,” Johnson said, noting his team’s 14 turnovers in the first 20 minutes.

Johnson ripped into his players in the locker room, and they responded in resounding fashion. The Tide scored the first eight points of the second half and later used a 15-2 run to open up a double-digit lead.

Alabama dominated Florida (15-8, 6-4) in the paint, on the glass and up and down the floor. The Tide outscored the Gators 41-17 in the second half, finishing with a 43-25 rebounding advantage and outscoring them 46-26 in the paint and 29-1 off the bench.

“The halftime talk was a great talk,” Hall said. “We came out with a better mindset, more focus. ... Crashing the



Florida guard Deaundrea Ballard (24) dribbles against the defense by Alabama guard John Petty (23) during the second half Saturday in Gainesville.

boards, getting easy looks, finding the open man.”

Sexton did the most damage, dribbling through Florida’s defense and creating open layups and dunks.

Hall was one of the beneficiaries. He made all seven shots and finished with 14 points and 11 boards. Fellow forward Braxton Key chipped in 13 points on 5-of-7 shooting.

“The defensive performance we gave in the second half was discouraging to say the least,” Florida coach Mike White said.

The Gators had no answer for Alabama’s speed at guard and athleticism in the paint.

They lost their third consecutive SEC game, the first time that’s happened since the end of White’s first season in 2016, and surely won’t be ranked Monday.

“If we don’t make wholesale changes, we’re going to continue to have peaks and valleys,” White said. “We’ll continue to be average.”

KeVaughn Allen led the Gators with 16 points. Keith Stone had 12, and Egor Koulechov added 11.

“It’s pretty frustrating because I know that the players are mad, I know that the coaches are mad, I know that the fans are mad,” Stone said. “So we’ve just got to turn around and do better.”

BIG PICTURE

Alabama: The Tide gained some much-needed confidence on the road. Alabama had lost three of four away from home in league play, and since Johnson’s team plays three of its next four on the road — tough games at Mississippi State, Kentucky and Auburn — winning at Florida could prove to be a turning point for a late-season surge.

“How are we going to handle this perceived prosperity?” Johnson said. “What’s going to happen in the next 48 hours before we go to Mississippi State? Are we going to believe the hype that we’ve arrived or are we going to keep our heads

down and just be focused? Trying to instill that in 18- and 19-year-old guys, it’s not an excuse, it’s a challenge sometimes. But we love the challenge.”

Florida: The Gators have little, if any, inside presence and might not have any this season. Injured center John Egbunu had a setback while recovering from knee surgery, and there’s no timetable for his return.

WARM RECEPTION

Florida recognized longtime Billy Donovan assistant John Pelphrey during an early timeout. Fans gave the former Florida assistant a warm reception. Pelphrey spent a decade at Florida, working under Donovan for two stints (1996-2002, 2011-15). Pelphrey was making his first trip to Gainesville since joining Johnson’s staff at Alabama in 2016.

UP NEXT

Alabama: Plays at Mississippi State on Tuesday.

Florida: Hosts LSU on Wednesday.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Miami 84, Virginia 75



Miami’s Lonnie Walker IV (4) steals a pass intended for Virginia Tech’s Ahmed Hill (13) during the first half Saturday in Blacksburg, Va.

Lawrence lifts Miami to road win over Hokies

By JIMMY ROBERTSON
Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Anthony Lawrence II scored a career-high 25 points to lift Miami to an 84-75 victory over Virginia Tech on Saturday.

Lawrence hit 9 of 10 from the floor, including three 3-pointers, as Miami (17-5, 6-4 ACC) won its second straight game and fourth in its past five. Lonnie Walker IV and DJ Vasiljevic added 14 points each.

Behind torrid first-half shooting — 58.6 percent (17 of 29) — Miami grabbed the early lead and led for the final 37 minutes. Virginia Tech (16-7, 5-5) used an 8-0 run to cut the lead

to 66-63 on a layup by Justin Robinson with 3:51 remaining, but the Walker hit a clutch 3-pointer with 3:22 to go to push the lead to 69-63, and Virginia Tech got no closer than four the rest of the way.

The ‘Canes relied on something down the stretch that isn’t their strength to hold off the Hokies — free-throw shooting. The ACC’s worst free-throw shooting team coming into the game made 9 of 12 in the final 1:16. They hit 16 of 23 (69.6 percent).

Lawrence finished with his second straight double, grabbing 13 rebounds as well.

Robinson led Virginia Tech with 22 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Defense leads No. 2 Virginia past Syracuse

Associated Press

De’Andre Hunter scored 15 points, Kyle Guy added 14 and second-ranked Virginia smothered struggling Syracuse 59-44 on Saturday.

Virginia (22-1, 11-0 Atlantic Coast Conference), which beat the Orange 68-61 in January, has won 14 straight and is off to its best start in conference play since the days of Ralph Sampson, who led the 1980-81 team to a 12-0 start.

Syracuse (15-8, 4-6), in desperate need of a signature victory, was coming off a four-point loss at Wake Forest in which it shot 30 percent (15 of 50), and the offensive futility continued against the nation’s best scoring defense.

NO. 3 PURDUE 78, RUTGERS 76: Vincent Edward had 18 points, seven rebounds and eight assists, and Purdue held on for a school-record 19th straight win. Mathis Dakota scored 16 points, Carsen Edwards had 13 and P.J. Thompson added 12 points for the Boilermakers (23-2, 12-0 Big Ten). Corey Sanders had 31 points and seven rebounds, and Deshawn Freeman added 14 points and nine rebounds for Rutgers (12-13, 2-10), which overcame a 15-point first-half deficit looked poised to pull off an upset at home.

ST. JOHN’S 81, NO. 4 DUKE 77: Shamorie Ponds scored 33 points, and St. John’s snapped an 11-game losing streak and handed the suddenly suspect Blue Devils their second loss in eight days. Bashir Ahmed added 19 points and Tariq Owens had 17 for the Red Storm (11-13), who overcame an early 10-point deficit and fought off Duke’s heralded freshmen down the stretch in

their biggest win under third-year coach Chris Mullin. St. John’s was playing the second of three straight games against top-6 opponents in a span of nine days. Next up, a visit to No. 1 Villanova on Wednesday night, half with four fouls.

OKLAHOMA STATE 84, NO. 7 KANSAS 79: Kendall Smith scored 24 points, including the clinching free throws in the final seconds, and Oklahoma State held on for the upset. Cameron McGriff added 20 points and Jeffrey Carroll had 15 for the Cowboys (14-9, 4-6 Big 12), who built an 18-point first-half lead and dominated the boards in ending their three-game losing streak. It was the third loss for the Jayhawks (18-5, 7-3) in Allen Fieldhouse, their most since the 1998-99 season, and their second in conference play.

NO. 8 CINCINNATI 65, UCONN 57: Jacob Evans III scored 19 points to lead Cincinnati past the struggling Huskies. Kyle Washington added 13 points and 11 rebounds for the Bearcats (21-2, 10-0 American), who never trailed. Jalen Adams scored 20 points and Christian Vital added 18 for the Huskies, who have lost five of their last six to fall below the .500 mark at 11-12 (4-6).

NO. 10 TEXAS TECH 83, TCU 71: Jarrett Culver scored 20 points with four 3-pointers, and Texas Tech got its fourth straight victory and a share of the Big 12 Conference lead. Culver, Tech’s hometown freshman guard, made all of his 3s in the first half. That included consecutive baskets from beyond the arc in an 18-0 run that put the Red Raiders (19-4, 7-3 Big 12) firmly in control — even without top scorer Keenan Evans taking a shot in that stretch. Evans still finished with 17 points and six assists, while Zhaire Smith had 12 points.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Florida State 80, Louisville 76

Florida State secures win over Louisville

By GARY B. GRAVES
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Terance Mann couldn’t mope over two missed free throws that could have sealed the victory for Florida State. There was still work to do on the other end to make sure Louisville didn’t take advantage.

The junior guard quickly redeemed himself by delivering a timely block of VJ King’s shot with 6 seconds remaining, Braian Angola grabbed the rebound and fed to M.J. Walker for a dunk with 1 second left that clinched the Seminoles’ 80-76 win on Saturday.

In just 11 seconds, Mann went from feeling stress to elation after a hard-fought win that helped FSU (17-6, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference) avenge last month’s loss to Louisville that broke a 28-game home winning streak.

“I missed the free throws and I knew I had to guard the ball and get a stop,” said Mann, FSU’s top scorer who entered the game making 72 percent from the foul line. “I knew they’d be driving to the basket aggressively, I just had to buck up and play defense.

“It was just happening in the moment. I used my defensive principles and got the stop.”

Phil Cofer scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half, Angola added 13 and Mann and Christ Koumadje each added 11 for FSU, which broke a 57-all



Florida State guard M.J. Walker (23) drives past the defense of Louisville forward Dwayne Sutton (24) during the first half Saturday in Louisville, Ky.

tie in the second half with six unanswered points and ending with Cofer’s 3-point play with 7:36 left.

The Seminoles’ lead stretched to eight a

couple of times before they had to fight off the Cardinals’ late charge that got them within 78-76 with 24.7 seconds remaining. Mann’s missed free throws with

17.4 seconds left opened the door for Louisville before his block finally tilted things toward FSU in a tight game featuring 11 lead changes and seven ties.

SCOREBOARD

PRO FOOTBALL

| | | | | |
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| L.A. Lakers | 20 | 31 | .392 | 20½ |
| Phoenix | 18 | 35 | .340 | 23½ |
| Sacramento | 16 | 35 | .314 | 24½ |

NFL PLAYOFF RESULTS/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
Jan. 13
 Philadelphia 15, Atlanta 10
 New England 35, Tennessee 14
Jan. 14
 Jacksonville 45, Pittsburgh 42
 Minnesota 29, New Orleans 24
Conference Championships
Jan. 21
 AFC: New England 24, Jacksonville 20
 NFC: Philadelphia 38, Minnesota 7
Pro Bowl
Jan. 28 at Orlando, Fla.
 AFC 24, NFC 23
Super Bowl LII
Today at Minneapolis, Minn.
 New England vs. Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m. (NBC)

SUPER BOWL INJURY REPORT

The National Football League injury report, as provided by the league (DNP: did not practice; LIMITED: limited participation; FULL: Full participation):
Sunday
PHILADELPHIA vs. NEW ENGLAND — EAGLES:
 DNP: DT Timmy Jerigan (illness), FULL: RB Jay Ajayi (ankle), DT Fletcher Cox (calf), CB Ronald Darby (illness), LB Dannel Elerbe (hamstring), DT Jimmy Jerigan. PATRIOTS: No injuries reported.

NFL OFFENSIVE PLAYER VOTING

Voting for the 2017 NFL Offensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
 Todd Gurley, RB, Los Angeles Rams 37
 Antonio Brown, WR, Pittsburgh 8
 Tom Brady, QB, New England 4
 DeAndre Hopkins, WR, Houston 1

NFL DEFENSIVE PLAYER VOTING

Voting for the 2017 NFL Defensive Player of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
 Aaron Donald, DT, Los Angeles 23
 Calais Campbell, DT, Jacksonville 17
 Chandler Jones, LB, Arizona 5
 Cameron Jordan, DE, New Orleans 1
 Harrison Smith, S, Minnesota 2
 DeMarcus Lawrence, DE, Dallas 1
 Xavier Rhodes, CB, Minnesota 1
 Bobby Wagner, LB, Seattle 1

NFL OFFENSIVE ROOKIE VOTING

Voting for the 2017 NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
 Alvin Kamara, RB, New Orleans 28
 Kareem Hunt, RB, Kansas City 21
 Deshaun Watson, QB, Houston 1

NFL DEFENSIVE ROOKIE VOTING

Voting for the 2017 NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year selected by The Associated Press in balloting by a nationwide panel of the media:
 Marshon Lattimore, CB, New Orleans 45
 Tra'Davious White, CB, Buffalo 4
 Reuben Foster, LB, San Francisco 1

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TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Signed F/C Emeka Okafor to a 10-day contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League
 NHL — Fined Washington F.T.J. Oshie \$5,000 for cross-checking Pittsburgh D Kris Letang.
BUFFALO SABRES — Recalled G Jonas Johansson from Cincinnati (ECHL) to Rochester (AHL).
DALLAS STARS — Traded F Mark McNell to Nashville for D Andrew O'Brien. Placed C Martin Hanzal on injured reserve, retroactive to Jan. 20.
 Recalled G Landon Bowe from Texas (AHL) and G Philippe Desrosiers from Idaho (ECHL) to Texas.
American Hockey League
UTICA COMETS — Returned C Tony Cameranesi on loan to Manchester (ECHL).
 WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON PENGUINS — Recalled Fs Troy Josephs and Reid Gardiner from Wheeling (ECHL).

ECHL

CINCINNATI CYCLONES — Added G Dan Spence as emergency backup.
 FORT WAYNE KOMETS — Released G Andy Dickson as emergency backup. Signed G Gordon Fiedt.
WESTCHESTER RAILERS — Claimed D Anthony Calabrese from Allen.

COLLEGES

COLORADO STATE — Placed men's basketball coach Larry Eustachy on administrative leave.
SYRACUSE — Named Kirk Martin quarterback coach.

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| EASTERN CONFERENCE | | | | |
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| Boston | 38 | 15 | .717 | — |
| Portland | 35 | 16 | .686 | 2 |
| Philadelphia | 25 | 25 | .500 | 11½ |
| New York | 23 | 30 | .434 | 15 |
| Brooklyn | 19 | 34 | .358 | 19 |
| Southeast Division | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Washington | 30 | 22 | .577 | — |
| Miami | 29 | 24 | .547 | 1½ |
| Charlotte | 22 | 29 | .431 | 7½ |
| Orlando | 15 | 36 | .294 | 14½ |
| Atlanta | 15 | 37 | .288 | 15 |
| Central Division | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Cleveland | 30 | 20 | .600 | — |
| Indiana | 30 | 24 | .556 | 2 |
| Milwaukee | 28 | 23 | .549 | 2½ |
| Detroit | 25 | 26 | .490 | 5½ |
| Chicago | 18 | 34 | .346 | 13 |

WESTERN CONFERENCE

| Southwest Division | | | | |
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| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Houston | 37 | 13 | .740 | — |
| San Antonio | 34 | 20 | .630 | 5 |
| New Orleans | 28 | 23 | .549 | 9½ |
| Memphis | 18 | 33 | .353 | 19½ |
| Dallas | 16 | 36 | .308 | 22 |
| Northwest Division | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Minnesota | 33 | 22 | .600 | — |
| Oklahoma City | 30 | 23 | .566 | 2 |
| Portland | 29 | 23 | .558 | 2½ |
| Denver | 27 | 25 | .519 | 4½ |
| Utah | 23 | 28 | .451 | 8 |
| Pacific Division | | | | |
| | W | L | PCT. | GB |
| Golden State | 41 | 11 | .788 | — |
| L.A. Clippers | 26 | 25 | .510 | 14½ |

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. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | RECORD | PTS | LW |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|----|
| 1. Villanova (47) | 20-1 | 1,607 | 1 |
| 2. Virginia (17) | 20-1 | 1,572 | 2 |
| 3. Purdue (1) | 21-2 | 1,501 | 3 |
| 4. Duke | 18-3 | 1,372 | 4 |
| 5. Michigan State | 20-3 | 1,347 | 6 |
| 6. Xavier | 19-3 | 1,278 | 8 |
| 7. Kansas | 17-4 | 1,224 | 5 |
| 8. Cincinnati | 19-2 | 1,208 | 9 |
| 9. Arizona | 18-4 | 1,103 | 11 |
| 10. Texas Tech | 17-4 | 987 | 14 |
| 11. Auburn | 19-2 | 882 | 19 |
| 12. Oklahoma | 15-5 | 840 | 12 |
| 13. Saint Mary's (Calif.) | 21-2 | 753 | 16 |
| 14. Gonzaga | 19-4 | 750 | 15 |
| 15. West Virginia | 16-5 | 709 | 7 |
| 16. Wichita State | 17-4 | 635 | 17 |
| 17. Ohio State | 18-5 | 566 | 13 |
| 18. Tennessee | 15-5 | 512 | 22 |
| 19. North Carolina | 16-6 | 470 | 10 |
| 20. Clemson | 17-4 | 414 | 18 |
| 21. Kentucky | 16-5 | 344 | — |
| 22. Rhode Island | 17-3 | 327 | 24 |
| 23. Florida | 15-6 | 172 | 20 |
| 24. Michigan | 17-6 | 103 | 25 |
| 25. Arizona State | 16-5 | 100 | 21 |

Others receiving votes: Kansas State 94, Florida State 76, Nevada 41, Louisville 39, Creighton 33, Seton Hall 16, Miami 12, TCU 11, Houston 8, Alabama 6, New Mexico State 5, NC State 5, Southern Cal 3.

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Friday's Game
 No. 22 Rhode Island 81, Va. Commonwealth 68
Saturday's Games
 No. 2 Virginia 59, Syracuse 44
 No. 3 Purdue 78, Rutgers 76
 St. John's 81, No. 4 Duke 77
 No. 5 Michigan State at Indiana, late
 No. 6 Xavier 96, Georgetown 91, OT
 Oklahoma State 84, No. 7 Kansas 79
 No. 8 Cincinnati 65, UConn 57
 No. 9 Arizona at Washington, late
 No. 10 Texas Tech 83, TCU 71
 No. 11 Auburn vs. Vanderbilt, late
 Texas 79, No. 12 Oklahoma 74
 No. 13 Saint Mary's at San Diego, late
 No. 14 Gonzaga vs. BYU, late
 No. 15 West Virginia 89, Kansas State 51
 No. 18 Tennessee 94, Mississippi 61
 No. 19 North Carolina vs. Pittsburgh, late
 No. 20 Clemson 75, Wake Forest 67
 Missouri 69, No. 21 Kentucky 60
 Alabama 68, No. 23 Florida 50
 No. 24 Michigan 76, Minnesota 73, OT
Today's Games
 No. 1 Villanova vs. Seton Hall, noon
 No. 17 Ohio State vs. Illinois, noon
 No. 25 Arizona State at Washington State, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

EAST
 Albany (NY) 83, New Hampshire 74
 Army 82, American U. 70
 Brown 102, Princeton 100, OT
 Bucknell 74, Lafayette 59
 Cincinnati 65, UConn 57
 Coll. of Charleston 86, Hofstra 85
 Columbia 77, Dartmouth 74
 Davidson 87, George Washington 58
 Fairleigh Dickinson 73, Robert Morris 67
 Hartford 73, Stony Brook 64
 Harvard 76, Cornell 73
 Holy Cross 73, Loyola (Md.) 57
 LIU Brooklyn 84, Bryant 71
 La Salle 81, Saint Joseph's 78
 Lehigh 80, Boston U. 75
 Maine 81, Binghamton 79, OT
 Mount St. Mary's 59, St. Francis (Pa.) 56
 Northeastern 107, UNC-Wilmington 100, OT
 Penn 59, Yale 50
 Penn St. 82, Iowa 58
 Purdue 78, Rutgers 76
 Sacred Heart 67, Central Connecticut 81
 St. Bonaventure 84, Duquesne 81
 St. John's 81, Duke 77
 UMass 86, Dayton 82, 2OT
 Vermont 81, UMBK 53
 Virginia 59, Syracuse 44
 Wagner 79, St. Francis Brooklyn 61
 West Virginia 89, Kansas St. 51
SOUTH
 Alabama 68, Florida 50
 Alabama St. 89, MSU 85, OT
 Belmont 83, Morehead St. 73
 Bethune-Cookman 80, Coppin St. 60
 Clemson 75, Wake Forest 67
 Drexel 91, William & Mary 79
 ETSU 81, Chattanooga 61
 East Carolina 88, Memphis 85, OT
 Elon 89, Delaware 76
 FIU 71, Louisiana Tech 68
 Florida Gulf Coast 80, Jacksonville 55
 Florida St. 80, Louisville 76
 Gardner-Webb 63, Charleston Southern 61
 George Mason 79, Richmond 75
 Grambling St. 69, Southern U. 68
 High Point 67, Campbell 56
 Houston 69, UCF 65
 Howard 83, Florida A&M 80, OT
 Jackson St. 60, Alcorn St. 57
 James Madison 79, Towson 73
 Kennesaw St. 93, SC-Upstate 69
 LSU 94, Arkansas 86
 Liberty 67, Longwood 55
 Louisiana-Lafayette 80, Louisiana-Monroe 59
 McNeese St. 73, Northwestern St. 62
 Mercer 73, Virginia Tech 65
 Miami 83, Wolford 65
 Middle Tennessee 78, Charlotte 73
 Mississippi St. 72, Georgia 57
 Murray St. 66, UT Martin 53
 NC A&T 92, Hampton 84
 N.Y. Islanders 53, 26-22 5 57 172
 NC Central 72, Delaware St. 61
 NC State 76, Notre Dame 58
 NJIT 81, Lipscomb 77
 Nicholls 81, New Orleans 64
 Norfolk St. 76, Morgan St. 65
 North Carolina 96, Pittsburgh 65
 North Florida 97, Stetson 91
 Old Dominion 65, UAB 60
 SE Louisiana 89, Cent. Arkansas 84
 Savannah St. 111, SC State 99
 Southern Miss. 77, FAU 66
 Tennessee 94, Mississippi 61
 Tennessee St. 73, E. Kentucky 60
 The Citadel 100, Furman 92, OT
 Troy 80, South Alabama 63
 UNC-Asheville 75, Presbyterian 61
 W. Carolina 88, Samford 71
 Winthrop 75, Radford 57
 Delaware at Elon, late
 Vanderbilt at Auburn, late
MIDWEST
 Austin Peay 96, SE Missouri 81
 Bowling Green 70, Kent St. 62
 Butler 80, DePaul 57
 Cent. Michigan 101, Ohio 98, 2OT
 E. Illinois 79, Tennessee Tech 71
 E. Michigan 58, Ball St. 41
 Fort Wayne 91, Denver 63
 Illinois St. 75, Evansville 71
 Indiana St. 77, N. Iowa 66
 Loyola of Chicago 97, Missouri St. 75
 Miami (Ohio) 81, N. Illinois 65
 Michigan 76, Minnesota 73, OT
 Missouri 69, Kentucky 60
 Montana 72, North Dakota 67
 N. Kentucky 78, Cleveland St. 61
 Oklahoma St. 84, Kansas 79
 Providence 77, Marquette 75
 SIU-Edwardsville 75, Jacksonville St. 67
 Saint Louis 73, Fordham 50
 South Dakota 76, N. Dakota St. 75
 Toledo 77, Akron 56
 W. Illinois 82, Oral Roberts 56
 Wright St. 83, Youngstown St. 57
 Xavier 96, Georgetown 91, OT
 Drake at Bradley, late
 Valparaiso at St. Ilinois, late
 Michigan State at Indiana, late

SOUTHWEST

Appalachian St. 59, Texas State 56
 Georgia St. 81, UALR 51
 Lamar 76, Stephen F. Austin 54
 North Texas 74, Rice 70
 Prairie View 96, Texas Southern 82
 Sam Houston St. 84, Abilene Christian 77
 Texas 79, Oklahoma 74
 Texas A&M 83, South Carolina 60
 Texas A&M-CC 56, Incarnate Word 51
 Texas Tech 83, TCU 71
 Texas-Arlington 87, Coastal Carolina 80
 UTSA 74, W. Kentucky 63
 Alabama A&M at Ark.-Pine Bluff, late
 Iowa State at Baylor, late
 Georgia Southern at Arkansas State, late
 Marshall at UTEP, late

FAR WEST

Fresno St. 80, Wyoming 62
 N. Colorado 86, Montana St. 63

New Mexico 71, San Jose St. 68
 New Mexico St. 90, Rio Grande 67
 Portland 68, Loyola Marymount 66
 Portland St. 94, E. Washington 81
 S. Utah 84, Idaho St. 80
 Stanford 96, Oregon 61
 UC Davis 105, Long Beach St. 104, 2OT
 UCLA 82, Southern Cal 79
 Nevada at Colorado State, late
 Oregon State at California, late
 UNLV at Boise State, late
 Saint Mary's (Cal) at San Diego, late
 Weber State at N. Arizona, late
 Chicago State at Grand Canyon, late
 Pacific at Pepperdine, late
 UC Irvine at Cal State-Fullerton, late
 UMKC at CS Bakersfield, late
 CS Northridge at UC Santa Barbara, late
 Utah Valley at Seattle, late
 Air Force at San Diego State, late
 BYU at Gonzaga, late
 Hawaii at Cal Poly, late
 Idaho at Sacramento State, late
 Arizona at Washington, late
 San Francisco at Santa Clara, late

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

EAST
 Georgia Tech at Boston College, noon
 Iona at Marist, noon
 Seton Hall at Villanova, noon
 Colgate at Navy, noon
 Niagara at Monmouth (NJ), 2 p.m.
 Canisius at St. Peter's, 2 p.m.
 Rider at Quinnipiac, 2:30 p.m.
SOUTH
 Tulsa at South Florida, 1 p.m.
 Wisconsin at Maryland, 1 p.m.
 Temple at Tulane, 3 p.m.
MIDWEST
 Illinois at Ohio St., noon
 IUPUI at Oakland, noon
 Ill.-Chicago at Detroit, 2 p.m.
FAR WEST
 Arizona St. at Washington St., 4 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

THE AP TOP 25 POLL
 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 28, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

| | RECORD | PTS | LW |
|----------------------|--------|-----|----|
| 1. Connecticut (32) | 20-0 | 800 | 1 |
| 2. Mississippi State | 22-0 | 764 | 2 |
| 3. Baylor | 19-1 | 732 | 3 |
| 4. Louisville | 22-1 | 700 | 4 |
| 5. Notre Dame | 20-2 | 684 | 5 |
| 6. Oregon | 20-3 | 613 | 7 |
| 7. South Carolina | 18-3 | 606 | 9 |
| 8. Texas | 16-4 | 561 | 6 |
| 9. UCLA | 17-4 | 522 | 13 |
| 10. Florida State | 18-3 | 501 | 8 |
| 11. Maryland | 18-3 | 498 | 14 |
| 12. Tennessee | 17-4 | 418 | 10 |
| 13. Michigan | 19-4 | 371 | 16 |
| 14. Texas A&M | 17-5 | 360 | 15 |
| 15. Missouri | 17-4 | 342 | 11 |
| 16. Oregon State | 16-5 | 314 | 17 |
| 17. Georgia | 19-2 | 308 | 21 |
| 18. Ohio State | 17-5 | 289 | 12 |
| 19. Duke | 17-5 | 245 | 18 |
| 20. Green Bay | 19-2 | 176 | 22 |
| 21. West Virginia | 17-5 | 159 | 20 |
| 22. Texas Christian | 15-5 | 103 | 24 |
| 23. Oklahoma State | 15-5 | 99 | 19 |
| 24. Stanford | 14-8 | 74 | — |
| 25. California | 15-6 | 33 | 23 |

Others receiving votes: Arizona State 27, Belmont 16, NC State 16, Nebraska 14, South Florida 14, Virginia 7, Iowa 7, LSU 6, Marquette 5, Gonzaga 5, Mercer 3, Florida Gulf Coast 3, Western Kentucky 1, Minnesota 1, Dayton 1, Duquesne 1, Syracuse 1.

THE AP TOP 25 RESULTS/SCHEDULE

Friday's Games
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Today's Games
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 No. 4 Louisville at Syracuse, 1 p.m.
 No. 5 Notre Dame at St. 19 Duke, 1 p.m.
 No. 6 Oregon vs. No. 24 Stanford, 3 p.m.
 No. 10 Florida State at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
 No. 11 Maryland at Nebraska, 3 p.m.
 No. 12 Tennessee at Vanderbilt, 2 p.m.
 No. 13 Michigan at Rutgers, 2 p.m.
 No. 14 Texas A&M vs. Auburn, 4 p.m.
 No. 16 Oregon State vs. No. 25 California, 4 p.m.
 No. 17 Georgia vs. Mississippi, 2 p.m.

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| Boston | 50 | 31 | 11 | 8 | 70 | 164 121 |
| Toronto | 54 | 30 | 19 | 5 | 65 | 172 150 |
| Florida | 50 | 22 | 22 | 6 | 50 | 143 163 |
| Detroit | 51 | 21 | 22 | 8 | 50 | 134 151 |
| Montreal | 52 | 21 | 25 | 6 | 48 | 135 163 |
| Ottawa | 50 | 17 | 24 | 9 | 43 | 131 172 |
| Buffalo | 5 | | | | | |

GYMNASTICS: Michigan State

Gymnastics team tries to move on from Nassar

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — The gymnasts danced like no one was watching, a joyous circle of pink-clad young women celebrating a meet with their teammates.

In truth, all eyes seem to be on Michigan State in these troubled days.

There are sharp questions for football coach Mark Dantonio and basketball coach Tom Izzo about allegations of sexual misconduct by their players over the years.

But above all, there is Larry Nassar, the disgraced former sports doctor who is facing the rest of his life in prison for molesting girls and young women under the guise of treatment. Nassar isn't associated with football or basketball. He stands accused of abusing mostly young gymnasts, some of them stars for Team USA, and he will forever be tied to Michigan State — his former employer.

But on this night, the Spartans tried to celebrate a feel-good moment on a campus in desperate need of one.

"I know everyone sees Larry Nassar and they think of Michigan State gymnastics," said Sydney Ewing, the only recruit to sign with the program in November during the early signing period. "But the girls didn't do anything wrong. I think supporting them right now is the best thing they need to get through this."

The gymnasts left behind are trying to move on with their competitions while honoring the victims — some of whom may be on the team — of Nassar's abuse. In front of a record crowd for



A poster of the Michigan State women's gymnastics team is displayed during a meet Jan. 27 in East Lansing, Mich.

a quad meet at Jenison Field House, where Magic Johnson played basketball four decades ago, the Spartans had a season-high score to beat Eastern Michigan, Rutgers and Pittsburgh.

Lea Mitchell, who won the all-around for the second time in three meets, put on a show. Her teammates along with 2,844 fans in the stands did, too. The crowd, which was about three times larger than usual, included Michigan State athletes from other sports.

Mitchell sprinted down a blue runway, launched off a springboard onto the vault, did a flipping twist, landed on her feet and threw her hands in the air. The freshman was immediately encircled by high-fiving teammates as the fans roared.

Mitchell and her teammates could have bolted by now because of the Nassar scandal. No one would've blamed them. The NCAA has indicated it may investigate the athletic department, and the Michigan attorney general will press ahead with an investigation of the university.

"We can't run," said Mitchell, who is from Boynton Beach, Florida. "We have to stay together and change the culture. It has to start somewhere."

Missed opportunities to possibly stop Nassar abound.

Larissa Boyce said she and a fellow teenage teammate, both training with the Spartans youth gymnastics team, complained about him in 1997 to head gymnastics coach Kathie Klages. She retired a year ago, one day after being suspended for what former athletic director Mark Hollis described as her "passionate defense" of Nassar. Some athletes suggested Klages indirectly discouraged them from reporting abuse with her outspoken support of Nassar. Klages has not responded to requests seeking comment.

Mike Rowe, who was a Michigan State assistant the previous three seasons, was promoted in July to guide the program through a storm.

"We've been working really hard on focus, keeping our eyes on not being distracted and letting any kind outside influences affect the performance," said Rowe, who like the team's gymnasts, wore a teal ribbon last weekend to raise awareness about sexual violence. "In the gym every day, it's kind of our solitude. It's kind of our place of peace."

In the same building where Nassar carried out some of his crimes, the team has had the same athletic trainer, Destiny

Teachnor-Hauk, for two decades. She reportedly received at least one complaint about Nassar from a softball player two decades ago, but Teachnor-Hauk told the FBI and campus police during an investigation she never had athletes tell her Nassar made them uncomfortable.

Teachnor-Hauk also said she was aware of Nassar treating one gymnast at his home, but it did not raise any "red flags" for her. Teachnor-Hauk declined comment for this story through a school spokesman.

The crisis on campus has led to Lou Anna Simon resigning as school president and Hollis retiring. Rowe said he hopes the women he coaches don't lose the athletic trainer "they love to the world and back," too.

"They probably would be devastated if she had to be replaced or go somewhere else," Rowe said.

Jessica Ling, a junior on the team, agreed.

"Destiny is a one-of-a-kind person and she honestly cares about all of us — 100 percent," Ling said. "She's like our second mom. She has helped me personally immensely in my recovery to come back (from knee surgeries) and I couldn't have done it without her."

Ewing made the trip from Texas to watch the Spartans compete and to visit campus again with her father, Steve Ewing, who insisted he has no fear of sending his daughter to Michigan State to be a gymnast and student.

"I'm not scared," he said. "This is going to be the cleanest, safest program in the country. It's going to be squeaky clean. They got rid of a bad element that is no longer here."

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: Co-ed Squad



AP PHOTO

Dawson's Murissa Horton (22) chases down a loose ball against Sands during a high school basketball game in Welch, Texas. At the smallest high school in Texas, injuries and dwindling enrollment forced the Dawson Dragons to consolidate the girls and boys basketball teams.

Creating co-ed team saved season for tiny West Texas school

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press

WELCH, Texas — Murissa Horton set her feet, steeled herself and was knocked to the court taking a charge from a barrel-chested teenage boy who outweighed her by more than 100 pounds.

The 5-foot-6 high school senior bounced back up, dusted herself off, adjusted her ponytail and got back to work.

Boys against girls isn't just something you see at practice for the Dawson Dragons. For one of the smallest high schools in Texas, injuries and dwindling enrollment forced the Dragons to consolidate the girls and boys basketball teams. The co-ed squad is playing a boys schedule, with Horton as a starter and one of the team's best players.

"That Horton girl can play, I would take her anytime," Sands coach Billy Grumbles said after his team beat Dawson 51-23 last month.

To understand this unusual situation requires a bit of history about this slice of West Texas.

Dawson is located in the town of Welch, population 222 and the kind of place where everyone knows your name and they probably know your mother, grandfather and some of your cousins, too. Tumbleweeds roll down main street, and Welch is surrounded by acres upon acres of cotton fields that are dotted with oil wells, pumping along and leaving a slightly sour smell in the air.

It's a place so small that there isn't even a Dairy Queen, often a mainstay for hamlets in flyover states. There's a lone convenience store and the main business in town is a cotton gin, Welch Cotton Inc. The gin is the lifeblood of Welch. It provides jobs, gives a boost to the economy and serves as a community outpost, a place where farmers and other townfolk stop to catch up with one another and gossip about the local goings on.

In this town it's impossible to ignore the sweeping presence of cotton. The grass along the highways has a white tinge because of a cotton candy-like coating of the fiber that escapes the gin as it separates seeds from the cotton. More of the delicate fiber floats through the air in gossamer-thin strings that make it seem like spiders have been

working overtime spinning webs.

Glen Phipps owns Welch Cotton and is one of the school's biggest supporters, donating money to various causes at Dawson and bankrolling a trip for all the school's students to make the 63-mile trek to Lubbock to watch a Texas Tech basketball game.

His family has been part of the community for generations. He graduated from here in 1973, his grandfather was on Dawson's first school board and two other relatives currently serve on the board.

"The school is so important to me, my family and our community in that the school brings everybody together," he said. "The school is kind of that tie that binds, that makes it a community for everybody."

This town knows it can always count on cotton, but oil is much more fickle and a major contributor to the situation the basketball team is in. Just five years ago, property values in the district were more than \$260 million. Last year, plummeting oil prices put the values at just \$90 million and left Dawson, like all schools dependent on property taxes, scrambling for ways to remain open.

The uncertainty prompted the majority of Dawson's 12-person junior class to transfer elsewhere last summer. That exodus combined with two Christmas break transfers left the school with just 18 students. They had seven boys to field their six-man football team this fall, but with a three-person eighth grade class, all girls, there won't be enough students to play football next season.

There may not be enough to put separate basketball teams on the court, either.

"In the bigger schools, it's next man up," said Jeff Fleenor, the principal and superintendent who has two daughters on the basketball team. "Here there's not that next man."

Dawson basketball teams played separately before the holiday break, but nagging injuries often left the five-girl team with just three healthy players. And after two of the seven members of the boys team returned to South Texas after their migrant-worker parents finished seasonal work, the school's two coaches and Fleenor decided to meld the group into one team to guarantee a complete season.

NBA: Heat

NFL linebacker tackles something new as Heat intern

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — Anthony Walker plays in the NFL. He spent the last month in the NBA.

The Indianapolis Colts linebacker started his off-season by spending four weeks as an intern with the Miami Heat, getting a crash course on how the basketball team from his hometown handles things from a business operations standpoint.

The Heat exposed Walker to plenty, including how game nights work and the execution of off-site events.

"For me, it's about trying to get the other side of sports," Walker said. "Football's going to end for me at some point. I want to be able to use the networks I have now to help me in the future for when I do need to find something else to do with my life. And you never know when that's going

to come."

The internship ended Friday. Walker is planning to be back in Indianapolis, ready to resume full-time football life in a few days.

He hopes football doesn't end anytime soon. Walker just completed his rookie season with the Colts, appearing in 10 games — two starts — and making 22 tackles.

But Walker, 22, is also thinking about his future. That's why he asked Heat

assistant coach Chris Quinn for a favor.

Quinn was briefly an assistant coach at Northwestern, where Walker — who studied business management with a focus on sports, as well as marketing — played his college football. Quinn knew of Walker's reputation from their simultaneous time with the Wildcats, and didn't hesitate when asked to help broker something for him to do with the Heat.

GOLF

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But instead of making a run at his second sub-60 round in a little over a year, Thomas had to fight for an even-par 71

that left him eight shots back. He dropped six strokes in a three-hole stretch, making a bogey on the par-4 14th, a triple bogey on the par-5 15th and a double bogey on the rowdy par-3 16th. On Thursday in the first

round, he had a double bogey on 16 and a bogey on 17.

Thomas left the course without speaking to the media.

Former Arizona State players Jon Rahm and Chez Reavie were a stroke back along with Bryson DeChambeau. Phil Mickelson was two shots behind, another former Sun Devils star riding the crowd support.

"It means a lot to me," Mickelson said. "It's very helpful and very important to my success. I think it's been a big instrument in allowing me to get into the round and play and have fun and get out of the technical side."

The crowd pushed the week total to 654,906, just short of the record of 655,434 set last year.

Fowler is trying to finally win in the desert.

He finished a shot behind Hunter Mahan in 2010, lost to Hideki Matsuyama on the fourth extra hole in 2016, and tied for fourth last year.

"It's just a matter of time," Fowler said. "It would just be nice if it was sooner rather than later."

The four-time tour winner began his birdie run with a 17-footer on 16 and connected from 9 feet on the par-4 17th and 18th holes. He also birdied 13 after playing the first 12 in even par with a birdie and a bogey.

"I just kind of had to fight through it," Fowler said. "The swing was just a fraction off. It wasn't bad, still made some good swings out there, but just had to try and get the ball in the short grass, get some looks and try not to make many mistakes."

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Hiring local is a win-win for FEMA and Florida

Special to the Highlands News-Sun

ORLANDO – FEMA is helping Florida's economy after Hurricane Irma not just by providing financial assistance to families and state and local governments. The agency also hires Florida residents to help with recovery.

The agency has hired more than 200 Floridians around the state, according to Federal Coordinating Officer Willie

Nunn, head of FEMA's recovery mission in Florida.

"The positions are short-term temporary jobs working in numerous areas of the recovery operation but these hires are critical to our efforts and to helping the state get back on its feet," Nunn said. "Hiring Floridians not only brings valuable local knowledge to our team, it helps restore economic vitality to impacted areas."

On most federally-declared disasters, FEMA augments its

regular workforce through its temporary local hire initiative. These positions generally last four months, though they can be extended up to a year depending on the need.

"The local workforce we have hired here is unusually highly skilled," Nunn said. "We have a number of engineers and managers who are working with our team and even architects assisting with environmental and historic preservation reviews."

Floridians have also been

hired for positions that include performing administrative duties, serving as couriers and even assisting with media relations.

In addition to their local knowledge and experiences, disaster survivors bring a special understanding of the problems faced by their fellow survivors. They also help pump money back into the local economy; so far local hires have received more than \$2 million in federal wages. Local hires come from

various backgrounds, but what they almost always share is a desire to serve. That's what spurred John Hulme, a 70-year-old retired vice president of sales and operations for a metal products manufacturer, to join FEMA in early December 2017.

The Estero resident had tried "high season" employment in recent years, working at a national rental car agency during peak tourism season. He said it

HIRING | 2

Fulfilling a promise



BILL ROGERS/CORRESPONDENT

Paul Smith stands next to a 1972 Cadillac Sedan DeVille at his used car lot, where restorations are also done, in Avon Park.

Paul W. Smith Custom Restorations featuring later model safe vehicles

By BILL ROGERS
CORRESPONDENT

AVON PARK — Paul Smith had what he said was a "very interesting experience" with a car salesman a few years ago.

Smith explained that he bought a car and was told how everything had been serviced on the vehicle.

"I got home on a nice hot July day and found out that wasn't quite the case," Smith said. "I wound up having to burn my knuckles on some

exhaust manifolds, changing oil and changing transmission fluid that was supposedly changed..."

Smith decided then that he would do things differently if he was in the car business.

"I made a promise to myself at that point that at some point in the future I wanted to open up a dealership where those types of things didn't happen," he said. "The cars were properly serviced before they go out for sale. I have finally been able to

realize that dream and open up this dealership."

Paul W. Smith Custom Restorations and Car Sales is at 1207 W. Pleasant St. in Avon Park. The business is open Monday-Friday. The telephone number is 863-657-2670.

Smith said there is never a dealer fee at his lot. He claims there are local dealers who charge from \$200 - \$300 to \$700- \$800 for that fee.

"Honestly, all that really is is they are making you pay

for all the neglect that the last person decided they did not want to be bothered with," he said.

"To me that rubs the wrong way," he said. "You should not be having to pay for somebody else's problems ... on top of the price that is already there for the car which, trust me, is not overly discounted."

"My philosophy is, let's treat the customer right. Give

PROMISE | 3

SFSC offers employee development training

Special to the Highlands News-Sun

SEBRING — CareerSource Heartland, Wells Fargo and South Florida State College (SFSC) are collaborating to offer local businesses employee development training. These two-hour workshops are free to attend and cover Conflict Management, Professionalism in the Workplace and Harassment in the Workplace.

All workshops will be offered at CareerSource Heartland, 5901 U.S. 27 South, Suite 1, Sebring, and are as follows:

- Harassment in the Workplace will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, April 6. Learn how to protect your business by learning what constitutes harassment on the job, how to stop it from occurring, and how to handle it if it does happen.

- Conflict Management in the Workplace will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13. Conflict happens in all corners of the workplace. Attend this workshop to learn the key to effective communication and negotiation skills so employees can learn to manage their own conflicts. Managers will learn when it is necessary to get involved to mitigate the situation and tips to deal with difficult employees.

- Professionalism in the Workplace will be offered at 10 a.m. Friday, April 20. This workshop will teach the importance of professionalism in business and give actual examples to help demonstrate the point more clearly. Employees will learn that there is a line that should not be crossed between work and personal life. Managers will learn how to encourage employees to improve their level of professionalism. When these strategies are implemented, it will ultimately lead to a better work environment and positive financial impact to the bottom line of the business. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, email corporatetraining@south-florida.edu or call 863-784-7033.

No Green Berets but a career for a lifetime

Sconyers extols dental education

Special to the Highlands News-Sun

When Bobby Sconyers, South Florida State College (SFSC) dental assisting professor, was 10 years old, he decided he was going to join the army and retire from it. He did and, little did he know, the army would train him for a long career that he loves.

"I had one of several uncles who had been

in the army. He actually owned a house and he got a retirement check," Sconyers said. "I thought, 'I want to do what he did.'"

Sconyers' family had moved to Wauchula from Alabama when he was 5 years old to pick fruit and vegetables.

"We had cousins and uncles who were doing it and making money, so we just went where the money was," he said.

By the time Sconyers was 7 years old, he could help work in the fields, along with his parents, two brothers, and a sister. "We picked almost every grove in Hardee County at one time or another. We picked cucumbers and

peppers. We could do that throughout the school year."

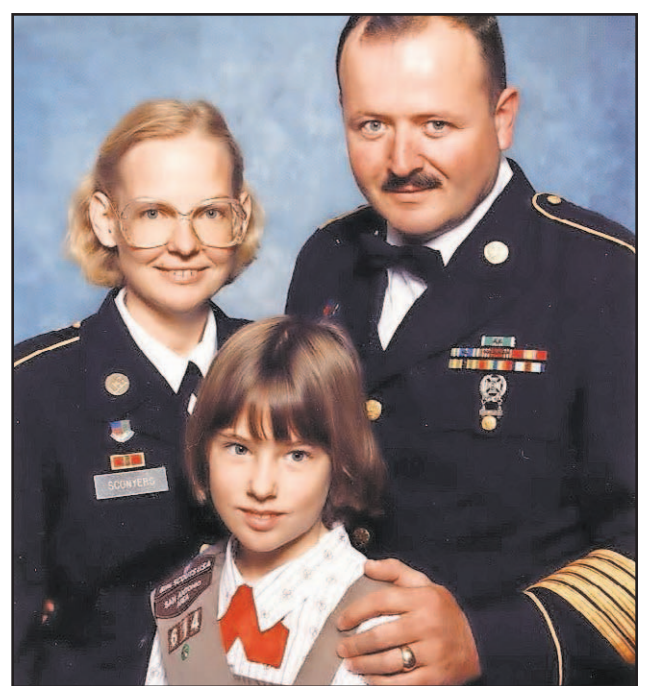
"I remember, we would go to school, we'd pick vegetables until dark in the cucumber fields, we'd go to the packing houses and pack those cucumbers until 10:30 or 11 p.m. Then we'd come home, take a shower, and go to bed. Next day, we'd do it again."

The day school was out for the summer, the family would begin working in other fields, from Florida to Michigan, while living in migrant camps.

Sconyers graduated from Hardee High School in 1977. Because he had completed all of his credits by the first

semester of his senior year in high school, he graduated early and joined the army. Before he could head to boot camp, he was required to wait six months to officially receive his high school diploma. In the meantime, he worked in the fields every day. Boot camp was at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Sconyers' first duty station was the Panama Canal Zone.

Dental assisting had never been on Sconyers' mind when he took the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), a kind of placement test for the army.



COURTESY PHOTOS

CAREER | 2 Jill and Bobby Sconyers with daughter Sarah, in the early '90s.

CAREER

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After receiving top results in every category of the test, Sconyers was told that he could pick whatever job he wanted to do in the army. Sconyers said that he wanted to be a Green Beret. "They said, 'Well, you can't just pick Green Beret, you have to pick a job, and then try for that,'" he said. "You can't just join the Green Berets."

"They gave me a list of all these jobs that required a high score," he said. "And dental assisting and dental lab

technician were on the list, so I chose 'dental.' I randomly picked that. I had no idea what I was getting into."

Sconyers trained to be a dental assistant and dental lab technician at the Academy of Health Sciences at Fort Sam Houston in Texas. He explained that the dental assisting program lasted six weeks, and the dental lab technician program was another eight weeks.

"I was a dental assistant and dental lab technician for 13 years," Sconyers said. He went on to train as a dental hygienist, practicing at Fort Sam Houston for 18 months. He was then asked to teach — dental

assisting, dental lab technician, and dental hygiene — and did so until his retirement in 1994.

In 1983, Sconyers had been stationed in Germany, where he met his wife Jill, who was also a dental assistant and dental lab technician with the army. The Sconyerses returned to Germany at a later date for three years, when Jill was stationed as first sergeant of a dental unit in Giebelstadt. While in Germany, Bob was hired as a dental assistant at the Würzburg American Army Hospital dental clinic.

"There were about 11 bases in the area we were

responsible for," he said. "I was hired to teach the spouses at all these bases around us to be dental assistants."

"After they were trained, they could get really good jobs on base taking care of soldiers. It meant that these families now had an extra check coming in, which meant they could enjoy Europe more. Now they could afford to do things they couldn't afford to do before, and the dental clinics had the dental assistants they needed."

In 2002, Jill was stationed in Washington State and served as first sergeant of the Fort Lewis Dental Activity, and Bob took a job as a dental assistant at MacNeill Island Correctional Facility. A chance encounter at a conference inspired Sconyers to continue his education so that he could teach in the civilian world.

"A lady who ran a dental assisting program for the Olympia Community College System was presenting a class on what to do if you want to teach dental assisting in a college," he said. "She said you needed a Bachelor in Arts degree, but I didn't have mine. So I started taking classes at night at Evergreen State College to earn my bachelor's degree."

After Jill retired from the army, the Sconyerses returned to Hardee County. One day, a newspaper advertisement caught Sconyers' attention. SFSC was looking for a dental assistant instructor. He began working at the college in 2006.

"I really enjoy the way dental is one of the fastest moving professions out there," Sconyers said. "The stuff we get to work with is technologically in the forefront — x-rays, cone-beam radiation, a variety of dental materials, we can do digital impressions, we use CAD CAM systems. All the while, you're helping other people."

Sconyers never hesitates to encourage others to go train for dental assisting. "They can come to the program and, in one year, they learn what they need to get out there and have a job forever. They can make that grow if they want."

Sconyers said that to grow in their career, a dental assistant should consider becoming a Certified Dental Assistant (CDA) through the Dental Assisting National Board. "It makes you more employable," he said. "It gives you a broad knowledge of everything going on in dental, so you can have an

intelligent conversation with a dentist. It can be a basis to other jobs, such as in insurance, where they like to hire dental assistants because they already know the vocabulary. Also sales, where they go to different clinics and sell whatever their company makes — dental materials, impression materials, or x-ray equipment."

"A dental assistant can, eventually, teach," he said. "I had a student last year who said, 'I want your job.' I told her 'you need a bachelor's degree and you need to keep up with your dental assisting certification.'"

Sconyers indicated that dental assistants can also go into dental hygiene. "I've had 10 or 11 of my students come back and go through the dental hygiene program at SFSC," he said. "I never had any of them say that dental assisting was a waste of time. They all think it was the smartest decision they could have made because it allowed them to learn dental hygiene at a deeper level."

Sconyers is a man who loves his job as a teacher. "Every day, I get to teach these young people and help them get a job that they can have for the rest of their lives," he said. "And what could be better than that?"

HIRING

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was "enjoyable, working with the public" but not particularly challenging. He saw firsthand the devastation Irma caused and decided helping his fellow citizens was what he wanted to do.

"This year, I said 'No, I'm going to do something meaningful. I'm either going to help people or just not bother,'" Hulme said. "And FEMA certainly fills that bill."

Past experience working as a carpenter and construction worker, coupled with overseeing his company's construction of several buildings and additions, landed him in FEMA's Public Assistance program. This program helps local, county and state governments and certain nonprofits recover from disasters. Hulme works with local governments to help them get

reimbursed for debris removal costs.

"It's a steep learning curve, but every day I learn and it's becoming easier and easier," he said.

For Billy Sanchez, 37, service to others comes naturally. The Los Angeles native spent 14 years in the Marine Corps repairing small arms, machine guns and mortars and moved to Naples 18 months ago.

His home was spared damage, but neighbors were not so lucky. Some had roof damage or trees downed on their property.

The former staff sergeant had been thinking about getting back into government service so when Sanchez found the opportunity to join FEMA he jumped at the chance.

His first assignment was interacting with survivors and registering them for FEMA help. He also analyzed data to determine where FEMA

needed to send registration teams.

In addition to temporary workers, FEMA has more than 1,500 personnel working around the state — nearly 700 of them at the agency's Orlando office.

Florida residents interested in these temporary positions can search for positions in their area at careers.fema.gov/hurricane.

For more information on Hurricane Irma and Florida recovery, visit www.FEMA.gov/IrmaFL, @FEMARegion4 Twitter account, or the Florida Division of Emergency Management website.

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Agencies help with business recovery training

Special to the Highlands News-Sun

SEBRING – Local, state, and federal agencies are partnering to bring a training opportunity to Highlands County businesses to assist with continued recovery efforts after Hurricane Irma through education on planning, preparation, and available resources. In partnership with the Highlands County Economic Development Commission and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council, the Florida

Small Business Development Center and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) will host the “Business Continuity in the Face of Disaster Recovery” workshop on Thursday, Feb. 15.

The intended audience includes business leaders such as entrepreneurs, small business owners, and other business executives and managers.

The workshop will go from 6:30-8 a.m. and take place at the Bert J. Harris Jr. Agriculture Center, 4509 George Blvd. in

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This workshop is one of several being conducted throughout the state in partnership with the Florida Regional Councils Association (FRCA), Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and federal partners, and the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA).

A companion event for community leaders in Highlands

and Polk counties that are interested in learning more about how to foster economic recovery and resiliency community wide will be held the same day at the Chain of Lakes Complex in Winter Haven from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The interactive workshop will provide participants with practical tools and inspiring examples to support critical economic recovery and long-term resiliency activities.

To register, visit eventbrite.com/e/business-continuity-in-the-face-of-disas-

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For additional information, contact Shannon McPherson, Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) at 863-534-7130, ext. 132 or via email at smcpherson@cfrpc.org.

Persons requiring accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or language translation, free of charge should contact Marcia Staszko at 863-534-7130 at least three days prior to the event.

Sessums speaks at Florida Bar’s annual review course

Special to the Highlands News-Sun

LAKELAND — Mark A. Sessums presented and spoke on the topic of attorney fees to 1,600 attendees at this year’s Florida Bar Family Law Section Review Course in Orlando. This event is highly informative and provides lawyers from Florida an opportunity to sharpen their skills. Sessums is the only lawyer in the state with the following combination of credentials: certification in both Civil Trial Law and Marital and Family Law, along with certification by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. Sessums also often appears in the news on a

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PROMISE

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them a decent vehicle,” he said.

Smith said that every vehicle that he sells will have the oil changed and the transmission serviced.

“To the extent that we can service those vehicles and at least drain ... and give them fresh fluids. We’re making every reasonable effort we can to do that here,” he said.

“Even though I can not offer a warranty on a specific vehicle, what I will tell the public is that in general my overall policy is if I’m noticing that the brakes are less than 50 percent, I try to go back and replace the brake pads ... Just to let people know they are getting a safe ride,” he added.

Despite his

disappointing experience at the dealership, he said he wanted to learn about the car business. That’s why he worked there, although it was brief.

“It was a very educational experience and very positive for me in the aspect that I learned an awful lot about the inner workings of a car dealership,” he said.

The independent used car dealer accepts credit cards.

Smith said his primary focus is on the later model vehicles. He said most of the vehicles he has on the lot range between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

“That happens to be a price area that a lot of the dealers, for various reasons, are shying away from,” he said. “That doesn’t mean there isn’t a need. It just means that they are choosing not to market in that particular segment.”

The other part of the

business is restorations.

Smith said he went to Arizona and hand-picked the cars because “they are dry-climate vehicles (with) very minimal rust.”

They include a 1972 Pontiac Catalina convertible, a 1964 Chrysler Newport and a few Cadillacs.

He said he was looking for vehicles that didn’t need a lot of body work and would be “very readily restored.”

“They are all excellent project vehicles that I picked,” he said. “They did not get picked by accident. They were picked for a reason.”

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NOTICE OF INTERNET AUCTION
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END DATE: Monday February 5, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. through 10:00 P.M.

LOCATION/WEBSITE: GOVDEALS.COM

Pursuant to Florida Statutes and Board adopted policies, the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners (HCBC), Highlands County, Sebring, Florida, has declared various items as surplus property and have therefore authorized an Internet Auction to be conducted for the purpose of disposing of all said property.

A list of specific surplus items may be obtained from the following location and/or by requesting a list by fax (863)402-6735 or email to pevans@hcbcc.org or jsoto@hcbcc.org

1) Highlands County Road & Bridge Department Warehouse; 4320 George Blvd., Sebring, FL 33875-5803.

Contacts: Pam Evans at (863)402-6527 or Jose Soto at (863)402-6511. Additional information can be obtained Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. about the County's Internet Auction process by contacting Highlands County BCC's Road & Bridge Warehouse at the following numbers. (863)402-6527 or (863)402-6511. Items may be inspected by appointment only.

Note: All property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis. The HCBC reserves the right to add or delete items from GovDeals' Website at anytime during the Internet bidding dates above.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE 22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY GENERAL JURISDICTION DIVISION
CASE NO. 28-2016-CA-000517
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BC3, Plaintiff,
vs.
LEO H. ADAMS A/K/A LEO ADAMS, et al. Defendant(s).

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated **November 01, 2017**, and entered in Case No. **28-2016-CA-000517** of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in and for Highlands County, Florida, wherein **U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR SPECIALTY UNDERWRITING AND RESIDENTIAL FINANCE TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2006-BC3** is the Plaintiff and **LEO H. ADAMS A/K/A LEO ADAMS; CITIBANK, N.A.; GOLF HAMMOCK OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.** are the Defendant(s). Robert Germaine as Clerk of the Circuit Court will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, the Jury Assembly Room 430 S. Commerce Ave., Sebring, FL 33870, at 11:00 AM on **February 28, 2018**, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to wit:

LOT 363, GOLF HAMMOCK UNIT IV, ACCORDING TO MAP OR PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 14, PAGE 78, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.
Property Address: **4604 DUFFER LOOP SEBRING, FL 33872**
Any person claiming an interest in the surplus from the sale, if any, other than the property owner as of the date of the lis pendens must file a claim within 60 days after the sale.

Dated this **22nd day of January, 2018**.

Robert Germaine
As Clerk of the Court
By: /s/ Cyndi Dassinger
As Deputy Clerk

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EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED 2001

Counter Help Wanted
Apply in person: Feathers' Dry Cleaners, 209 US 27 S., Lake Placid (Central Security Plaza)

WORKERS NEEDED
48 workers needed for **D & J and Sons Harvesting, Inc.** for Citrus and blueberry harvesting, from 3/20/18 to 06/01/18. Workers will be paid \$0.90+ per 90 lb tub, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Central and South Florida. This job opportunity is temporary, 36 hours per week guaranteeing at least 3/4 of the time offered. Free housing is provided to workers who cannot reasonably return to their permanent residence at the end of the work day. Transportation and subsistence expenses to the work site will be provided by the employer upon completion of 50% of the work contract. Tools, equipment and supplies will be provided at no cost. Job order holding office is at 107 East Madison St., Tallahassee, FL 32399 Job order 10618364

CLASSIFIED ADS SELL

Driver Wanted-Local Work!
Class A, CDL. Must have 5 yrs exp., Tanker Endorsement & Clean Driving Rec. **Call Michael at 863-441-1065**

Driver, Class A or B lic. required. General laborer. Beginner mechanic, will train.
Apply in person Jahna Concrete, 104 S. Railroad Ave., Avon Park.

Electrical Helper Wanted Mainly for Service Calls Experience Helpful
Call Frank 561-719-2520

FARM EQUIPMENT MECHANICS NEEDED
Harvester needs two agricultural equipment mechanics, 03/15/18 to 10/15/18. The employer is **JB Enterprise, LLC.** Workers will be paid \$11.29 per hour. Job location is in Labelle, Florida. 12 months mechanical experience is required. Employer will guarantee the opportunity to work for the hourly equivalent of 3/4 of the hours of the work period. The employer will provide the tools necessary to perform the described job duties without charge to the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. For workers residing beyond normal commuting distances, reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses to the worksite will be provided or paid by the employer after completion of 50% of the work period. Apply for this job at the Florida One-Stop Career Center office located at 921 Anvil Way, LaBelle, FL 33935 - (863) 675-1412 using job listing number FL10611960.

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Lakeshore Mall Hiring Maintenance Worker
Perform general maintenance and custodial duties to maintain the interior and exterior of the mall property. Duties include but not limited to:
★ Maintain all equipment
★ Plumbing
★ Electrical
★ 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

NIGHT AUDITOR, HOTEL JACARANDA
Application deadline: 2/18/18. Please visit <http://sfsc.interviewexchange.com> for detailed position announcement. 863-784-7132. EA/EO VET'S PREF.

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HARVESTERS NEEDED
Harvester needs 99 temporary workers to cultivate and harvest citrus and blueberries, 03-15-18 to 05-31-18. The employer is **Statewide Harvesting & Hauling, Inc.** Workers will be paid \$11.29 per hour depending on crop activity. Workers may be paid piece rates based on production, but will be guaranteed \$11.29 per hour rate. Workers must be able to lift and carry 80 - 100 pounds. Worksites are located in Hardee, Highlands, Okeechobee, and Polk counties, Florida. Employer will provide transportation to all groves from the designated pick-up location. Employer will guarantee the opportunity for work for the hourly equivalent of 3/4 of the hours of the work period. The employer will provide the tools necessary to perform the described job duties without charge to the worker. Housing will be provided for individual workers outside normal commuting distance. For workers residing beyond normal commuting distances, reasonable transportation and subsistence expenses will be provided or paid by the employer after completion of 50% of the work period. Apply for this job at the Florida One-Stop Career Center office located at 500 E. Lake Howard Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33881 (863)-508-1100 using job listing number FL10614887.

Insurance Staff Needed
Longtime local insurance co. is looking for an office staff person. Insurance license desired, but not necessary. Great place to work. Send resume to: Officestaff421@gmail.com

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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**

Bookkeeping Clerk
Part-time bookkeeping clerk needed for nonprofit organization. Experience and proficiency with Quickbooks and MS Office. Familiarization with accounts payable and receivable, bank reconciliation and general office duties. Hours are flexible.
Please send resume to Info@CenterforGreatApes.org

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2100**

Driver Wanted! Veteran needs responsible driver for local shopping in Sebring. 1 mi E. of Dollar General on 27. Pay \$20. **863-214-7131**

EQUIPMENT OPERATOR For grove equipment. Clean Florida Driver License is required. Pay based on experience. Drug-free workplace. **Apply in person** 8am - 11am & 1pm - 4pm Monday - Friday at 109 Arron Dr., Lake Placid, FL **863-465-2821** or email: **office@lpclip.com**

**SEEKING
EMPLOYMENT
2120**

Home Health Aide seeking work: will cook, clean, companion in Lake Placid area. Bilingual, exp.'d, ref. avail. 863-441-1716

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NOTICES

**LOST & FOUND
3090**

Found: Small young female dog in Placid Lakes, Lake Placid. Call to identify, 407-739-8179.

6000



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**GARAGE SALES
6014**



Lake Placid Covered Bridge Annual Fair Sat. Feb. 17, 8-2pm Bake Sale, Food, Clothes, Bikes, Linens, Jewelry, Furn., Small Appl., Books. Drawings for Cash, Gift Baskets, more! Hwy 27 to Lake Francis Rd. Gate on Peachtree Rd. will be open.

**ANNUAL
COMMUNITY
SALE**

ESTATES OF SEBRING PARK 20 HOMES Sale! Fri-Sat Feb. 9 & 10 8a-4p. Furniture, household, tools, fishing, crafts & **MUCH MORE!** Go East on Hwy 98 from US 27 approx. 9 miles

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6030**

(2) Twin bed comforters- matching comforters w/shams. White bkground w/ blk & lavender. \$50 for all. 309-853-1433

Bathroom vanity, 46" with ceramic top and faucets \$150 (239) 738-6641

Clock, Franklin Mint, Marie Antoinette, Flowers of Versailles, \$340.00 - 727-430-3491

Clock, German Cuckoo Forrest, Vintage, 2 large cones, \$80, 954-394-8932

Clock, Seth Thomas, 1950, wall box style, colored glass, \$40, 954-394-8932

Craftsman 16 gal. **Wet/Dry Vac** w/blower, on wheels, all attachments incl., good condition \$40.00 - 863-441-4418

Crockpot with little dipper warmer, 4-7qt. slow cooker, \$15.00 - 863-273-3731.

Food Containers (9), rubbermaid \$10.00 - 863-453-3104

Fruit & Vegetable Peeler, automatic rotary, uses 4 AA batteries, never used, still in box, \$10.00 - 863-273-7625

Full size **mattress, box springs, headboard and frame,** pillowtop, exc. cond. \$150. (863) 458-0663

Lamps w/shades (2), heavy base, very nice table lamps, \$12.50 each - 863-471-6277

Lamps, bedside (2), 2 ft tall, metal silver or nickel looking, teal/white, pull chain for on and off, \$25 for both 239-645-9229

Mattress- Pillowtop, king, box springs, fram, headboard, like new, \$250, 863-840-1543.

Moving Cart, 2 wheel, aluminum, folds flat carries 275 lbs, used very little, stores easily, \$40, 863-402-2285

Pans (3), SS analog, glass non stick lid, 1-2x8, 1-4x6 & 1-4x10, \$10.00 each., 863-273-3731

Pillow - standard size - (New). \$5.00 - 863-453-3104.

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, \$35 ea or both \$60 - 863-273-7625

Vacuum Cleaner, Bissell, upright, bagged/bagless, reconditioned, 30 day guarantee, \$20.00 - 863-402-2285

Vacuum Cleaner, Oreck upright, works great, light weight, new belt and bag \$50.00, (863) 402-2285

Vacuum Cleaner-Dirt Devil swivel glide, easy push. Exc. condition! \$45. 863-471-1663

Vellux Throw Blankets (2) handmade, blue w/wolves & purple w/floral, Exc. cond., \$20.00 each - 863-273-7625

Wall Mirror- With beveled edging, 3 ft. X 6 ft., \$100.00 - 863-465-6434.

**HOLIDAY ITEMS
6031**

Christmas Wreaths - 18" and 24" round, some with lights \$15 each (863) 385-6414

**FURNITURE
6035**

(2) Rocking, swivel chairs- with matching ottoman; brown w/multi color print fabric. \$150 obo. 765-894-5217.

3 shelf glass TV stand, new \$195, asking \$75, 778-837-8338 plucier@shaw.ca

Antique Buffet, dark wood, has 2 drawers & 2 doors, very good condition, \$350.00 - 863-344-0017

Armoire cabinet w/4 doors, light pine 46W x 24D x 76H \$50 (270) 625-4747

Bed, rollaway, great condition, \$50.00, 863-381-9921 or 863-385-8333

Bedroom Set - complete mattress, dresser & nightstand, \$175.00, 863-381-9921 or 863-385-8333

Book Cases (4), small, 3'H, 2'L 2 shelves plus bottom shelf, adjustable, 3 used, 1 new in box, all for \$40.00 - 239-645-9229

Bookcase, hand made, 44"L x 10"D x 16"H, \$10.00 - 863-453-3104

Brass headboard, full size \$70. (920) 479-0736

China cabinet, whitewashed oak w/ mirrored back, 4 glass shelves \$50 (270) 625-4747

Desk Chair, black, adjusts up & down, exc. cond., \$50.00

Desk, pine, nice, \$50.00, (863) 314-0109

**FURNITURE
6035**

Dining Rm Set-beautiful solid wd w/leaf, sits 8-10 people, 6 upholstered chairs, lg lighted china cab, \$450-863-368-1056

Dining Room Set, rounded beveled glass table & 4 chairs, \$250.00 - 863-655-2973

Dressing Table w/bench, solid oak, never used, asking \$200.00 - 863-471-3640

Electric Bed w/memory foam mattress, like new condition, \$325.00 - 863-257-0177

Entertainment Center w/TV, oak, \$125 obo - 863-304-8889

Entertainment center, fits 60" TV, solid wood, medium brown, exc cond, \$350, 863-314-9783

Entertainment Center, oak, fit up to 50" TV, \$60.00 - 863-679-7597

French Provincial **Sofa and Chair,** good condition, \$150, 540-686-6849

Headboard w/sides, brass, king, \$100 obo - 863-679-7597

Kitchen Table w/4 leather padded chairs w/steel fr, almond, 42" rd top ped. base, ex cond. \$300.00-863 385-6414

La-Z-Boy Recliner-Burgundy leather. Paid \$900, sell for \$350. Like New! 863-699-2311

Lounger, small, green polyester leather, good lumbar support, good condition, \$40.00, 315-777-5840

Love Seat w/pull out bed with spring air matt, br cover/pillows incl., solid beige, needs some cleaning, \$90 - 315-777-5840

Loveseat, floral print, beige, brown, light turquoise, very good cond, \$25 863-385-1615.

Office Chair, upholstered, \$30 (863) 314-0109

Recliner Chair, blue strip, \$20.00 obo - 863-304-8889

Reclining **sofa and loveseat.** Clean and in good condition, \$225, (207) 837-3708

Rocking Chair, \$40.00, 863-314-0109

Secretarial Desk, solid mahogany, refinished, \$400.00 863-344-0017

Sleeper Sofa, grey woven fabric \$100 - (863) 385-1615

Sleeper Sofa, queen size, tapstry floral, like new cond., \$250.00 obo - 574-209-2117

Sofa & loveseat, sage green, great cond, \$150, 863-314-9783

Swivel Rocker, small, light blue, good condition \$15. 863-385-1615.

Table & Chairs set- 7 chairs and round table. Real wood. \$140. 863-257-7206

Table, authentic looking Lobster Trap Table, 24x40x16, w/glass top, \$50, 863-402-2285

Table, Coca Cola w/4 chairs, wood/wrought iron, \$125, 863-382-9355

Tables. coffee, sofa, and 2 end tables, wrought iron legs with glass tops, \$150, 724-840-9844

TV Stand, glass, \$35.00, 863-471-6277

TV Table, glass, \$50.00, 863-273-2103

Wicker Rocker, light wood, re-caned, \$100.00-863-344-0017

**ELECTRONICS
6038**

Next Book Ares 8A 8" Quad, cire and android, brand new, never used, in box, \$50, 863-402-2285

Tablet Galaxy Tab A, Samsung, 1.5 yrs old, barely used, 8"L, nice blue leather cover, \$149.00 firm - 863-471-0098

**TV/STEREO/RADIO
6040**

DVD's-\$1.00 ea.-863-304-8889

Fiat Screen w/stand, 32" Westinghouse 720p/60, VCR, DVD, w/all manuals, exc condition, All for \$200, 863-273-1922

TV stand 4' wide with glass shelf, nice \$125. (920) 479-0736

**COMPUTER
EQUIPMENT
6060**

Dell Laptop- Inspiron 15, 500 Series w/ Cannon MG 3520 printer/copier. \$200 **863-840-0897**

**CLOTHING / JEWELRY/
ACCESSORIES
6065**

Boots, men's work boots, \$10.00 - 863-273-2103

Ladies Pure Wool Coat-Full length; size 12, royal blue, exc. condition! \$30 - 863-453-3104

Leather Jacket, womens size large, \$50.00 - 863-273-2103

Men's Bathrobe, navy/green plaid, fleece, exc. cond., \$5, 863-382-8745

Men's coat, 42 extra long, tan, zip out lining, excellent condition, \$10, 863-382-8745

Men's Pullover, fleece lined, large tall, dark grey, \$5.00, 863-382-8745

Motorcycle Jacket, BILT woman's size large, like new, \$45.00 - 727-430-3491

Pants, mens size 32 - 34, \$3.00 to \$5.00, 863-273-2103

Shirts, men's pull over, large & x-lge, \$2.00 ea.-863-304-8889

T-Shirts, Greatful Dead, large, \$5.00 to \$10.00 ea., 863-273-2103

Tops, ladies med, lge, x-lge, \$1.00 & up, **Shorts,** ladies size 10 - 12, \$2.00 ea. 863-304-8889

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**MUSICAL
6090**

French Horn, Yamaha YR313 single student, \$259.00 obo 727-430-3491

Grand Piano & bench, chattering parlor, very good condition, \$500.00 - 863-655-2973

Guitar, Ovation 12 string Matrix with custom case, \$225, 540-686-6849

Guitar-Miley Cyrus purple Ed/collectors, \$45, 863-382-9355

Lowrey Festival Organ-w/bench, exc. cond! Come see & hear that sweet Lowrey sound! \$300. 240-405-9302 (Sebring)

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Electric Chair-Pronto Invacare M51. Brand new batteries, fully adjustable. \$400. **239-564-6368**

Medical Crutches, adjustable \$10.00 - (863) 385-1615

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Walkers, 4 wheels/seats/lg wheels, \$25, 863-382-9355

Wheelchair, new condition, \$75.00 - 863-257-0177

**BABY ITEMS
6120**

Baby's Hand Knit Cardigan, (New), first size, white, \$10.00 863-453-3104

**GOLF ACCESSORIES
6125**

Golf Club, like new Cleveland altitude driver, \$50.00 - 319-750-4133

Golf Clubs w/bags, 1 set is right handed & 1 is left handed, \$35.00 each - 863-471-6277

Golf Clubs, used taylor made, 3 & 5 woods, \$25.00 each, 319-750-4133

Golf Shafts, stainless, Reg Flex, new never cut, 1-100, \$3.00 each, 765-473-1271

**GOLF CARTS
6126**

4 Tires & aluminum wheels for golf cart, \$200 - 863-453-4234

Cover for golf cart, "classic" storage cover, new, \$50.00 863-314-6007

Rear End Drive Unit for golf cart, 36 & 48 volt, \$100.00 ea. 863-453-4234

**EXERCISE/
FITNESS
6128**

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Treadmill, Gold's Gym, \$200 - 863-465-6434

Treadmill, Proforma ZTS, hardly used, with owner's manual, \$275 OBO, 863-385-3837

**SPORTING GOODS
6130**

Camp Stove, Koblenz, 4 burners, brand new, hurricane ready, \$45.00 - 863-402-9181

Sleeping Bag, adult, gold/purple, 1 small imperfection, \$10.00, 863-655-2973

**FIREARMS
6131**

Colt Frontier Scout SA **revolver.** 22 cal + extras. \$350 (863) 655-1556

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**FIREARMS
ACCESSORIES
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6236**

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6260**

Attention vendors: 4 cement encased weights for tents, \$12, 814-434-1659.

Bar Top, has map & zodiac signs, wood bottom holds liquor bottles, top lifts up for ice & glasses, \$450, 239-645-9229

Bird cage, 40x24, heavy metal-gold, no bottom, \$35, 863-382-9355

Carryall fits on receiver hitch \$40. (502) 330-4248.

Chandelier, 6 light, beige globes w/copper chain, beautiful, exc. cond., \$55.00, 863-273-1834

Coordinating Prints (2), floral, shades of pink & blue, white-washed wood frames, \$40.00 for pair - 863-453-3104

Cow Dinner Door Bell, cast iron, hand painted, must see!! \$25.00 - 863-273-7625

Door Hinges, (13), solid brass, new in boxes w/screws 3.5 inch 5/8" radius \$5.00 per pair OBO, 863-402-2285

Door Knob Set, new in box, \$10.00 - 863-382-8745

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Generator, 5500-8500 Briggs/Stratt good cond. 30amp, \$250 (863) 382-9355

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Tanning Bed, 24 bulbs, clean & nice, \$200.00 Please call Bob (863) 452-6933

Used **Firestone tires** (2) P235/60 R-17 \$15 for both. (863) 441-4418

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Wolf Musical Water Globes Tune is "Memory" for 1 & "You've got a friend" on the other, \$25 ea., 863-273-7625

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**TRANSPORTATION
FORD
7070**

2003 Ford Focus, red, 89,432 miles, asking \$3500. 260-668-0234, 260-243-1895.

2007 Ford Fusion SE, looks & runs like new, serviced regularly, \$4850 OBO, 863-381-5112, 863-243-1389, 863-465-9100.

**JEEP
7080**

Jeep Wrangler, 2015, good tires, 81K, good condition, 6 speed manual transmission \$10,500, 863-273-2103

**MAZDA
7180**

2006 Mazda MX-5 Miata sport car, convert., auto trans., 85,000 mi, exc cond, \$8795. 863-257-0936, 863-258-0454.

**NISSAN
7200**

Nissan Pathfinder, 2003 SE SUV, 4 WD, sun roof, 83K, exc. cond., \$5,600 - 863-386-0655

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7250**



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7270**

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Grill & headlight insert for Jeep Wrangler-Good for years 2000-2017. \$5.00 863-453-7027.

Running Boards, fiber glass, Ford F250 late model, \$150.00 863-453-4234

Tool Box for P/U- HD aluminum w/pop-up lid, lock and keys. Great gift for Dad. \$300 863-441-4418

VW Bucket Seats for 98-03 Beetle, black, nice, \$85 for both, call Bob (863) 452-6933

Weather Tech Mats for 2015 Ford Edge, front, back & cargo mat, \$200 obo - 863-441-0781

**4 X 4'S
7310**

2001 Ford Escape 4x4, 140,000 miles, some rust, new brakes, all power, \$3500 OBO, 863-449-1972.

**GOLF CARTS
7327**

1993 EZ-Go Cart New cover & charger. Runs good. \$900 obo. **724-504-0396**

1998 Club Car- w/charger 36v., 2 seater, runs good, good tires, fixer-upper. \$1,000 obo. Avon Park. **863-368-0469**

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1980 Mirrocraft alum boat- w/10hp Johnson. Newly painted, good cond. Incl. trailer. \$750. **937-604-9317 (LP)**

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13' Spindrift ~w/trailer; 18' alum mast & boom; fiberglass const. Needs sails. \$500. 407-569-6434 (Sebring)

22' Sailboat with trailer- \$2,000 **269-214-1726**

**MARINE SUPPLY & EQUIP.
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Marine Gas Tank, 6.5 gal., \$20.00 obo - 574-773-3567

Minn Kota Trolling Motor- 55lb edge. 2016, like new. \$295. (317) 494-3900

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7339**

14 1/2 fiberglass canoe, Minn Kota motor, battery, 2 paddles, 2 life preservers, \$300, 778-837-8338 plucier@shaw.ca

**CANOEES/ KAYAKS
7339**

Canoe, 14.5' American Eagle fiberglass double end canoe, normal wear, \$125.00 - 863-655-2973

**TRAILER & ACCESSORIES
7341**

Utility trailer, tilt bed, 41/2 x 71/2, spare tire, \$300 OBO, 863-449-1972.

**CYCLES/MOPEDS/
SCOOTERS
7360**

2005 Yamaha 1100 Silverado Classic, black & gold, like new cond, low miles 13,600. \$3500 OBO, 863-273-0876 after 9am

2011 Kawasaki 900 Volcan MC Classic- metallic blue, windshield, backrest, bags, fir boards, good tires, etc. 10,984 mi. Exc. Cond! \$4,650. **863-260-0296**

Honda Goldwing Trike- \$19,000. Roadsmith kit. Black cherry. Call for details. **863-441-4032** (Lake Placid, FL)

Motorcycle Helmet, Scorpion EXO-500 full face, size M, like new, \$60.00 - 727-430-3491

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**TRANSPORTATION
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**MOTOR HOMES/
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BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Fed leaves key rate unchanged at Yellen's final meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Reserve has left its benchmark interest rate unchanged but signaled that it expects to resume raising rates gradually to reflect a healthy job market and economy. At Janet Yellen's final meeting as chair Wednesday, the Fed kept its key short-term rate in a still-low range of 1.25 percent to 1.5 percent. It said in a statement that it expects inflation to finally pick up this year and to stabilize around the Fed's target level of 2 percent. In its previous statement, the Fed had predicted that inflation would remain below its target rate.

Health care just the latest industry Amazon seeks to upend

NEW YORK — When Amazon sets its sights on a new industry, Corporate America shudders. The latest example came Tuesday, when the online retailing giant said it was working with Berkshire Hathaway and JPMorgan Chase to create a health care company to offer an "affordable" option to their employees. Stocks of health insurers tumbled, erasing billions of dollars in shareholder value. One expert says Amazon is feared because it grows businesses quickly and takes market share fast.

Judging by algorithm: Using risk factors to score defendants

CLEVELAND — Instead of holding criminal defendants on cash bail, courts around the United States are increasingly using algorithmic risk-assessment tools to help judges decide if a defendant should be jailed or go free while awaiting trial. A model now used by New Jersey and other state and regional courts is the Public Safety Assessment, developed by the Houston-based Laura and John Arnold Foundation. It uses nine risk factors to evaluate a defendant, including age and past criminal convictions.

No penalty: Small businesses let sports fans enjoy big games

NEW YORK — Many business owners are cutting staffers a little slack as fans find it hard to resist chatting about the Super Bowl. The Olympics, the NCAA basketball tournament and other events that are coming up as well. Some owners realize that trying to stop staffers from talking about or watching big events is demoralizing. So as long as staffers get work done, bosses are saying OK — and some say they plan to join the fun.

Court rejects lawsuit against Twitter over IS attack

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court has rejected a lawsuit that sought to hold Twitter liable for the deaths of two U.S. contractors in Jordan in an attack for which the Islamic State group claimed responsibility. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wednesday the suit failed to establish that Twitter accounts used by IS directly caused the men's deaths. Lloyd Fields and James Creach were shot and killed in Jordan in 2015 by a Jordanian police captain while training law enforcement officers.

Boeing profit tops expectations; gives strong 2018 outlook

DALLAS — Boeing's 4Q profit easily topped Wall Street's expectations, bolstered by strong deliveries and recent tax reform legislation. The aircraft company also on Wednesday provided a better-than-expected 2018 forecast.

Apple to respond to US probes into slowdown of old iPhones

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple is cooperating with U.S. government inquiries into its secret slowdown of older iPhones, further complicating its efforts to move past an issue that irked many customers whose devices bogged down. The company acknowledged the probes after media reports that both the Justice Department and Securities and Exchange Commission were investigating how investors have been affected by Apple's handling of the situation. Apple has already apologized to customers.

US appeals court gives victory to consumer finance agency

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court has handed a victory to the government's beleaguered consumer finance watchdog agency, ruling that its director's power isn't excessive and the president shouldn't have freer rein to fire that person. The decision came Wednesday in the politically charged case involving the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, a keen target of conservative Republicans. The nine-member panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals, with three judges dissenting, overturned a 2016 ruling by a smaller panel that would have made it easier for President Donald Trump to fire then-CFPB director Richard Cordray, an Obama appointee.

After a stumble, US stocks finish slightly higher

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks overcame a brief stumble to close slightly higher Wednesday, snapping a two-day losing streak. The dip came after the Federal Reserve released its latest statement on interest rate policy and the economy, in which the central bank signaled that it expects inflation to pick up this year. The Fed, as expected, held off on raising interest rates. Stocks bounced back in the last hour of trading, with gains by technology companies outweighing losses in health care and other sectors.

The Associated Press

the FUNNIES

PEANUTS
featuring
"Good ol' Charlie Brown"
by SCHULZ

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ONE, PLEASE

See this MOVIE WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE

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FORGET IT!

THE LOCKHORNS
BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER

"THE GOOD NEWS IS IT HAPPENED IN FRONT OF THE MALL."

"WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU TIP THE MAITRE', LEROY?"

"I DO GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT, LEROY... I OPENED THE DOOR, DIDN'T I?"

"OKAY... NOW I'M STARTING TO WORRY."

I.R.S.

"OUR MARRIAGE IS BUILT UPON MUTUAL SUSPECT."

Hi and Lois
by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

BUMMER...

I'M NOT REALLY A FAN OF EITHER TEAM.

WE DIDN'T GET INVITED TO ANY SUPER BOWL PARTIES THIS YEAR.

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?

WE COULD STAY HOME AND WATCH THE GAME.

JUST YOU AND ME?

THE KIDS DON'T SEEM INTERESTED.

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE ON.

IT'S GETTING LATE.

IT'S ONLY THE SECOND QUARTER.

"IT'S THIRD AND NINE."

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I'M GOING TO BED.

I'LL JOIN YOU.

I GUESS THEY CAN'T ALL BE SUPER.

BUT YOU'LL ALWAYS BE.

MARY WORTH

THIS IS AMERICA! EVERYTHING'S POSSIBLE!

"YOUR BIG OPPORTUNITY MAY BE RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE NOW."
- NAPOLEON HILL

I JUST DON'T KNOW...

WHEN MARY'S HESITANT ABOUT MARKETING HER MUFFINS...

CONSIDER IT, MARY! YOU CAN BECOME RICH AND FAMOUS!

I DO WONDER SOMETIMES WHAT IT'D BE LIKE TO HAVE A SECOND HOME IN HAWAII...

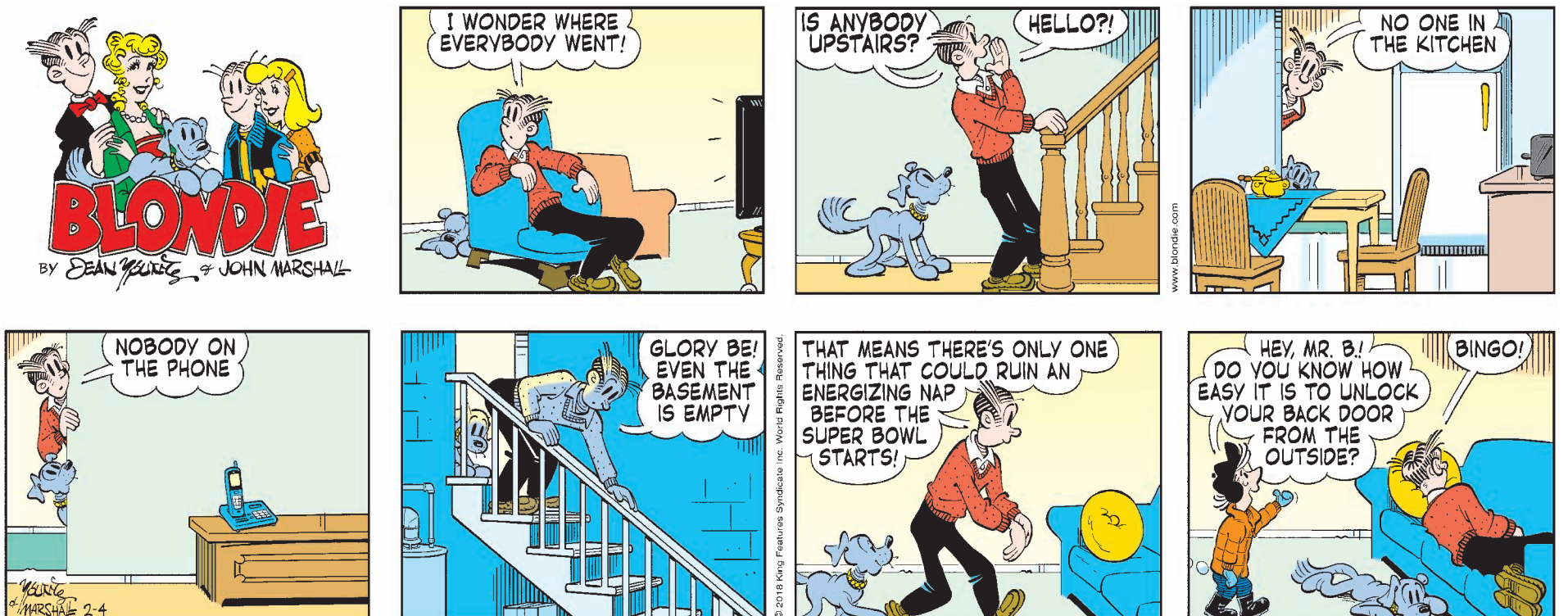
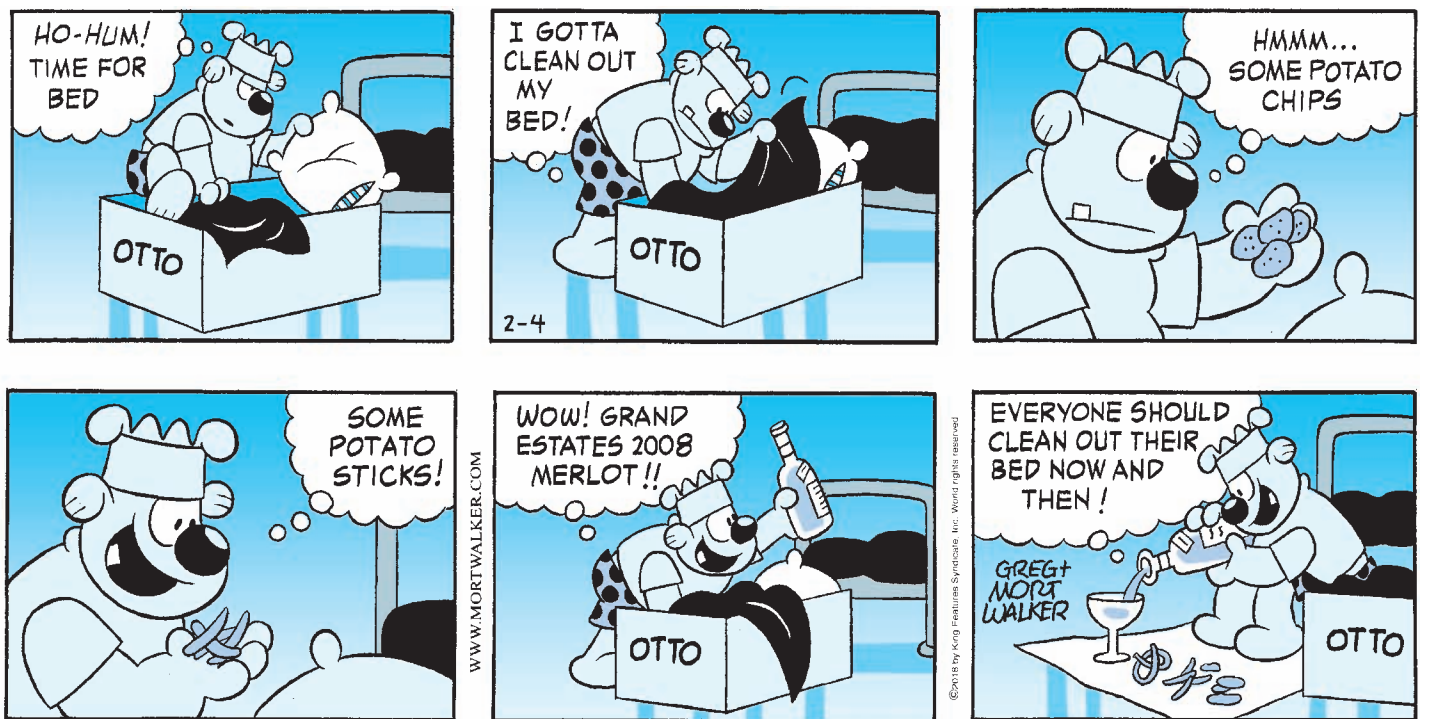
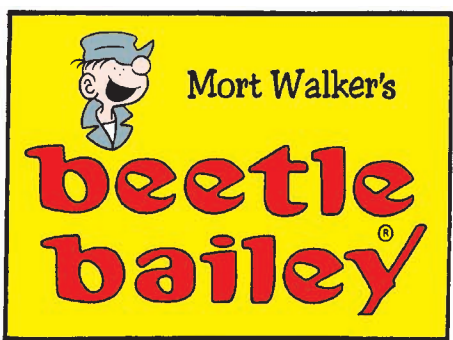
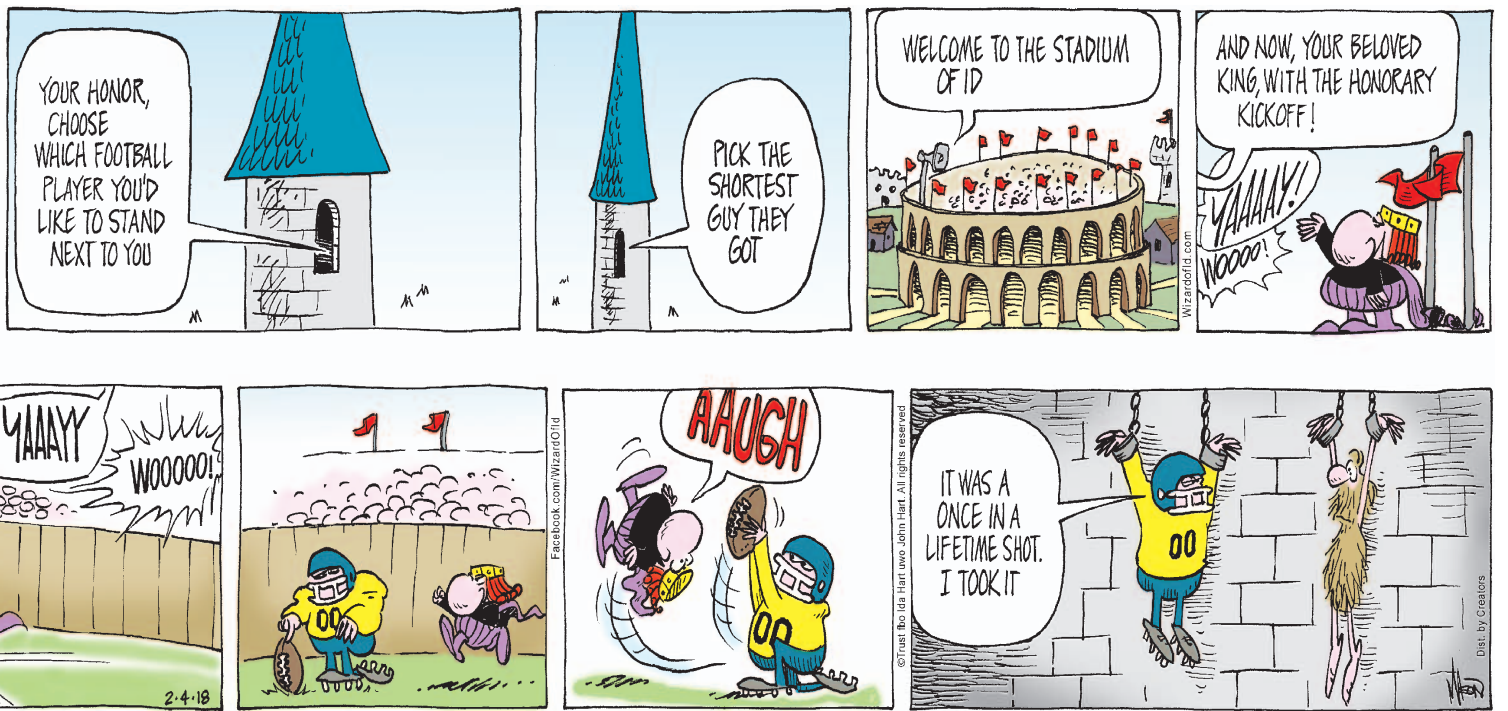
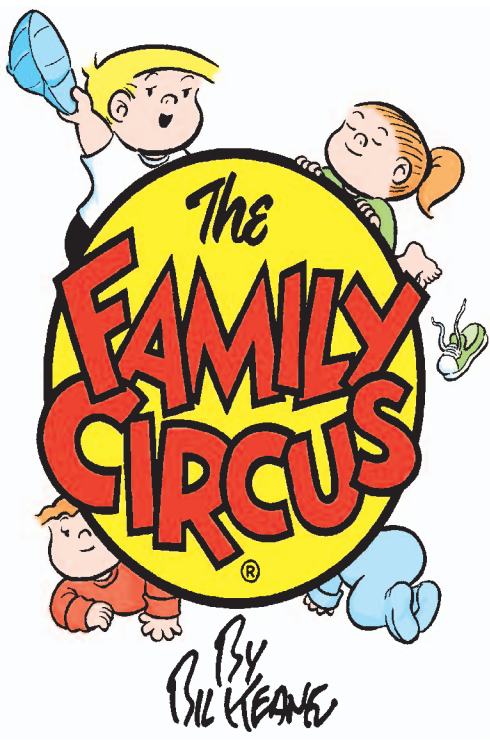
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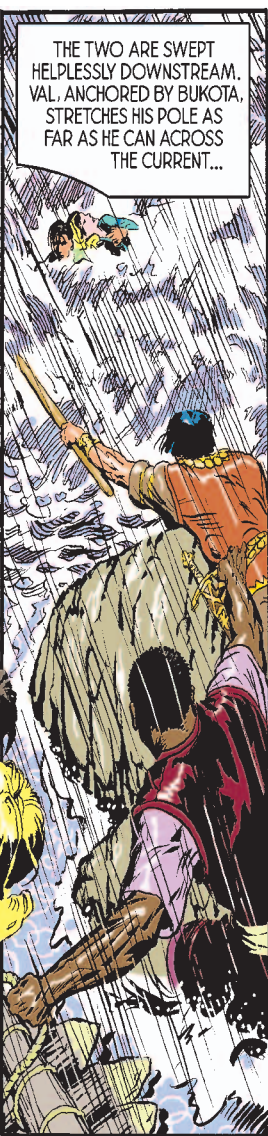
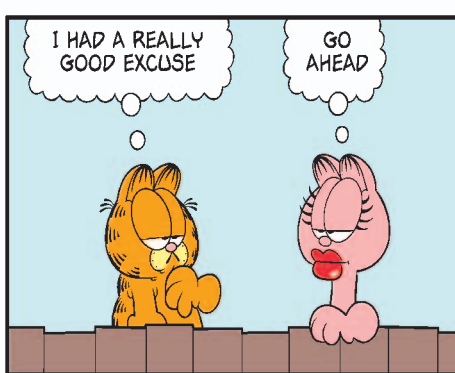
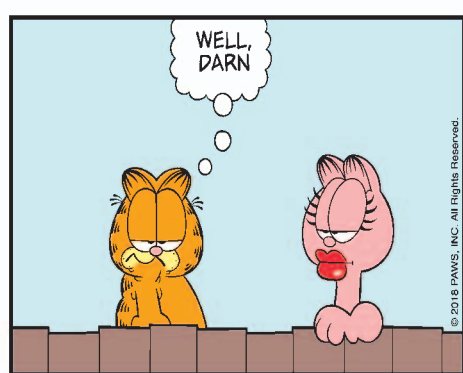
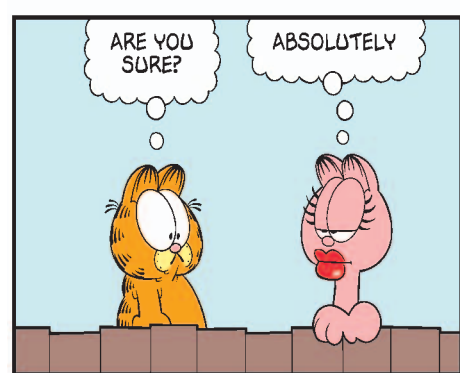
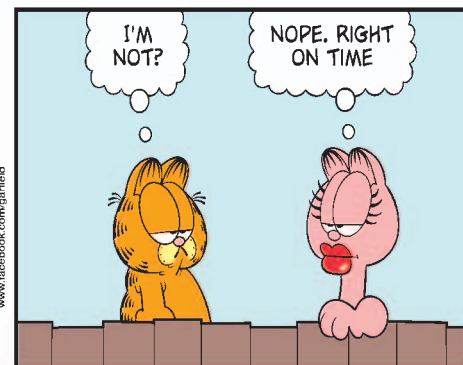
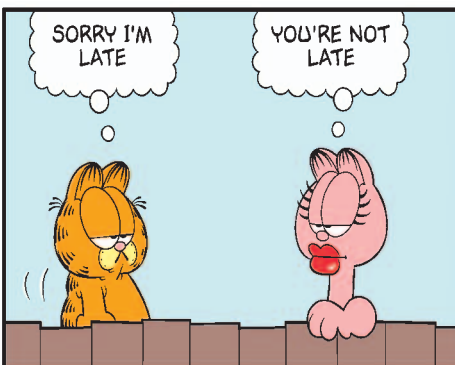
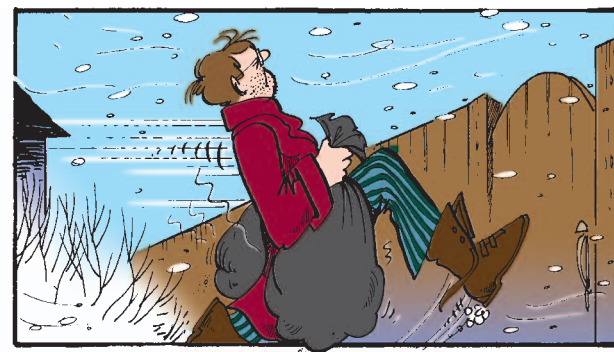
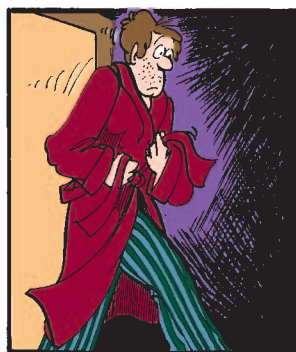
AND THINK OF THE FAME! YOU'D BE KNOWN FAR AND WIDE FOR ONE OF THE THINGS YOU LOVE TO DO!

MOY BRIGMAN 2/4/18

THAT'S TRUE, TOBY. I GET NO PUBLIC RECOGNITION WHEN I FILL IN FOR WILBUR AND WRITE 'ASK WENDY'.

TALK TO JEFF'S SALESMAN FRIEND! HE MAY BE ONTO A PROMISING OPPORTUNITY!





SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

BY BOB WEBER JR.

Moments ago, Slylock Fox lost his cell-phone in an open field. One of these two suspects picked up the phone and quickly concealed it in his clothing. What did Slylock suggest Chief Mutt do to determine which one of these criminals has the phone?

Solution -- Slylock advised Chief Mutt to call the number of the lost phone. If the ringer is on, the sound will direct them to the phone.



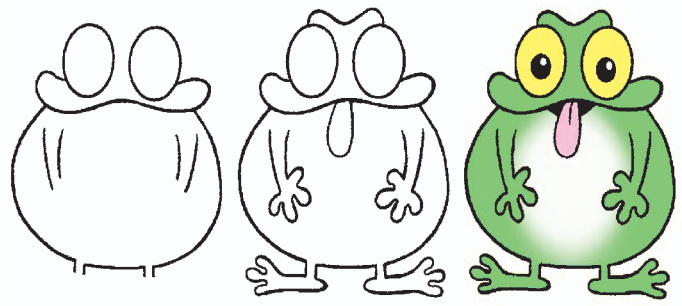
Spot six differences between these panels.



The fourth Find the six differences collection is here. Send \$4 (check/money order in U.S. funds made payable to King Features) with your name and address to Six Differences No. 4, 628 Virginia Dr., Orlando, FL 32803

HOW TO DRAW a frog

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Today's artist is Keisha, age 9

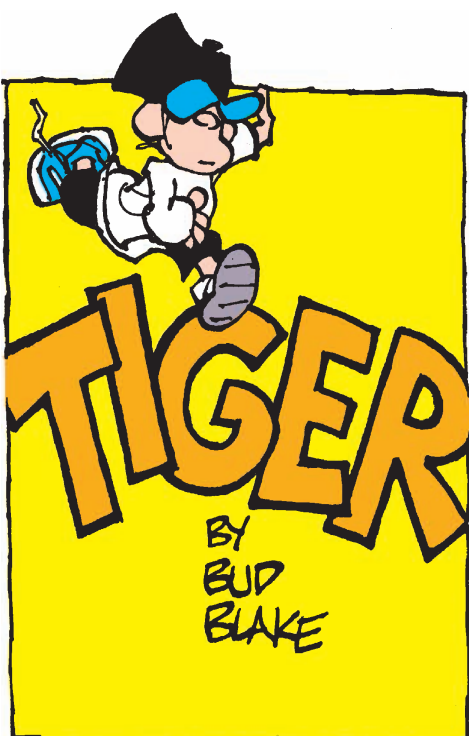
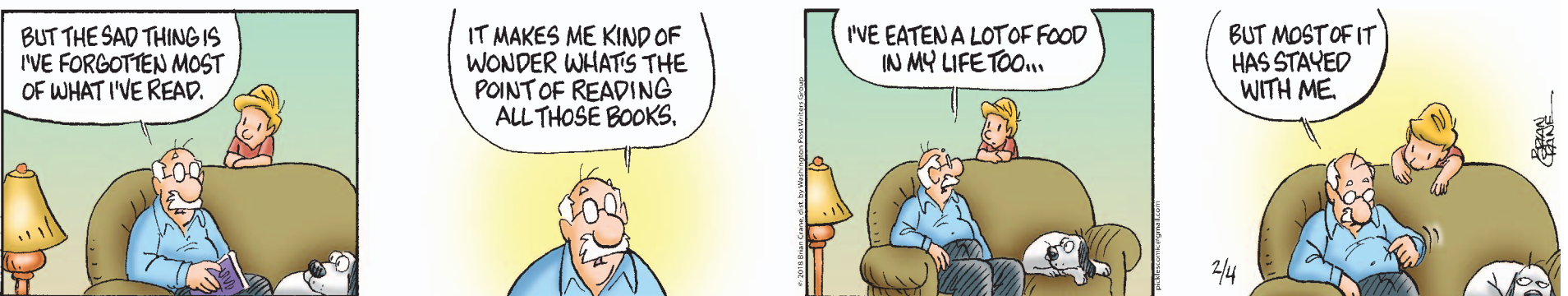
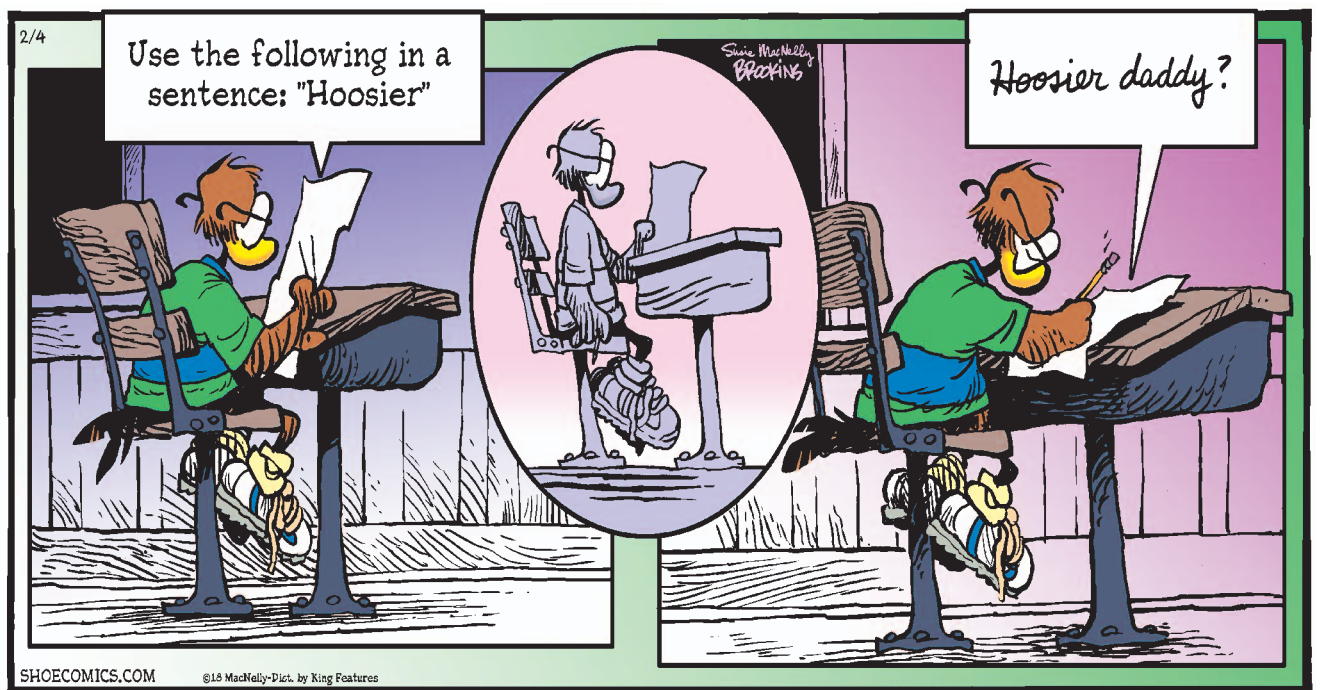
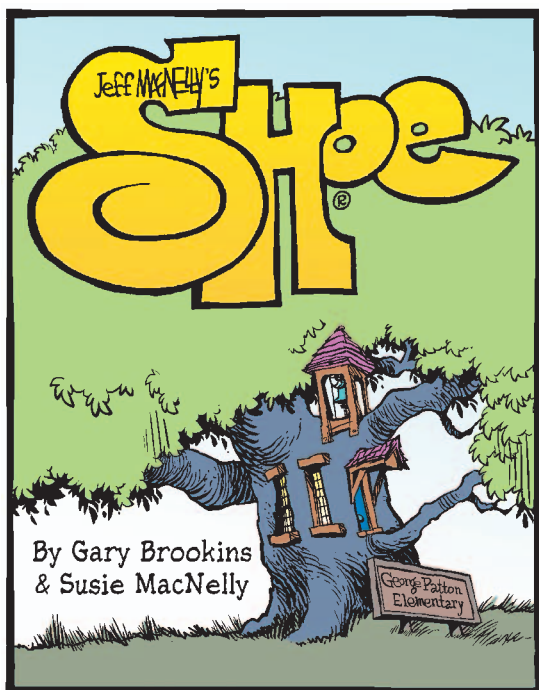
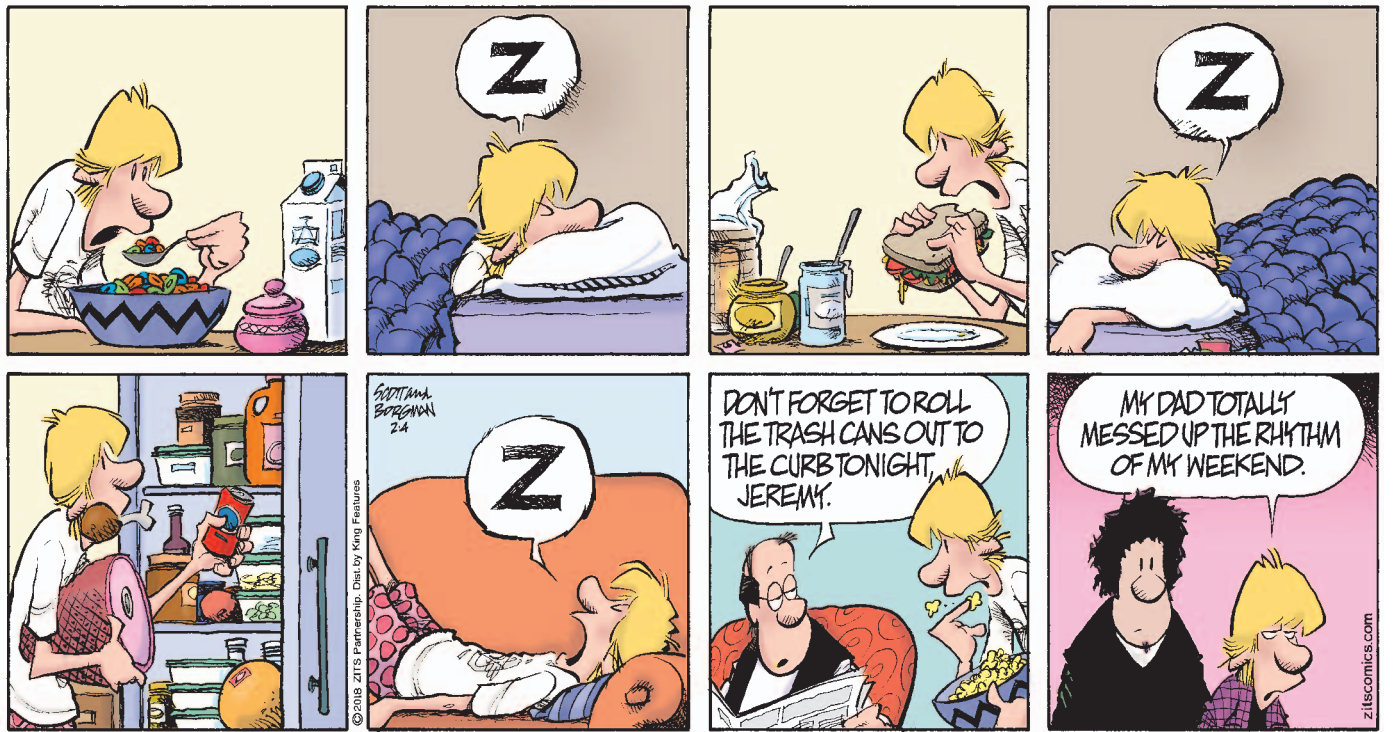
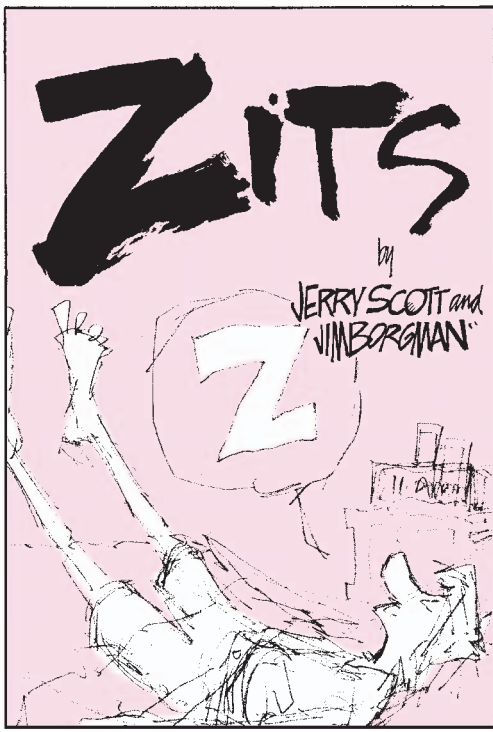


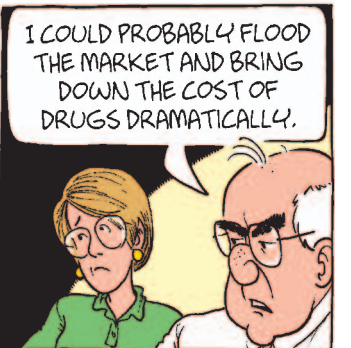
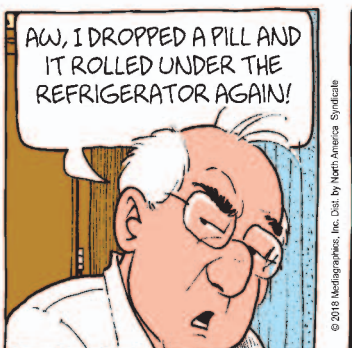
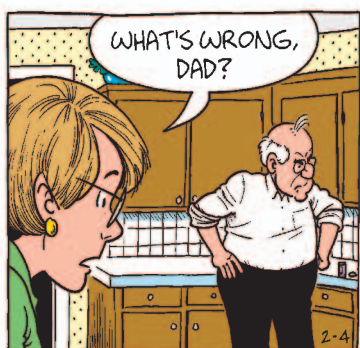
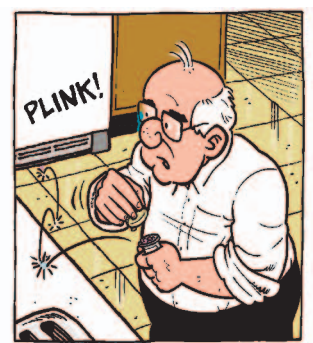
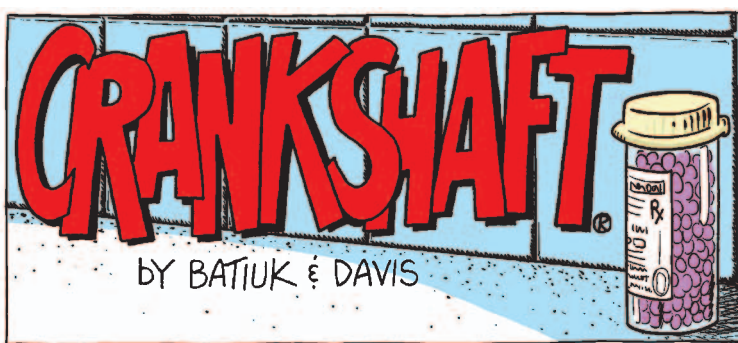
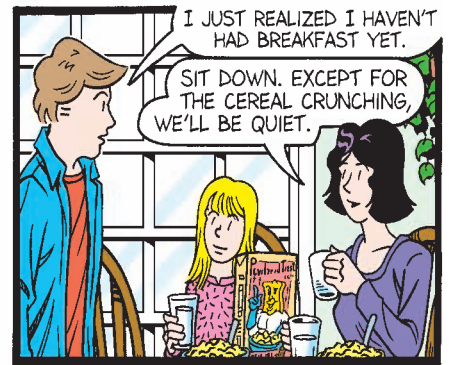
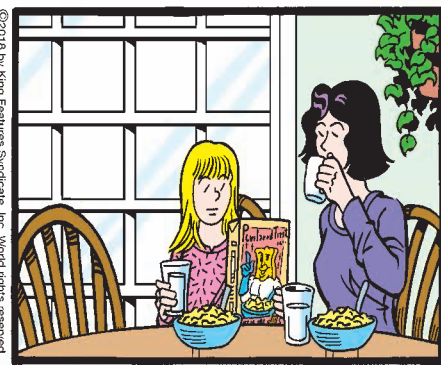
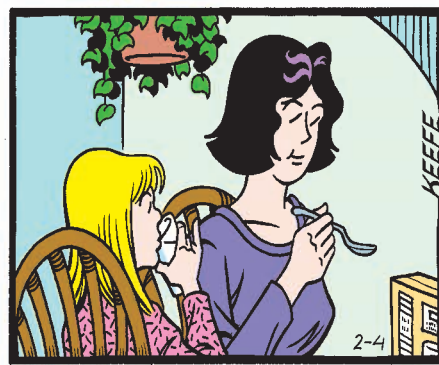
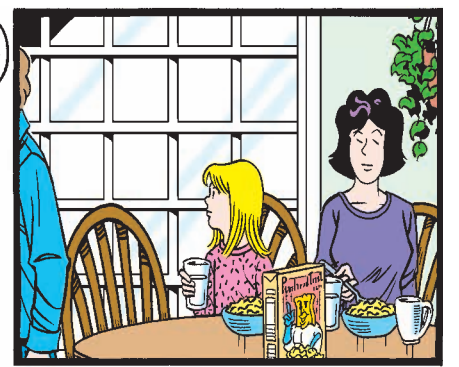
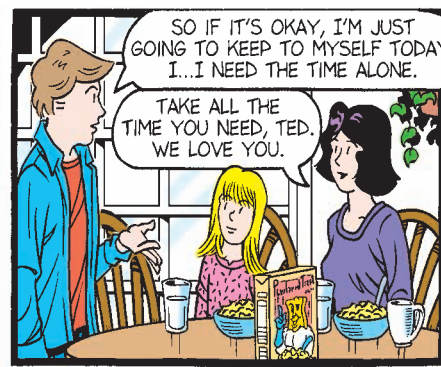
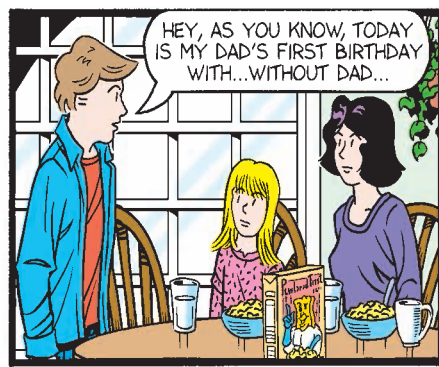
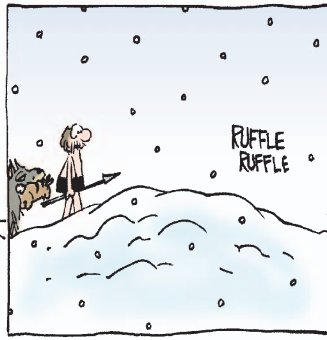
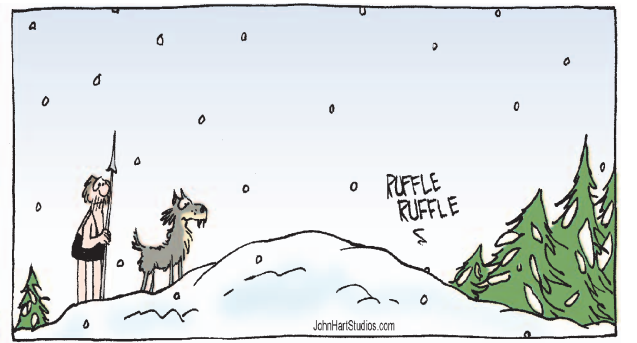
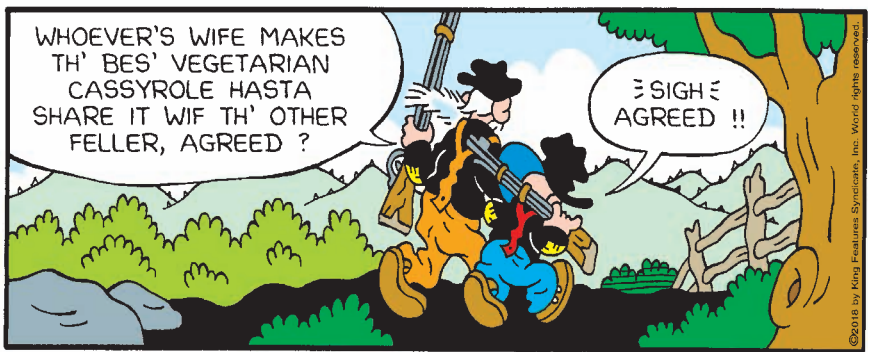
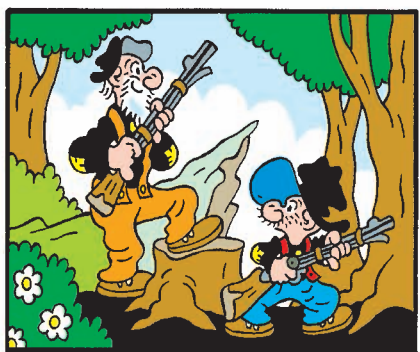
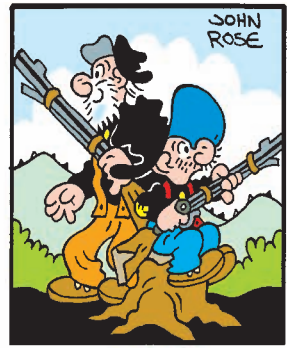
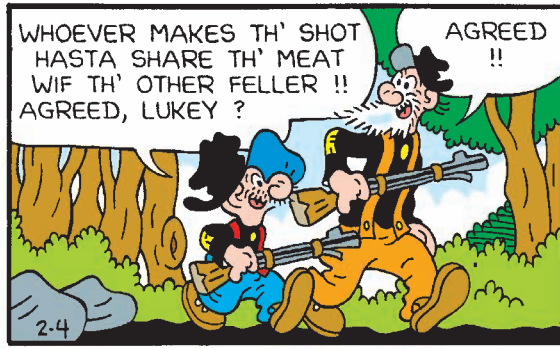
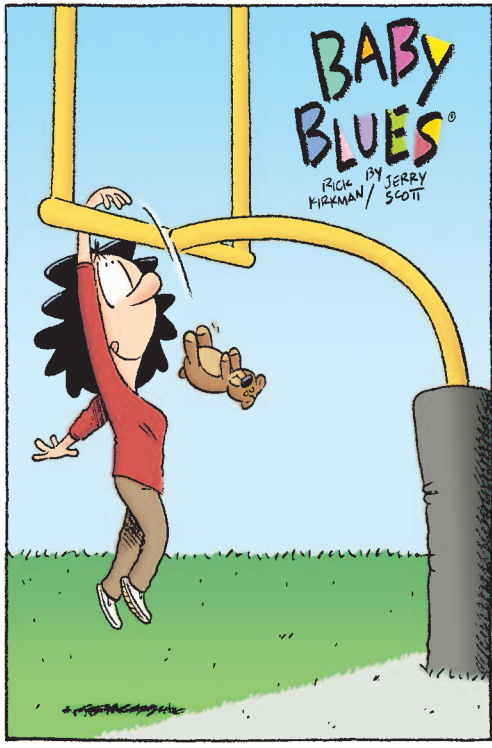
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The cost of the first mobile phone in the U.S., in 1984, was about ...

- a) \$200
- b) \$1500
- c) \$2000
- d) \$4000

Answer -- (d) The Motorola DynaTAC 8000X, the first handheld cellphone, sold for \$3,995.

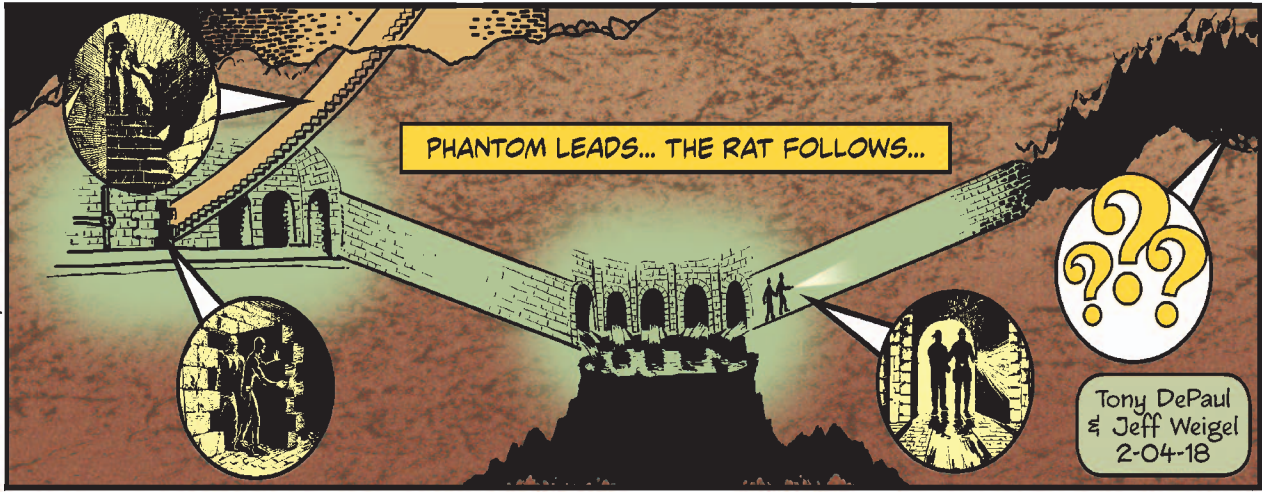
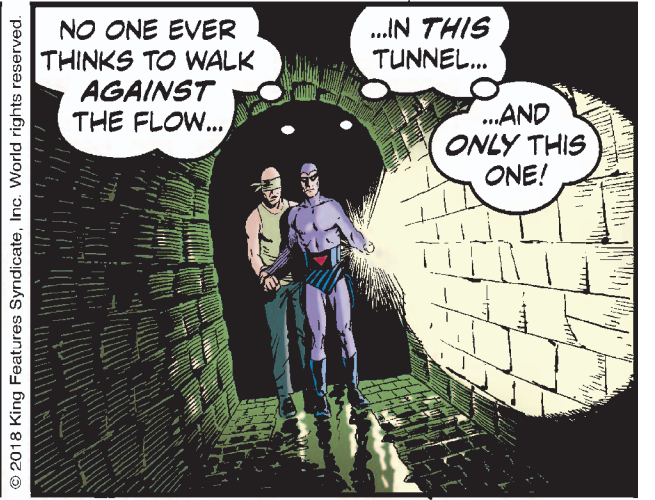
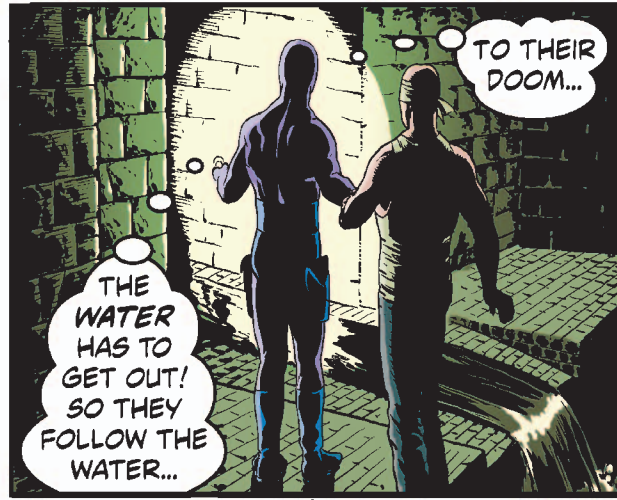
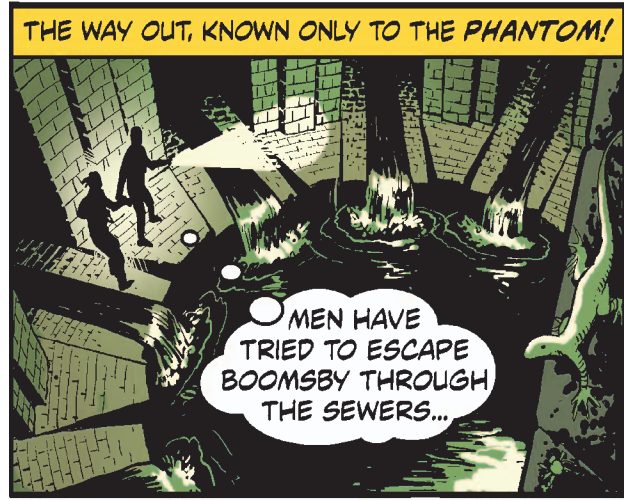






THE PHANTOM

BY LEE FALK



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